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Cyrillic Language Kit: Troubleshooting Common Issues (1/96)

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TOPIC -----

This article contains information taken from the Cyrillic Language Kit manual concerning issues you may encounter while working in Cyrillic.

DISCUSSION -----

- I see odd characters that I cannot read in some of my file and folder names.

The font your system is using for file and folder names may not contain any Cyrillic characters. Cyrillic names cannot be properly displayed unless your system uses a font that contains Cyrillic characters. Choose Latinski in your Views control panel. Follow these steps to set the Views control panel:

Step 1

Choose Control Panels from the Apple menu.

Step 2

Open the Views control panel.

Step 3

Press the "Font for views" pop-up menu.

Step 4

Choose Latinski (or any other Cyrillic font you prefer).

Step 5

Close the Views control panel.

The Latinski font contains Cyrillic characters as well as the most commonly used Roman characters. You can usually view Cyrillic and Roman file and folder names correctly by setting the Font for views to Latinski.

If you still see odd characters on your screen, read on.

- I changed my Views control panel to the Latinski font, but I still see odd characters in my Cyrillic application program.

Your system may not recognize your Cyrillic program as Cyrillic. To register a program:

Step 1

Open the Cyrillic Language Register. You'll find the Cyrillic Language Register in the Apple Extras folder on the hard disk where you installed the kit.

Step 2

Click the Register Application button. A list of application programs and folders appears.

Step 3

Select the application program you want to register.

Step 4

Click the Register button.

Now you can open your program and begin working.

You can also use a short-cut method to register your programs. If the program you want to register is open, quit it. Drag the program's icon to the icon for the Cyrillic Language Register. When the Language Register icon is highlighted, release the mouse button. A message confirms that the program is registered.

- I changed my Views control panel to the Latinski font, and now I cannot read some of my non-Cyrillic file and folder names.

If you have file or folder names that contain non-English Roman characters, such as accents or umlauts, they will not be correctly displayed after you change the Views control panel to the Latinski font. A few other characters, such as typographic quotation marks and ellipses, also will not be correctly displayed. This is because the Latinski font does not have a complete set of Roman characters, only the most commonly used ones.

In the Views control panel, choose a font that will correctly display your non-Cyrillic file and folder names. Then use non-Cyrillic names for all your files and folders, even those that contain Cyrillic.

Setting the Views control panel to Latinski is necessary only to read Cyrillic file and folder names. If you don't set the Views control panel, you will still see Cyrillic correctly displayed within your application programs. You can write and print in Cyrillic; remember to give your files non-Cyrillic names.

- I changed my Views control panel to the Latinski font, but I still see odd characters in my Application menu.

Not all the problems of working in multiple languages on one computer have been solved. Unfortunately, the Application menu cannot display Cyrillic names, even after you set your Views control panel to a Cyrillic font. The names of your Cyrillic application programs will not be correctly displayed in the Application menu and in certain dialog boxes.

Icons appearing in the Application menu next to each program's name will help you to identify your Cyrillic programs.

- I cannot edit a Cyrillic file or folder name.

You may have a non-Cyrillic keyboard selected in the Keyboards menu. Pull down the Keyboards menu and select a Cyrillic keyboard.

- I reinstalled one of my Cyrillic application programs. Do I need to re-register it in Cyrillic?

If the name of your program changes, you must re-register it.

- I cannot work in Cyrillic with my usual application program.

Your application program may not be completely compatible with other scripts. If it is not, it will not automatically switch to a Cyrillic font when you select a Cyrillic keyboard, or it may not let you see all the Cyrillic fonts in the font menu.

- Since I installed the Cyrillic Language Kit, unwanted keyboard layouts appear in my Keyboards menu. How do I remove them?

To remove unnecessary keyboard layouts, open the System file in the System folder. Select the unnecessary keyboard layouts and drag them to the Trash or into a temporary folder.

- Since I installed the Cyrillic Language Kit, I can no longer work with some of my other application programs, even in Roman.

This may be caused by a lack of memory. The Cyrillic Language Kit, when installed, is automatically loaded in memory at startup along with system software. Your system software takes up more space in memory, and the amount of memory available for programs decreases.

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