Introduction

NetClip is used to transfer clipboards between computers over a network.   It works best when placed in your Apple menu.   It is distributed as shareware.   It is NOT free.   See "NetClip Registration" under the "Balloon Help" menu for registration information.   This application is not useful in a non-network environment.

NetClip works by using a System 7.0 feature called "Program Linking" to communicate with another NetClip program somewhere on your network.   Because of this, you need to deal with a number of System 7.0 features which you may not have had to deal with before.   These are described below.

Enabling AppleTalk

To begin with, you must make sure that you have enabled AppleTalk.   To do this, select the "Chooser" from the Apple Menu.   In the lower right hand corner of the "Chooser" window, make sure that AppleTalk is enabled.   If it is not, you are probably not connected to a network.

Enabling Program Linking

Next, you must make sure that "Program Linking" is on.   To do this, go to the "Sharing Setup" control panel and click on the "Program Linking" button if it is not turned on.   You should also make sure that your Macintosh has a name in this control panel.

General Instructions

After you have enabled AppleTalk and "Program Linking" (above), you can transfer clipboards between computers.   In order to do this, you must open the NetClip application on both   computers.

Normally, when you open the NetClip application, whatever is in your clipboard is automatically pasted into a NetClip document.   If nothing is in your clipboard, a message telling you so appears.   You cannot receive clipboards until you click "OK" in this window.

You can also switch to another application, "Cut" something into your clipboard, return to the NetClip application, and either "Paste" your clipboard into a currently open window, or choose "New" from the "File" menu in which case a NetClip document will be created and your clipboard will be automatically "pasted" into the document.

Sending Your Clipboard to Another Computer

Once you have a NetClip document (window), you can choose "Transfer" from the "File" menu to transfer the clipboard in that window to another computer.   When you do this, a "program linking window" will appear and ask you to choose a computer and an application to link to.   Choose the desired computer and the NetClip application on that computer.

Next, a window may appear which will ask you for a username and password.   Each computer has the ability to control which users have access to programs on that machine.   You can change this access by choosing the "Users & Groups" control panel.   The most simple method of allowed access is by double-clicking on the "Guest" icon.   After you do this, you can click the box which "allows program linking" for this user.

If this is done on the machine receiving the clipboards, when the window comes up asking for a username and password, you can just click on the "Guest" button and be on with it!

If you have a lot of trouble with this, read your System 7.0 manual or call up Apple!   This is a brand new feature - but, unfortunately, more detailed instructions are beyond the scope of this window!

Receiving a Clipboard

As mentioned above, in order to receive a clipboard, you must give access to the users who wish to send

you things.   I emphasize, again, that allowing "Guests'" to link to your programs is the easiest way.

Receiving a clipboard is easy compared to sending one (not that sending one is difficult either!).   You must open the NetClip application and click "OK" if the message warning you that there is nothing in your clipboard appears).   The application is then ready to receive clipboards.   If another user sends you a clipboard, a window will be automatically created and the data in his window will be placed in the newly created window on your computer.   You can then "Cut" or "Copy" the clipboard from this window, switch to another application, and "Paste" the clipboard into that application.

Testing without a Network
If you are wondering whether the program is actually working, you can try sending a clipboard to yourself. To do this, follow the instructions for transferring above, except instead of choosing a different computer and its NetClip application, choose your own   computer and the NetClip application!

Other Problems
Sometimes NetClip will appear as if nothing is in your clipboard.   This occurs when your clipboard is too large to fit into NetClip's memory.   Try increasing the program size from the Finder through the "Get Info" window.

Send comments, complaints, suggestions, or money to the address under "NetClip Registration."