

Requirements

WordSmith™ for Mac OS requires:

1. a Power Macintosh
2. Mac OS 8.1 or better
3. A word processing application capable of reading and writing “Rich Text Format” (i.e. RTF) files.
4. Recommended: Palm Desktop 2.6.1. At the time of this writing it is available at <http://www.palm.com/support/macintosh/palmdtmac.html>.

WordSmith and MacOS X: Since Palm has not yet released a Carbon version of the Palm Desktop software, it is not possible to create a Carbon conduit. When a Carbon version of the Palm Desktop is available, we will release a Carbon version of WordSmith for Mac OS.

Installation

To install the conduit, copy the file name *WordSmith Conduit* to the folder called *Conduits*, which is located inside your Palm Desktop folder. You may place the *WordSmith* application anywhere on your hard drive.

Usage

When adding a desktop file for synchronization, please be sure that it has first been saved in RTF format. If you are using Microsoft Word, you can save a file in RTF format by accessing the “Save As...” menu item under the “File” menu, and selecting “Rich Text Format” from the popup list at the bottom of the dialog. After the file is initially saved in RTF format, you will not need to go back and resave it in RTF format after making changes to it, either on the desktop or handheld.

For additional usage information, please consult the accompanying manual.

Limitations

The currently shipping version of the Palm Desktop software for Mac OS has several limitations that affect the WordSmith conduit’s functionality:

1. Certain programming interfaces are not currently present in the Mac version of HotSync. As such, renaming of files on the desktop computer or on the organizer is not supported.
2. As of this writing, the shipping version of Palm’s Conduit Manager application may not properly release memory while HotSync is running, and as such, can run out of memory when synchronizing large (numbers of) documents. If you experience HotSync time-outs, please try first increasing the amount of memory allocated to the *Conduit Manager* application.

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