

Software Product Description

PRODUCT NAME: DECmessageQ for Macintosh®, Version 2.0

SPD 39.26.00

DESCRIPTION

DECmessageQ for Macintosh is the Macintosh release of the DECmessageQ message queuing bus software. It implements a subset of the DECmessageQ application programming interface that provides easy-to-use, efficient task-to-task communications among VMS, ULTRIX, OS/2®, Macintosh, and MS-DOS® processes.

A common call interface allows messages to be delivered to processes attached to the DECmessageQ queue bus. Applications can be designed so program modules can be redeployed easily anywhere within the network, whether in a standalone node, a Local Area Network (LAN), or a wide area network.

The DECmessageQ for Macintosh communication implementation is designed for ease-of-use, expandability, and efficiency. Its features include:

- Remote message delivery via the AppleTalk®-DECnet gateway or directly via DECnet for Macintosh
- Message sizes up to 32,000 bytes
- Message broadcasting using Selective Broadcast Services (SBS)
- Message capture facility for use in application testing
- Set of message delivery options
- Language support for THINK C
- Portable call interface
- Connectivity to DECmessageQ implementations on VMS, ULTRIX, OS/2, Macintosh, and MS-DOS

DECmessageQ Queues

DECmessageQ for Macintosh provides a DECmessageQ Primary Queue. Each process that attaches to the DECmessageQ message queuing bus is assigned a Primary Queue. This queue is used to receive messages from other DECmessageQ processes.

Selective Broadcast Services (SBS)

Selective Broadcast Services provide a conceptual broadcast stream of data. In this broadcast stream, any process can insert a message. Any process can select messages from this broadcast stream for delivery. Messages can be selected using a set of selection rules that provide relational comparisons against DECmessageQ header information or user's message data information. A Macintosh process uses DECmessageQ to send and receive broadcast messages via the services on a DECmessageQ for VMS SBS Server.

Delivery Options

DECmessageQ for Macintosh provides a set of delivery options:

- Datagram — A non-recoverable attempt is made to deliver a message.
- Wait for enqueue — The sending process will block until the message is written to the target queue. A return status will indicate whether the queue exists and is under quota.
- Store-and-Forward — This mode will journal messages that cannot be delivered due to a communication fault, or the unavailability of the destination queue.

DECmessageQ Scripts Facility

DECmessageQ scripts facility can be used to capture messages that are sent or received from a process. These messages can be displayed on the output device or collected in a disk file. The messages are written to an ASCII file using the DECmessageQ scripts syntax.

Communication Link Failover

Link failover will occur automatically on link startup or during transmission. It will cause DECmessageQ for Macintosh to try to re-establish the link to the PRIMARY DECmessageQ for VMS host specified in configuration file. If that fails, the SECONDARY host is attempted. If the link is successfully re-established, the DECmessageQ for Macintosh processing continues transparently.

HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Macintosh Plus, Macintosh SE, Macintosh SE/30, Macintosh II, Macintosh IIx, Macintosh IIcx, Macintosh IIfx, Macintosh IIci, Macintosh IIli, Macintosh IIlx, Macintosh Portable, Macintosh IIsi, Macintosh Classic, Macintosh Classic II, Macintosh LC, Macintosh Powerbook 100/140/170, Macintosh Quadra 700/900, or other 100-percent Macintosh-compatible PC.

Disk Space Requirements:

Disk space required for installation and use (permanent): 1 Mbyte

This count refers to the disk space required on the system disk. The size is approximate; actual size may vary depending on the user's system environment, configuration, and software options.

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Macintosh System Software V6.0.5, at a minimum
or
Macintosh System Software V7
- SYMANTEC THINK C V5.0, at a minimum
- The following PATHWORKS for Macintosh V1.1 minimum components:
 - AppleTalk-DECnet Gateway and AppleTalk-DECnet Tool
 - or
 - DECnet for Macintosh and DECnet Tool

Note: A valid DECmessageQ for VMS configuration is required within the network to utilize DECmessageQ for Macintosh.

DECmessageQ for Macintosh supports the DECnet component of PATHWORKS. See the PATHWORKS for Macintosh Software Product Description (SPD 31.53.xx) for more information regarding PATHWORKS for Macintosh requirements.

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