
Resize XT

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Introduction

Resize XT is an XTension for QuarkXPress® versions 3.3 and higher. Resize XT allows groups of boxes, lines and pictures to be scaled to a specific percentage. The minimum scaling percentage is 20%, and the maximum scaling percentage is determined by the amount the group can be increased while remaining completely on the page.

Minimum System Requirements

Resize XT is designed for QuarkXPress 3.3 for the Macintosh and Power Macintosh.

Resize XT is network protected and is fully compatible with floppy, RAM, or hard disks.

This manual assumes that you are familiar with standard Macintosh procedures such as basic use of the mouse, clicking, pulling down menus, copying files, and copying disks. If any of these procedures are new to you, please refer to your Macintosh user's manual.

Installing Resize XT

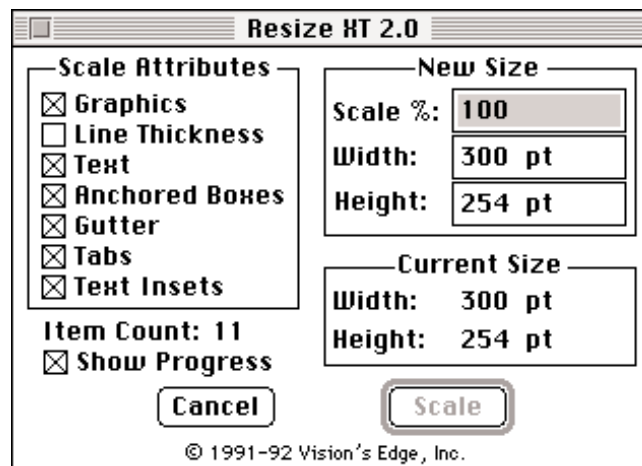
The Resize XT disk that you have purchased contains the file **Resize XT 2.0**. To install Resize XT, drag the file into the same folder that contains the QuarkXPress application. After this has been done, place the original Resize XT disk in a safe place.

Scaling Items with the Resize XT Dialog

There are two ways to scale boxes using Resize XT. The first way involves directly using the Resize XT dialog. Before using this method, two criteria must be met:

1. The Item tool must be selected.
2. A text box, picture box, line, or group of items must be selected.

To scale an item or a group of items this way, select *Scale Items...* from the **Item** menu. A dialog appears:



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The Resize XT dialog contains controls which determine how the currently selected item or group is resized.

Scale Attributes — The seven items listed in the Scale Attributes area of the dialog have corresponding check marks. Checking an item means that that attribute will be scaled when Resize XT processes the selected group. If the **Text** attribute is unchecked, the four remaining items (**Anchored Boxes**, **Gutter**, **Tabs**, and **Text Insets**) are disabled.

