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TOPIC -----

This article describes the NewsWatcher software, and tells how to use it.

DISCUSSION -----

NewsWatcher is used to participate in "USENET news." USENET news (or just "USENET" or "the news" for short) is a worldwide distributed electronic bulletin board system. Anyone on the Internet can post articles to USENET, and anyone on the Internet can read articles and post replies.

USENET is organized as a hierarchical system of several thousand separate "newsgroups" (or just "groups" for short). Each group is devoted to a single topic. The topics range from recreational groups like "alt.archery" to technical groups like "comp.protocols.appletalk".

For best results with NewsWatcher, use a Macintosh with 2MB or more of memory and a hard drive. NewsWatcher requires System 6.0.5 or later. It's compatible with System 7. You must have the Macintosh connected to the Internet, and you must properly install and configure MacTCP. For dialup use, NewsWatcher works with MacSLIP and the other Macintosh SLIP products, and with AppleTalk Remote Access.

NewsWatcher is free. It may not be resold for profit or included with software which is sold for profit, but otherwise you should feel free to use it and redistribute it.

The official anonymous FTP site for NewsWatcher and the documents is ftp.acns.nwu.edu [129.105.113.52], directory pub/newswatcher. If you would like to receive announcements of new NewsWatcher releases, send a request to NW_Info-request@let.ruu.nl.

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Apple doesn't support the program. Refer to the program documentation for further assistance.

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