Newton Connection Kit 2.0: Description (3/94)

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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.
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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