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TOPIC -----

Is there any way to connect a Macintosh to a Xerox network?

DISCUSSION -----

There are at least two ways to connect a Macintosh to a Xerox network. You can connect a Macintosh to a Xerox network through Xerox's ITS (Interactive Terminal Service), a serial interface to an 8000 server. ITS acts as a bulletin board service for users with PCs to call in to and access mail, file, and print capabilities of the network. You could set up a NetSerial or equivalent and log on via a terminal emulator to get access to the services required.

The other solution uses an asynchronous terminal emulator (like VersaTerm Pro). Connect the Macintosh modem port to an asynchronous terminal server (like Bridge Communications CS/1, CS/100, or other) and have the terminal server provide the XNS protocol services.

Terminal servers, like the Bridge Communications devices, provide a wide range of Ethernet/XNS services. This, combined with the Macintosh power, creates a very cost-effective solution.

For more details, search the Tech Info Library under "Bridge Communications" and "VersaTerm".

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