FAX TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION FROM INSIDE A "macOS" COMPUTER

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SUMMARY

To send or receive faxes using a fax modem from a macOS computer, you probably have to install a "Windows 11.." virtual machine and then either run the free "Windows Fax" or the not-free "FaxTalk FaxCenter Pro" from inside this virtual machine !

macOS's DEPRECATION FOR FAX MODEMS

macOS officially stopped supporting fax modems starting with macOS Sierra (version 10.12), which was released in September 2016.

While macOS El Capitan (10.11) was the last version with a built-in fax utility, support for legacy fax modems was dropped from macOS Sierra (version 10.12) and onwards.

macOS's DEPRECATION FOR FAX MODEMS (continued)

This meant that faxing with modems became more difficult and complex:

macOS Mojave (10.14) was the last version with native fax modem support, and Apple removed the Fax pane in macOS Catalina (10.15), requiring manual configuration for physical modems.

macOS's DEPRECATION OF FAX MODEMS (continued)

For macOS versions 12 (Monterey) and later, you can no longer send faxes using legacy fax modems AND Apple's bundled fax app no longer exists.

OPTIONS FOR FAXING FROM A MAC

OPTION 1:
Install an "All-In-One" HP or Epson or Brother multifunction printer that has fax capability AND a manufacturer-provided-proprietary software app that runs in your version of "macOS"

OPTIONS FOR FAXING FROM A MAC (continued)

OPTION 2:

Install a virtual machine program such as "VMware Fusion" (free) or "Parallels Desktop" (not free) into your mac.

Then install "Windows 11.." into the virtual machine.

OPTIONS FOR FAXING FROM A MAC (continued)

OPTION 2 (continued):
Then attach a USB fax modem to the virtual machine and then run either the free "Windows Fax" or the not-free "FaxTalk FaxCenter Pro" app inside the "Windows 11.." virtual machine.

OPTIONS FOR FAXING FROM A MAC (continued)

OPTION 2 (continued):

The free trial of the not-free "FaxTalk FaxCenter Pro" app (for Windows..) can be obtained at

https://www.faxtalk.com/faxtalk-faxcenter-pro-fax-software/