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TOPIC ---

There are two ways to move documents from a CP/M machine to a Macintosh. The
first is to put the documents in text-only format and send them through the
serial port. The second is to use a "disk translator" program.

DISCUSSION ---

• Serial Port Transfer

To send documents from a CP/M system to a Macintosh, first save the files from
the application that originated them as text-only documents on the CP/M system.
Next, transfer the files through the serial port to a Macintosh using a
terminal emulator. The computers can be connected via modem or direct cables.
Transferred text files are easily opened by most Macintosh applications.

• Disk Translator Programs

There are several products on the market for the IBM and for CP/M machines that
read and write different disk formats. One such program is Media Master for
the IBM. This program lets you insert a non-IBM-format disk, like Kaypro,
SuperBrain, Osborne, or other, into the IBM and save it to IBM format. Once
the information is in IBM format, you can use Apple File Exchange, Apple PC
Exchange or any other DOS-to-Mac transfer utility to read the information on
the Macintosh. The Apple FDHD SuperDrive allows direct transfer of the data
from an IBM 3.5-inch disk.

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