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## Synchronous Terminal Emulation on the Macintosh

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There are many ways that synchronous communications can be performed on a Macintosh. The type of hardware and software needed is usually linked to the type of host computer that you want to connect to. Also, the hardware performs the synchronous interface, rather than the terminal emulator itself. The software must be able to communicate with the specific hardware: most of the time, each particular type of synchronous communications hardware has software written specifically for it.

For instance, MacTerminal can be used for synchronous communications with an IBM host through the use of an AppleLine protocol converter, but other standard Macintosh terminal emulators can NOT be used in the same fashion. It is the AppleLine that actually performs the synchronous communications, while MacTerminal is communicating asynchronously with the AppleLine.  
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