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TOPIC -----

This article discusses the technical specifications of the Newton MessagePad.

DISCUSSION -----

Newton Recognition Architecture

- Recognizes handwriting: printed, cursive, or mixed-word recognition
- Recognizes graphics and the inherent symmetry in objects

Newton Information Architecture

- Object-oriented data storage optimized for storing, finding, and linking small pieces of information
- Easy creation of custom forms applications via the flexible graphical view toolbox
- Easy data sharing using standard tags
- Object-oriented database provides flexible view of data

Newton Communications Architecture

- Provides single interface for all communication services
- Integrated to support easy communications with minimum setup requirements
- Designed in modules to support new communications capabilities

Intelligent Assistance Architecture

- Assists users in completing repetitive tasks done in multiple categories, including communications, scheduling, finding, and reminding functions
- Contains smart defaults to reduce complexity
- Functions across applications transparently
- Allows extensions by third-party developers

Newton Hardware Architecture

- ARM 610 processor at 20 MHz
- Apple custom system ASIC
- Low-power, reflective LCD display (336 x 240 pixels)
- Transparent tablet with passive pen
- 4MB of ROM
- 640K of RAM
- One PCMCIA Type II card slot
- LocalTalk-compatible serial port
- Low-power, half-duplex, infrared transceiver (9600 baud at 1 meter)

Communications Capabilities

- Print to Apple LaserWriters and StyleWriters with serial cable and to popular parallel printers using Newton Print Pack
- Fax with optional fax modem (9600 baud fax send, automatic cover-page generation, post-formatting)
- Beam via infrared technology (send notes, name cards, appointments at 9600 baud with 1-meter range)
- Handle telephony needs with assistance for intelligent auto dialing (DTMF or modem dialing)
- Receive and store wireless messages using optional Messaging Card
- Send and receive NewtonMail to other Newtons, PCs and Macintosh computers with optional modem (this service will be available in the fall of 1993.)

Size and Weight

- Height: 7.25 in. (184.75 mm)
- Width: 4.50 in. (114.3 mm)
- Depth: 0.75 in. (19.05 mm)
- Weight: 0.9 lb. (0.4 kg)

Operating Environment

- Temperature: +0 to +40 C
- Storage temperature: -20 to +60 C
- Humidity range: 20 percent to 95 percent RH noncondensing

Power Requirements

- Power adapter:
 - Universal, 100 to 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz
 - Four plug configurations: U.S., U.K., Europe, and Australia
- Battery type: alkaline or nickel-cadmium
 - Alkaline output: 6.0V DC, 1.1 WH (nominal)
 - Nickel-cadmium output: 4.8V DC, 200 mAh (nominal)
- Lithium cell: DL2032
- Operating range: 3 V (nominal)
- Power source: AC adapter (included) or four AAA batteries (included) and optional Rechargeable Battery Pack

Connecting Kit System Requirements

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- Works with personal computers running Microsoft Windows; requires connector cable and version 3.0 or later
 - Works with Macintosh personal computers; requires connector cable and system 7.01 or later

Printer Support

- Built-in printer support for the Apple StyleWriter and StyleWriter II, Personal LaserWriter LS and Personal LaserWriter 300 printers, and Apple PostScript laser printers from the LaserWriter Plus and up
- Works with most popular PC printers, including the Hewlett-Packard LaserJet, Hewlett-Packard DeskJet, Canon BubbleJet, and Epson LQ and FX using the Print Pack option

Fax Machine Support

- Supports Group 3 fax machines

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