

Lava Software's

Japanese WordMage™

Integrated Japanese application suite for students and schools

Japanese WordMage is an all-in-one productivity package which contains all the Japanese language applications most students need including a multilingual wordprocessor, Kanji reference dictionary, translation aid and a superb range of study systems. It's also a powerful authoring package which allows users to create their own custom multimedia dictionaries, course materials and multilingual HTML web pages.



Study systems

A superb range of study systems (with authoring capabilities, so you can create your own custom course materials) are built right into Japanese WordMage. Thus, you can enjoy the use of a rich and varied selection of different study materials and methods.

- Interactive storybooks
- Auto-revision flashcards
- The 'Kanji Safari' multiplayer game (up to 4 players)
- Reading, aural and visual comprehension exercises

Japanese input system

Japanese WordMage contains a complete Japanese input system, which is especially tailored to the needs of educational users. This easy-to-use input system supports:

- direct Hiragana and Katakana input
- wide and narrow Roman input
- input of Kanji by any combination of properties
- selection of Kanji by radical
- table input



Input of Kanji using a combination of properties

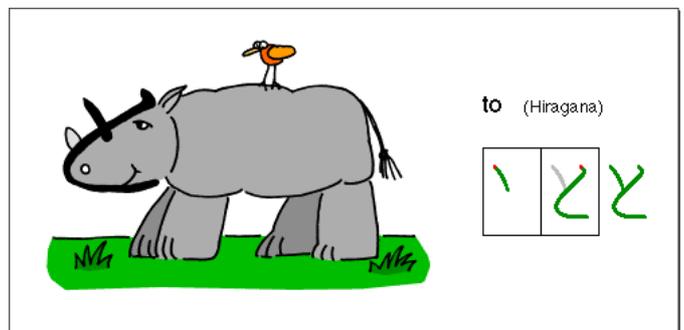
This also means that no Japanese operating system software is required to run Japanese WordMage, simplifying installation and reducing costs significantly for budget-conscious students and schools.

Japanese fonts

All necessary Kana and Kanji fonts are bundled with the package including the full JIS set of 6353 Kanji as well as a unique hand-drawn style font containing the 1945 Kanji recommended for everyday use.

Create your own multimedia content

Japanese WordMage allows users to create a range of educational materials including multimedia dictionaries containing pictures, sounds and multi-lingual notes, and HTML web pages containing any combination of the English, extended European, Japanese, Cyrillic (Russian) and Greek character sets.



A Hiragana flashcard

Teachers can create dictionaries containing weekly vocabulary and Kanji flashcards which follow their own courses exactly. They can also produce HTML web pages containing Japanese text, full-color pictures, Japanese sound clips and other media to deliver high-quality computerised content to their students.

Internet compatible

Japanese WordMage contains a number of features which makes it easy to distribute content to students using the Internet or school Intranet.

Classroom Edition

This special Edition is suitable for school language labs and is available in 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 machine packs. Any combination of Macintosh and Windows licences can be mixed in a pack, and program upgrades are free via Internet download from the Lava Software web site. Thus, your school's one-off purchase of Japanese WordMage provides years of valuable service using the latest versions of software. School purchase orders are accepted via fax or mail.

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OVERVIEW

Multilingual wordprocessor

- very easy to use, making it perfect for students
- the full Standard Roman Character set is supported
- includes Cyrillic (Russian) and Greek alphabets
- 178 special Kana characters
- set document margins and printing font size
- look up Japanese or English words instantly in the reference dictionary
- text file information is available, such as Kana and Kanji character counts and save file size
- supports Shift-JIS, Unicode 2, EUC, New-JIS, Old-JIS and NEC-JIS Japanese text formats
- auto-detects the Japanese text format when loading files and copying and pasting text
- supports MacOS, PC and Unix new line codes
- insert time and date in various formats
- insert and edit custom macros
- insert templates

