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Icons: Bibliography on Design

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TOPIC -----

Does Apple have international icons? I want to create a database and use it in different countries by displaying icons in a universal way.

DISCUSSION -----

We strongly recommend that you obtain one or more of the numerous symbols dictionaries or dictionaries of icons, often available from graphic-arts, graphic-design, and technically oriented bookstores. Some of these reference dictionaries are listed at the end of this document. These dictionaries are helpful when creating and implementing icons.

We request and obtain design patterns for many of the icons created at Apple, after which Apple Legal is generally open to them being used by developers -- but for their designed purpose only, such as being used in Macintosh software that runs on the Macintosh, not for porting to other platforms.

Though Apple has no list of icons that are distributed, the icons Apple developed can be found in many locations, including user and technical manuals, the Icon Stack in HyperCard, advertisements, and so on. They are also visible in the system software.

Among the many programs that allow you to create and edit icons are ResEdit from APDA and Icon-It! from Tactic Software.

Also, Icon Factory from HyperPress Publishing Corporation contains more than 2,000 icons that can be used to customize HyperCard stacks.

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To locate a vendor's address and phone numbers, use vendor name as a search string.

(NOTE: "Tactics International", also listed in the TIL, is a different company)

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