Letter from the Editor
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They say that all good things must eventually come to an end. I say that all good things must eventually evolve into better things. And so it is with the Newton Technology Journal. Like everything and everyone at Apple Computer, we are in the process of evaluating programs, projects, and organizations and designing them to be better, more efficient and above all else, significant in contributing to the success of Apple's key technologies and partners. This is great news for Apple's developer community and the projects, programs and publications that feed the success of this community. It is especially good news for Newton developers, who are finding renewed committment and excitment around the Newton platform as a technology critical to Apple's future success. It is as we have always known it should be.

So, in the vein of making good things better, the Newton Systems Group is dedicating more resources to developer information, education, and support. Along with this comes new people with fresh ideas about improvement and expansion. While we continually receive feedback that the Newton Technical Journal is a valuable piece of your developer support portfolio, we are looking to improve it and grow it into a publication that serves your specific needs. With this goal in mind, it is with great excitement and expectation for such continued growth that I pass the editorial reigns over to a new managing editor, who will bring to the publication fresh ideas, new enthusiasm and a close tie to Newton training and educational programs. All these things combined will undoubetdly result in a better, more efficient suite of developer education products, including an expanded NTJ. So, without further ado, let me welcome Jennifer Dunvan as the Managing Editor of the Newton Technology Journal.

Wow, what an introduction! It will no doubt be an enormous challenge to continue the tradition of service and technical excellence that Lee has established with the production of the Newton Technical Journal. So with both enthusiasm and trepidation I accept the challenge of managing and growing the Newton Technical Journal to be an outstanding informational and technical reference for Newton developers.

As for me, I have spent the past year in the Newton Systems Group managing Newton developer training. My current major projects are the development of an online communication course (excerpts of which are included in this issue), the conversion of the Newton Essentials Course to a self-paced online version, and the preparation of new technologies training. Prior to joining the Newton Systems Group, I was at Borland International as an engineering manager in the C++ developer support group. I am committed to providing Newton developers all the information they need to write great applications, whether it be in the form of training, technical journals, documentation, online information, or support.

I'd like to start by inviting you, the Newton developer, to communicate your ideas, interests, and requests via email. Several months before each issue of Newton Technical Journal is published, a core team of representatives from DTS, engineering, marketing, solutions relations, and training meet and discuss possible topics in to include in the next issue. I'd like to see strong representation from the actual developer community to determine what goes into this journal, so please let me know what you want to see. What areas of Newton programming need more in-depth coverage? In what technologies (old and new) would you like to see advanced articles? Do you need more information regarding our marketing strategies? Also, if you are interested in having your own technical article published in this journal, I encourage you to contact me.

In this issue, we go in-depth describing DILs issues, some advanced NewtonScript techniques , an introduction to a successful university setting for developer training, and a preview of upcoming developer online training.

As you are probably well aware, there are many changes occuring in the Newton Systems Group. The dust is still settling, so included in the next issue of the Newton Technical Journal will be an article outlining Newton's position within Apple's new Information Appliance Products division, and what part we will play in the company's overall strategy.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge Lee Dorsey for the major contribution she has made to the Newton developer community as the founder of the Newton Technica l Journal. I will do my best to further her vision of supporting Newton developers in creating new possibilities for the

Newton platform to thrive everywhere, and making the difference
for people we know Newton can make.

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