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# **nntPocket**

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## Introduction

nntPocket is the premier newsgroup reader for the Palm OS!

Some of the highlights of nntPocket:

- One handed navigation on Treo handheld devices
- 5 way navigation on devices with the 5 way button
- Full screen support on the T3, T5 and TX.
- Store messages on your memory card
- View messages by thread
- Search messages using the Palm OS Global Find feature
- Automatically purge old messages
- Mark threads of interest (watch)
- Color coding for new messages, threads and threads with new messages.
- Newsgroup authentication

## System Requirements

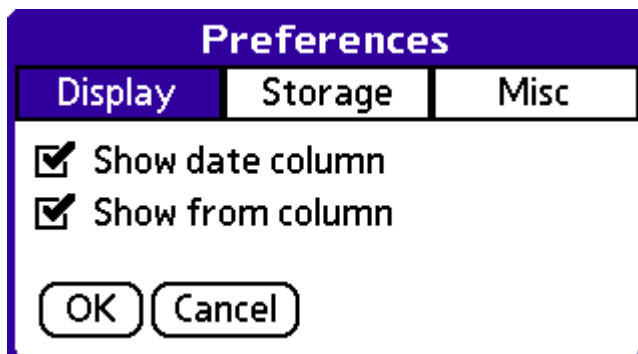
nntPocket requires a Palm OS compatible device running Palm OS 4.1 or higher with network connectivity. OS 4.1 or higher with network connectivity. Network connectivity can be Wireless, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or tethered. nntPocket only support network connections to newsgroups, there is no support for sending and receiving newsgroup messages via HotSync.

## Technical Support

For technical support or to download the latest version of nntPocket please visit [www.kabsoftware.com/nntpocket.htm](http://www.kabsoftware.com/nntpocket.htm).

## Setting Your Preferences

Tap the **Menu** and select **Options->Preferences** to open the Preferences screen.

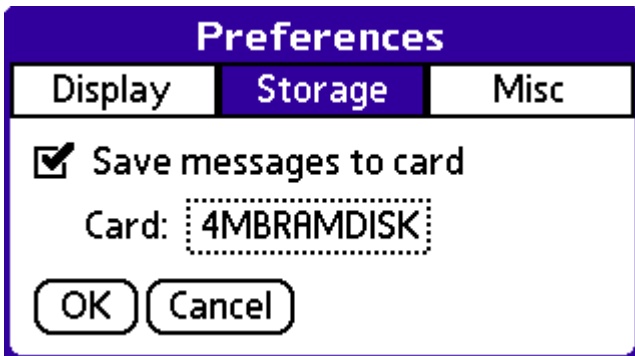


### Show date column

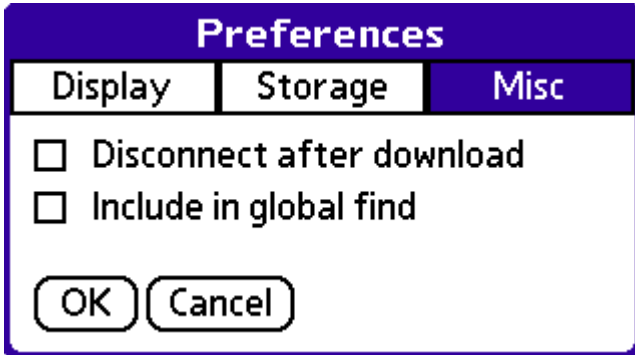
Use this option to display or hide the *Date* column in the message list.

**Show from column**

Use this option to display or hide the *From* column in the message list.

**Save message to card**

Enable this option if you want to save the newsgroup messages to a memory card. nntPocket will still maintain an message index database in main memory but header and body of each message will be saved to the card.

**Disconnect after download**

Enable this option to have nntPocket automatically disconnect from the network after sending or receiving messages.

