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Macintosh: Localizer Tool for International Resources

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TOPIC -----

I'm interested in finding software for remapping the keyboard for German, and other languages.

DISCUSSION -----

The software you need is called the Localizer, a development tool that enables you to install the country-specific international resources you desire: keyboard mapping, sorting order, International resources for such things as the proper currency indicator or format, date and time convention, proper Bundle resources, and so on. And after you've used the Localizer, your system file defaults to the keyboard and international resources of the version you selected.

System 6 and System 7 versions of the Localizer are available on the E.T.O., the "Essentials • Tools • Objects" CD-ROM. This subscription CD contains almost every major Macintosh software development tool created by Apple. The subscription for E.T.O. gives you four CDs per year, is available from APDA, and is targeted to software developers.

The Localizer is not posted on AppleLink or commonly available elsewhere, because Apple usually doesn't make localized software available outside of the target market for a number of good reasons. The Localizer is made available on the E.T.O. CD because our developers are creating software for use in multiple countries.

Another way to obtain localized software is to purchase it in the country where it's distributed. Use ResEdit to copy (from a copy of localized software) those specific resources needed, such as the appropriate KCHR, itlk, and kcs resources. Or subscribe to "develop," a quarterly periodical that includes a CD called Developer Essentials. On the Developer Essentials CD is virtually every current localized operating system Apple distributes. That subscription is from APDA, and is also targeted toward developers.

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