

Localization

Localization involves the adaptation of an application to a specific region or language. To create software that is easy to localize, it is first important to understand certain concepts regarding sorting and the formatting of dates, times, currency, measurement, and numbers, described in the sections that follow. See **Localizing to Other Languages and Regions** for specific guidelines on the use of text, fonts, sorting, and date and time display.

The process of localization includes the specification of the system script. The **system script** is the script that determines the system font used for menus and dialog boxes and the default application font for documents, among other things. It also determines the default line direction.