**Include in global find**

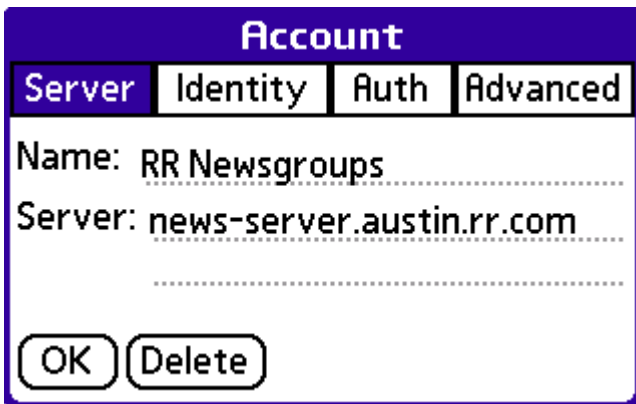
Enable this option to have the newsgroup messages included when use the Global Find feature in your device. Note: Searching messages can be time consuming, especially if you have a large number of messages saved on your memory card.

## Setting Up a Server Account

1. Tap the **Menu** and select **Account->Edit Accounts** to view the account list.



2. Tap the **New** button to create a new account.



**Name**

Enter a descriptive name for the account.

**Server**

The hostname or IP address of the server.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Account" with a purple header. Below the header is a tabbed interface with four tabs: "Server", "Identity", "Auth", and "Advanced". The "Identity" tab is selected. The form contains the following fields and buttons:

- From:** John Smith
- Email:** jsmith@yourcompany.com
- Signature:** A button labeled "Signature".
- Buttons:** "OK" and "Delete".

**From**

Enter your name as you want it to appear when posting a new message or reply.

**Email**

Enter your email address to be used when posting a new message or reply.

**Signature**

Tap the signature button to enter the text to be appended to the end of each message or reply you send.

The screenshot shows the same "Account" dialog box, but with the "Auth" tab selected. The form contains the following fields and buttons:

- Login:** A text input field.
- Password:** A button labeled "<Assigned>".
- Buttons:** "OK" and "Delete".

**Login**

Enter the login if the account requires you to authenticate with the server.

**Password**

Tap the password button to enter the password.

The screenshot shows the "Account" dialog box with the "Advanced" tab selected. The form contains the following fields and buttons:

- Port:** 119
- Timeout:** 5000 ms
- Buttons:** "OK" and "Delete".

**Port**

The default is 119, only change this if you are instructed to do so by the Newsgroup server administrator.

#### Timeout

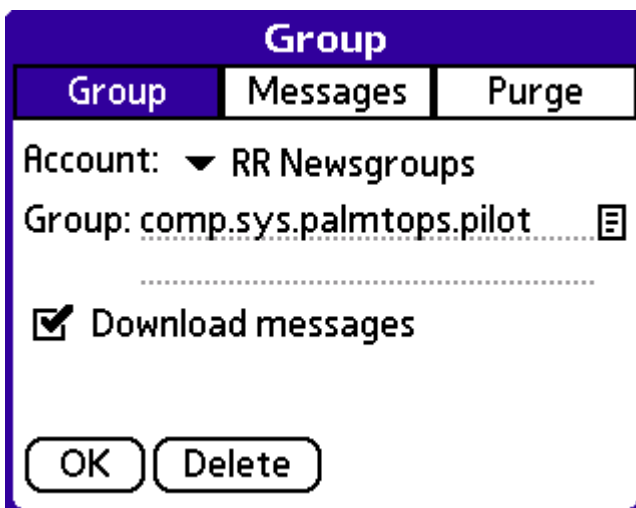
This is the amount of time in milliseconds that nntPocket should wait for a server to respond before giving up.

