

Welcome to SoftQuad HoTMetaL PRO 1.0™

Registering with SoftQuad

To comply with the terms of your Software License Agreement, you must register the software by filling out and returning the enclosed product registration form.

Fatal Errors

If you experience General Protection Faults from viewing in-line images within HoTMetaL PRO, it is due to some interference with the video driver. We are interested in knowing what video drivers are causing difficulty, and we intend to address any problems that we can determine are due to HoTMetaL's code. In some cases, the fault lies within the video driver hardware or software. The most simple solution for this problem is to use the HTML Browser Preview for viewing in-line GIF images. You'll need to turn off the displaying of in-line images from HoTMetaL PRO to prevent further fatal errors from HoTMetaL. In the *sqhmpo.ini* file, locate the `show_inline_images` and set it to FALSE instead of TRUE:

```
show_inline_images = FALSE
```

You can also set the configuration variable "view_gif" to launch another program to view/edit the images via "Show Image" under View. These configuration variables are documented in your HoTMetaL PRO manual.

Changes to the installation procedure

The installation instructions have changed in a number of ways from those described in the manual. Please follow the revised installation instructions which you will find on a separate sheet inserted in the manual. Note the following changes in particular:

The top-level directory for the product is *htmlpro*, not *hotmtpro*, as stated in the manual.

The name of the executable for HoTMetaL PRO is **sqhmpo.exe**.

The manual is not supplied in PostScript form, as stated on page 5. As well as your printed manual, the manual is supplied in HTML format, in the *htmlpro\doc* subdirectory.

Problems with installation?

We have encountered two minor problems with the installation procedure and its interaction with other utilities. Stacker™, DoubleSpace™, and other utilities which attempt to provide transparent compression of your hard disk, can fool the installer into thinking it has more space that it does. You must have at least 10 megabytes free to install HoTMetaL PRO on such systems. We have also noticed that if you exit from the installer by cancelling the installation, and you are running share.exe, you will get a "sharing violation" warning message. This message is harmless and may be ignored.

Important Steps to Complete Your Installation

Configuration variables

Some HoTMetaL PRO functionality (**Preview** and **Show Image**) relies on the existence of external applications. A configuration file (the file *sqhmpo.ini* in the HoTMetaL PRO directory) tells HoTMetaL PRO which programs to use to carry out these functions. The configuration variable *html_browser* in this configuration file specifies the browser that will be used to preview your HTML files; *view_gif* and *view_bmp* specify the programs used to display GIF and BMP files. See page 68 and 134 of the HoTMetaL PRO manual for more information on the view settings.

You must decide which programs you want to use for these purposes and then modify the values of the variables in the *sqhmpo.ini* file. You would do this by opening the file with a text editor and making the desired changes. For example, if you want to use **mosaic** as your HTML browser you would put a line such as the following in *sqhmpo.ini* (this example uses a typical location for the *mosaic.exe* file--you must use the actual location on your PC):

```
html_browser=c:\mosaic\mosaic.exe
```

The *view_gif* and *view_bmp* variables should specify a graphics viewing program such as

c:\windows\pbrush.exe (again, you must use the actual location on your PC).

If you need more information, see the chapter The configuration mechanism in the HoTMetaL PRO manual.

Netscape support

HoTMetaL now supports the Netscape extended elements and attributes (as best as we can determine them). There are two settings in the HoTMetaL configuration file (the file *sqhmpo.ini* in the HoTMetaL directory) that determine whether HoTMetaL uses the Netscape extensions or the standard HTML 2.0 elements. If you want to use the Netscape extensions you should modify this configuration file according to the following instructions:

If you want HoTMetaL to use the Netscape extensions for new files that you create with HoTMetaL's **New** command, you should modify the setting for "rules_file" as follows:

rules_file=html-net.mtl

If you want the Netscape extensions to be available by default for documents being opened with HoTMetaL's **Open...** command, you should modify the setting for "extid_map" as follows:

extid_map=html-net.map

If you make this change the Netscape extensions will be available when you open any file, except one that was created with the Netscape extensions turned off.

To restore HoTMetaL to the default mode, in which only HTML 2.0 features are allowed, you should reset these settings to their original values, i.e.:

rules_file=html.mtl
extid_map=html.map

New Tutorial Material

An on-line tutorial is now supplied, called [tutorial.htm](#). You can find it in the *htmlpro\doc* directory. Use your HTML browser (*mosaic*, for example) to view and use this tutorial, after your HoTMetaL PRO installation is complete.

Minor Problems and Late-breaking Changes

Please read the HoTMetaL PRO 1.0 Release Notes included with your software for a description of currently known problems and deviations from the printed manual. The Release Notes are provided in printed form and on-line, in the file *release.htm*.

HoTMetaL Support

With your copy of HoTMetaL PRO, you receive 30 days free limited support from Ventana Communications. This support includes help with installing HoTMetaL PRO and getting the product up and running. You can contact Ventana Support at:

email: help@vmedia.com
phone: (919) 942-0220 x400

If you require more detailed technical support, or you require support after the free 30-day support period, you can purchase it directly from SoftQuad for only \$29 (US). Your \$29 gets you unlimited support via voice, fax or email, free minor product upgrades and bug fixes, and announcements about upcoming SoftQuad releases and events.

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