



Tech Info Library

Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server 2.1: Description (3/96)

Article Created: 13 October 1995

Article Reviewed/Updated: 12 March 1996

TOPIC -----

This article describes Apple Remote Access (ARA) MultiPort Server 2.1.

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server provides a flexible, scalable, and secure way to offer network access to large numbers of remote or mobile users. Used in conjunction with one or more Apple Remote Access Serial Cards, it allows a Macintosh computer or a Workgroup Server to support from 4 to 16 simultaneous dial-up connections*. This provides an ideal solution for workgroups or entire organizations that want to enable employees to work productively and efficiently no matter what their location -- whether they're at home, out of town, or even out of the country.

Unlike conventional complex server software, the Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server is designed to streamline administrative tasks, while maximizing administrator productivity and control. The software installs in minutes and features sophisticated management capabilities, including industry-standard Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) support. This allows administrators to flexibly manage and maintain connections. Adding ports is simple, and the server features an automatically generated activity log that can be exported to a variety of programs for further analysis.

On the client side, the Apple Remote Access Client for Macintosh software is also designed with efficiency and productivity in mind. From its single-step installation to such productivity-enhancing features as full System 7 integration and extensive connection-management capabilities, it provides everything users need to help them get their work done easily and efficiently -- wherever they are.

Users can also be confident that their work will be secure. The Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server offers a host of sophisticated security features that allow administrators to maintain the integrity of the network. These features -- such as password aging, location validation, and the ability to filter access to services -- make it one of the most secure remote access servers available. And because its security architecture is supported by leading third-party security vendors, administrators can choose to augment the server's built-in security features with additional challenge-and-response security modules.

Features

Ease of installation and use

- Takes only minutes to set up a server and to add users or ports as needed
- Provides built-in context-sensitive help

Multilevel security

- Provides a variety of sophisticated security features, making it one of the most secure remote access servers available
- Is supported by leading third-party security vendors, so administrators can choose to augment its built-in capabilities with additional security modules

Scalable solution

- Allows a Macintosh computer, Power Macintosh computer, or a Workgroup Server to support from 4 to 16 simultaneous dial-up connections*
- Runs on a variety of Macintosh computers, so you can choose the system that's appropriate for your needs

Powerful administrative capabilities

- Allows flexible port configurations
- Offers comprehensive user-management facilities
- Supports industry-standard SNMP
- Tracks resource usage and automatically generates an activity log that can be exported for further analysis

Flexible client capabilities

- Supports a variety of connections, including cellular and ISDN**
- Is fully integrated with Macintosh System 7, so remote users can work with such familiar tools as the Chooser, Aliases, and the Finder

* The Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server includes support for 4 ports and is available for Macintosh and Power Macintosh computers and Workgroup Servers (Mac OS-based). Support for 8, 12, or 16 ports requires purchase of 1, 2, or 3 Apple Remote Access MultiPort Server Kits respectively.

** ISDN and cellular connections require additional Apple or third-party products.

Article Change History:

12 Mar 1996 - Changed distribution status.

18 Oct 1995 - Change distribution.

Support Information Services

Copyright 1995-96, Apple Computer, Inc.

Keywords: specsht

=====

This information is from the Apple Technical Information Library.

19960312 17:10:57.00

Tech Info Library Article Number: 18781