## Setting Up a Newsgroup

1. Tap the **Menu** and select **Account->Edit Groups** to open the group list.




2. Tap the **New** button to add a newsgroup.



#### Account

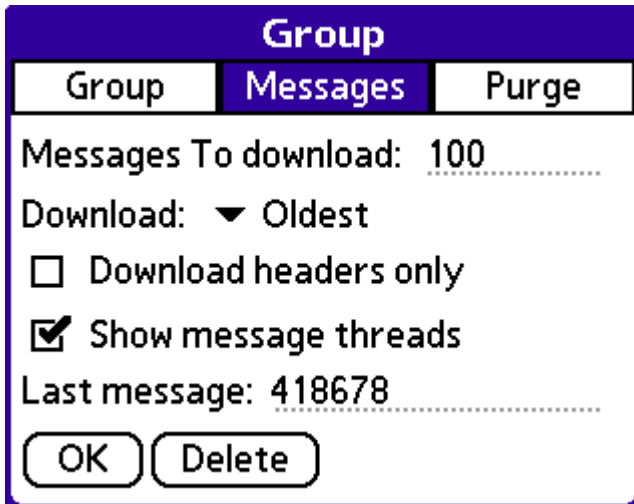
Tap the popup list to select the account where this newsgroup is hosted.

#### Group

Tap the document button  to view a list of groups available for the account, or manually enter the group name.

### Download messages

Enable this option to have nntPocket download messages from this newsgroup when you tap the Send/Receive button.



Group	Messages	Purge
Messages To download: 100		
Download: ▼ Oldest		
<input type="checkbox"/> Download headers only		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show message threads		
Last message: 418678		
OK Delete		

### Messages to download

Enter the maximum number of new messages nntPocket should download at any one time.

### Download <select>

Tap the popup list to select whether to download the newest or oldest messages. For example, if you choose to download the Newest messages and have 'Messages to download' set to 10 nntPocket will download the 10 newest messages.

### Download headers only

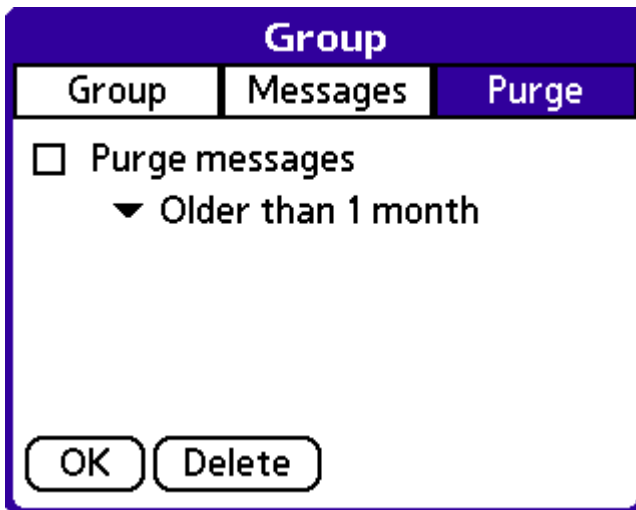
Enable this option to have nntPocket retrieve only the message headers when downloading messages rather than both the header and message body. When you view a message that only has a header nntPocket will automatically download the message body. This option is useful for newsgroups where you tend to view only a few of the posted messages.

### Show message threads

Enable this option to have nntPocket maintain a list of message threads. Normally you would want this enabled.

### Last message

This is the last message number that was downloaded. Normally you would not change this unless you want nntPocket to redownload purged messages.

