
HOW THE DOCS ARE ORGANIZED

Documentation for YA-NewsWatcher consists of a number of different files organized into several folders.

The "Mini Manuals" folder contains Microsoft Word version 5.1 illustrated documents that describe various special features of YA-NewsWatcher, organized by topic.

The "Misc" folder contains information on converting older version filter files, a technical description of regular expressions used in filters, and the revision history of YA-NewsWatcher indicating what changes, improvements, and fixes have been made since YA-NewsWatcher was first released.

"Non-English Docs" contains files explaining how to use YA-NewsWatcher in non-English language newsgroups.

"Remailer Docs" features a collection of html files that provide information on anonymous remailers.

The file "YA-NW Readme" provides a general overview of the program, how it differs from original NewsWatcher, and also describes those features that don't fit into one of the manuals in the "Mini Manuals" folder.

UPGRADING FROM VA-NW OR OLDER YA-NW VERSIONS

If you're upgrading from versions 2.0.3 or earlier of YA-NewsWatcher, or from any version of VA-NewsWatcher, you need to read the file "Converting Old Filters" now. You also need to read this file if you created user group list specific filter files in versions of YA-NewsWatcher prior to 2.2.0b10. This document contains important information on converting your filters files. Failure to read this and the other user documents CAREFULLY and THOROUGHLY will result in undue suffering on your part.

If you're new to NewsWatcher or YA-NewsWatcher, you should spend the time to carefully read the excellent manual for original NewsWatcher by John Norstad, and the accompanying subject-oriented YA-NewsWatcher mini-manuals.

If you've used YA-NewsWatcher before, and have already read the user docs, I suggest you look at the "YA-NW Revision History" document to see what has changed since your current version of YA-NewsWatcher, then read the appropriate subject-oriented YA-NewsWatcher mini-manuals for more information on the new or changed features, as well as "YA-NW Readme" for those topics that aren't covered by the other mini-manuals.