

Applescript The Missing Manual

Missing Manuals

AppleScript

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AppleScript is primarily a mechanism for driving Apple events – an inter-application communication (IAC) technology that exchanges data between and controls applications. Additionally, AppleScript supports basic calculations and text processing, and is extensible via scripting additions that add functions to the language.

AppleScript is tightly bound to the Mac environment, similar to how Windows Script Host is bound to the Windows environment. In other words, AppleScript is not a general purpose scripting language like Python. One way that AppleScript is bound to the unique aspects of its environment is that it relies on applications to publish dictionaries of addressable objects and operations.

As is typical of a command language, AppleScript is not designed to directly perform intensive processing. For example...

Magic number (programming)

and breaks one of the oldest rules of programming, dating back to the COBOL, FORTRAN and PL/1 manuals of the 1960s. For example, in the following code that

In computer programming, a magic number or magic constant is a numeric literal in source code whose meaning is unclear to the reader. The term is also used outside of programming to refer to a number

whose meaning is not obvious without additional knowledge — for example, some file formats are identified by an embedded magic number in the file (see list of file signatures). Also, a number that is relatively uniquely associated with a particular concept, such as a universally unique identifier, might be classified as a magic number.

== Numeric literal ==

Using a magic number in source code is considered an anti-pattern and breaks one of the oldest rules of programming, dating back to the COBOL, FORTRAN and PL/1 manuals of the 1960s.

For example, in the following code that computes a price after tax, 1.05 is a magic number since the value encodes the sales tax rate, 5%, in a way that is less than obvious.

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help with this... In Applescript (Mac OS X), I know how to refer to front windows/documents in the application I want the applescript to affect e.g. "save

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== Japanese/Chinese characters in Firefox ==

Hi all:

I was roaming through wikipedia when I stumbled upon an article that uses japanese characters. However, my Firefox only displays question marks. How do I fix this? What should I install? Thanks a lot people! -- Waldsen 04:02, 19 September 2007 (UTC)

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so its easier to see): AppleScript is listed under 'programming languages' but contains a 'software' infobox (before/after): The bot would change this

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Safari to execute it). The widgets that manipulate things beyond the scope of a browser's ability usually have little custom Applescript or execute regular

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== JavaScript Support in OS X ==

Hi. Outside of Safari, can one run JavaScripts that manipulate files inside OS X, without downloading third-party tools? I understand that one can double-click on AppleScripts, but can one do the same with

JavaScripts? OS X also natively supports Python, right? Thanks.--Account created to post on Reference Desk (talk) 01:40, 2 November 2008 (UTC)

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stubborn files, you can always create a quick applescript to open them in any order you like, but I think changing the finder window ordering should do it for

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== date of software installation ==

How do can I check in my computer the date when MS Office 2007 was installed? I bought my laptop on February 20, 2010 and then I installed MS Office 2007 few days later. Your requirement to get free MS Office 2010 is to install MS Office 2007 before March 5, 2010. I am hoping that I installed the program on or after March 5, so I can avail of the free installation or upgrade of MS Office 2010 in October.

Right now, I use the beta version and I enjoy it a lot. I worry that I won't be able to use the 2010 version in November. I hope the product will reach the Philippines on time.

Will it be a good idea to buy again MS Office 20007 and reinstall it just to avail of the MS Office 2010? Thank you. —Preceding unsigned comment added by 112.202.194.203 (talk) 02:12, 6 June 2010 (UTC)

Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/Hartselle City School District

That's hardly years, and that's doing things deliberately slowly via Applescript and the ordinary UI interface. I'm reasonably sure that Wikipedia has some

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The result was no consensus. Both the keeps and deletes sides have some valid and invalid comments in this debate. WP:OUTCOMES is just an essay, these school districts need to meet GNG or something similar in order to have a separate article on the project and consensus can change. It is true however that school districts are rarely deleted as

sources are usually found for them, as this AFD has shown with the expansion or claims of notability of some of the articles listed here. Fram mentioned a few of these districts had issues WP:V. It is a perfectly valid concern if we are talking about each of them in a seperate AFD, but not hundreds of them bunched into one. To keep it simple, mass nominations of huge proportions such as this is nearly impossible to find consensus one way or another, and some of the more problematic articles should be listed or redirected on a case by case basis. Secret 05:42, 5 March 2013 (UTC)reply

Wikipedia:Categories for discussion/User/Archive/December 2007

Category:User applescript-2 or Category:User AppleScript-2
Nominator's rationale: "Ascript" is not clear enough, as it could refer to both AppleScript and ActionScript

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==== Category:Wikipedians interested in counter terrorism ====

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which used AppleScript instead. or the last three sentences of Multitasking I really did not get what Font/DA Mover did, especially the Font part I added

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=== Ozzie Smith ===

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