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Apple Internet Connection Kit (11/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Apple Internet Connection Kit (AICK).

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple Internet Connection Kit is an integrated collection of Apple and third-party software that allows customers to easily connect their Macintosh directly to the Internet. The Apple Internet Connection Kit is a one-stop shop for key Internet tools that let the user get started using the Internet. It works on LAN and dial-up access, and simplifies dial-up to an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Features

- All-in-one solution for Internet connection
- One-button install for all key applications
- Auto-configures Internet applications for the individual system
- Makes signing up with an ISP quick and easy
- Facilitates connection to Internet through local area network (LAN) or through a phone line.
- Directs customers to Internet "hot spots" in the World Wide Web (WWW), newsgroups, and File Transfer Protocol (FTP) servers.

Bundled Software

- Internet Dialer Software

Offers a choice of qualified ISPs; streamlines the process of registration and configures the applications to run on a specific system.

- Apple Guide for the Internet

Provides an enhanced on-screen help feature that leads users through tasks step-by-step to master the processes, procedures, and capabilities of the Internet.

- Netscape Navigator from Netscape Communications

Browser software for exploring the World Wide Web (WWW).

- Claris EMailer from Claris

Electronic mail product that enables users to send and receive multimedia rich email messages over the Internet.

- Fetch FTP software

Helps users access File Transfer Protocol (FTP) services to download specific files.

- Stuffit Expander decompression software from Aladdin

Automatically decompresses compressed files downloaded from the Internet.

- NewsWatcher browser software

Provides users with access to Usenet newsgroup discussions.

- NCSA Telnet terminal emulation software

Allows a Macintosh computer to emulate a terminal for connection to many libraries and catalogs.

- QuickTime VR Player

Allows users to view 3D multimedia presentations and QuickTime video clips downloaded from the Internet.

- Adobe Acrobat Reader

For viewing portable document format (PDF) files in their exact original format.

- Real Audio software

Provides AM quality audio through the Internet.

- Point-to-Point (PPP) software

Allows use of the MacTCP over the modem line so that Macintosh and Internet applications communicate with protocols used by the Internet (SLIP and PPP).

- Also included

- Documentation for bundled software on CD-ROM
- The "Getting Started" guide
- Both CD and floppy versions included in set

System Requirements

The Apple Internet Connection Kit requires

- Macintosh or Mac OS-based computer
- 8MB RAM minimum
- System 7.5 or later
- TCP/IP -- either MacTCP or Open Transport/TCP
- 9600 bps or faster modem (14,400 bps recommended) or connection to LAN already connected to the Internet.
- 10MB available hard drive space (15MB recommended)
- High density floppy drive or CD ROM drive

Pricing and Availability

The Apple Internet Connection Kit is expected to be available in Sep 1995:

M4276LL/A Apple Internet Connection Kit

M4503LL/A Apple Internet Connection Kit (20 user)

ISP Support

Once users have selected and registered with an ISP, the ISP will offer support for the following:

- Basic product use
- Applications
- Billing
- Connection

Customer Satisfaction Issues

Apple is not offering the Apple Internet Connection Kit to K-12 institutions. The Apple Education Series Personal Internet Bundle, a product better suited to the needs of K-12 institutions, is already available to K-12 institutions

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