Start Fast

Decreased Reset Time for the Newton

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1 Welcome and Registration

1.1 About Start Fast

Start Fast is an application that decreases the amount of time that it takes your Newton to load after a reset. It does this by making it easy to freeze packages that you do not use often, and by letting you delay loading programs that you don't use immediately. If you take the time to set up Start Fast correctly, you can expect to reduce your Newton's reset time by 10 seconds.

Included in this archive are the following packages:

- StartFast.pkg
  This is the software package that you need to install on your Newton

- StartFast.pdf
  This is the users' manual for Start Fast. You are reading it right now.

- StartFast.txt
  This is a text only format of the users' manual. If at all possible, use the pdf version of the manual as it has layout and graphics that cannot be included in the text version. The pdf version of the manual is viewed using Adobe® Acrobat Reader®. This can be obtained free of charge at www.adobe.com.

- SAStuff.txt
  A list of all of the software available from Stand Alone Inc.

- SA reg.pkg
  If there isn't a registration option under the ⓘ button, install this package to register your software.

1.2 System Requirements

Start Fast requires Newton OS 2.0 or 2.1, and a Message Pad 120, Message Pad 130, Message Pad 2000, Message Pad 2100, or eMate.

1.3 Registering Start Fast

The Start Fast Demo will work for a 30 day trial period. At the end of the 30 Days, it will stop working. To avert this tragedy, you will need to get in touch with Stand Alone to register your software. You can register with us by several

different methods.

You will need to include the following information, no matter how you choose to register. Most importantly, you need to include your name EXACTLY as it is entered in your Newton, including spaces. We use this to generate your password, so it must be precise. You will need to specify which programs you wish to register, and include payment for each of them. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and American Express. If you are using normal mail, you can send us a check as well. Make sure to include your card number, the expiration date, and what type of card you are using. You also need to give us a way to get in touch with you. Email is the preferred way, followed by your address and phone number. An Email address is not strictly necessary, but it will result in much faster service.

For instant gratification, register by phone, and pay using Visa or Mastercard. To do so, call (773) 477-2492 and we will give you a password right over the phone.

Alternatively, you can send us a check to the address below.

You can also Email us one of several ways. The application has a Register section under the button. Tap on that to open up a registration slip. If you fill out that slip, and have an Email client on your Newton, it will automatically Email us and we will send you a registration code. You could also just Email us the relevant information from your Newton or a desktop machine, and we'll send you a code. If you are registering through Compuserve, use, GO SWREG.

Once you register, you will receive a password from us. You can install this password one of two ways. There is an option to Enter Password under the menu. Tap on it to bring up a screen that has a space to enter the password. Alternatively, just install the SA Register package enclosed in the Start Fast archive. Select "Start Fast" from the pop-up menu at the top, and enter the password. You should get a message confirming the password. Afterwards, you may remove the SAS Register application from you Newton.

1.4 Contacting Stand Alone Inc.

There are several ways to get in touch with us here at Stand Alone, Inc. Email is the preferred form of communication, but whatever works for you is fine. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or compliments, please don't hesitate to contact us through any of the methods listed below.

1.4.1 Business Hours

Stand Alone is open from 9 AM to 8 PM Monday to Friday, and 10 AM to 4 PM Saturday. We are closed on Sunday. These times are CST and GMT -5.

1.4.2 Email

internet:	info@standalone.com
AOL:	Std Alone
CompuServe:	76342,3057

1.4.3 Phone

Voice:	(773) 477-2492
Fax:	(773) 477-2579

1.4.4 Regular Mail

Stand Alone
3171 N. Hudson, Suite 1
Chicago, IL, 60657, USA

1.4.5 World Wide Web

http://www.standalone.com

1.5 Reporting Bugs

If you find a bug in our software, it would be helpful if you reported the bug to us. To report a bug, please Email us with Bug Report Request in the subject line. In the Email, include the following information:

- What type of Newton you are using (i.e. MP 2000)
- The version number of the system software (i.e. Newton OS 2.1)
- The software name and version number (i.e. Start Fast 1.03)
- The error number
- A brief description of how we can recreate the error
- Your name and Email address so we can contact you when the bug is fixed

When reporting bugs, it is best to Email us, rather than calling, so that the programers have a written record of the information they need to solve the problem. As soon as we receive your Email, the programer will examine the problem, and fix it.. Because our programers are busy creating software, it can take a while for them to reply, but they will release a new version of the software that fixes the bug as soon as they can.

