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TOPIC ---

I just got the Apple Media Tool Kit which contains the application StyleEdit.
When I launch StyleEdit/Macintosh, the cursor continually switches from arrow to
watch, making me wait long periods of time in between actually doing anything. I
allocated a lot of RAM to the application, but that did not fix the problem.
What is wrong?

DISCUSSION --

StyleEdit can be confusing when you first launch it because it opens to a text
window with what looks like text that you can edit. The program appears to be
dead until you can edit the text. You can edit the text, but you cannot just
click on it to select it.

There are three ways you can edit the text:
1) Choose "Text" from the "Edit" menu.
2) Hold down the "Command" key and the "Y" key.
3) Double-click in the text window.

Doing one of these things will bring up a separate text window which you can
edit. (The window looks like at text window you might see in a program like
Adobe Photoshop.)

The reason two separate windows are necessary to edit text and view text is that
the Apple Media Tool does not currently support "rich" styled text. In other
words, you can't mix fonts, point sizes, etc. in the same text field. StyleEdit
uses a text-entry window like Photoshop to force users to confine themselves to
one style at a time. The reason why rich text is not supported that rich text
does not work well in a cross-platform environment.

If you want to utilize rich text and do not care about cross-platform issues,
then you can modify TEXTHANDLER to use TEStylHandles instead of TEHandles and

add some routines to change parts of the text to different styles.

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