**Purge messages**

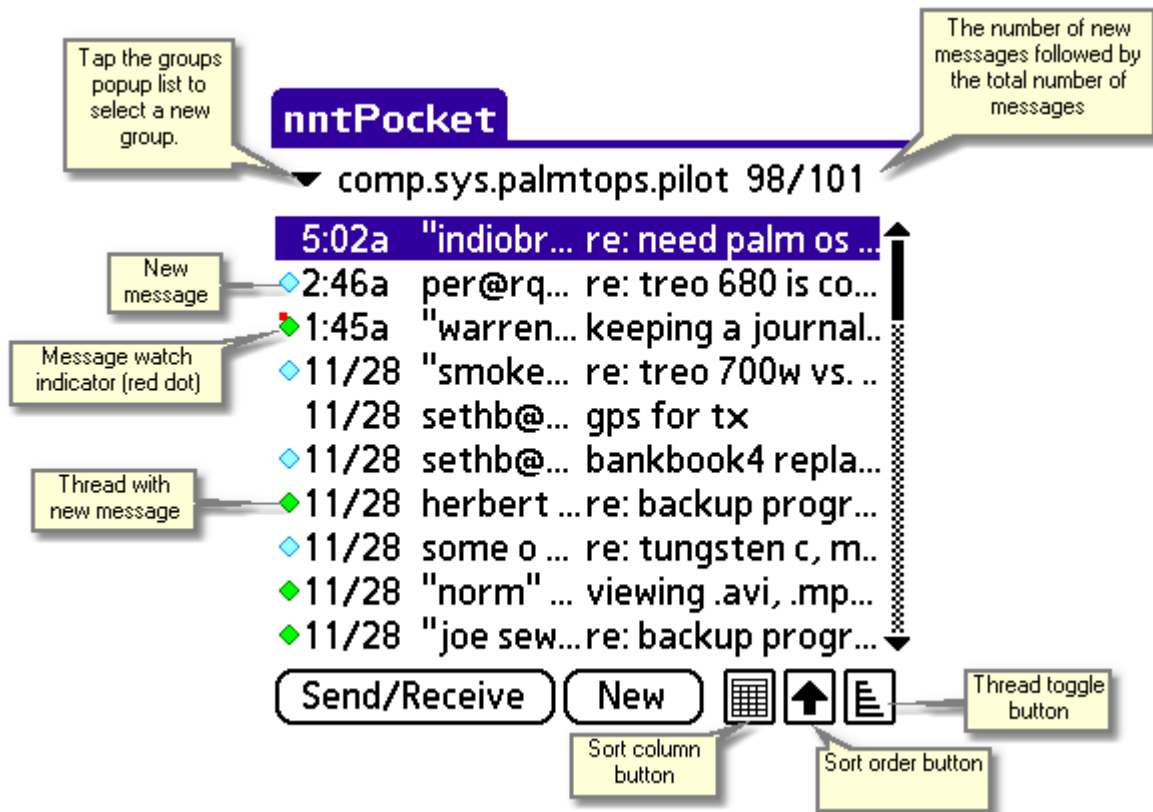
Enable this to have nntPocket automatically remove old messages from this group as it downloads new messages. Note: When messages are automatically purged a complete reindexing of the message threads is performed, depending on how many messages you keep this may be time consuming.

## Downloading Newsgroup Messages

Tapping the **Send/Receive** button or tapping the **Menu** and selecting **Account->Download All Groups** will cause nntPocket to download new messages from all groups that have the *Download messages* option enabled.

To download new messages only for the current newsgroup tap the **Menu** and select **Account->Download Group**.

## Viewing Newsgroups



Tap the popup list at the top of the screen to select the newsgroup to view. The number of new messages and total number of messages are displayed to the right of the newsgroup name.

The message list shows the status of the message, the date (or time if the message is less than 24 hours old), the sender and the subject.

The status can be:

Blue diamond – New message

Green diamond (filled) – Thread with new messages

Green diamond (outline) – Thread

Red dot – Thread is being watched

Tap a message to view the message or the thread. If you tap a thread a list of only those messages in the thread are displayed. To go back to the main message list tap the back arrow at the top of the list.

To find the next unread message tap the **Menu** and select **Message->Find Unread**. The search is performed from the currently selected message.

Once you view a message the new message indicator (blue or green filled diamond) will no longer be displayed.

You can mark a message as read (not new) while in the list by tapping the **Menu** and selecting **Message->Mark Read**.

You can mark the entire newsgroup as read by tapping the **Menu** and selecting **Message->Mark Group Read**.

## Sorting Messages

Tapping the sort order button (↑) or tapping the **Menu** and selecting **Message->Toggle Sort** will switch the order the messages sorted.

Tapping the sort column button (☰/☒/5ubj) or tapping the **Menu** and selecting **Message->Sort Column** will rotate the column used for sorting between the date, sender and subject.

## Message Threads

A thread is a group of messages that a parent (initial) message and any messages that are replies to the parent message or replies to replies to the parent message.

You can quickly toggle between viewing threads and viewing all messages by tapping the thread button (⌘) on the lower right corner of the screen or tapping the **Menu** and selecting **Message->Toggle Threads**.

