

EqualString

See if two Pascal-style strings are equal

#include <OSUtils.h>

Operating System Utilities

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Boolean      EqualString(strA, strB, caseSens, diacSens );
Str255      strA ;          Pascal-style strings to compare
Str255      strB ;
Boolean      caseSens ;      should upper/lowercase count?
Boolean      diacSens ;      should diacritical marks count?
returns      Are the strings equal?

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EqualString compares two pascal-style length-prefixed strings (optionally ignoring case and/or diacritical marks), and returns an indication of whether or not they are equal.

strA and . . .

strB are addresses of Pascal-style length-prefixed strings.

caseSens specifies whether or not the comparison should be case-sensitive. It must be one of:

FALSE ignore character case when comparing ('A' == 'a')
TRUE character case is significant ('A' != 'a')

diacSens specifies whether or not the comparison should be sensitive to diacritical marks. It must be one of:

FALSE ignore diacritical marks when comparing ('å' == 'a')
TRUE diacritical marks are significant ('å' != 'a')

Returns: a Boolean; it indicates whether the strings are equal, considering the case- and diacritical sensitivity. It is one of:

FALSE not equal
TRUE equal

Notes: Since **EqualString** compares pascal-style strings directly, it is handier than converting to C-style strings and using strcmp. Examples:

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Str255      strA="\pAbcDef";
Str255      strB="\pabcdef";

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EqualString( strA,strB, TRUE,TRUE);    /* Returns FALSE */
EqualString( strA, strB, FALSE,FALSE); /* Returns TRUE */

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If *caseSens* =FALSE, then both strings are treated as if they had been upshifted with **UprString** (though the original contents are not modified).

The **RelString** function [128K ROMs] is more flexible in that its return code identifies which string is higher or lower in the collating sequence. The **IUEqualString** and **IUCompString** functions take into consideration special spelling conventions used in foreign languages.