

AppleScript: Scriptable Applications (1/95)

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TOPIC -----

Currently there are many software development companies that make their application AppleScript scriptable. This article tells you how to determine if your application is AppleScript aware, and provides a partial list of known AppleScript aware applications.

DISCUSSION -----

Rather than trying to maintain a list of Apple Event-aware applications that would constantly be changing, we recommend using the following procedure to determine whether an application is Apple Event-aware.

Use the Script Editor that comes with the AppleScript software. Choose the Open Dictionary option under the File menu. Only Apple Event-aware applications will appear on the list of applications that AppleScript can open.

You can also call the software manufacturer to ask about Apple Event-aware status.

AppleScript is a system-software-level scripting facility that enables users to integrate the functionality of different applications into a custom solution designed to meet specialized needs.

New vendors announcing support for AppleScript represent a broad range of business and productivity software applications. Here is a partial listing:

ACIUS, Inc. Advanced Software, Inc. After Hours Software Aladdin Systems Aldus Corporation Beyond Incorporated Caere Corporation Cambridge Science Canto Software GmbH CE Software, Inc. Chang Labs Chena Software Claris Corporation Concurrent Engineering Tools, Inc. CTM Development Cypress Research Corporation Deneba Software Ex Machina, Inc. Glen Canyon Communication Software Great Plains Software Heizer Software Imspace Systems Corporation ISIS International IT Makers Linksware Corporation Main Event MapInfo Corporation Microsoft Corporation Milum Software Group MotionWorks Object Factory Quark, Inc. SAS Institute, Inc. Scientific Visions Shana Corporation Simple Software Snow International Softsync/BLOC Publishing Software Ventures Communication Symantec Corporation TGS Systems Top Conseil Informatique UserLand Software Vividus Corporation WordPerfect Corporation Working Software

The AppleScript Scripter's Guide, which lists all scriptable applications, is available by contacting Cunningham Communication, Inc. at AppleLink address: CCI.CALIF.

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