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TOPIC -----

There are a couple of different versions of the Newton System Update 1.3 available. Which version should I use?

DISCUSSION -----

Apple MessagePad 100
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If you have an Apple MessagePad 100, install System Update 1.3 (414313). This version installs over the earlier MessagePad 100 System Update version 1.3 (414059).

Apple MessagePad 110
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If you have an Apple MessagePad 110, install System Update 1.3 (345025). This version installs over the following earlier MessagePad 110 System Updates:

- Version 1.3 (344311)
- Version 1.3 (344052)
- Version 1.3 (344138)
- Version 1.2.0

System Update 1.3 Changes
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The Newton software no longer closes Notification Windows (such as alarms) when it goes to sleep, preventing you from missing notifications you receive when the Newton is left unattended.

You can now use the * (asterisk) and # (pound) characters when dialing phone numbers from the call slip. For example, you can set the dialing prefix to *70 to turn off call waiting if your phone system permits it.

A recognition problem, which could cause the accuracy of the MessagePad's handwriting recognition to gradually degrade for some users, was corrected. If you switch to guest mode then switch back to owner's mode, the MessagePad now restores the preferred Letter Styles settings when the writing style is set to Printed Only.

If the location is set to a city in Japan and you attempt to dial while using a modem, the Newton sends the correct modem initialization string: AT%J&P1. A problem that could require you to perform a soft reset before your Apple MessagePad would recognize PCMCIA cards was corrected.

The contents of flash PCMCIA memory cards are erased more reliably.

Availability

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System Update 1.3 is available through the following methods:

- Newton System Update 1.3 available online
- Newton Bulletin Board Service
- U.S. Mail service

Online

America Online - keyword: applecomputer

CompuServe - GO APLSUP

Internet -

Worldwide Web: <<http://www.info.apple.com/swupdates>>

ftp: <<ftp://ftp.info.apple.com>>

Newton Bulletin Board Service

You can receive the Newton System 1.3 Update by calling the special Newton Bulletin Board Service and following these steps:

Step 1:

Connect your Newton to your Newton Modem.

Step 2:

Connect your modem to a standard phone line.

Step 3:

Tap Extras.

Step 4:

Tap In Box.

Step 5:

Tap Receive

Step 6:

Tap Enhancement

Step 7:

Enter 9, if needed, to reach an outside phone line, then enter:

1-800-NEWTON9 (639-8669).

Step 8:

Tap Call. Your Newton automatically receives the system update.

Step 9:

Tap the Restart button on the screen to complete the installation.

You can verify the new version number by tapping on Extras, then tapping on Prefs. At the bottom of the window the Apple MessagePad 100 should display 1.3 (414313); the Apple MessagePad 110 should display 1.3 (344311).

U.S. Mail Service

You can receive the Newton System 1.3 Update by calling the Apple Order Center at (800) 315-2246 and requesting the update.

IMPORTANT: There is a shipping and handling charge for the update if it is sent by mail.

These articles can help you locate software updates mentioned here:

- Where To Find Apple Software Updates
Lists online services for "free" Apple software updates
- Obtaining Apple Product Support in the USA
Lists 800 numbers and online services for software updates, Apple support information, and a subset of the Apple Tech. Info. Library

Article Change History:

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25 Sep 1995 - Added additional system version to MessagePad 110.

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06 Feb 1995 - Corrected MessagePad 110 System Update version number.

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