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Subject: Re: OT: Mac networking hardware  
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2007 21:01:43 GMT  
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Cool, I like the lampy iMacs.

Google "imac airport card" - it looks like there are some possibilities.

Cheers,  
-Jamie  
[www.JamieKruz.com](http://www.JamieKruz.com)

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Posted by [Mark McDermott](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 00:41:27 GMT  
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Subject: Re: OT: Mac networking hardware  
Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 00:52:12 GMT  
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 16:03:01 GMT  
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The joys of a hardware monoculture? Do you know now much a network card for a Sun V440 costs? Trust me, you don't want to.

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