

A while back I took all my old clip art files and converted them to HyperCard stacks. HyperCard is great for storing clip art because it gives you quick access to a huge number of images without making you open and close documents. Unfortunately, your images have to fit into HyperCard's 512 x 342 pixel card size or you won't be able to see the whole picture.

Wouldn't it be great, I thought, to have some kind of utility that allows the same easy access to full size MacPaint pictures?

Thus I wrote ScanPaint. ScanPaint lets you view all of the MacPaint images in a single folder quickly and easily. When you choose a Paint-type picture ('PNTG') with Open... that picture is shown on the screen. But ScanPaint also makes a list of all the MacPaint pictures in that folder. Now, by pressing the left or right arrow keys, you can cycle through this set in alphabetical order. When you go past the last painting you automatically cycle back to the beginning of the list.

ScanPaint also has an AutoScan mode — much like HyperCard's "Show All Cards" command. Here you get a dialog which lets you tell ScanPaint to automatically go to the next paint file as fast as it can (no delay) or with delays of 2, 5, or 15 seconds. Or it can be set to wait until you click in the content area of the window.

Finally, ScanPaint will let you choose between scaling or clipping the paint image to the window. If you choose to clip to the window, you may use the scroll bars to move the paint image around in the window. If you choose to scale the image, then the picture will be shrunk or stretched to fit the window's size. This may cause the image to appear fat or elongated if you have sized the window to unusual proportions. However, when ScanPaint first creates it's window it will be in standard MacPaint ratio (8" x 10") and the smallest size window allowed is also constrained to this ratio.

ScanPaint is free for non-commercial use as long as you keep this document with it.

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