WORD Translator for the Apple Macintosh

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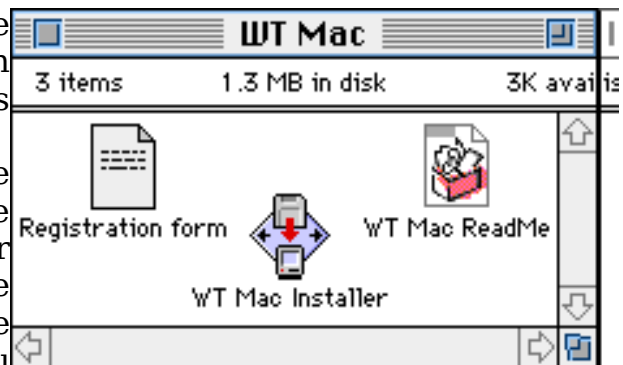
What is Word Translator ?

Word Translator is word translation software for the Apple Macintosh computers. It is a combination of the translation software (WT Mac) and dictionaries to translate between various languages. Currently there are close to 30 dictionaries available for different languages in various sizes and configurations. The same dictionaries are available for the Windows and Dos versions of Word Translator

Installation

To install Word Translator double click on the WT Mac Installer which should be in the same folder as this document.

You will then be guided through the installation on your hard disk. The installation will create a folder named Word Translator and place the necessary components in the folder. It is recommended that you do not change the name of the folder and do not remove any of the documents from the Word Translator folder

In addition the WT Mac extension will be placed in the extensions folder inside the system folder. This extension is necessary if you want to use the Hot key option which allows you to use WT from within most applications. After the installation is finished you should restart your computer.

Who made it

WT is the result of the efforts put in by numerous people from all over the world during the last five years. It was started by Nenad Koncar of Croatia in 1988 in an attempt to ease the communication between people of different nationalities. The purpose was to provide means of easy flow of information and knowledge through the use of computers. Along the way more and more people, including the author of the Mac version have joined the gang and continued to improve and expand the project.
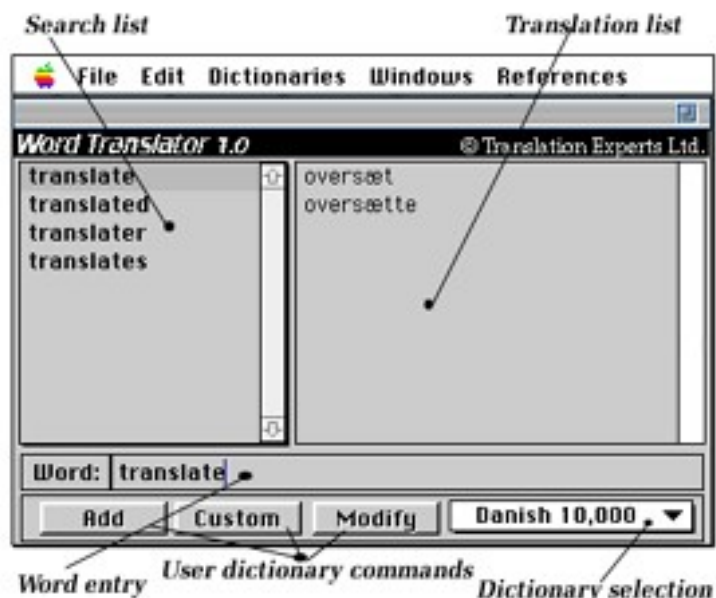
There are now several dozen people working on different parts of the project in various countries all over the globe including; Germany, Croatia, Denmark, Poland, Russia, USA, England, Norway, Iceland, France and others. The effort is still guided by the Nenad Koncar which determination to achieve the goal is stronger than ever.

How do I use Word Translator?

To use WT you start by opening the Word Translator application which is inside

the Word Translator folder. This will bring up the translation window where you can start typing the word you wish to have translated. The program performs the search as you type so the word in the dictionary that match the word or part of word you have typed in are always shown. If the word you typed is not found in the Instructions.WT will display an alert and you will have a choice of typing a new word to start a new search or you can let WT search for word that are a close match to what you have typed. To perform a search for similar word you press <return> after you have typed in the word.

