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TOPIC -----

When I try to install English Speech Recognition (ESR) on my Performa 5200 or Performa 6200 series computer, I get an error message stating that "English Speech Recognition requires 16-bit sound input. It cannot be used on this Macintosh."

DISCUSSION -----

First, make sure that your computer supports 16-bit sound input:

Step 1

Choose Control Panels from your Apple menu.

Step 2

Open the Sound control panel.

Step 3

Choose "Sound Out" from the "Alert Sounds" pull down menu. If the 16-bit sound input radio button is grayed out, you only have 8-bit input, and English Speech Recognition will not work.

If 16-bit is not grayed out, make sure there is a dot in the radio button next to it.

Step 4

Use the close box in the upper left corner to close the Sound control panel.

Now you can follow these steps to override the error message and install the ESR software:

Step 1

Restart your Macintosh computer, hold down the shift key on the keyboard until you get the message "Welcome to Macintosh, Extensions Off" screen.

Step 2

Open the ESR 1.4.1 installer either from the floppy disk or the folder you downloaded, ignore the error message you saw before.

Step 3

Select "Custom Install" from the "Easy Install" pull down menu. Make sure the check-box next to "English Speech Recognition Software" has an X in it, then click on the Install button in the bottom right hand side of the window.

Step 4

Restart your Macintosh computer. Plaintalk is ready to use.

Step 5

Under the Apple Menu, choose Control Panels. Click on the button with the question mark on the yellow background to go through an Introduction to Speech Recognition.

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