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1.2 New Features in release 3.0

New Features in release 3.0

PageStream 3.0 is a revolutionary change in Amiga desktop publishing. It
has superior typography, flexible import/export filters and advanced
graphics manipulation. The improved interface makes publishing faster and
more convenient than ever before. PageStream 3.0's recordable macros
allow you to automate tasks, and you can write ARexx scripts to control
the program.

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1.3 New Features in release 3.0

Color

New and improved color handling features make PageStream 3.0 a leader in
color publishing. PageStream 3.0 takes full advantage of your Amiga's
capabilities, and shows pictures, drawings and text in full color. Screen
colors are set dynamically, so you don't have to worry about setting them
in this version. You can work in 4 color mode for speed, and then switch
to 16 or 256 color mode to see what your document really looks like.

The PANTONE® color libraries allow you to communicate your color choices
more clearly. Built-in trapping allows you to choke and spread colors for
creating separations, while plate control allows you to set color
printing options for each plate in a printing job.

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1.4   New Features in release 3.0

Superior typography

PageStream 3.0 provides you with more precision than any other desktop
publisher, and provides sophisticated formatting options. You can measure
type in thousandths of a point and adjust the tracking table for a font.
The new tab feature gives you the ability to quickly set up tables, and
drop caps and bulleted paragraphs are now easy to create. Version 3
provides features unavailable in other programs, such as optical
alignment and hanging punctuation.

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1.5   New Features in release 3.0

Flexible filters

People have always praised PageStream's ability to import text and
graphics, but now you can export as well as import. The improved filter
modules allow you to import text from WordPerfect for Windows and export
it for Final Writer; or import an IFF ILBM picture and export it in GIF
format.

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1.6   New Features in release 3.0

Screen display

PageStream 3.0 has smarter screen redraws and offers live scrolling; as
you draw or drag objects, or drag the scrollbars, the page will scroll in
the window. As well, the new page drag feature allows you to move quickly
around the page without using the scroll bars.

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1.7   New Features in release 3.0

Recordable macros and ARexx

You can automate repetitive tasks in PageStream 3.0 with ARexx and
recordable macros. To create an internal macro, just toggle on record
mode---PageStream does the rest. PageStream provides a rich set of
commands so that you can write external ARexx macros to take control of
PageStream. Use internal macros to repeat a task quickly, or use external
ARexx macros for more complex tasks. Note that PageStream 2's macro
system is no longer used.

Look for the Flash symbol (a lightning bolt) throughout the manual for
instructions on using the included Flash macros. Flash macros are
internal macros included with PageStream that execute complex ARexx
scripts to add extra features to PageStream. You can use the Flash macros
to generate indices, print newsletters, find overset text and automate
document creation.

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1.8   New Features in release 3.0

External graphics and articles

PageStream now offers you the choice of leaving pictures, drawings and
text articles external to the document. This makes handling huge scans
easy, even when memory is limited. External data can be updated
automatically through the use of the HotLinks concept.

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1.9   New Features in release 3.0

Improved graphics

PageStream has always had great drawing features, but version 3.0 adds
powerful new capabilities. The new Polygon tool allows you to quickly
draw regular polygons including stars, and the Pen tool makes drawing
Bézier curves easy. You can use the improved Freehand tool to sketch any
shape you want.

When you select the Reshape tool, you can add, delete and move individual
points. This tool also allows you to crop pictures, drawings and EPS
objects. The line and fill features have also been improved, and you can
choose from several types of gradient fills.

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1.10   New Features in release 3.0

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Interface
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PageStream's award-winning interface has been improved to give you
complete control. You can choose from vertical or horizontal toolboxes,
and large or small tools. The floating palettes allow you to choose
common program options without using the requesters. You can drag the
rulers to a new position, open multiple views of a document, and access
the Amiga clipboard. PageStream 3 can load and save all the program
settings so that you can customize PageStream to your needs.

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1.11   New Features in release 3.0

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Fonts
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You can use more fonts than ever with PageStream 3.0. You are no longer
limited to the MS-DOS format of PostScript fonts, because version 3 can
use Windows and Macintosh Type 1 fonts. PageStream also supports font
specific encoding now, so you can use more of the specialized foreign
language, symbol, and small cap fonts available from many vendors.

Compugraphic Intellifonts may now be used at any size within PageStream's
limitations. They can also be printed directly to any type of printer
without the use of a separate .PS file.

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1.12   New Features in release 3.0

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Enhanced printing
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PageStream has fast custom printer drivers for Epson, Canon,
Hewlett-Packard and PostScript compatible printers. These drivers have
been enhanced to make printing easier than ever. PageStream also allows
you to print to any type of printer supported by Amiga Preferences.

The addition of PostScript Printer Description (PPD) file support
provides PageStream with detailed information on your printer to make
printing easier. The days of typing obscure PostScript commands have
passed.

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1.13   New Features in release 3.0

Column frames

PageStream 3.0 frames multiple columns for easier manipulation. You can
change the number of columns in a frame with the Object/Edit command. If
you want an irregularly shaped text frame, just draw a shape with a
drawing tool and convert it with the Object/Text Frame command. Note that
the term text object now refers to both text frames and frameless text
objects.
Long document publishing

Documents can now be divided into chapters and subchapters for proper
organization, and objects can be anchored to text so that they move as
you edit the text. The included Flash macros will help you create a table
of contents and index for your long documents.

