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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Newton Connection Kit 2.0.

DISCUSSION -----

Newton Connection Kit 2.0 makes it simple for people to exchange Newton information with common Macintosh and Windows applications.

Newton Connection Kit 2.0 enables users to exchange and share their MessagePad information---notes, letters, name-cards, to-do lists, appointments, and even information created with many third party applications---with common desktop personal information management (PIM), word-processing, spreadsheet and database applications. It also enables users to access and edit MessagePad information easily using common desktop applications with which they may already be familiar.

Direct Export and Import from Macintosh applications -----

Newton Connection 2.0 enables people to import and export native files directly from many common supported Macintosh applications to Newton's address book, calendar and notepad, by incorporating portions of the award-winning MacLinkPlus file translation library, a product from DataViz Inc. (Trumbull, CT). Supported Macintosh applications include common titles such as: Portfolio Software's Dynodex; Symantec's Act!; Now Software's Now-Upto-Date; Aldus' DateBookPro; PowerUp's Addressbook Plus; Microsoft's Excel, Word and Works; Lotus 1-2-3; WordPerfect; Nisus; and WriteNow, among others.

Industry Standard Text Files -----

Newton Connection v 2.0 enables people to create, save and modify industry

standard tab-separated and comma-separated text files for exchanging (importing and exporting) Newton information with numerous PIM, database and spreadsheet applications, such as Aldus' TouchBase Pro, Claris Corporation's FileMaker Pro and Hypercard Address Stacks, among others. For example, a list of names, addresses and phone numbers stored in Claris' Filemaker Pro can easily be imported into the MessagePad address book.

Newton Connection File Format

Newton Connection has a rich intermediate text file format which supports all Newton information, enabling cooperating desktop applications to synchronize, as well as exchange information with a Newton MessagePad. Many desktop application developers are already working with Apple to support this format directly within their applications.

System Requirements

Newton Connection Kit 2.0 for Macintosh requires 2000K of RAM, but preferably 2500K, System 7 or later, Apple SuperDrive, and at least a 68030 processor. The Windows version requires at least a 386SX with 4MB RAM and Windows 3.1 or later.

Compatibility

Backup files created with Newton Connection Kit 1.0 are not compatible with version 2.0. Customers are advised to backup with version 1.0, then with version 2.0 before erasing any backup files.

Special Software Offer

In a limited special offer, the Newton Connection kit for both Windows and Macintosh will include several sample Starcore Newton applications, while supplies of these samples last: Columbo's Mystery Capers, Silicon Casino, GoFigure, Fortune 500 Guide To American Business and Dell Crossword Puzzles and Other Word Games (demo versions). In addition, Newton Book--an electronic book containing descriptions of numerous Newton commercial and shareware applications--will be included in the special offer, as will the Newton DataViewer, which enables the import and export of spreadsheet data. The Newton DataViewer allows people to manipulate spreadsheet data from their desktop on their Newton MessagePad by scrolling horizontally and vertically, sorting by column, and exporting back to the desktop spreadsheet.

Free Upgrades

Apple will send all registered purchasers of Newton Connection v 1.00 a free upgrade to Newton Connection v 2.0. Customers who received a complimentary preview version of the Newton Connection Kit at MacWorld Expo in Boston in August 1993 will also be receiving a free upgrade to Newton Connection v 2.0.

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Registered users may expect to receive their upgrades in the latter part of March. The Windows version should arrive approximately eight to ten weeks after the Macintosh version ships. If you do not receive the upgrade, call the Newton Fullfillment Center at 1-800-242-3374.

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