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Getting Started



This chapter describes how to connect your Newton device to your computer, install the Newton Connection Utilities, and use the utilities to create your first backup.

About the Newton Connection Utilities

With the Newton Connection Utilities, you can connect your Apple MessagePad or other Newton device to your computer and do the following:

- Back up Newton information and store it on your computer.
- Install packages (applications, system updates, and so on) on your Newton device.
- Use your computer's keyboard to enter information on your Newton device.
- Import information from your computer to your Newton device and export information from your Newton device to your computer.
- Import information from your computer to the Newton Works application on your Newton device and export Newton Works information from your Newton device to your computer.
- Keep your applications synchronized by updating information on both your computer and your Newton device.

The Newton Connection Utilities work with the Newton 2.0 or 2.1 operating system. If you have a Newton device that uses an earlier version of the Newton operating system and you don't plan to upgrade, Apple recommends you use the Newton Connection Kit 2.0 instead of the Newton Connection Utilities.

Note: The Newton Works import, Newton Works export, and Auto Dock features of the Newton Connection Utilities work only on Newton devices with the Newton 2.1 operating system.

Installation requirements

To use the Newton Connection Utilities, you need the following:

- A computer using the Mac OS with a 68030, 68040, or PowerPC microprocessor
- Mac OS version 7.1 or higher
- 8 megabytes (MB) of total RAM with 4 MB available (12 MB recommended for a Power Macintosh)
- A hard disk drive with 10 MB of available disk space
- An available printer port, modem port, or printer-modem port
- A serial cable or AppleTalk cable
- If you have a MessagePad 2000, a Newton Serial Adapter

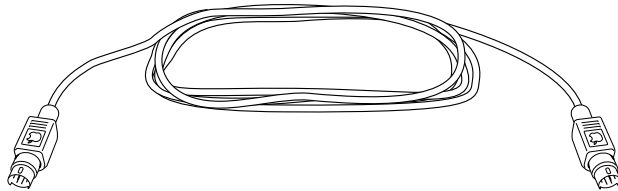
Connecting a Newton device to your computer

To use the Newton Connection Utilities, you connect your Newton device to your computer in one of the following ways:

- using a serial cable
- using an AppleTalk network

Connecting with a serial cable

You use a serial cable to connect your Newton device to the printer or modem port on the back of your computer. If you don't have a serial cable, you can purchase one from an authorized Apple dealer. The cable has mini DIN-8 connectors on both ends.



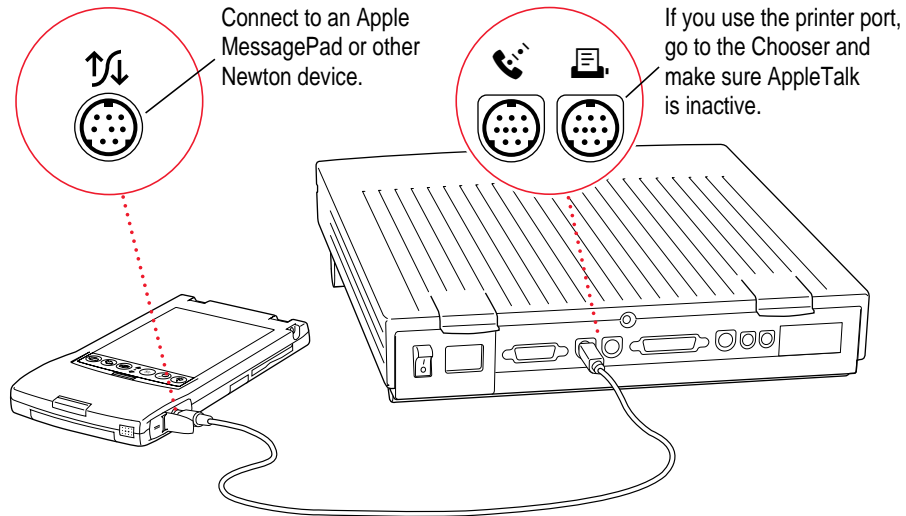
To connect with a serial cable, follow these steps:

- 1** Make sure both your computer and your Newton device are turned off.
- 2** Plug one end of the serial cable into the Newton InterConnect port (or the Communication port) on your Newton device (or, if you have a MessagePad 2000, connect to the Newton Serial Adapter, and then plug the adapter into the Newton InterConnect port).

Note: If you're using a MessagePad 2000, be sure to connect the cable to the serial adapter first and then connect the adapter to your MessagePad 2000—otherwise, your MessagePad may not establish a connection properly.

If you're using an eMate 300, you can plug the serial cable into either the Newton InterConnect port or the serial port.

- 3 Plug the other end of the serial cable into the printer port (🖨️), the modem port (📞), or the printer-modem port on your computer.

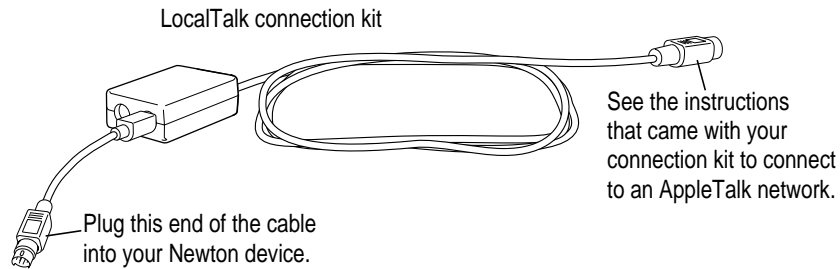


IMPORTANT If you connect your Newton device to a PowerBook that has an internal modem, make sure AppleTalk is inactive and Modem is set to Normal in the PowerBook Setup control panel.

That's it! Go on to "Installing the Newton Connection Utilities," later in this chapter.

Connecting over an AppleTalk network

Use a LocalTalk kit or other type of AppleTalk connection kit to connect your Newton device to an AppleTalk network. If your computer is already connected to an AppleTalk network, you need one connection kit. If not, you need two kits.



IMPORTANT If your computer is part of an EtherTalk network or another kind of network, see your system administrator for help with connecting your Newton device.

To connect with a LocalTalk cable, follow these steps:

- 1** Make sure your computer and your Newton device are turned off.
- 2** Follow the instructions that came with your connection kit to connect the LocalTalk cable to the computer.
- 3** Plug the LocalTalk cable into the Newton InterConnect port or the Communication port on your Newton device (or, if you have a MessagePad 2000, connect to the Newton Serial Adapter, and then plug the adapter into the Newton InterConnect port).

Note: If you're using a MessagePad 2000, be sure to connect the cable to the serial adapter first and then connect the adapter to your MessagePad 2000—otherwise, your MessagePad may not establish a connection properly.

If you're using an eMate 300, you can plug the LocalTalk cable into either the Newton InterConnect port or the serial port.

- 4** Turn on your computer and choose the Chooser from the Apple () menu.

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