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TOPIC -----

This article describes the features of the Chinese Language Kit, and gives the technical specifications.

DISCUSSION -----

Solutions

- Create documents and presentations in both Chinese and English, or Chinese and other languages supported by your system.
- Produce promotional materials, foreign-language textbooks, bilingual educational materials, and more.
- Insert Chinese text into letters, presentations, spreadsheets, and other documents.
- Boost language learning by using interactive practice drills and other learning tools.

Ease of Use

- Fast, simple installation.
- Enables you to easily create, edit, and print Chinese.
- Comes with an input guide which includes instructions in Chinese and English.

Compatibility

- Runs applications that have been localized, including WordPerfect or Nisus, or localized applications such as ClarisWorks Chinese, and TurboWriter.
- Recommended for all QuickDraw printers; also works with Postscript-compatible printers.

Flexibility

- Comes with TrueType fonts: LiSung for traditional and Song for simplified.
- Provides four additional fonts on the compact disk.
- Allows you to use simplified Chinese characters, traditional characters, or both.
- Provides a choice of input methods: Pinyin, Zhuyin, Cangjie, and others.

The Apple Chinese Language Kit contains everything you need to easily add Chinese text in your letters, presentations and reports.

Whether you're a desktop publisher or business professional, you can use the Language Kit to develop Chinese-language materials such as brochures, posters, business cards, presentations, and restaurant menus. Students and teachers can use it to run interactive Chinese-language programs and produce compelling term papers in Chinese. Although the Chinese Language Kit does not translate text, it does let you easily input, edit, and print in Chinese.

The Chinese Language Kit works as an extension to System 7.1 (or higher) and allows you to run Chinese applications. Because the Language Kit uses the operating system you already have, there's no need to store an additional system on your hard disk. The Chinese Language Kit also contains simplified and traditional characters, as well as a wide choice of input methods.

Many major software programs have a version that has been localized for use in Chinese-speaking countries. All you need to run them is the Chinese Language Kit and System 7.1 (or higher). You can even use non-localized programs, such as Nisus 3.4, that take advantage of WorldScript. WorldScript, introduced with System 7.1, simplifies the way in which a single operating system can support multiple languages.

The Chinese Language Kit comes with several TrueType fonts, which produce high-quality output from any Macintosh-compatible printer. Documentation is provided in both Chinese and English, making the Language Kit easy to use, whether you're a native speaker or just learning Chinese.

Technical Specifications

- Compatible applications

You can use the Chinese Language Kit with a variety of Chinese-localized applications. They include:

Canvas 3.5 Chinese, from Deneba
ClarisWorks 1.0 Chinese (Simplified) from Claris
ClarisWorks 1.0 Chinese (Traditional) from Claris
FileMaker Pro 1.0 Chinese (Traditional) from Claris
Imprint 1.35 Chinese, from Ivy Systems
Lotus 1-2-3 1.0 Chinese (Simplified) from Lotus
Lotus 1-2-3 1.0 Chinese (Traditional) from Lotus
NewsMaker Chinese, from Compose
Nisus 3.50 Chinese (Simplified) from Nisus
Nisus 3.50 Chinese (Traditional) from Nisus
PageMaker 3.0 Chinese (Simplified) from Aldus

PageMaker 3.5 Chinese (Traditional) from Aldus
TurboWriter 2.0.5 Chinese (Traditional) from Transpac
WordPerfect 2.2 Chinese (Simplified) from WordPerfect

- You can use the Chinese Language Kit with many non-localized programs that employ Apple WorldScript software technology.

These programs include:

AllPage 1.82, from MicroMacro
AllScript 1.81, from MicroMacro
FreeHand 3.1 Asian, from Aldus
Imprint 3.5, from Ivy Systems
In Control 2.0, from Attain
Nisus 3.482, from Nisus
Persuasion 2.1 Asian, from Aldus
Sindex 2.0, from WinSoft
StatView 4.01, from Abacus Concepts
WinFile 1.7, from WinSoft
WinText 2.7.1, from WinSoft
WinView 1.7, from WinSoft
WordPerfect 2.1.4, from WordPerfect

Note:

Apple has tested only a limited number of applications; these lists aren't intended to be comprehensive. Many non-localized applications that don't employ WorldScript software technology may provide limited functionality and allow input of Chinese characters.

The Tech Info Library article titled "Locating Vendor Information" can help you search for a particular vendor's address and phone number.

Supported Fonts

The Chinese Language Kit contains several fonts, some automatically installed and some manually installed.

These CD-ROM based fonts are automatically installed with Traditional Chinese:

- Taipei (Bitmap font)
- Apple LiSung Light (TrueType font)

These CD-ROM based fonts are automatically installed with Simplified Chinese:

- Beijing (Bitmap font)
- Song (TrueType font)

These CD-ROM based fonts can be manually installed by putting them in your Fonts folder (found inside your System Folder):

- Apple LiGothic Medium (TrueType font for Traditional Chinese)
- Fang Song (TrueType font for Simplified Chinese)

- Hei (TrueType font for Simplified Chinese)
- Kai (TrueType font for Simplified Chinese)

Printers supported

Recommended: QuickDraw printers, including the Apple StyleWriter line, the Apple Personal LaserWriter, and the ImageWriter line. PostScript-compatible printers, including Personal LaserWriter NTR printers and other LaserWriter printers. (Although PostScript printers can produce Chinese, performance may vary.)

System requirements

- Apple Macintosh computer with at least 4 MB of RAM (5 MB recommended for multiple applications)
- Hard disk with at least 10 MB of space available (17 MB for both Simplified and Traditional Characters)
- Apple SuperDrive floppy disk drive
- Apple Macintosh System 7.1 or later (Updater required for System 7.5)
- An application that is Chinese-localized or that uses WorldScript software technology
- CD-ROM drive to use additional Chinese fonts

Kit Components

The Chinese Language Kit includes:

- Chinese Language Kit on thirteen 1.4 MB floppy disks
- WorldScript II system extension
- Chinese Language Kit Installation and User's Guide
- Macintosh Chinese Input Method Guide (simplified)
- Macintosh Chinese Input Method Guide (traditional)
- CD-ROM with additional fonts

Ordering Information

In the USA, order number M2368LL/A

Outside the USA, order number M2368Z/A

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