HTML web page editor / viewer

- supports Japanese, English, extended European (German, French, Italian, Spanish, etc), Cyrillic [Russian] and Greek character sets
- most basic HTML tags are supported
- fast switching between view and edit modes so you can instantly see how your HTML web page will be displayed
- add your own custom macros for special purpose tags
- templates making it possible to easily produce consistent looking pages whilst saving time
- paths to resources (eg. folders of images or sounds) are remembered between insertions, assisting with the speedy creation of pages
- any HTML tag (including tags not supported by JWM) can be manually inserted

Interactive storybooks

- supports Japanese, English, extended European (German, French, Italian, Spanish, etc), Cyrillic [Russian] and Greek character sets
- allows students to explore a fully immersive virtual environment

- supports both linear and multiple-branched storylines and adventures
- hotspots can be added to pictures
- 25 different hotspot cursor styles

'Kanji Safari' multiplayer game

- helps students learn Kana and Kanji whilst playing by themselves or against up to 3 other players
- great sound effects
- players are motivated to learn more complex Kanji via the score system
- supports handicaps to ensure multiplayer games remain balanced
- a wide selection of attractive tile styles are included
- player and game timers

Comprehension-type exercises

- supports Japanese, English, extended European (German, French, Italian, Spanish, etc), Cyrillic [Russian] and Greek character sets
- supports a wide range of reading, aural and visual comprehension exercise methods
- exercises can be scored
- the range of supplied templates makes it easy to create new exercises in minutes

Auto-revision flashcards

- helps you learn new Kanji and vocabulary significantly faster and better
- builds and maintains skills over the long term
- both Kana and Kanji reading and writing skills are developed and maintained
- the hand-written style font provides excellent character writing examples
- exercises can be customised to any course content and structure
- perfect for comprehensive and effective home study
- can be fully customised to any European language
- built-in study timers and backup reminders
- the Classroom Edition allows any number of students to enjoy fully customised lessons
- exercise dictionaries supplied with the package:
 - Hiragana and Katakana flashcard dictionaries (with stroke order and native Japanese pronunciation)
 - Heisig's 'Remembering the Kanji' dictionary (2042 flashcards)
 - Kanji flashcard dictionary set with over 6000 Kanji.
 - a 3000 word structured vocabulary course
 - various multimedia samples

Kanji reference dictionary

- high-speed operation
- look up words by:
 - Kana, Kanji, English meaning (or other European language definition) word type (noun, verb, etc.), Year, Lesson or Group number
- filter words by Kanji grade level, etc.
- build your own reference dictionaries
- add your own dictionary entries
- edit dictionary entries
- comprehensive reference dictionaries available (supplied on the optional JWM Companion CDRom, or free via download) include:
 - EDICT (a 63,440 word general reference dictionary)
 - ENAMDICT (a 166,550 word Japanese proper name dictionary containing place-names, surnames and given names)
- create custom dictionaries
- enter definitions in French, German, Finnish, Indonesian, Spanish, etc.
- pictures, sounds (ie. pronunciation) and notes (such as usage information and example Japanese sentences) can be attached to any word
- save word lists as text files and then open them with the word processor, ready for editing and printing
- import words from other types of computerised dictionaries

Grammar library builder

- create new grammar pages easily using the HTML web page editor
- any type of page can be created, including multimedia pages containing embedded pictures, sounds and links
- locate specific pages easily by embedded keywords
- supports virtually an unlimited number of pages

Text translation aid

- read and translate any Japanese text file such as Japanese email, Japanese newspapers available on the Web
- select words you don't know and look them up instantly
- get detailed Kanji information using a single mouse click
- helps you translate complex Japanese text into English quickly and easily
- get Kana information including reading and stroke order

System requirements

- **Macintosh** - System 7 or later, 3mb RAM, 26mb disk space
- **Windows 95/98/NT/2000** - Pentium, 8mb RAM, 32mb disk space