

This document contains instructions for using the Aldus PageMaker Import XTension. You may want to print this document so that the instructions will be available when you need them. This document uses the following fonts: Helvetica, Times, Symbol, and Zapf Dingbats.

Importing Aldus PageMaker Documents into QuarkXPress

The Aldus PageMaker Import XTension was created by Quark so that documents created in PageMaker version 4.0 and 4.2 may be opened in QuarkXPress 3.1.

This is a Beta Version

This beta copy of the Aldus PageMaker XTension is provided for testing purposes only. No guarantee of any kind is made regarding its fitness for any purpose other than testing. Not all features planned for the final version of the XTension are implemented.

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Installing the Aldus PageMaker Import XTension

To install the XTension, quit QuarkXPress® and drag-copy the Aldus PageMaker Import XTension file into the same folder in which you store QuarkXPress 3.1. When you launch QuarkXPress, an additional command — Import PM Document — is displayed in the Utilities menu.

Using the Aldus PageMaker Import XTension

Importing the PageMaker Document into QuarkXPress

To import an Aldus PageMaker document into QuarkXPress 3.1, choose Import PM Document from the Utilities menu. A directory dialog box is displayed that you can use to locate and open the PageMaker document

you want to import. When you do, QuarkXPress will create a new document with the same name as the original document, except that the suffix “.QXP” is added.

If the PageMaker document contains “pasted” pictures (Paint, PICT, or EPS graphics), QuarkXPress will save these as new files on disk and place them in the same folder as your original document. QuarkXPress will use the original document name, followed by the suffix “.001,” then “.002,” and so on. If documents with those names already exist, a dialog box will appear asking you to assign alternative file names (clicking “Cancel” in this dialog box instructs QuarkXPress to overwrite the existing document names).

Once the document has been imported, choose the Save command from the File menu to save the new QuarkXPress document.

Expect Some Differences

Because of differences between PageMaker and QuarkXPress, your imported document may not match the original. The discrepancies that result when you import a PageMaker document into QuarkXPress using the Aldus PageMaker Import XTension are addressed below.

Pasteboard

All items on the PageMaker pasteboard are copied to the pasteboards of the QuarkXPress document’s master pages. Items on QuarkXPress master page pasteboards do not appear elsewhere in the document, as items on PageMaker master pages do. The items will not appear elsewhere in the document because QuarkXPress doesn’t place items located completely on a master page’s pasteboard onto the pasteboards of the corresponding document pages.

Text

All text is imported and all text links are maintained. The XTension converts each block of PageMaker text into a QuarkXPress text box with the same width and height. Each PageMaker column is converted into a separate QuarkXPress text box.

QuarkXPress’ default values for word- and character-spacing and for certain text styles — Superscript, Subscript, and Small Caps — are applied to the imported text. If the PageMaker document uses fonts that aren’t installed in your System, the missing fonts are added to the Font Usage list (under the Utilities menu) and temporarily displayed in Chicago. Installing the missing fonts will restore them in the document.

This version of the Aldus PageMaker Import XTension does not import tracking, manual kerning, horizontal scaling, style sheets, or indexing information.

Lines

The XTension imports lines and their attributes, including angle, width, style, and color. Complex lines created in PageMaker (for example, dotted lines and lines created with multiple lines) are converted to the QuarkXPress line styles they most closely resemble, in which case line widths and styles may change slightly.

Pictures

The XTension searches for the originals of all pictures placed in a PageMaker document. QuarkXPress searches the PageMaker-defined link first, then the folder containing the original document. If the originals are available, the XTension imports them along with their attributes, including scale and crop values. If the originals are not available, the pictures placed in the document are saved to disk, then imported into your QuarkXPress document as if they were the originals. Because PageMaker sometimes renders the internal format of pictures placed in its documents as unrecognizable, the Aldus PageMaker Import XTension may either fail to import certain pictures or distort them in such a way that they will not print.

Pictures that have been extracted from the PageMaker document and saved as disk files may not import or print. Importing the original picture using QuarkXPress' Get Picture... command (under the File menu) should resolve these problems.

Anchored pictures are not imported.

Frames

Frames created in PageMaker are imported, but may need to be manipulated to convert them to the QuarkXPress frame styles that most closely match the originals. PageMaker frames made of dashes or dots that frame round-cornered rectangles or ovals, for example, are imported as solid frames in QuarkXPress. If you wish to retain the frame styles that most closely resemble the original PageMaker styles, you must then change their corner radiuses to zero.

Shapes

The XTension imports geometric shapes created with PageMaker's tools with frames and shaded fills intact. However, PageMaker-defined fill patterns for such shapes are not imported.

Document and Master Pages

All PageMaker document pages and master pages are imported. Although page order within a spread is always preserved, the XTension sometimes imports spreads in the wrong order. Ordinarily, this is easily taken care of by using the QuarkXPress Document Layout palette to reorder the document pages. But it may happen that the XTension will bring a document page or spread across as a master (and turn your original master page into a document page), in which case restoring the shape of the original document becomes more complicated.

If you find that a document page or spread has been imported as a master, here's what you need to do to restore the document:

- 1) Using QuarkXPress' Document Layout palette, create an additional page, or (if necessary) an additional spread and apply the master page to it. This will produce a fresh page or spread based on the misplaced "master" pages.
- 2) Choose Fit in Window from the View menu, then go to the pages you just added to your document.
- 3) Select the Item tool, then select all the items on your newly-created page or spread and move them slightly. This will break these items' links to the "master" page and turn them into independent document page items.
- 4) Go to the "master" page or spread, select all the items on it, and delete them. This will delete the undesirable items from the corresponding pages in your document.
- 5) Return to the pages you created and restore them to their original positions.
- 6) Go to the page or spread in your document that contains your original master page items, then choose the Item tool and select them all.
- 7) Type Command-C to copy the items to your clipboard.
- 8) Go to the now-blank master page or spread, type Command-V to paste your original master page items onto it, and position them correctly. The document page or spread that you copied these items from can now be deleted.
- 9) Using the Document Layout palette, move whatever pages you need to move in order to restore the original page order of your document.

Colors

All colors used in the original PageMaker document are retained.

Double-sided, Non-facing Pages

The XTension imports double-sided, non-facing-page documents created in PageMaker into QuarkXPress as right and left single-sided pages. This is accomplished by creating a spread for each page and separate right and left master pages for even and odd document pages.

Troubleshooting Tips

Testing of this XTension has shown that some PageMaker documents will not import correctly on the first try. If you are having problems importing a PageMaker document into QuarkXPress, try the following:

Resave the Document

Before you use this XTension to import a PageMaker document into QuarkXPress, we suggest that you first open the document in PageMaker and save it as a copy using a different name. This can help to import the document correctly because it simplifies the document file.

Remove Conflicting INITs and Extensions

Try removing any expired INITs, System extensions, and QuarkXPress XTensions. If the document imports successfully, try restarting QuarkXPress with various combinations of INITs activated in order to isolate the ones that cause problems. Please inform Quark about any INITs, System extensions, or QuarkXPress XTensions that seem to cause problems. Our contact addresses are listed on the first page of this read-me file.

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