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Extensis Ships Major Upgrade to QX-Tools™

Award-Winning QuarkXPress® XTensions® package offers new capabilities and significant enhancements

PORTLAND, OREGON—SEPTEMBER 16, 1996—The leading supplier of enhancement software for graphics applications, Extensis Corporation, today shipped QX-Tools 2.0, a major upgrade to its award-winning suite of XTensions for QuarkXPress. Like its predecessor, version 2.0 of QX-Tools provides the most comprehensive, useful and cost-efficient collection of productivity tools for today's QuarkXPress users.

"Extensis is committed to providing productivity tools that meet the daily needs of all QuarkXPress users," says Mark Niemann-Ross, QX-Tools product manager. "Our goal with QX-Tools 2.0 is to raise the standard by combining powerful tools with consistent ease-of-use, so everyone from novices to graphics professionals can immediately be more productive when using QuarkXPress."

Best-Selling QuarkXTension Package remains a "must-have"

Since its introduction in August of 1995, QX-Tools has quickly become the top-selling Quark XTensions package. By adding five new components and updating its ten existing components, QX-Tools remains a "must-have" for all QuarkXPress users. QX-Tools new capabilities include:

QX-Effects™   Easily creates drop shadow, bevel, glow, emboss and other effects directly in QuarkXPress. Ideal for headlines or creating Web page effects.

QX-FineTune™   Quickly and interactively formats paragraphs, boxes, text and rules, without requiring users to burrow through numerous dialogs.

QX-FindChange™   Enables users to search and replace colors, character styles, rules, borders and other attributes throughout an entire document.

QX-DocStyles™   Replaces the New Document dialog, allowing users to apply pre-defined settings to new documents, including page size, orientation and numbering.

QX-CopyStyle™   Copies the characteristics of a text or picture box and applies it to other text or picture boxes.

QX-SmartBar™   An enhancement to QX-Bars that automatically builds a toolbar from the most commonly selected XPress commands.

In addition to the five completely new components listed above, QX-Tools, continues to provide huge productivity gains with the original ten components including:

QX-Styles™   A floating palette for creating and applying character styles.

QX-Layers™   A floating palette for assigning objects to layers which can then be shown, hidden and rearranged.

QX-Scaler™   A floating palette for scaling multiple objects by any percentage, unit of measurement or interactively.

QX-Viewer™   A floating palette which displays thumbnail images of your pages and eases paging, zooming and scrolling.

QX-Filters™   A floating palette which enables you to run Adobe Photoshop™ compatible Plug-ins (like Extensis Intellihance™) on images within QuarkXPress.

QX-Dingbats™   A floating palette for displaying and entering difficult-to-remember character symbols.

QX-Manager™   A utility that lets users choose which XTensions will load at startup.

QX-Bars™   A set of preconfigured and customizable toolbars that offer one-click access to hundreds of XPress commands, tools and menus.

QX-Print™   A utility that enhances the XPress Print dialog by letting users print non-consecutive page ranges.

QX-Tips & Tricks™ An on screen Tip of the Day for QuarkXPress written by best-selling *QuarkXPress Tips & Tricks* author, David Blatner.

"QX-Tools illustrates our innovative approach to developing application-enhancement software," says Craig Barnes, president of Extensis. "Our proven philosophy of providing a collection of powerful utilities at a low price that appeals to a broad market has made us the recognized leader in the add-on market. Customers can look to Extensis for the majority of their application-enhancement needs and remain confident that they will receive a great value, stability, compatibility, consistency of operation and helpful, timely support."

Pricing and Availability

QX-Tools 2.0 for Macintosh® is available for an estimated street price of US $99.95, US $49.95 for users upgrading from QX-Tools 1.0. Upgrades are free for users who purchase QX-Tools 1.0 on or after August 1, 1996. QX-Tools is available directly from Extensis at (800) 796-9798 or from major software resellers such as Ingram Micro, MacConnection, MacWarehouse, Mac Zone, and The World Wide Power Company. All Extensis products carry a 60 day money-back guarantee. QX-Tools 2.0 is compatible with QuarkXPress 3.31 or later and Macintosh System 7.1 or later.

Extensis Corporation, founded in 1993, develops, markets and distributes application-enhancement software solutions that enable users to maximize their financial and professional investment in their existing applications. For a more detailed look at Extensis Corporation please visit the Extensis web site at http://www.extensis.com.

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