

Using QuickPie

QuickPie is a Desk Accessory for generating fast and professional looking pie charts. You create the pie with QuickPie, copy it to the clipboard with the copy button, and then paste it in your document. QuickPie focuses on two important features, speed and quality. QuickPie lets you work from any application that can paste graphics.

Each pie chart is generated by typing in the numerical value for each pie wedge. The pie wedge is added to the pie when the return key is pressed, or the Add Arc button is pressed. The new pie wedge is filled with the currently selected pattern. The pattern selection automatically advances so that each pie wedge has a different pattern.

Data Entry

Degrees - input in degrees of arc decimal.

Percent - input in percentage of a full circle.

Auto scale - input in any units of measurement, and scales the sections according to the each sections percent of the total data.

A good example is entering data in auto scale mode as sales in thousands of dollars, and then changing to percent mode, which shows the percentage of each pie wedge to the total.

Labels

No Labels - obviously draws no labels.

Labels Inside - draws the value of each pie wedge inside that wedge of the pie.

Labels Outside- draws the labels outside of the pie.

Select Pie Wedge

The pie wedge must first be selected before the wedge can be exploded or have it's fill pattern and color changed. To select a pie wedge simply place the cursor over the pie wedge and click the mouse button once.

Exploding Sections

Exploding a pie wedge is to move the wedge out from the center of the pie as a way of highlighting a particular wedge. There are two ways to explode a wedge; First, by selecting a wedge with the mouse and then clicking the explode button or second, by depressing the option key and clicking on the wedge. Both actions can be used as a toggle to explode or un-explode.

Selecting Patterns

The pattern of each pie wedge is determined by the currently selected pattern. Clicking the mouse in one of the small pattern boxes will select that pattern to be current. As pie wedges are added, the current pattern changes. A pie wedge can have its pattern changed by first selecting the pie wedge with the mouse and then clicking in the desired pattern.

3D

Selecting the 3D option will cause the pie to be displayed in a 3 dimensional mode with a shadow to make your pie charts more eye catching.

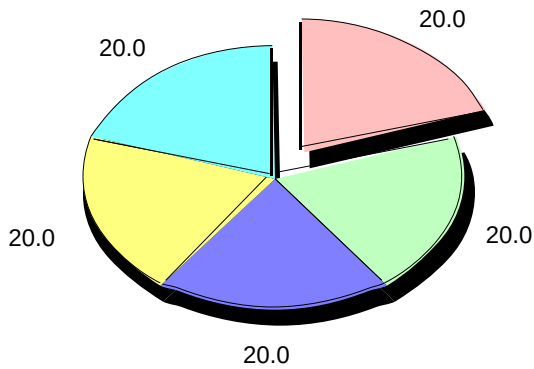
Set Color...

The ImageWriter II using a four color ribbon will print in seven colors. QuickPie allows you to use the full capability of your ImageWriter II from within any document. Simply select a wedge and click Set Color... A dialog box will appear with the color buttons. Using a combination of patterns and colors, you can create a wide variety of stunning graphics. An ImageWriter I will print a colored document in black and white with no problems.

Example

The example pie chart on page three will print in color on the ImageWriter II using a four color ribbon.

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Example 3D Pie Chart

Set Title

The set title button displays a text box within which you can enter or edit the text of the title for the pie chart.

Copy To Clipboard

Copy To Clipboard is your way to move a pie chart from QuickPie to your document. It can function as a simple cut and paste from the Edit Menu but, in addition, we call up a dialog box for selecting the diameter of the pie chart. The size of the pie chart can be changed from within your document but the text would become distorted. The sizing scale should be used to keep the text from becoming distorted as the size of the pie chart changes. English and Metric rulers are provided. Click the mouse in the area between the rulers, and move the indicator to the desired pie diameter.

Clipping

Space available in the QuickPie window is fairly limited. It may appear that portions of the pie are being clipped or not fully drawn. This is mostly true with the labels outside of an exploded pie wedge. When the pie is drawn into the clipboard, the enclosing rectangle is scaled to the boundaries of the pie and no clipping occurs.

Future Features

This demo version does not include all of the features that are planned for release. Here are the features that are scheduled to be included.

Legend squares with pie wedge labels.

Text editing of pie wedge labels.

Selectable number decimal places on labels.

Rotation of pie with 1 degree resolution.

Support Large Screens

Large Format Pies

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Thank You.

Where did you learn of QuickPie?

What features of the program do you like the best?

Were there features you felt were missing?

Were there any features of parts of the program you had trouble with, or need further assistance with?

Other Comments or Suggestions:
