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IBM ENHANCES LOCAL AREA NETWORK CAPABILITIES, EXTENDS
CONNECTIVITY TO PERSONAL SYSTEM/2

RYE BROOK, N.Y., April 2 . . . New IBM local area network (LAN) products announced today will enable IBM Personal System/2TM users attached to LANs to share networked resources such as printers, files and application programs running on other personal computing systems or on larger host computers. LAN connectivity of current IBM Personal Computers also is enhanced significantly by this announcement.

The new hardware products include five new LAN and 3270 emulation adapters and a new baseband version of the PC Network designed primarily for small educational networks.

New software products enable LAN application programs to be run on either the IBM Token-Ring Network or the IBM PC Network -- allowing true portability of applications between networks. They provide expanded network management as well. A new asynchronous gateway increases ASCII access from its current limit of two simultaneous users per gateway to 32 users at a time.

Extension of IBM 3270 capabilities to the Personal System/2 is made possible by the new IBM 3270 Connection adapter and supporting programs. This enables the new models to emulate an IBM 3270-series display station and execute host applications when attached to a host computer. Also introduced was a new ROLMphone that can connect the Personal System/2 over public or private telephone lines to asynchronous host computers.

IBM LAN and connectivity products will be marketed by IBM's North-Central and South-West Marketing divisions and IBM Authorized Advanced Products Dealers. Volume discounts are available from IBM. The ROLMphone will be marketed by ROLM Authorized Dealers.

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