

Graphic Workshop for Windows 1.1

Release notes:

To install Graphic Workshop for Windows on your hard drive:

1. If you have received Graphic Workshop in an archive, such as a ZIP file, place the contents of the archive on a high density flopppt disk. If you have received Graphic Workshop on a floppy floppy directly from Alchemy Mindworks, this has already been done for you.
2. Place the disk in a floppy drive of your computer.
3. Open the File menu of the Windows program manager and select Run.
4. In the Run dialog box, type A:SETUP or B:SETUP, as is appropriate.
5. Follow the installer instructions... the Setup application will prompt you as required.

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If you encounter difficulty installing Graphic Workshop, see the instructions at the end of this file.

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Graphic Workshop for Windows requires Windows 3.1 or better. A minimum of four megabytes of memory is recommended. Note that if you have four megabytes in your system, but a large part of it is tied up in a RAM disk, a disk cache, as EMS or in some other form which Windows cannot address it, Graphic Workshop may be unable to run.

Graphic Workshop for Windows has been rewritten for release 1.1. If you've used an older version of the software, you'll find this one considerably different.

To begin with, it will come up in Thumbnail mode. You will see at least three image icons, one or more grey boxes with red circles in them... "no image" icons... and icons representing the drives and directories of your system. Clicking on these will work just like clicking on the names in the traditional list box mode.

You can get to the list box mode by selecting Use Thumbnails from the Thumbnails menu. This is a toggle... selecting it again will return you to thumbnail mode. You can configure Graphic Workshop to always come up in its list box mode through the Setup dialog.

There is much more extensive help in this release of Graphic Workshop, with Help buttons in most of the dialogs. If you get stuck, click on Help.

Here are some of the major changes to Graphic Workshop for Windows:

- Windows EXE picture option
- Support for LZW, Group 3 and Group 4 TIFF.
- Support for JPEG compression and the Independent JPEG Group's JFIF

file format.

- Support for Kodak Photo-CDs.
- Additional colour reduction and dithering options.
- Better memory management.
- Context sensitive help.
- PFS:First Publisher ART file support.
- Resizeable main window.
- Thumbnail image mode.
- Key word search and comment fields for each image.
- Easier setup.

Graphic Workshop for Windows has become more powerful, but it hasn't gotten more expensive. You can register your copy for \$40.00. If you'll be registering by credit card, call our toll free order line at 1-800-263-1128. Complete information about registering Graphic Workshop for Windows and contacting Alchemy Mindworks can be found in the GWS documentation, and in Graphic Workshop's Help function.

NOTES FOR THIS RELEASE

New features and changes:

- Added file destination, renaming and underbar options.
- Added Windows EXE pictures.
- Added HRZ file support.
- Added 256-colour dithering to the view mode.
- Added LZW and Group 4 TIFF support.
- Added display gamma adjustment.
- Added RAS support.
- Added virtual memory.
- Various minor bugs fixed.
- Added grey scale reading for Photo-CDs.
- Added a filter to exclude selected file formats from the main window.
- Added a Change Directory function to the file menu.
- Updated the EXE format to support VESA cards.
- Added a function to associate graphics with GWS.EXE.
- Added an option to write OS/2 BMP files.
- Added Huffman and Group 3 1D TIFF reading.
- Added Kodak Photo-CD support.
- Added an option to prompt for a destination directory.
- Updated the BWCC.DLL library to fix a cosmetic problem for users with some true colour displays.
- Added controls to allow the printer brightness and contrast to be adjusted.
- Tidied up the Print controls.
- Added larger print options and autosize printing.

- Added grey scale and gamma adjustments for the TIFF files and grey scale adjustment for dithering.

See the end of GWS.WRI for the complete revision history and list of bug fixes.

There is a minor problem with the Kodak Photo-CD support, which appears to be due to a bug in the Kodak libraries. Viewing Photo-CD files may orphan a small block of memory. This memory will be freed when Graphic Workshop terminates. It's not large enough to cause any meaningful problems, but it does make the free memory display in the About box change slightly as you work.

If you have any problems with the Photo-CD section... or just some comments... we'd like to hear from you.

Graphic Workshop for Windows may encounter difficulty printing to some versions of the Hewlett-Packard DeskJet 550C driver. This is a known bug, and we're working on it.

Note that the locations of the registration name and number fields have changed... they're in a box of their own now. Click on Register in the Setup box.

Some users have reported problems with installing Graphic Workshop on systems with relatively little memory. The SETUP program may be unable to uncompress some of the files on the distribution disk. If this happens to you, get to the DOS prompt and do the following.

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CD \  
MD \GWSWIN  
A:UNPACK A:  
or  
B:UNPACK B:
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