

## Re: What news reader to use?

---

*Source:* <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.lang.japan/2006-08/msg00417.html>

---

- *From:* Don Kirkman <donsno2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
  - *Date:* Sat, 29 Jul 2006 13:25:01 -0700
- 

It seems to me I heard somewhere that Melita Kennedy wrote in article <a5umc2lq1bd8ok3jrbe0q8h7dponj509me@xxxxxxx>:

On Sat, 29 Jul 2006 10:13:53 +0200, DarphBobo <guyver\_sho@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Don,

Right now I use windows XP, latest updates installed and agent 3.3/32.846.

I have unicode installed. I can see hiragana, katakana and kanji in all my applications (browser, word, ...).

I have done nothing to agent, because I asumed that agent used the windows interface to acess fonts and I didn't think make any adjustments to the news reader.

DB: Melita's got the steps down nicely; I only have one or two comments to add--and one more question. I gather you have configured WinXP for Far Eastern languages. If so, the next step is to install the Japanese IME; I can't recall if that was done automatically with the Far Eastern languages or if I did it separately. Anyway, if you have the IME installed, proceed to:

Agent feels to me very much like an originally-from-unix program. That is, it's up to you to adjust all the settings. I haven't posted with any Japanese characters, so I don't know if that's working, but I can read most posts on sci.lang.japan. Here's what I changed.

I used to type Japanese into a separate app and paste it in, but had a lot of encoding errors. Since I got WinXP configured I type directly in Agent's composition window.

Melita, Agent hit the Internet when most users still remembered DOS and

Re: What news reader to use?

very few programs did anything automatically. :-) It's slowly catching up.

1. Make sure you have cp932.cod in the main Agent directory. It might be (by default) in the All\_COD directory.

Yes, current versions put a number of COD files in the All\_COD directory but the ones in use have to be with the agent.exe file; this could change in future versions of Agent.

2. In Options, General Preferences, select Languages. Add Japanese as one of the supported languages. Once you've added it, highlight Japanese so you can adjust the settings.

Change the Codepage to Japanese (Codepage 932).

I have the Send Usenet and E-mail set to "Japanese ISO (us-ascii, iso-2022-jp). The Default Charset is Japanese ISO (iso-2022-jp). The Text settings are 7bit/8bit.

3. Now, still on the general preferences page, switch to the Display and select Fonts. Change the pull-down to Japanese and set appropriate fonts. For variable pitch I'm using MS PMincho 14 pt (Shift-JIS). For Fixed, MS Gothic 12 pt (Shift-JIS).

I have several fonts available, but mostly use the MS Arial Unicode so I can display other languages in my Web browser.

4. I also set the properties for this newgroup to default to Japanese. Right-click the newsgroup and select Properties. The default language entry on my version is at the bottom of the list. The property page also has a default properties entry, but that seems to be for all the newsgroups.

Yes, this setting is done with an override to the folder properties. I don't remember how that was done in Agent 2.0; some menu options have changed with the versions.

—

Don Kirkman

Re: What news reader to use?

Re: What news reader to use?