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TOPIC -----------------------------------------------------------

How does a Macintosh determine what network and node number to use?

DISCUSSION ------------------------------------------------------

The Macintosh requests a network number via a broadcast message to the
network.  Once it receives the network number, the Macintosh tries to set
the node number to the same number it used successfully the last time it
was started up.  If that number is currently in use, a random number is
generated until an available node number is found.

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