



# Using Your Modem to Connect to the Rest of the World

*Where to Find Your  
Telecommunications Programs*

Your computer came with a GeoPort modem and several telecommunications application programs already installed. The modem and telecommunications programs let you

- connect to the Internet
- send and receive faxes
- use your computer as a telephone and voice mail system
- connect to America Online

This document introduces the telecommunications programs, and tells you where to find more detailed information about them.

## Connect your modem before you start

Before you can use your modem to do any of these things, you must connect it (if you haven't already done so). The setup poster and Chapter 1 of your computer's user's manual explain how to connect your modem.

You don't need to adjust your modem to work with the telecommunications programs on your computer, but you may want to select a "ring sound," adjust the way your computer handles incoming telephone calls and faxes, or set other preferences. Refer to *Using Your Modem* for information about adjusting your modem (and for general information about modems). *Using Your Modem* is an electronic manual located on your computer's hard disk.

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Click the Launcher's Internet & Phone button to see the telecommunications programs.....

Your Launcher may look slightly different from the one pictured here.



## To access online services

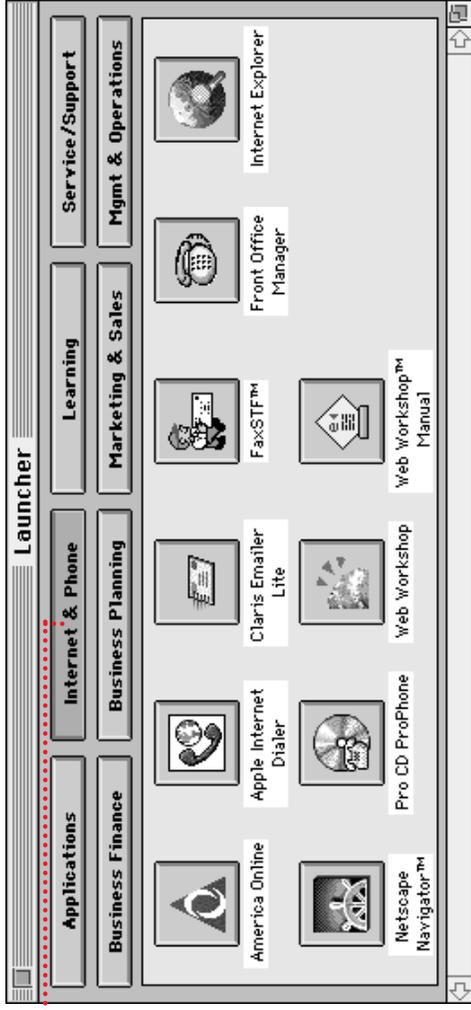
If you're new to the Internet, you may want to connect to the Internet through America Online (AOL), an online service. AOL provides many services in addition to Internet access: you can chat with other AOL members, use electronic mail, obtain current news and stock reports, and more.

To connect to AOL, connect your modem if you haven't done so already. Then follow these steps:

- 1 Click the America Online button in the Internet & Phone section of the Launcher to register and connect with AOL.

*Note:* You may be asked to restart your computer as part of starting AOL.

- 2 To get started, follow the instructions on the screen. For more information about AOL, see AOL's online help or call AOL's help line.



## To connect to the Internet

You can connect to the Internet for the first time through the Apple Internet Connection Kit (AICK). Connect your modem if you haven't already. Then follow these steps:

- 1 Click the Apple Internet Dialer button in the Internet section of the Launcher.  
The Apple Internet Dialer button opens a program that helps you select and register with an Internet Service Provider (ISP). You must select an ISP before you can connect to the Internet.

- 2 Select an ISP.

After you select an ISP, you can use either Netscape Navigator™ or Internet Explorer to browse the Internet. For more information about AICK, see *Apple Internet Connection Kit Getting Started* (a printed manual that came with your computer). For help while you're using AICK, open the Guide (⌘) menu and choose Apple Internet Connection Kit Guide.



## To send and receive faxes

You can send and receive faxes using the FaxSTF program. Connect your modem if you haven't already. Then do this:

- Click the FaxSTF button in the Internet & Phone section of the Launcher.

For more information, see the FaxSTF user's manual, an electronic manual in the Learning section of the Launcher.



## To send and receive telephone calls

You can send and receive telephone calls on the computer as well as on your telephone.

Connect your modem if you haven't already. Then do this:

- Click the Front Office button in the Internet & Phone section of the Launcher.

For more information, see the Front Office user's manual, an electronic manual in the Learning section of the Launcher.

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