ClaroRead In Arabic And Hebrew

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Claro Software has Arabic and Hebrew versions of ClaroRead and other software. However, support for right-to-left languages has many limitations, in Windows and other software, especially older versions. Arabic and Hebrew users will know many of these: these are generally not problems with ClaroRead, but problems with other programs and with Windows.

There are many factors:

- The version of Windows. XP, Vista and 7 and 8 all handle language differently.

- The version number of Office. Again, all different.

- What language pack(s) you have installed.

- The language version of Office.

- The web browser (IE/Firefox) and the version. Again, all different.

- The encoding of the web page (Unicode, ANSI, DOS)

- The language setting of the user.

- The codepage of Windows for non-Unicode programs (ClaroRead)

- The language version of Windows (Arabic, Swedish, English?)

Here are some suggestions for getting the best Arabic or Hebrew support you can:

Update your software:

- Have you got a more recent Windows? Vista is better than XP, 7 is better than Vista.

- Have you go a more recent Office? 2010 is better than 2007, 2007 is better than 2003.

- Have you got a recent web browser? Internet Explorer 9 is better than 8, 8 is better than 7, 7 is better than 6. Internet Explorer may work better than Firefox and Chrome.

Make sure Arabic is supported in your installation of Windows:

For Windows 7 and later:

- Control Panel > Region and Language.

- Keyboards and Languages tab.

- Install/uninstall languages... button.

Windows Vista and Windows XP have similar systems.

Change your system locale to Arabic:

This will help with ClaroRead operating with older software. For example, if you have Office 2003 then it will work better if you change the locale to Arabic. However, other applications may have problems. If changing to Arabic affects too many other applications, then you may see some benefit from changing the locale to English (UK). You must be an administrator to change system locale.

For Windows 7 and later:

- Control Panel > Region and Language.

- Administrative tab.

- Change system locale... button.

ClaroRead for Arabic works perfectly on machines with Arabic Windows. However, some users prefer to run English Windows, and find that some of the ClaroRead user interface does not display properly as a result.

You can fix this with the free AppLocale tool from Microsoft. This tells Windows that ClaroRead is working in Arabic, and the parts of the user interface that did not display correctly will look perfect.