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The Business of Localization

Beyond the T-shirts...
What it means to have a
localized product!

The Company...

DataComm Tool and Die Inc.

- Los Altos, California developer
- Mac–IBM connectivity products in Japan and Korea
- Japanese joint venture: DataComm Japan KK founded this year

The Story...

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- Born as Apple Japan product in 1987
- Completed in January 1990
- *Inherited* from Apple September 1989

The Story Behind the Story...

- Having an international product is like riding a dinosaur...

It's a wonderful ride BUT if you happen to fall off ...



**The beast
will almost
certainly
eat you !**

The Five Basics

- Market intelligence
- System Savy
- Support
- Support
- Support

(In alphabetical order, of course ...)

Market Intelligence

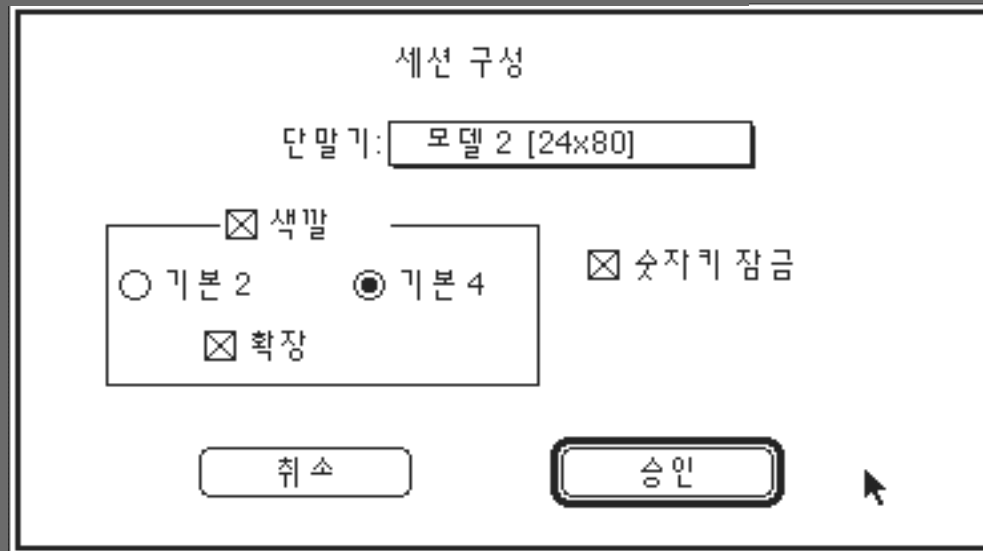


Plan to follow your product

Your New Customers

- Who are they?
- What do they want?
- Who else is already there?





The familiar Mac
desktop...





**In Asia alone, there
are 4 flavors of the
Mac OS...**

And Finally, the Minefield Called SUPPORT ...

- Distributors
- Dealers
- And all the people who “borrowed your product from a friend”



Even When You Want to Help...

Factor In:

- Time zones
- Customs requirements
- Fairness in feeding the food chain



Looking ahead...



**The Mac is becoming
a global platform**

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The power to be your best