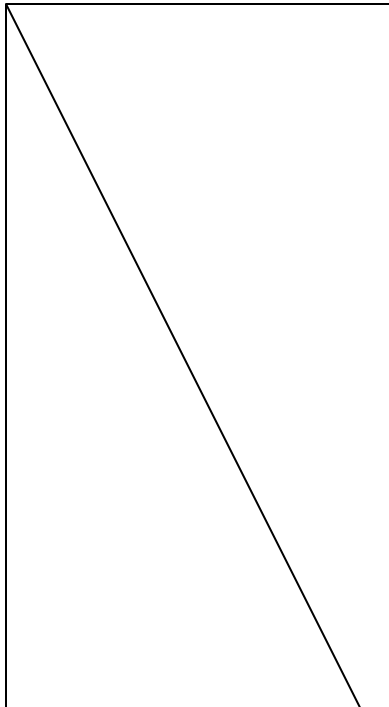


Solutions



SpoolAT

SpoolAT software connects the Apple LaserWriter printer and other AppleTalk-connected printers to a Tandem host. This allows a Tandem-resident print process to be used in conjunction with Macintosh applications. Up to 16 separate Macintosh print locations can be supported by a single SpoolAT Tandem print process. Connection to a Tandem computer can be direct, over a network, or via a dial-up communications link. The Macintosh user can control both the spooling (data transfer) and printing operations. SpoolAT provides a library of standard document formats and font selections. SpoolAT provides real-time process status information, and it uses the standard Macintosh interface.

Approximate Cost \$295 to \$995

Supplier: Menlo Business Systems, Inc., The Menlo Building, 201 Main St., Los Altos, CA 94022, 415-948-7920

Current Loop Converter (CLC)

Menlo's Current Loop Converter (CLC) connects RS-232 (EIA) devices (Macintosh and IBM workstations) to 20mA current loop connections (Tandem, Unisys, Prime, and so on). It weighs two ounces, and measures 0.5-by-2-by-2.5-inches, requires no external power, and is fitted with two DB25 connectors for standard connections. The CLC is compatible with DTE devices and can be changed for use with DCE devices. It can also be used as a connector changer (DTE to DTE), or as a crossover (null modem) connector for DTE to DCE connections.

Approximate Cost \$100 to \$125

Supplier: Menlo Business Systems, Inc., The Menlo Building, 201 Main St., Los Altos, CA 94022, 415-948-7920

MacBLAST for Asynchronous Connectivity

Tandem BLAST operates on Tandem LXN systems under UNIX, using any /dev/tty port, and connects to Macintosh computers running BLAST for file transfer, and text file format conversion. MacBLAST transfers binary data, text, or graphics. MacBLAST and BLAST products for other computers systems can be used to create wide area networks between central computers and any number of remote sites. Other features include: on-line help, automatic dialing, access to remote systems, and unattended operations. BLAST runs over standard telephone lines, X.25 networks, and satellite links with no propagation delays. In addition, BLAST is resistant to line noise.

Approximate Cost \$195 to \$695

Supplier: Communications Research Group, 5615 Corporate Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 800-24-BLAST