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TOPIC -----

I've seen some discussions mentioning CoolTalk. What is it?

DISCUSSION -----

Apple Computer Inc. and Netscape are collaborating on a video conferencing part of Navigator called CoolTalk. CoolTalk allows Navigator users to audio conference to any other CoolTalk client (Macintosh, Windows, or various flavors of Unix) as well as share data. When a Macintosh based CoolTalk user connects to another Macintosh-based CoolTalk user, they can also use video.

As of September 1996, CoolTalk is still a beta product. Since Netscape usually opens up their beta software to the public, it is available to Netscape users as public beta software.

CoolTalk is based on QuickTime Conferencing. CoolTalk has both Apple's and Netscape's name on the product, but it is distributed and supported by Netscape.

Systems Supported

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- * Windows 3.1/NT/95
- * MacOS 7.5.3 - Power Macintosh only
- * HP-UX 9.0X
- * IRIX 5.x
- * OSF1 3.2
- * Solaris 2.4 or higher
- * SunOS 4.1.3 or higher

Requirements

- * PC - 486 class with 8MB of RAM, running MS Windows 95, NT, or 3.1

- * Macintosh - Power Macintosh with System Software 7.5.3 or higher
- * Unix - Solaris 1, Solaris 2, HP-UX, Irix, or Digital Unix (with Multimedia Services)
- * 9600 bps or faster TCP/IP Internet connection (28800 or faster for Macintosh)
- * Sound card (Windows compatible for PC, Macintosh built-in sound)
- * Microphone and speakers (if you wish to use the audio features; external speakers/headphones recommended)

For additional information on CoolTalk, visit Netscape's homepage.

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