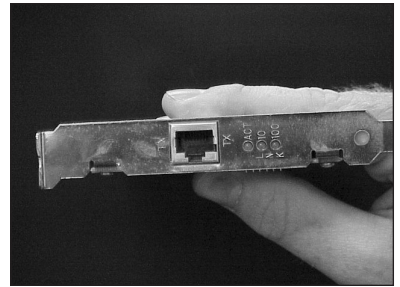


## Identifying and Installing a Network Interface Card (NIC)

- Locate the “RJ45” on the back of your computer. (It looks like a phone jack but wider.)
- This connection requires a patch cord (which will be provided to you by OptiLink) to connect your computer to the Internet.
- If you need additional help establishing if your computer has a Network Interface Card, call our OptiLink 24/7 Help Desk at (706) 278-1313.



RJ45 — Figure 1

### Installing a Network Interface Card (NIC)

- Please note: To avoid electrical shock, it is important to properly ground yourself before installing any electrical equipment into your PC.
- Turn off your computer and unplug it from the electrical outlet.
- Open your computer case following manufacturer recommended procedures.
- Find an available free PCI slot (Figure 2).
- Aligned with the PCI slot should be a plate covering an opening, remove it.
- Insert the PCI network card into the PCI slot. It should slide in without much force. When the network card is installed, secure it by screwing it into the backplate.
- Close your computer case and plug in your cables.
- Turn On your Computer.
- After your computer powers up, Windows should detect the network card and give you a “New Hardware Found” message. Have Windows detect it automatically. You may also need to have the Windows CD in your CD-Rom drive for the network drivers to be installed. If you receive such a prompt, insert the Windows CD.
- If Windows cannot install or find the network card drivers, then you must install the drivers manually. Insert the drivers disk that came with your NIC card and run the setup. If the drivers disk does not have a setup program but only has files, choose the INF file from the browse window.
- Windows may ask you to restart after you have installed your network card. If asked, restart the machine.
- Your network card should now be installed.

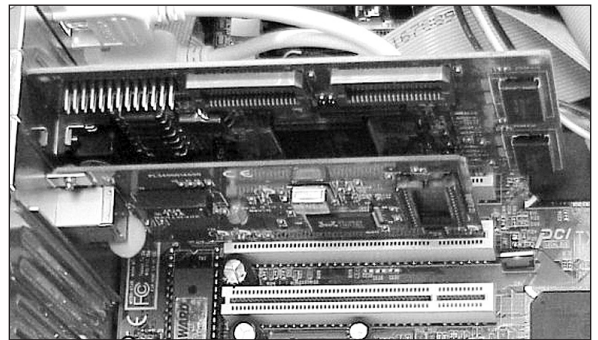


Figure 2