

Re: Russian Language support in SQL SERVER

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SQL Server supports languages on a couple of levels.

First, specifying a collation defines what language rules are used for storing data and identifiers (identifiers are the names of database objects such as tables, views, stored procedures). SQL Server 2000 includes a Cyrillic_general Windows collation that supports the Russian language. If you specify that collation as the default collation during setup, all of the databases will support Russian data and identifiers. You can also specify a collation when creating a database or even at the column level.

Second, there are localized versions of SQL Server in which the documentation, help, user interface, and error messages have been translated into a language. SQL Server 2000 has not been localized to Russian, so you cannot get a version of SQL Server where the docs, help, UI, and error messages are in Russian. However, you can store the user data in Russian by specifying the Cyrillic_general collation during setup, or when creating a database or tables.

If you would like to see a future release of SQL Server that is fully localized into Russian, please email sqlwish@microsoft.com.

There is more information on collations here:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/?url=/library/en-us/architec/8_ar_da_6ttf.asp?frame=true
http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/?url=/library/en-us/instsql/in_collation_72pg.asp?frame=true

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