PrintMaster Gold

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User's Guide

for IBM-compatible Computers

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Introduction

Welcome to the exciting world of print creativity! PrintMaster Gold makes it easy to produce beautiful projects you'll love to show around. Simply choose from PrintMaster Gold's selection of beautiful, ready-to-print designs, make any changes you want, and you're ready to print. It's really that easy!

In this Online User's Guide, we've included 9 chapters to help you get up and running fast. Below is a brief description of each section. After you find the section you want, open the file in either Microsoft Word, Write, or WordPad (which comes with Windows). Then you can either read the files online, or print them out.

PrintMaster Gold Features

The PrintMaster Ready-Made Gallery. Choose from thousands of Ready-Made projects ideal for both home and businessgreeting cards, banners, signs, calendars, certificates, stationery, business cards, labels, newsletters and many more. And don't forget, any design can be quickly personalized with your choice of text and graphicseven your own photos.

With-Help Designer. Not ready to start from scratch? The With-Help Designer is the best place to start. Our fully-trained print designer will help you personalize greeting cards, posters, and letterhead in a few easy steps.

Cartoon-O-Matic. This is a fun add-on package for owners of *PrintMaster Gold Deluxe* and *PrintMaster Gold Publishing Suite*. With a few clicks of a button, you can create fun, personalized cartoon art for your own project. Express that thought exactly the way you see it in your imagination!

PhotoEnhancer. Have a photograph or graphic image you'd like to drop into your project? Wish you could get rid of red-eye in your snapshot or

cover up a scratch? PhotoEnhancer is for you. It's an easy-to-use image editing and manipulation package that helps make photos and picturs beautiful and bright for your projects. *Included in PrintMaster Gold Deluxe and PrintMaster Gold Publishing Suite.*

Advanced Rendering Technology. PrintMaster Gold provides full 24-bit rendering that supports over 16 million colors or shades of gray in the highest resolution possible on your printer. Whether you own a color or black & white printer, you'll always get fabulous printouts that are guaranteed to get noticed!

Address Book. The PrintMaster Gold Address Book makes mail merging easy. Print holiday cards for all your relatives or labels for your customersall with one easy command. *Available in PrintMaster Gold Deluxe and PrintMaster Gold Publishing Suite.*

Thousands of Gorgeous Graphics. The thousands of paintings, drawings, cartoons, photos, and watercolors--many made specially for PrintMaster Gold--will spice up any project. And since PrintMaster Gold works with all popular graphic formats, you can use clip art images from any sourceeven your own scanned images.

Fabulous Fonts. Communicate clearly and effectively with the most complete library of professional-quality TrueType fonts ever offered. Every font can be stretched and scaled to any size you wantfrom a miniature greeting card to a gigantic garage door poster. You can also add your choice of special effects to any font selection for unlimited variety. The included TrueType fonts will work with any other TrueType fonts that are installed in Windows.

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Installing the PrintMaster Gold into Windows is quick and easy. Follow the steps listed in this chapter and in a few moments you'll have PrintMaster running smoothly. This chapter also includes information on registering your copy of PrintMaster Gold and setting your Workspace preferences.

2. World of PrintMaster Gold: CHAP02

As soon as you open the program, you'll notice PrintMaster Gold has several interrelated areas, each with it's own individual purpose and look. Each area-- including the Hub, Art Gallery, Sentiments Gallery, With Help Designer, and Workspace--offers you different tools to help create a unique card, calendar, or newsletter. This chapter introduces you to each PrintMaster Gold area and describes the buttons and menus for each.

3. Tutorials: CHAP03

To get your feet wet, we've included three fun Tutorials for you to follow: a Card Project Tutorial, a Photo Project Tutorial; and a Calendar Tutorial. Each project in this chapter shows you how to work with art, sentiments, and add-on products, as well as the different PrintMaster Gold work areas.

4. More Projects & Tips: CHAP04

This chapter introduces you to many of the other projects available that are not included in the *Tutorials*, including Matching Sets, Banners, Note Cards, Newsletters, and many more

5. Special Effects & Add-Ons: CHAP05

PrintMaster Gold *Publishing Suite* and *Deluxe* include two easy-to-use add-on packs that make creating and modifying art and graphic images fun, *Cartoon-o-Matic* and *PhotoEnhancer*. PrintMaster also makes it easy to get on the Internet. In this version of PrintMaster Gold, we've included two new utilities to help you browse the World Wide Web and send online greeting cards to your friends: PrintMaster Gold's Online Greetings and the AT&T WorldNet$_{sm}$ Service. Read this chapter to learn more. *Note: these add-on products are only in PrintMaster Gold Publishing Suite and PrintMaster Gold Deluxe*.

6. Working With Text: CHAP06

Great-looking text can make the difference between getting read or being ignored. With PrintMaster Gold you can choose from a rich palette of text editing commands that let you modify any selected text with your choice of fonts, sizes, shapes, colors, and exciting effects.

This chapter provides step-by-step instructions that describe all aspects of working with text in PrintMaster Gold: adding text to your projects, editing text, changing text size and appearance, setting tabs, and linking text boxes.

7. Working With Pictures: CHAP07

PrintMaster Gold makes it easy to add pictures and shapes to your projects. You can have as many pictures or shapes as you like, and they can be resized or arranged anywhere you want on the page. Read this chapter to learn about all the picture manipulating and adjusting tools available in PrintMaster Gold.

8. Printing & Preferences: CHAP08

No matter how good your project looks on the screen, the final printout on paper is what really counts. PrintMaster Gold pulls out all the stops to make sure your printed project will look its best. PrintMaster Gold has full 24-bit rendering that supports more that 16 million colors or shades of gray means your pictures will look spectacular. This section provides step-by-step instructions for printing your project and optimizing your printing setup.

9. Technical Support: CHAP09

In case you have a problems we offer you several different ways to contact us for answers. Please read this chapter before contacting Technical Support.

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