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## WorldScript: Using with Applications (3/93)

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TOPIC -----

I need some clear documentation on what capabilities WorldScript adds to the operating system and how applications use these new capabilities. I have these specific questions:

- 1) What third parties have announced "WorldScript aware" applications?
- 2) Will HyperCard be "WorldScript aware"?
- 3) Is it possible for an application, say a word processor, to switch on the fly from one language to another? How is the script used for application menu items and dialog boxes selected?

DISCUSSION -----

There is currently no single source for documentation on WorldScript that we're aware of. There are a few articles in the Tech Info Library that provide some depth on WorldScript (search on "WorldScript"). If you want to delve further into understanding international script systems, there are also a couple of good sources for that information:

- Macintosh Worldwide Development: Guide to System Software (available from APDA)
- Inside Macintosh, Volume VI (Worldwide Software Overview chapter)

Here are the answers to your specific questions:

- 1) The only application we're aware of is a product from Nisus Software, Inc. It's a fully WorldScript-aware word processor, and can use multiple scripts at the same time. The name of the application is NISUS.
- 2) HyperCard version 2.1 is System 7.1 compatible, but doesn't support WorldScript. Apple is working on making HyperCard WorldScript-aware.

3) Switching between different "languages" is one of the key features of WorldScript. You do this through a menu in the upper right corner of the screen.

The script for menu items and dialog boxes remains the same as the base system that WorldScript is installed on.

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