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TOPIC -----

Which 3270 terminal emulation package should I buy, SNA•ps 3270 (M0499Z/B) or SNA•ps 3270 GC (M1220Z/B) ?

DISCUSSION -----

SNA•ps 3270 should be used for direct connections from a Macintosh to IBM mainframes over coax, SDLC, or Token Ring cabling. This means that the Macintosh is connecting directly to the mainframe without going through an AppleTalk LAN gateway (such as the Apple SNA•ps Gateway software running on a Macintosh CPU).

Conversely, the SNA•ps 3270 GC (Gateway Client) software IS intended to run in an AppleTalk LAN where one or more SNA•ps Gateways are installed. The user's Macintosh communicates to the SNA•ps Gateway using AppleTalk (over LocalTalk, Ethernet, or Token Ring cabling) with the SNA•ps Gateway Macintosh connected to the mainframe over SDLC or Token Ring cabling.

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