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From the About menu, choose 'Registration, Copyright, License' and follow the instructions.

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From the Help menu, choose Technical Support and follow the instructions.

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File: Open, Save, Print

Open an image

1. From the File menu, choose Open Image File.
2. Select the image file and press OK.

You may display several images on the screen. To open up a new window for an image, choose New Image from the File menu; then, proceed as indicated above.

An image file can also be opened directly from the Windows File Manager if the Associate/win.ini file is set up correctly. Double-click on the image file and VuGrafix is started up and the image is displayed.

Save the displayed image

1. From the File menu, choose Save Image As.
2. In the Save As dialog box, specify the graphics format from the list displayed at the bottom. The supported formats are:

Raster formats: BMP, GIF, JPEG, TIFF, PCX, DCX, IMG.
Vector formats: WPG, WMF, EPS.

If you convert a vector image to a raster image, some of the scalability of the image is lost.

3. Specify the directory and the file name. Press OK.

Instead of selecting the graphics format from the list, you may simply use the format code as an extension of the file name, for example MYIMAGE.GIF.

Print the displayed image

1. From the File menu, choose Print Image. The Print Image window is displayed.
2. Optionally, specify the print offset (if not centered), and the number of copies. Press OK.

Close the Image

The image can be deleted by clicking on the Control box in the upper left corner. Alternatively, choose Delete Image from the File menu (Shift+Del).

View Image

Vector images (like WMF, WPG, EPS)

Vector images are self-scaling. To increase or decrease the size, simply drag the borders up, down, left or right. The image will retain its original aspect. To stretch the image, so that it fits into the image box, select Stretch Image from the View menu.

Raster images (like BMP, GIF, TIFF, etc)

VuGrafix supports several viewing features. Select the option from the View menu.

1. Magnifications and scaling.
2. Rotation (90, 180 and 270 degrees)
3. Inversion of colors.
4. Mirroring (vertical, horizontal)

see also [Color Adjustments](#).

Copy, Paste

A displayed image can be copied to the Windows Clipboard, or an image can be pasted from the Clipboard to the VuGrafix window.

Copy the image to the Clipboard (all graphics formats)

1. Display the image.
2. From the Edit menu, choose Copy Image.

WMF metafiles will be copied in the metafile format. WPG and EPS formats may produce unpredictable results. See below for converting a vector image to a raster image.

Copy a section of the image to the Clipboard (only raster images, such as BMP, GIF TIFF, etc.)

1. Display the image.
2. From the Edit menu, Copy Section of Image. A cross-hair pointer appears on the screen.
3. Mark the rectangle that you wish to copy by dragging the cursor from the upper left corner to the lower right corner, while holding down the left mouse button.
4. Release the mouse button.

Paste an image from the Clipboard

1. From the Edit menu, choose Paste. The image will be copied to the currently active window. If you want to paste the image to a new screen, you should first choose New Image File from the File menu. If the image appears all black, stretch the image (from the View menu). To save a pasted image, you may need to rasterize it first (see below). Rasterizing involves two steps: first rasterize the image to the clipboard, then paste it from the clipboard.

Rasterize a Vector Image, Conversion

Sometimes, you may want to convert a vector (metafile) image to a raster (bitmap) image. For example, you may need to convert a WordPerfect graphics (WPG) or a Windows metafile (WMF) to a GIF format for a web page. The process is simple: Display the vector image and choose Rasterize Image from the Edit menu. The rasterized image is copied to the Clipboard. Open a new image window (choose New Image from the File menu) and choose Paste from the Edit menu. The converted, rasterized image is displayed, and you can save it as a GIF file.

Association/Win.ini Setup, Preferences

Association

If you want to open VuGrafix with a double-click on the file name from the File Manager, you must first set up the Win.ini file in the Windows directory.

1. Open the Windows File Manager.
2. From the File menu, choose Associate.
3. In the 'Files with Extensions' box, type the three-character extension name, e.g. GIF.
4. Click on Browse button.
5. In the dialog box, select the directory that holds the VuGrafix.exe file (probably the VUGRAFIX directory). The vugrafix.exe file is listed in the in the box on your left.
7. Click on the vugrafix.exe file in the list on your left.
8. Click on OK. The extension association is now posted to the WINDOWWIN.INI file.

Preferences

The startup size and state of the image windows and the master window can be specified in the VUGRAFIX.INI file. The settings are:

```
[Window]
  Width=75
  Height=75
  Aspect=0
  StateMaster=2
  StateImage=0
[Magnification]
  Default=100
[Magnification List]
  Items=10,25,50,75,100,150,200,300,400
[Options]
  Options=
```

The Width and Height of the image windows are expressed as percentages of the screen size.

Aspect:

0 = Standard
1 = Fit to window
2 = Stretch to fit

State (Window state of the image window and the master window):

0 = Standard
1 = Minimized
2 = Maximized

Magnification Default specifies the default magnification when displaying an image.

Magnification List allows you to specify the magnification ratios in the View menu. The default magnification ratios are 10,25,50,75,100,150,200,300,400.

Options (for future use)

Thumbnails

With VuGrafix you can display all images in a directory as thumbnails.

1. From the File menu, choose Thumbnails, or click on the Thumbnail button in the toolbar.
2. From the list of directories, select the directory. Double-click. The directory name appears in the yellow directory box below.
3. Optionally, select the size of the thumbnails, otherwise, the system will automatically select the best size.
4. Press on Display.
5. To view an individual image in the VuiGrafix viewer, simply double-click on the image.

Color Adjustments

VuGrafix provides some basic color adjustment functions.

1. From the Color menu, choose Color Adjustment. The Color Adjustment window is displayed.
2. Specify the **Image Reduction, Dithering, Brightness and Gamma** values.
3. For Reduction/Dithering, press OK.

Image Reduction Methods:

Black and White (1 Bit)
256 level Gray scale (8 Bit)
16 Color (4 Bit)
256 Color (8 Bit)

Dithering Algorithm (used for Image Reduction):

None
Bayer dither
Burkes dither
Floyd Steinberg dither

You can 'reduce' the image only downward, for example from 256 Color to 16 Color, not vice versa. The process cannot be reversed.

Slide Show

With VuGrafix you can display selected images in a Slide Show.

1. From the File menu, choose Slide Show, or click on the Slideshow button in the toolbar. The Slide Show window is displayed.
2. From the list of directories, select the directory. Double-click. From the file list select the image files for the slide show.
3. Set the slide show options:
 - Intervals: seconds per display, or Manual for manual operation.
 - Continuous: Show is repeated when it reaches the last image.
 - Maximized: The image window is maximized.
 - Scale-to-fit: The image is sized to fit the window, but retaining the proper aspect. Vector images are always scaled to fit.
4. Click on **Start**. The show starts. You can interrupt the show by pressing on the Slide Show Control button in the toolbar. Press the **Pause** button to temporarily stop the show; press **Resume** to continue. To redisplay the previous image, click on **Back**. Cancel quits the program.

