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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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