GRAPHIC WORKSHOP PROFESSIONAL 2.0a

Please read this document in its entirety before proceeding.

Note to unregistered users: Graphic Workshop Professional and all its ancillary applications are shareware. We invite you to evaluate the Graphic Workshop Professional package to see if it's suitable for your needs. If you like it, please register it. If it turns out not to be what you need, or if you don't feel it's worth registering, please delete it from your hard drive and accept our thanks for trying it out. If you do productive work of any sort with this software, you are no longer evaluating it.

Thanks for checking out Graphic Workshop Professional. If you encounter problems with it or if you have any questions, please contact us at **alchemy@mindworkshop.com**. Our e-mail and web page addresses can also be found in the About dialog for the software.

What It Does

Graphic Workshop Professional is *the* image management package for Windows 95, 98 and NT. It features multiple browser windows, batch processing, drag and drop, thumbnails, Pentium-optimized functionality and a lot more. It converts, prints, views, dithers, captions, transforms, flips, rotates, scales, crops, colour-adjusts, scans, quantizes, catalogs and wreaks special effects on ART, AVI, BGA, BMP, CAM, CDR bitmaps and previews, CPT, CUT, DCX, DLL, EXE, FIF, FITS, FLC, FLI, FPX FlashPix, GEM/Ventura IMG, GIF, HRZ, ICO, IFF, IMG, JPEG, KDC, KQP, LBM, MacPaint, MIDI (play only), MOV view only, MPEG view only, MSP, PCX, PIC, PNG, PSD, RAS, RGB, RGB, RLE, SCR, SFW, SGI, Targa, TIFF, TXT,VBX, WAV (play only),WMF, WPG and XBM picture files. Graphic Workshop Professional requires a Pentium or better processor. A display adapter and Windows screen driver capable of displaying more than 256 colours are recommended.

Users of Graphic Workshop Classic - Graphic Workshop 1.1 - will find the following new features of Graphic Workshop Professional, among others:

- Multiple browser windows.
- Directory tree displays in its browser windows.
- Johnson-Grace ART file support to handle ART files from AOL.
- Pentium-optimized code to run everything at least a bit faster.
- Tip of the Day.
- Delete to the recycle bin.
- Zoom by factor in View mode.
- Considerably improved Crop function.
- Small thumbnail mode.
- Mystery file identifier.
- More comprehensive documentation.
- Thumbnail database.
- Captioning.
- High-resolution thumbnail printing, along the lines of Alchemy Mindworks' GrafCat software.
- EXE picture configuration.
- Windows screen saver creation.
- Fast JPEG reading with the Pegasus JPEG libraries.
- Support for Pegasus PIC and KQP files, as used by several commercial photofinishers.
- Resource Extractor - look for graphics, icons, text and sounds in Windows executables and libraries.
- Rotator - changes your Windows wallpaper and screen saver periodically.
- Screen capture (Windows 95 and 98 only).
- Make your own Windows screen savers - convert to SCR.
- The amazingly fast Pegasus JPEG library.
- Graphic Workshop is now a drag and drop source - you can drag files between browser windows.
- GrafCat - print high-resolution thumbnails from Graphic Workshop.
- Captioning - add text to your pictures.
- EXE Picture configuration.
- Association Wizard.
- GIF Construction Set UltraLight - a simple GIF animator based on Alchemy Mindworks' GIF Construction Set software.
- Create your own Windows startup and shut down screens.

Hacker Warning

Graphic Workshop Professional is true shareware - nothing is crippled or disabled in the downloadable evaluation copies. We invite you to try out every feature in the software exactly as it will work at such time as you register. Graphic Workshop Professional does not include a time-limit, exclusive of beta expiry dates. It will not cease to function one day and hold your graphics hostage until you pay for it.

The only "price" for evaluating Graphic Workshop Professional is that it will display its shareware reminder notice when you exit the software, and in some of its proprietary files. This notice will not appear in registered copies, of course.

Regrettably, there are people who seek to disable the shareware notices in applications like Graphic Workshop Professional, in effect, to enjoy registered copies of Graphic Workshop without paying for them. We regard this as theft, no less so than someone who seeks to enjoy a television set or a car without paying for them.

In order to prevent the theft of Graphic Workshop in this way, Graphic Workshop's registration codes are fairly sneaky. They permit Graphic Workshop to know with a high degree of certainty when it's having its leg pulled by someone with a bogus code. Being a very patient application, Graphic Workshop does not always respond immediately to attempts to "register" it in this manner.

We have encountered several attempts by software pirates to create Graphic Workshop registration code generators. Of these:

- Some flat-out did not work.

- Some generated illegal codes which Graphic Workshop will accept for a time and then reject.

- One actually generated genuine Graphic Workshop codes about one time in twenty, and generated illegal codes the rest of the time. Best of luck guessing which was which.

- One was infected with the Stoned virus.

If you feed Graphic Workshop a bogus code, it will eventually do something fairly surprising. Consult your imagination for the possible meanings of "eventually" and "surprising."

We've been developing software longer than most of the parties responsible for trying to crack Graphic Workshop's registration codes have been alive. Consider whether you want to believe us or a prematurely-bald fourteen year old kid who identifies himself as "CrakkHed." Consider further the cost of a legitimate, registered copy of Graphic Workshop Professional compared to the time it will take you to reformat and reload your hard drive, should CrakkHed's illegal code generator turn out to be the one with the Stoned virus.

Alchemy Mindworks specifically disavows any responsibility for consequences arising out of the use of hacked copies of its software or illegally-obtained registration codes, however surprising said consequences may be.