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Newton Print Pack: How to Configure (1/94)

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TOPIC -----

When I attempt to use the Newton Print Pack to print a item from my Newton MessagePad to a printer, I am unable to print for one of the following reasons:

- 1) I am unable to select one of the printer drivers on my MessagePad.
- 2) Some printer drivers do not appear in the MessagePad's print dialog box.
- 3) The MessagePad displays a "No printer connected" message.

How can I print using the Newton Print Pack?

DISCUSSION -----

The Newton Print Pack is a cable which contains a serial to parallel data converter and ROM-based printer drivers. These printer drivers are downloaded to the Newton MessagePad by powering on the MessagePad after the Print Pack is connected between the printer and MessagePad.

Here's how to configure the Newton Print Pack with a Newton MessagePad and a compatible printer:

- 1) Power off both the MessagePad and the printer.
- 2) Connect the Print Pack between the MessagePad and the printer
- 3) Power on the MessagePad and wait ten (10) seconds. During this time, the LED on the Print Pack should flash twice; the first flash is short and the second flash is longer. At the end of this period, the printer drivers should be downloaded to the MessagePad.
- 4) Power on the printer and print the desired item(s).

If you continue to have printing problems, reset the Newton and try these steps again. Also, if your MessagePad is turned off or if the Print Pack is disconnected from either device, you must repeat the procedure listed above.

If your MessagePad unexpectedly powers off while printing or immediately after it's powered on, be sure to install fresh batteries or connect your MessagePad to AC power. The Print Pack draws a large amount of power while printing or at start up (when your MessagePad is downloading the printer drivers), and this may discharge the MessagePad's batteries.

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