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Getting Language Settings in Windows

(Windows Only)

Recently a question was posted on the list about grabbing the language information of a Windows system. The following function should provide the four major language items of the target machine (watch line wrapping on the queryRegistry lines).

```
function langSpecs
# THIS FUNCTION RETURNS 4 LINE ITEMS:
# COUNTRY DESIGNATION
# 3 CHAR LANGUAGE CODE
# 8 CHAR LOCALE HEX CODE
# 4 CHAR LOCALE DECIMAL CODE
if word 1 of systemVersion() = "Windows" then
  put url ("file:" & specialFolderPath(system) & "/win.ini") into tSystem
  set itemDel to "="
  put item 2 of line (lineOffset("sCountry",tSystem)) of tSystem & cr after tData
  put item 2 of line (lineOffset("sLanguage",tSystem)) of tSystem & cr after tData
else
  put queryRegistry("HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\International\sCountry") & cr after tData
  put queryRegistry("HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\International\sLanguage") & cr after tData
end if
put queryRegistry("HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\International\Locale") & cr after tData
put baseConvert(line 3 of tData,16,10) after tData
return tData
end langSpecs
```

Note that this function accounts for the fact that many of the base system specs are stored in an INI file on non-NT Windows systems, instead of the registry.

Hope this is useful.

Posted 8/26/2002 by Scott Rossi to the MetaCard List ([See the complete post/thread](#))

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