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TOPIC ---

The Arabic Language Kit allows users to display, input, edit and print Arabic or
Persian documents on their Mac OS computer. The software is intended for
educators and students, multinational businesses, and bilingual home users.

The following article contains a description of the Arabic Language Kit and
lists its hardware and software requirement specifications.

DISCUSSION --

Overview
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Apple's Arabic Language Kit is the easiest, most affordable way to add Arabic
and Persian text to your documents.

After the simple installation process, you can switch effortlessly between the
computer's main language and Arabic or Persian. The kit lets you enter, edit,
and print Arabic and Persian text, and mix either language with left-to-right
languages in the same document, even in the same sentence. The kit comes with a
selection of keyboard layouts optimized for both native speakers and students,
accompanied by transparent labels for customizing your keyboard.

The Arabic Language Kit can be used with most Mac OS-compatible applications
that support right-to-left text entry (including multilingual applications), or
that have been localized for Arabic or Persian. The kit works with the built-in
multilingual capabilities of the Mac OS, so you can copy and paste or drag and
drop text between applications. And you can work with documents created by
colleagues in the Arab world who use the Arabic or Persian version of the Mac
OS.

The kit includes a selection of Apple TrueType fonts to ensure high-quality
on-screen and printed characters at any size. These fonts incorporate exciting

new typographic features based on Apple's QuickDraw GX technology. Most of the
kit's fonts are also provided in PostScript versions.

The Arabic Language Kit is part of a family of Apple language solutions, which
offer an affordable way to internationalize your Macintosh system. You can
install as many different Apple Language Kits as you need on a single computer.
Apple's other multilingual products include the Chinese Language Kit, the
Chinese Dictation Kit, the Cyrillic Language Kit, the Hebrew Language Kit, the
Japanese Language Kit, and others.

Technical Specifications
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Usage Requirements

• - A Macintosh or PowerBook computer with a 68020 or later processor and 4MB of
RAM
-OR-
  — A Power Macintosh computer with 8MB of RAM
• An Apple SuperDrive floppy disk drive or a CD-ROM drive
• An application that has been localized for the target language or that
supports right-to-left textOrdering Information

System Software Requirements

• Macintosh System 7.1 or later (System 7.5 or later required to take advantage
of QuickDraw GX features)

Included fonts

• Arabic fonts
— AlBayan (TrueType and Postscript)
— Baghdad (TrueType and Postscript)
— Cairo (bitmap)
— Geeza (TrueType and Postscript)
— Kufi (TrueType and Postscript)
— Nadeem (TrueType and Postscript)
— Thuluth (Postscript)
• Persian fonts
— Amir (TrueType and Postscript)
— Ashfahan (TrueType and Postscript)
— Kamran (TrueType and Postscript)
— Mashad (TrueType and Postscript)
— NadeemFarsi (TrueType and Postscript)
— Tehran (bitmap)

Compatible applications

The Arabic Language Kit is based on Apple's WorldScript I technology, and is
compatible with applications that take advantage of WorldScript I. The
applications listed below are multilingual and/or Arabic-localized products that
have been tested with this kit; check with the software publisher for

compatibility information on other applications.

- PageMaker ME from Adobe Systems (distributed by WinSoft S.A.)
- HyperCard from Apple Computer, Inc.
- SimpleText from Apple Computer, Inc.
- ClarisWorks Arabic from Claris Corporation
- FileMaker Arabic from Claris Corporation
- El Nashir El Sahafi from Diwan
- Nisus Writer from Nisus Software Inc.
- WinText from WinSoft S.A.
- WorldWrite from World Software Corporation

Applications that support QuickDraw GX technology
and the Arabic Language Kit include:
- Ready,Set,Go! GX International from Manhattan Graphics Corp.
- LightningDraw GX from Lari Software, Inc.

Features
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Versatile multilingual capabilities

- Switch between languages easily
- Combine different languages in the same document
- Install as many language kits as needed on a single Macintosh system

High-quality fonts

- Seven Arabic fonts and six Persian fonts
- Apple TrueType format for high-quality on-screen and printed characters
- Support for PostScript printers
- QuickDraw GX features for state-of-the-art typography*

* QuickDraw GX font features require System 7.5 or later, QuickDraw GX software,
and a QuickDraw GX compatible application.

Ease of use

- Simple, flexible installation process
- Informative installation and user's guide (in English and French)
- Transparent labels for different keyboard layouts
- Keyboard quick-reference card

Compatibility

- Works with System 7.1 and all subsequent versions of the Mac OS
- Compatible with any localized version of the Mac OS and with other Apple
Language Kits
- Supports QuickDraw GX in System 7.5
- Runs in native mode on Power Macintosh computers

Ordering Information
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Arabic Language Kit
Order No. M4454Z/A
• Five 1.4MB floppy disks and one CD-ROM containing:
— Arabic Language Kit
— Standard Arabic and Persian keyboard layouts
— Transliterated QWERTY and AZERTY keyboard layouts
— SimpleText Arabic, a basic text-processing application
— Demonstration versions of compatible applications and utilities
• Arabic Installation and User's Guide (in English and French)
• Transparent keyboard labels with Arabic and Persian characters

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