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TOPIC -----

What is the difference between AppleTalk and EtherTalk? What is the speed difference? What is the transfer rate on each network. What type of cabling can you use on AppleTalk and EtherTalk network?

DISCUSSION -----

LocalTalk is cabling used to transmit AppleTalk information between Macintosh computers and printers and other network devices. Its maximum transfer rate is 230.4 KBits per second over a twisted pair wire.

EtherTalk is another protocol that uses either twisted pair or a coax type of cabling to run at up to 10 Megabits per second.

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