When threads are turned on you will see fewer messages in the list as any messages that are replies to other messages are not shown\*. Threads (messages with replies) are indicated by a green diamond (◊ or ◆). Tapping a thread message will display a list of the parent message and all replies. To go back to the main message list click the back arrow (←).

\*If replies to a message have been downloaded but the parent message was not downloaded or was purged you may see multiple threads with the same subject.

## Watching Messages and Threads

The watch feature makes it easy to flag messages or threads of interest so you can quickly find them later. To mark a message or thread to be watched highlight the message, tap the **Menu** and select **Message->Watch**. Watched messages are indicated by a red dot in the upper left corner of the message status (◊). If a message is part of a thread all messages in the thread are marked with the watch indicator. To watch a message that you are currently viewing tap the **Menu** and select **Watch**.

To find the next watched message or thread tap the **Menu** and select **Message->Find Watched**. The search is performed from the currently selected message.

## Viewing Messages

When you view a message the sender, date and subject are displayed. You can move through each message in the newsgroup by tapping the left and right arrow buttons. If you are viewing a message in a thread you will only see message in the thread when tapping the arrow buttons.

## Replying to a Message

To reply to a message tap the Reply button. The original message will be quoted in the new message.

## Sending a New Message

To post a new message to a newsgroup, make sure you are viewing the newsgroup list and tap the **New** button.

The newsgroup you are sending to is displayed in the To field, you cannot change this.

Tap the **Send** button to immediately send the new message to the newsgroup.

Tap the **Outbox** button to save the message to the outbox where it will be sent the next time you tap the **Send/Receive** button.

## Spell Checking a Message

nntPocket supports the LexSpell spell checking add-on for Palm devices. If LexSpell is installed on your device a checkmark button will appear on the composition screen. Tapping the button will launch the spell checker.

For more information about LexSpell visit <http://www.beiks.com>

## Updating the Thread Index

Occasionally the thread index may become out of sync. If this happens you may see threads without thread indicators or indicators where there is no thread. When this happens running the **Update Group Threads** function from the **Message** menu will resolve the problem.

## Purging Messages

As time goes on you will accumulate a large number of messages. By purging (removing) old messages you not only reclaim storage space on your device or memory card but you also speed up the program. Messages can be purged manually or automatically.

### Automatic Purging

You can enable automatic purging under the **Purge** tab in the **Group** settings. When automatic purging is enabled, old messages will be removed during the send/receive function.

### Manual Purging

To manually purge a newsgroup tap the **Menu** and select **Message->Purge Group**.

## Network Log

When nntPocket communicates with a newsgroup server it writes to the log. The log can be helpful if you are having trouble connecting to a server, downloading messages or sending messages. To view the log

tap the **Menu** and select **Options->View Log**. The log file will contain the details of the most recent session.

## One Handed Navigation

nntPocket supports one handed navigation on devices such as the Treo 650 and 700. With one handed navigation you can use the up, down, left and right buttons to move through each of the controls on the screen. Pressing the center button activates the control. In addition to navigation, nntPocket supports the following commands using single key presses.

While viewing the message list:

<b>Key</b>	<b>Action</b>
n	Next newsgroup
b	Previous newsgroup
p	Purge current group
u	Update current group threads
t	Toggle thread view
s	Toggle sort order
f	Find next unread message or thread
q	Find next watched message or thread
r	Mark selected message as read
m	Mark current group as read
a	Edit accounts
e	Edit groups
z	Send/recieve current group
d	Send/receive all groups
o	Preferences
l	View network log
w	Mark/unmark selected message as watched

## 5 Way Navigation

nntPocket supports the 5 way navigation button available on some Palm devices, such as the Tungsten T models. The 5 way navigation lets you move through much of the program without having to use the stylus.

While viewing the message list:

Up	Moves up one line
Down	Moves down one line
Left	Opens the group popup list
Right	Toggles the thread view
Center	Opens the selected message or thread

While viewing a message:

Up	Scroll up
Down	Scroll down
Right	Next message
Left	Previous message
Center	Close and go back to the list