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## Apple Remote Access Personal Server 2.1: Description (6/96)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes Apple Remote Access (ARA) Personal Server 2.1.

DISCUSSION -----

Apple Remote Access Personal Server software includes everything you need to allow a Macintosh computer to communicate with another Macintosh or an entire AppleTalk network over standard telephone lines. It takes only minutes to set up and offers powerful capabilities that can help make an individual or a small workgroup of Macintosh users even more productive, no matter where they are.(1)

With Apple Remote Access Personal Server, you can work wherever you like -- at home or on the road -- and retain access to all of the resources of your office computer or network. You and your colleagues can send and receive electronic mail, collaborate on a shared project, or print to a network-connected printer. Yet doing all of this is as simple as if you were working at your office.

Getting started with Apple Remote Access Personal Server is easy. The software features single step installation that requires no special technical knowledge. And because the Apple Remote Access Personal Server adjusts automatically to your network, it leaves you free to focus on your own work instead of worrying about the details of networking.

In today's increasingly complex and mobile world, Apple Remote Access Personal Server provides convenient, direct access to information and resources at a remote location for computer users on the go. So, whether you want to share files with a neighbor or collaborate on a project with colleagues around the world, Apple Remote Access Personal Server can help you get the job done -- quickly, easily, and affordably.

Features

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Ease of use

- Installs in only minutes
- Provides everything you need for both the calling and the answering Macintosh computers -- client and server software -- in one convenient package(1)
- Lets individuals or small organizations access services remotely, in the same intuitive way as they work with services locally
- Requires no specialized equipment

#### Adaptability

- Enables individuals or small organizations to take advantage of remote access to a single Macintosh computer or an entire AppleTalk network
- Supports a variety of leading modems
- Supports a range of network types, including LocalTalk, Ethernet, and Token Ring

#### High performance

- Features built-in industry standard data compression and error detection
- Provides increased efficiency, with smart buffering technology from Apple
- Is optimized for a variety of connection types

#### Built-in security

- Includes several security options that allow you to restrict access to information
- Generates an activity log to track usage

#### Flexible client capabilities

- Supports a variety of connections, including cellular and ISDN(2)
- Is fully integrated with the Mac OS, so remote users can work with such familiar tools as the Chooser, Alias Manager, and the Finder

(1) Includes software for one client. Additional client software must be purchased or licensed separately.

(2) ISDN and cellular connections require additional Apple or third-party products.

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