

## About CorelXARA

CorelXARA is the award-winning drawing program used to create the .xar and .web files for this Quick Viewer. CorelXARA is very easy to use but is also capable of creating very complex graphics as the examples show.

Some key features of CorelXARA:

- Easy to use: An example of just how easy - to create a graduated fill, you just click and drag. The results are immediately displayed as you drag. It's as simple as that.
- Fast screen redraw: CorelXARA was designed for speed. Screen updates are incredibly fast which means you spend less time just waiting for the computer to redisplay your drawing. That gives you more time for actually creating your drawings.
- Graduated transparency: CorelXARA lets you apply any level of transparency from fully transparent to fully opaque. It's not until you start using graduated transparency that you realize its usefulness. For example, semi-transparent shadows and highlights look much more realistic. And you can apply transparency to any object, including bitmaps to create unique effects.
- Unlimited undo: Knowing you can always undo an operation gives you confidence to experiment while creating drawings. If you don't like the results, you can always discard the changes.
- Import and Export: CorelXARA can import and export in a wide range of bitmap and vector formats. Especially useful to web designers is the ability to export Transparent (masked) and Interlaced GIFs as well as XARA's compact .web vector file format.
- Bitmap handling: Although CorelXARA isn't a full painting package, you can manipulate bitmaps in almost unique ways. For example, you can selectively lighten or darken just a part of a bitmap.

For more information on Xara Ltd., the developers of CorelXARA, [click here](#).

Xara Ltd. has a web site where you can find the latest information about CorelXARA and download software related to the program and the file formats. Web site: <http://www.xara.com/>

### **About Xara Ltd**

Xara Ltd. is the company that developed CorelXARA. Xara is a sister company to Computer Concepts Ltd (UK) which has been developing mainstream application software since 1981. CC was one of the pioneer microcomputer software houses of the early eighties in the UK developing applications such as the Wordwise word processor which sold a quarter of a million copies.

With over fifteen years of development experience, more than six of which have been developing 32-bit windowing based applications for RISC based computers, this has given us an unrivaled experience of developing microcomputer application software. This experience predates the arrival of 32-bit Windows based environments by many years.

The arrival of 32-bit Windows programming environments (Windows 95, NT and Win32s) meant we could exploit that experience in the wider PC and Windows market, rather than the more niche markets we occupied before.

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**Anti-aliasing** improves the quality of on-screen images by inserting extra pixels of calculated colors around the edges of objects on screen. This has the effect of smoothing the edges and of appearing to improve the resolution of the display. Anti-aliasing only occurs when the Display Quality is set to Smoothing.

***Smooth***

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## Changing the screen quality of the drawing

When you display a file using the Xara Quick Viewer you can change the quality level used to show the document on the screen and you can also choose the dithering method used.

### ► To change the quality

1. Right-click on the drawing to open the pop-up menu.
2. From the **Display Quality** submenu, choose **Smoothed**, **Normal**, **Outline**.

### ► To change the dithering

1. Right-click on the drawing to open the pop-up menu.
2. From the **Display Quality** submenu, choose **Diffused Dither** or **Ordered Dither**.

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**Dithering** is a technique where patterns are applied to areas of color in a bitmap to simulate a wider color range. It works very well in pictures which contain a large number of colors. There are two dithering options in the Xara Quick Viewer :



**Ordered**



**Error-Diffused**

Error-diffused dithering is a complex mathematical technique which, although slower, produces very high quality images.

### **Moving the drawing**

You can easily slide the drawing around the Xara Quick Viewer window.

#### ■ **To move the drawing**

1. Click the **Push Tool** button.
2. Place the mouse pointer over the drawing and drag

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Displays a preview of the file you selected.

To edit the file, choose Open File for Editing from the File Menu.



## Previewing a document

You can easily display XAR, WEB, CDR, CMX, PNG and JPEG files with this QuickViewer.

### ■ To preview a document

- 1 In a folder window, click the document you want to preview.
- 2 From the File menu, choose **Quick View**.

## Notes and Tips

- If the Quick View command is not on the File menu, there is no file viewer available for the type of file, or Quick View is not installed. You need to install Quick View from your Windows installation and also install the Xara Quick Viewer.
- To preview a document on the desktop, use your right mouse button to click the document, and then click Quick View.
- To preview another document, drag its icon into the Quick View window.
- To edit the document, click the File menu, and then click Open File For Editing.

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The **Quality** settings sets the way Xara drawings are shown on the screen. The Quality can range from the drawing being shown in simple outline, to being in full color, anti-aliased mode. This is useful for altering the speed at which a document is redrawn as a lower quality setting will result in faster redraw times, but a higher setting will give far better results.

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### **Resizing and magnifying the drawing**

When you display a file using the Xara Quick Viewer, it is very easy to move the drawing around the screen and change its size.

■ **To zoom in**

1. Click the **Zoom Tool** button.
2. Click on the drawing.

■ **To zoom out**

1. Click the **Zoom Tool** button.
2. SHIFT-click on the drawing.

■ **To fill the window with the drawing**

If you click the Page View button, the drawing will always fill the window. This means you can change the size of the drawing by changing the size of the Quick Viewer window.

■ **To show the drawing at normal size**

Click the **Zoom To 100%** button.

■ **To show the whole drawing**

To resize the drawing so it fills the window, click the **Zoom to Drawing** button.

■ **To return to the previous zoom magnification**

To go back to the previous zoom magnification, click the **Previous Zoom** button.

■ **To zoom in on a specific area**

1. Click the **Zoom Tool** button.
2. Drag to create a box around the area you want to magnify.

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