

There are several sources of information on the Newton Platform APIs and how to use them. Although the Newton Programmers Guide is the first source, it is not necessarily the most complete or up to date. There are a number of additional places you can search for information on the Newton Platform APIs.

Below is a list of where to look. The order of items is also a rough order of searching, i.e., check the NPG, then the OS 2.1 documentation, then the Q&A's, and so on. The only information not on this CD is the latest issue of Newton Technology Journal. (DV = DocViewer (Mac OS only), QV = QuickView (Mac OS only), WH = Windows Help (Windows only), pdf = Acrobat, html = web browser)

Newton Programmers Guide 2.0 & Newton Programmers Reference 2.0 (NP_GUIDE.PDF & NP_REF)

This is the primary source of information. Start here when searching. All the other sources of documentation supplement this guide.
(DV, pdf, QV, WH)

Newton Programmers Guide 2.1 (NPG_2_1.PDF)

This is a supplement to the Newton Programmers Guide/Reference. It is the main source for the new APIs in Newton OS 2.1. Like NPG, this is a primary source of information.
(pdf, html, QV)

Q&A's (Q_AND_AS)

New and updated information on APIs and extra explanation. This is one of the best sources of information apart from the Newton Programmers Guide.
(pdf, html, QV)

NewtonScript Reference (NS_REF.PDF)

This is the primary reference for the NewtonScript language and related support functions.
(DV, pdf)

Platform File Functions (PLATFUNC)

This contains documentation on APIs that are included as part of the Platform File. The APIs are either new APIs or replacements for ones already in the ROM. The file is on this CD (look in the Tools directory at the top level).
(pdf)

Sample Code (SAMPCODE)

In addition to showing you how to use particular features, some pieces of sample code contain interim documentation.

NTK 1.6 User's Guide (WINNTK16.PDF)

In addition to documenting Newton Toolkit, this guide also contains valuable information on both debugging your application and performance tuning. (pdf)

Platform File Release Notes (NOTES.TXT)

This also comes with each release of the Platform File. In addition to a listing of the new features specific to the current release, it can contain additional information such as new prototypes.
(text)

Newton Technology Journal (NTJ)

This is a good source of in-depth information on specific areas of the system. Occasionally, articles will document APIs before they appear in regular documentation.
(pdf)

User Interface Guidelines (UL_GUIDE.PDF)

This book explains the whys and hows of the Newton 2.0 interface in general terms and in specific details. Although this document does not contain APIs, it is a must read for people designing the user interface for Newton Device applications.
(pdf)

Newton OS 2.1 Keyboard UI (KEYBDUI.PDF)

This document is an extension to the User Interface Guidelines. It covers designing your application to take advantage of the new Newton OS 2.1 keyboard API. It is also a must read for people designing user interface for Newton Device applications.
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