Monolingual
A tool for removing unneeded language localization files

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1) Why:

I don't know about you, but I use my computer in only one (human) language--English. And I'm willing to bet that you do too, albeit perhaps not English. So why do you have 150MB of localization files for the OS X operating system filling up your hard drive?

Enter Monolingual -- a handy utility for reclaiming your space for more useful things...like international mp3 files, email or whatever you like.

2) How:

To use Monolingual, you need to be an adminstrative user.

When Monolingual starts, you will be asked to choose the languages you wish to remove:

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Once you have selected the ones you wish to delete, press the "Remove" button.

Unless you are logged in as "root", you will be asked to enter your administrator password.

You will then receive a warning to make sure you REALLY WANT TO DELETE the localizations files. Once you remove them, the only way to get them back is to reinstall Mac OS X.

That's it; pretty easy, huh?

3) FAQ

Q. What does this cost?

A. NOTHING. Monolingual is freeware.

Q. How is monolingual distributed?

A. Monolingual is distributed under the GNU Public License, which is included as the file COPYING.txt, and is also available (as is this README) via the Monolingual "Help" menu. If your copy of monolingual did not include it, you may find it at http://www.gnu.org/copyleft/gpl.txt

Q. Where can I download the latest version of Monolingual?

A. The most recent version of Monolingual is available at http://homepage.mac.com/jschrier/

Q. I want to modify/utilize Monolingual. Can I do it?

A. Sure, but follow the GPL. Source is available at http://homepage.mac.com/jschrier/

Q. I noticed that Frjtz Fries (San Francisco) sponsored Monolingual. I want to sponsor a future project. What is involved?

A. Email me (jschrier@mac.com) to express your interest. I generally have at least one project "in the queue", but am also willing to write small utility programs to spec. Hardware quid pro quo is acceptable. I'd like to write cool utilities for using the iPod, if someone would send me one first...

Q. What's new in this version?

Version 1.0.1 adds Japanese localization by Takehiko Hatatani and an icon by Adam Betts, as well as fixing a problem in OS X 10.1.2 where an incorrect password causes the program to freeze.