1.6 Version History

Version	Date	Notes
1.0	April 5, 1998	First public release

2 Installation

The first thing that you need to do to get your software up and running is to install it on your Newton. To do this, you need to have Newton Backup Utility, or Newton Connection Utilites, set up to talk to your Newton. If you have problems with this part of the installation, pleast contact consult the documentation that came with your Newton. Once Newton Backup Utility is set up, just follow the steps listed below to for each of the packages you wish to install.

1. Open the Newton Backup Utility , or Newton Connection Utilties on your Desktop machine.

2. On your Newton, go to the Extras Drawer and tap the Connection icon .

3. Once the Newton Backup Utility has loaded on your desktop machine, make sure your cables are connected and tap the **Connect** button on your Newton.

4. For each of the packages you wish to install, do the following:

   • Tap the Install Package button in the Newton Backup Utility

   • Go to the folder where your packages are, and select the desired package.

   • Click on the “Install” button

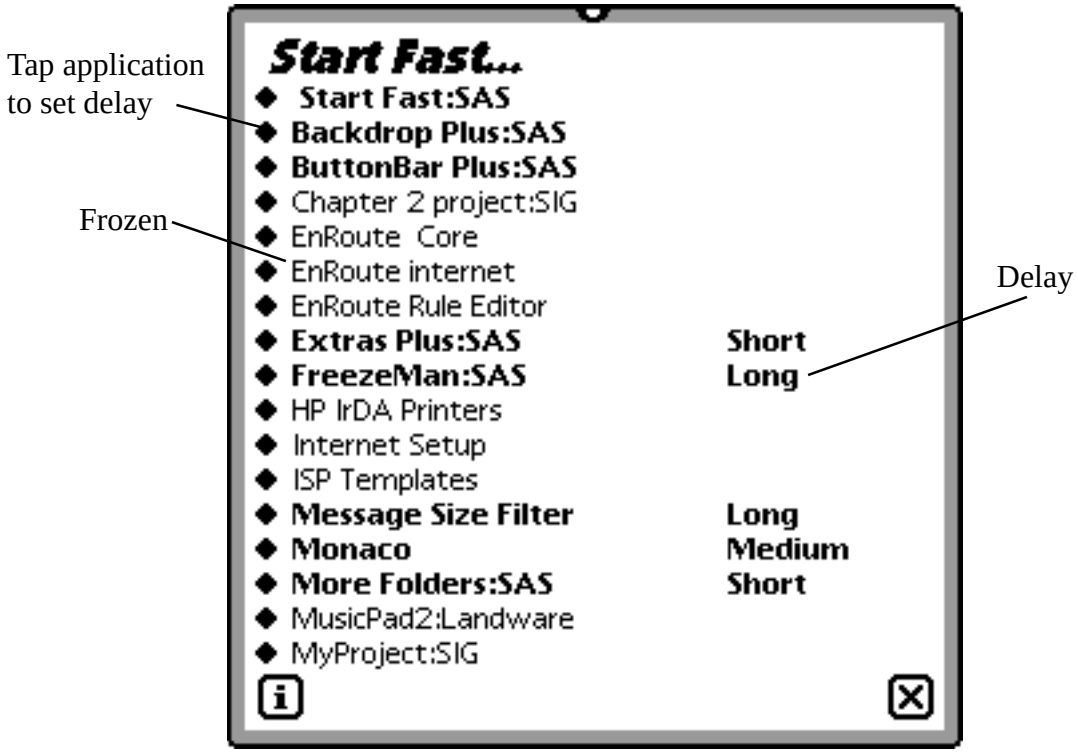
3 Using Start Fast

3.1 Opening Start Fast

The first thing to do when using Start Fast is to make sure that it is installed on the internal memory, rather than on any cards that you may have. Once it is installed correctly, tap on the Start Fast icon to open the program.

3.2 Setting up Your Newton with Start Fast

When Start Fast is opened, a screen appears with a list of all of the programs installed on your Newton.

