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This article describes what to do, so that Inter•Poll can identify an Apple IIe or Apple IIGS connected to a network. There are some very specific criteria that must be met:

- The Apple IIGS must have Built-in AppleTalk selected in the Control Panel.
- The Apple IIGS must have the proper port set to "Your Card".
- An Apple IIe with the Workstation Card must be past the Password screen.

The steps for each computer are given below.

Apple IIGS

For an Apple IIGS to appear in the "Device List" window of Inter•Poll, these steps must be followed:

- 1) Select "Built-in AppleTalk" from the Control Panel. At the same time, set the port that the network is connected to, generally the Printer port, to "Your Card".
- 2) Shut down and restart the system.
- 3) Run Inter•Poll on the Macintosh, or have it running and checking the network.

The Apple IIGS should show up in the Device List window.

Note: Responder is built into the AppleTalk portion of the software for the Apple IIGS.

Apple IIe

- 1) Install the Apple II Workstation Card in slot 7 of the Apple IIe and connect the LocalTalk port to the network.
- 2) Start up the system and log on to a ProDOS server on the network.

Once the system goes past the Password screen, the device shows up in the Device List window of Inter•Poll.

To see if there was something unique about this setup procedure, we considered the Macintosh in a similar environment. If the system is powered up, but no software is loaded (that is, the Macintosh screen shows the disk with a flashing question mark in the middle of the disk), the system is not identifiable from Inter•Poll. At this point, there is no AppleTalk software to respond to the Inter•Poll request. The same is true for an Apple II.

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