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1.14   New Features in release 3.0

Three in one bundle

PageStream isn't the only tool in this package. You also receive
PageLiner, a fast text editor, and BME, a bitmap picture editor. You can
use PageLiner to quickly edit your text and BME to touch up your
pictures. BME now displays pictures in full color and has many new effect
features. The HotLinks concept ties everything together, to make getting
text and pictures between programs as simple as possible.

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1.15   New Features in release 3.0

Differences

A few conventions used in PageStream 2 have changed which may be
confusing at first, but which you will find to be an improvement once you
have become used to them. When you move an object, you no longer have to
select it and release the mouse button before dragging it; simply select
and drag all in one movement. Note that if you drag an object quickly,
you will just see its bounding box, while if you pause for a moment, you
will see its actual shape.

The snap-to-grid and snap-to-guide features now snap all sides of objects
to the grid and guides instead of just the top and left edges. When you
draw objects, do not click to start the object and click again to end
it---PageStream3 uses the more standard drag drawing method. As well,
pasting places objects in the center of the visual area.

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1.16   New Features in release 3.0

Online help

Everything you need to know to use PageStream is now available just by
pressing the Help key, choosing the Help command or clicking on the Help
button in the Navigator or toolbar. PageStream uses the AmigaGuide online
help system to present most of the information in the manual in a
hypertext format. Additional information that is not provided in the
manual, such as the macro command definitions, is available in the help
system.

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1.17   Differing Concepts

Welcome Professional Page users!

Soft-Logik Publishing is pleased to welcome Professional Page® users to
PageStream 3.0. We have worked hard to make upgrading to PageStream as
easy as possible. You can continue to use your fonts, drawings and
documents from Professional Page and Professional Draw with PageStream.

If you cannot find the PageStream equivalent for a ProPage feature, press
Help in PageStream and choose the Professional Page® Feature Finder
option.

Fonts: Add your fonts to PageStream3's font manager. All your ProPage
fonts should work in PageStream 3.0 without any difficulties.

Drawings: Import your drawings into PageStream with the Place command.
You can edit them directly in PageStream.

Documents: Load your ProPage 3.x and 4.x documents with the Open command,
just as you would any other document. PageStream will convert them to
PageStream format. See also:
 Converting Old PageStream & ProPage Documents

Differences

PageStream is very different from Professional Page, but we have kept the
interface simple so you will feel at home in no time. The following
screens detail some of the important differences between ProPage and
PageStream to help you get started more quickly.

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1.18 Differing Concepts

Document Windows

In ProPage, you could only open one document at a time. PageStream allows you to open as many document windows as you want, limited only by memory.

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1.19 Differing Concepts

Creating Pages

When you open or start a document, the first page will be displayed immediately; there is no need to create pages in PageStream. When you switch to a previously unused page, it will be added automatically.

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1.20 Differing Concepts

Master Pages

All pages are based on master pages, which determine the size and orientation of the page. You can create new master pages and change the master page on which a page is based at any time.

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1.21 Differing Concepts

Installing Fonts

Fonts can be put anywhere on your system. Just add the directory in which they are stored to PageStream with the Settings/Fonts command. You can use your existing Compugraphic fonts with PageStream.

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1.22 Differing Concepts

Text Columns

ProPage forces you to put all text in a text box. PageStream allows you
to create text frames (boxes) as in ProPage, but it also lets you create
multiple columns in one text frame. You can even type directly onto a
blank area of the page to create a frameless text object. When you resize
a frameless text object, the text resizes with it.

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1.23 Differing Concepts

Selecting Objects

To select multiple objects, just draw a marquée box around them with the
Object tool. The Object tool is similar to a combination of ProPage's Nul
Pointer and Marquée tools.

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1.24 Differing Concepts

Moving the Page

To change the portion of the page displayed in the document window, drag
the horizontal or vertical scrollbar. You may feel more comfortable using
the page drag feature if you liked ProPage's Page Position tool. Simply
hold down the middle mouse button (hold down the Right Amiga key if you
have a two button mouse) and drag the page.

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1.25 Differing Concepts

Keyboard Shortcuts

You may find the shortcuts in PageStream to be very different from
ProPage. PageStream adheres to the Amiga style guidelines for all
interface issues, including keyboard shortcuts. If you are familiar with
the Amiga Workbench, you will find PageStream easy-to-learn.

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1.26   Differing Concepts

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ARexx
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PageStream offers a more complete set of ARexx commands than ProPage, but
there is one major difference: ProPage is a function host while
PageStream is a command host. This means that you type a command with
plain English parameters instead of calling a function with unnamed
arguments. ProPage's ARexx functions are mode-sensitive, whereas
PageStream's ARexx commands give you total control of the program.
PageStream also allows you to record macros and play them back without
using ARexx.

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1.27   Differing Concepts

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Pasting Text
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The insertion point is moved to the end of the pasted text after pasting.
ProPage leaves the insertion point at the beginning of the pasted block.

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1.28   Differing Concepts

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Importing Graphics
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In ProPage, you must create a box and then import a graphic into it. In
PageStream, graphics are placed directly on the page.

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1.29   Differing Concepts

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Tools
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At first it might seem like PageStream has fewer tools than ProPage, but
the missing tools are implemented in PageStream by equivalent menu
commands or buttons in the toolbar.

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