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Cyrillic Language Kit: Description and Specifications (11/95)

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TOPIC -----

The Cyrillic Language Kit allows users to display, input, edit and print documents in Bulgarian, Russian, Ukrainian, Belorussian, Macedonian, Serbian, or any other language based on the Cyrillic writing system 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 Cyrillic Language Kit and lists its hardware and software requirement specifications.

DISCUSSION -----

Overview

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Apple's Cyrillic Language Kit makes it easy to create documents in any Cyrillic-based language.

This affordable, easy-to-install kit lets you switch effortlessly between the computer's main language and Bulgarian, Russian, or Ukrainian. You can also work in Belorussian, Macedonian, Serbian, or any other language based on the Cyrillic writing system. Cyrillic text can be mixed with other languages that your computer supports—including right-to-left and Asian languages—in the same document. 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 Cyrillic Language Kit works with almost any Mac OS-compatible application, including those that have been localized for Bulgarian, Russian, or Ukrainian. Because the kit builds on the inherent multilingual capabilities of the Mac OS, text created in one application can be copied and pasted or dragged and dropped into another application. With the kit, you can work with documents created by colleagues in Eastern Europe who use the Bulgarian, Russian, or Ukrainian version of the Mac OS. You can also display Cyrillic-based World Wide Web servers.

The Cyrillic Language Kit includes a selection of Apple TrueType fonts, which ensure high-quality on-screen and printed characters at any size and feature exciting new QuickDraw GX typographic capabilities. The fonts provided in

TrueType format are also supplied in PostScript versions.

This product 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 also offers the Arabic Language Kit, the Chinese Language Kit, the Chinese Dictation 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

- APC Courier (TrueType and Postscript)
- Bastion (TrueType and Postscript)
- Latinski (TrueType and Postscript)
- Sistemny (bitmap)
- Pryamoy Prop (bitmap)
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Compatible applications

The Cyrillic Language Kit can be used with almost every Macintosh application. However, the best results will be achieved with applications that have been developed specifically to support multiple languages, including:

- HyperCard from Apple Computer, Inc.
- SimpleText from Apple Computer, Inc.
- ClarisWorks from Claris Corporation
- Nisus Writer from Nisus Software Inc.
- WinText from WinSoft S.A.
- WordPerfect from Novell, Inc.
- WorldWrite from World Software Corporation

Applications that support QuickDraw GX technology and the Cyrillic 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

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

High-quality fonts

- Six Cyrillic 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.

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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Cyrillic Language Kit

Order No. M4455Z/A

- Four 1.4MB floppy disks and one CD-ROM containing:
 - Cyrillic Language Kit
 - Standard Bulgarian, Russian, and Ukrainian keyboard layouts
 - Transliterated QWERTY, AZERTY, and QWERTZ keyboard layouts
 - SimpleText Bulgarian, SimpleText Russian, and SimpleText Ukrainian, basic text-processing applications
 - Demonstration versions of compatible applications and utilities
- Cyrillic Installation and User's Guide (in English and French)
- Transparent keyboard labels with Russian, Bulgarian, and Ukrainian characters

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