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Newton MessagePad: Meaning of Assistant's Where Field (4/94)

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TOPIC -----

When using the intelligent assistant with the datebook, what does the "where" field mean?

For instance, when I write "talk to Bill Clark Mon 12:00pm", the Newton presents several options for the WHERE field in the scheduled meeting slip. Most of the options at least have the letters M and O. One options name is Monica and another is Mozgia. How does the Newton MessagePad determine what should be offered in the choice list for where?

DISCUSSION -----

The assistant uses the name information stored in your Newton MessagePad to determine the where field contents when scheduling a meeting. This is because the names information can also be used to store locations.

First, the Newton MessagePad searches the names database on each word for the "who" field list. The Newton MessagePad also searches names for the "where" list. "Where" searches also look in the notes fields of the name cards. That is why the "where" list can contain some strange entries.

For instance, when I enter "Schedule meeting with Steve on Monday" on my Newton MessagePad, it put Electric in the "where" field because I had written the word "Monday" in the notes for my electric company name card. The Newton MessagePad is being as complete as it can by giving you the broadest range of options for "who" and "where."

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