Congratulations on your purchase of AppleScript!

As computing technology evolves, Apple continues to look for ways to enhance the flexibility of computers to meet individual needs. Toward that end, Apple has expanded the Macintosh graphical user interface to include the powerful and sophisticated scripting system you now hold in your hands. AppleScript technology delivers several key benefits:

- It allows users to tailor applications and desktops to meet their needs more precisely.
- It streamlines and revolutionizes the work of VARs, in-house developers, systems integrators, and consultants.
- It creates exciting new possibilities for commercial developers.

AppleScript gives people the power to shape their *own* computing environments. It delivers on the promise of System 7 Apple event technology by enabling everything from the automation of simple, often-repeated tasks to the integration of several complementary applications into a single, seamless working environment. With AppleScript, the Macintosh is the best and most flexible platform for custom and vertical solutions.

The AppleScript Developer's Toolkit for commercial developers includes the AppleScript runtime software, which lets users run scripts on their own system, and a script editor, which is a simple editing and recording utility for creating and changing scripts with AppleScript. It also has complete technical documentation, sample scripts and a sample AppleScript-aware application. It includes a prototype version of the Japanese script dialect, in addition to the English.

The AppleScript Runtime Kit is a subset of the toolkit that lets users run scripts on their system. The Runtime Kit includes runtime software and a script editor. Redistribution, site and volume licenses are available for the Runtime Kit. For more information on licensing, customers worldwide should contact Apple Software Licensing at (408) 974-4667. The AppleScript Runtime software will be included in the next major release of system software.

The AppleScript Developer's Toolkit is available worldwide and can be ordered immediately through APDA®, Apple's source for developer tools, for a suggested retail price of U.S. $199. The AppleScript Runtime Kit will also be available from APDA, for a suggested retail price of U.S. $20. APDA can be reached in the United States at (800) 282-2732; in Canada at (800) 637-0029; or internationally at (716) 871-6555.

Apple encourages your participation in the evolution of this technology. To learn more about AppleScript, consider taking the Developer University "Apple events and AppleScript Programming" self-paced or classroom course. To participate in discussions about AppleScript, use the AppleLink information network. A discussion board has been established specifically for AppleScript (AppleLink path: Developer Support: AppleScript Talk). It is available to everyone.

AppleScript is a fundamental and important technology. We at Apple have worked hard to deliver a solid, open, and flexible tool that makes the Macintosh the best and most flexible platform for custom and vertical solutions. As more commercial applications support AppleScript, users will find themselves working with computers in new, more flexible, and efficient ways. We invite you to explore the possibilities. Let us know what you discover!

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