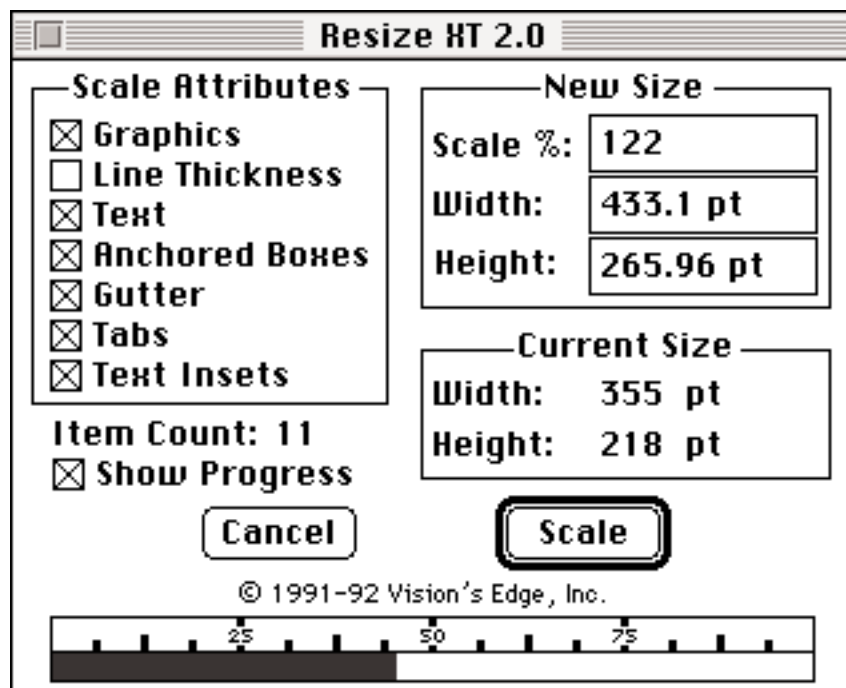
New Size — The three fields in the New Size area are interrelated. Changing a value in one of the three fields automatically changes the value in the other two fields as well. Using the example on the previous page, if the *Scale %* value is changed to 50, the *Width* field automatically changes value to 150 and the *Height* field changes to 127 pt. The *Scale %* value must be a value other than 100 which is 20 or greater and which does not cause the group to be placed off of the bottom of the page. Once a valid *Scale %* value is entered, the **Scale** button at the bottom of the dialog is active.

Current Size — This area contains the width and height of the entire group currently selected in the document.

Item Count — The Item Count number reports how many boxes and lines are included in the currently selected group. This number does not include boxes anchored in the text.

Show Progress — If the **Show Progress** check box is checked when the **Scale** button is clicked, a thermometer displays at the bottom of the Resize XT dialog as the group is resizing to keep the user apprised of how the resizing process is coming along.

Scale button — The **Scale** button is available when a valid value is entered in the *Scale %* field.



The Resize XT dialog with the progress thermometer

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Resize XT adds a new tool to the QuarkXPress® tool palette. This tool is found between the Line Tool and the Linking Tool, as illustrated at left. The Resize Tool is the second way to resize groups of boxes.

To use the Resize Tool, select the group to be resized and then click on the Resize Tool in the tool palette. Handles appear around the edges of the group. Drag a side or corner handle and release it when the group is the desired width. The Resize XT dialog appears with the *Scale %* value already calculated for the size change indicated with the Resize Tool. At this point, set the appropriate Scale Attributes and click **Scale** to resize the group.

The *Scale %* value is calculated according to the group width the user indicates with the Resize Tool. If the user resizes the top or bottom handle up or down, the value which appears in the *Scale %* field of the Resize XT dialog is 100. To help visualize the size to which the group is being resized, hold down the command, option and shift keys while dragging one of the group handles; this keeps the shape of the group proportional as it is dragged to the new size.



A group selected with the Resize Tool — the handles appear around the edges of the entire group

The Resize Tool also makes it possible to reposition and resize a group at the same time. If any of the left handles is the handle which is moved, the point at which the handle is released will be the new origin of the group.

Since Resize XT is intended for use on grouped items, the Resize Tool cannot be used on a single line. However, if a box which is part of a group is selected with the Content Tool when the Resize Tool is chosen from the tool palette, the entire group becomes active. This means it is not necessary to select the group with the Item Tool before choosing the Resize Tool, any element of that group can be chosen.

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Cancelling the Resize Mode

If the Resize Tool is chosen in error, there are several ways to escape from Resize Mode. These include:

1. Clicking on another tool
2. Clicking somewhere on the document besides the group handles
3. Executing almost any standard QuarkXPress command from the menu or keyboard
4. Resizing the box and selecting the **Cancel** button when the Resize XT dialog appears.

Notes

- Resize XT may appear slow when scaling groups of items which contain many other groups of items. Try not to create unnecessary groups if you plan to scale the boxes.
- It is not possible within QuarkXPress to scale a group horizontally by one percentage and vertically by another percentage.
- The Resize Tool mode works best when the user holds down the command, option and shift keys while resizing the selected group.