



Tech Info Library

MacTCP: Comparison to Kinetics K-Talk

Revised: 12/4/89
Security: Everyone

MacTCP: Comparison to Kinetics K-Talk

=====

This article last reviewed: 06 October 1989

TOPIC -----

Is Mt. Xinu's K-Talk (formerly distributed by Kinetics) similar in function to MacTCP?

DISCUSSION -----

Although you can achieve similar results from MacTCP and K-Talk, there are some differences that you should be aware of. MacTCP is software installed on individual Macintoshes while K-Talk is software installed on a UNIX host. MacTCP provides TCP/IP connections for a Macintosh while K-Talk provides AppleTalk connections for a UNIX host.

At the point the packets reach the host machine running K-Talk, there is no need for a translation to TCP/IP. The K-Talk package, running on the UNIX host, translates the AppleTalk messages directly into UNIX file system calls without any intermediate steps.

Copyright 1989 Apple Computer, Inc.

Tech Info Library Article Number:4175