Using Word Translator with other applications

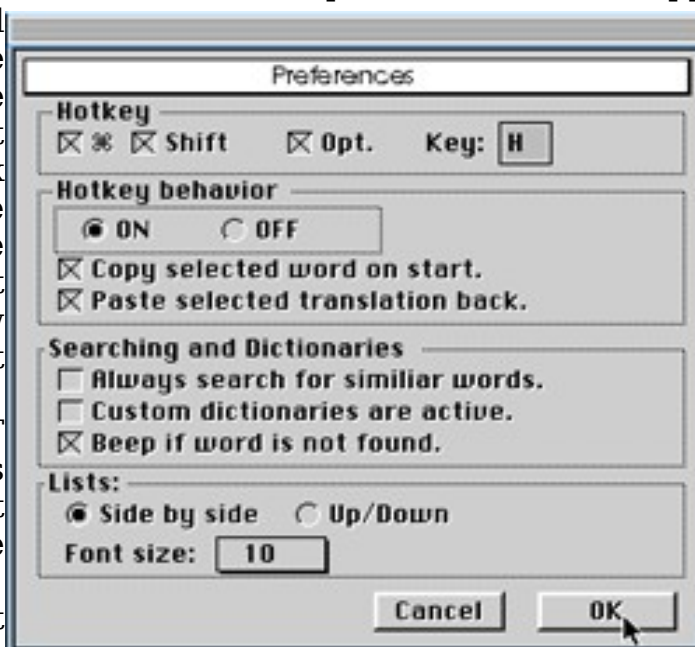It is possible to use WT to translate words in documents you are working on in other applications e.t. word processors and spreadsheets. This is done using a **hot key** combination that is specified under the Preferences command in the Edit menu.

The **hot key** is preset to Cmd Shift Opt+H but you can set it to a combination of your choice. It is however recommended that you choose a combination which does not conflict with command key combinations used in other applications you use.

I have found the hot key extension to be compatible with most applications including MS Word and Excel(Word being the first one to refuse to work with the init!) I can however not guarantee that it will work with all applications that are are around, so if you come around some that do not cooperate please let me know and I'll do what I can to get around it.

Using the hot key to call WT from within other applications after you have set the your hot key combination requires the following steps:

1. In the document you are working on select the word you want translated.
2. Press the WT hot key combination.
3. WT should now appear and display the translation, if the word is found
4. To copy a translation back into your document simply double-click on the translation.

5.   The translation will now replace the word that was translated in your document. To return without replacing the translated word hold down the option key while you double-click the translation to copy it to the clipboard and return to your application or press cmd-I to return to your application without selecting any translation.

If you experience any problems while using WT with other applications please send me a note and I will do what I can to help you solve the problems.

What are User dictionaries and why are they disabled?

User dictionaries allow you to modify the dictionaries that come with WT. You can add, change and remove words and translations and in that way customise WT to fit your needs. This powerful feature is disabled in the shareware version–the dictionaries that come with the registered version much richer than their shareware counterparts so there is really no need to start customising until you start working with them. Anyway if you feel you must try the custom dictionary options before registering send me a note and I'll send you a copy.

This is the feature which has required most of the work and is not available other translation programs, except in high end products. It is however a standard feature in the registered version of Word Translator coming at no extra cost to add to the functionality and usability of the program.

How is it funded and why should you register?

It is shareware and it is funded by the registration fees we receive and our limited personal funds. If you like it the best way you can ensure that it will be developed further is by registering your copy. With your registration you will also get numerous benefits beside our gratitude! This includes free or cheap updates, all the support we can provide and notification of new and improved versions the software and the dictionaries.

How to register your copy and receive larger dictionaries

To register follow these three steps:
1. Double-click the program Registration in the Word Translator folder.
2. Fill in your contact information.
3. Choose the registration options: language and dictionary size.
4. Fill in the payment information.
5. Print the registration sheet and mail it with the payment, or if paying with a credit card fax it to us. Your copy will be sent out as soon as we receive your letter

We are on the Web too:
http://www.net-shopper.co.uk/software/ibm/trans/index.htm

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