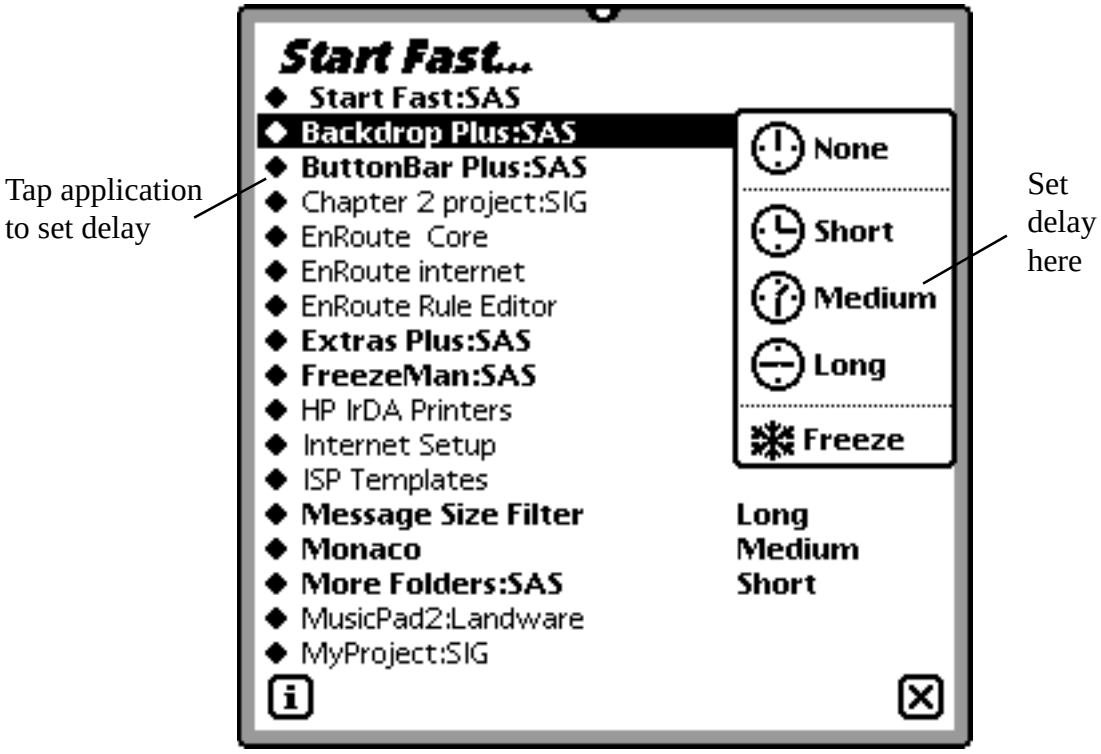


The order of the list is also the order that programs load on your Newton. If you have installed Start Fast on your internal memory, it should be one of the first application on the list. Start Fast does not effect any program listed before it. Generally, any program that loads before Start Fast (provided that Start Fast is installed internally) is one that was designed to be one of the first applications to load.

The screen also shows the delays that are set with each program. If a program has no delay shown, then it is set to load instantly. If a program is not in bold text, then it is frozen.

3.3 Setting Delays

Each program in Start Fast's list has a picker next to it containing a list of delays that can be set for the program. The each program can be set to load instantly, wait up to 60 seconds, or be frozen and loaded manually. Using the list, go through all of your programs, and set the delay depending on how often you use them. To scroll through the list of applications, use the up and down arrows found in the Button Bar. If a program is frozen, the only option available is to thaw it.



3.3.1 None

For programs that you need to use instantly, set the delay to None. This way, they will load instantly when the Newton it restarted.

3.3.2 Short

The Short delay will load the program in the first 20 seconds after the Newton is reset. Use this setting for programs you use often, but not immediately.

3.3.3 Medium

A program with a Medium delay loads between 20 and 40 seconds after the reset. Use this settings for programs that you don't need right after a restart.

3.3.4 Long

The Long delay loads a program between 40 and 60 seconds after a reset. Use this setting for programs that you don't use often, but do not want to keep frozen.

3.3.5 Freeze

A frozen program does not load until you manually thaw it through Start Fast, or the Extras Drawer. Use this setting for programs that you rarely use.

3.4 Faster Resets

By staggering the loading time of your programs, your Newton will restart faster, because it doesn't have to load all of the programs before you can use it. The only disadvantage is that you cannot use programs that are waiting to load.