What is Common Ground?

Common Ground lets you easily convert any document from any Macintosh application to an exact representation that can be viewed and printed by anyone, regardless of their applications, computer platform, or fonts. You can distribute Common Ground documents to others, confident that recipients will be able to view and print them as an exact representation of the original.   No Hands Software sells both Windows and Macintosh versions of Common Ground.   Common   Ground makes it possible to view Macintosh documents within Windows and Windows documents on a Macintosh, provided you have the Common Ground Viewer or MiniViewer (described below).

Components of Common Ground

The Common Ground software consists of three parts:

1   The Maker Creates a Common Ground version of your document.
2   The Viewer Lets anyone read, search, copy from, and print Common Ground documents.
3   The MiniViewer Lets anyone read and print Common Ground documents.   Can be embedded within a document and freely distributed for non-commercial purposes.

The Common Ground Maker: From within any Windows-based application, you can create a Common Ground version of any   document using the Common Ground Maker. The Maker is actually print driver located in the Chooser.   To create a Common Ground document, select the Common Ground Maker in the Chooser.   Go back to your original document and print.   The resulting Common Ground document can then be read using either the Common Ground Viewer or MiniViewer.

The Common Ground MiniViewer: The MiniViewer supports document viewing, printing, and simple document navigation.   There are two different kinds of a Common Ground MiniViewer.

Embedded MiniViewer The creator of a Common Ground document can embed a MiniViewer in the document at the time it is created.   When the document is opened, the MiniViewer starts up automatically and   displays the document.   Documents with MiniViewers enclosed can be freely distributed for non-commercial purposes.

Stand-alone MiniViewer The MiniViewer can also be distributed freely for non-commercial use as a stand-alone   application.   You can open a Common Ground document from the stand-alone MiniViewer by double-clicking on a Common Ground document.

The Common Ground Viewer: The Viewer is an application for viewing, manipulating, and printing Common Ground   documents.   It has all the features of the MiniViewer.   In addition,   it allows you to:

Search for text in a document

View a document one page or many pages at a time

View multiple documents at one time

View the document at a range from 25% to 400% of normal size

Copy text and graphics from a document to the Windows Clipboard

Open Common Ground documents in other applications

For information on upgrading from the Common Ground MiniViewer to the Common Ground   Viewer or for information on volume purchases, commercial distribution or publishing licenses contact No Hands Software