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EtherTalk: Some New Third-party EtherTalk Products for 1988

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The Release 3.0 of the Kinetics FastPath Manager implements EtherTalk/AppleTalk protocols with FastPath. This implementation includes a new load file, named 'etalkgw.srec' which includes EtherTalk support and the combined gateway code. This upgrade includes 3.0 PROMs for the FastPath with enhanced reliability and performance. The upgrade also includes a new network diagnostic/traffic application called 'LANRanger.' EtherTalk/AppleTalk protocol support is also available for the Etherport SC and SE products in a software upgrade for both the SC and SE manager (Release 2.0.). The new software is included with all new Kinetics products.

Alisa System's version of AppleTalk for VMS (Release 1.6) operates with the EtherTalk card for directly connected Macintosh IIs on Ethernet. Release 1.6 also operates with the new Kinetics software managers. A new version of the AlisaTalk file server (Release 3) supports 'remote terminal' function.

In addition, 3Com is said to be working on a new Mac 3+ driver for the EtherTalk card which allows direct connectivity for the Macintosh II under Macintosh OS and the 3Com 3Server using 3Com's implementation of the XNS protocol on Ethernet. This software will be unbundled, allowing a purchaser of an Apple EtherTalk card to buy the software separately.

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