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System 7.1: Script and Language Availability

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TOPIC -----

This article tells you what languages are currently available with system software sold in various parts of the world.

DISCUSSION -----

The System 7 MultiPack Upgrade Kit contains many European based, localized versions of System 7.1. These languages are: British, Czechoslovakian, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, French-Canadian, German, Italian, International (also known as Z version, which is basically U.S. English with support for other countries such as date and time), Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Swiss-French, Swiss-German, Turkish, U.S. Since these are all Roman scripts, they don't need WorldScript I or II, but they have all the resources including fonts to support those languages. The Roman-based languages don't have a WorldScript piece that you drop into your System Folder, and then have the ability to switch between two languages; rather, they are fully localized versions of the system.

The documentation on the CD states that the 800 number only supports English. As of today, no localized keyboards are available from Apple in the U.S. for other languages.

None of the WorldScript I (Hebrew, Thai, and so on) or WorldScript II languages (Japanese, Chinese, and so on) appear on the MultiPack CD. As such, there's no U.S. upgrade kit to provide the WorldScript I or II extension or any supporting resources for those languages that require them (for example, Arabic, Thai, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and so on).

WorldScript II is sold in Japan and WorldScript I for Hebrew is also being sold. They are equivalent to the PUK in the U.S. There are no multiple CDs being sold in any Pacific countries for 7.1.

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