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TOPIC -----

This article is the LocalTalk & LaserWriter Bridge 2.1 Information ReadMe file.

DISCUSSION -----

You use the Apple LocalTalk Bridge to share LocalTalk-only devices, such as some LaserWriter printers, PowerBook notebook computers, or Newton MessagePad communications devices, on an Ethernet or Token Ring network. With the LocalTalk Bridge, you can access an Ethernet or Token Ring network while maintaining a seamless connection to your LocalTalk network. The LocalTalk Bridge is a commercial product, Apple part number M3246Z/A. A detailed product specification sheet is available on the Internet at:

<<http://product.info.apple.com/productinfo/datasheets/ss/localtalkbridge.html>>

You use the Apple LaserWriter Bridge much as the LocalTalk Bridge, except the LaserWriter Bridge is for printers only. You can share any printer that uses the LaserWriter icon in the Chooser using the LaserWriter Bridge. The LaserWriter Bridge is available for download at Apple Software Update sites on the Internet and many online services.

To use either of these utilities with Open Transport, you need to use version 2.1 or later of the utilities. This package includes a program to update LocalTalk Bridge 2.0 or 2.01 software to version 2.1. It also includes version 2.1 of the LaserWriter Bridge program.

System requirements for the LocalTalk or LaserWriter Bridge

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System software version 7.1 or later

Either classic AppleTalk networking software or Open Transport version 1.1 or

later.

Memory requirements:

- System software version 7.5.3, included in this package, requires a minimum of 4MB of RAM for computers with 68000-family microprocessors or 8MB of RAM for computers with PowerPC microprocessors.
- Open Transport requires a minimum of 5MB of RAM for computers with 68000-family microprocessors or 8MB of RAM for computers with PowerPC microprocessors. Open Transport memory requirements are based on total system memory including virtual memory, minus the size of any RAM disk and disk cache you choose.

Installing the software

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LocalTalk Bridge

If you have LocalTalk Bridge 2.0 or 2.0.1 software, use the updater program to update your software to version 2.1 (compatible with Open Transport).

There are two versions of the updater application. The file called "LTB 2.0 to 2.1 patch" updates LocalTalk Bridge version 2.0 to 2.1. The file called "LTB 2.0.1 to 2.1 patch" updates LocalTalk Bridge version 2.0.1 to 2.1.

1. To update your software, double-click the appropriate LocalTalk Bridge 2.1 updater application.
2. Choose Restart from the Special menu. When your computer starts up again, the updated LocalTalk Bridge is installed, and your LocalTalk Bridge control panel will be compatible with Open Transport.

LaserWriter Bridge

1. Replace your installed version of LaserWriter Bridge software with the version provided.
2. Choose Restart from the Special menu. When your computer starts up again, the updated LaserWriter Bridge is installed, and your LaserWriter Bridge control panel will be compatible with Open Transport.

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