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EtherTalk: Why The Packet Buffering Space Is Both 16K And 32K

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TOPIC -----

The Technical Specifications on the EtherTalk card data sheet contains the following information:

"Packet buffering

- Multipacket, using 16-kilobyte dual-ported local memory ROM space
- 32 kilobytes"

How can the packet buffering space be both 16K and 32K?

DISCUSSION -----

The EtherTalk card has 16K of dual-ported RAM used for packet buffering. The card ALSO has 32K of ROM for storing the Ethernet address and NuBus slot information.

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