

	Authorware 3	Everest Authoring System 1.5	EDITORS' CHOICE IconAuthor 7.0	ImageQ 2.31	EDITORS' CHOICE Macromedia Director 4.04
Price	\$4,995 (list)	\$4,395; subscription, \$239 per month (list)	\$4,995 (list)	\$749 (list)	\$1,195 (list)
Platforms	Macintosh, Windows 3.1	Windows 3.1	OS/2, Windows 3.1	Windows 3.1	Macintosh, Windows 3.1
General Features					
User can distribute unlimited runtime version free	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
On-site training	No	No	No	No	No
Accepts DLLs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DDE send and receive	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
OLE 2.0 client/server support	Yes Yes	No No	Yes Yes	No No	No No
Supports MCI calls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Developer Interface					
Icon flowcharts	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Outliner	No	No	No	No	Yes
Text-based	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
Nested flowcharts	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Multiple documents open	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Zoom views	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ribbon bar or toolbox	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Debugging utility	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
User can set security privileges	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Hide menu bars and title bars	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Help Wizards	No	No	No	No	No
Programming					
Scripting language	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Data type variables:					
Array	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Integer	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
String	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Data validation	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Paradigms:					
Object-oriented	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Parameter-based	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Procedural (scripting)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Template	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Scoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
User-Interface objects					
Alphanumeric entry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Check boxes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Dialog boxes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drag-and-drop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Palettes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Pull-down menus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Push/radio buttons	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes Yes
Navigation					
Dynamic hyperlinks	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Forward/backward navigation	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
GOTO commands	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Jumps to start or finish	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Video					
Drives VCR/laserdisk player	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Runs cropped and full-screen video	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Supports chroma-keyed overlays	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Internet Tools					
File exports: .GIF/JPEG/HTML	No No No	No No No	Yes Yes No	No No No	No No No
Web server support	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Data Files					
ASCII	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
dBase	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
proprietary	No	No	No	Yes	No
ODBC support	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Graphics					
Gradient color	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Color-palette management	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Transition effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Animation:					
Path-based	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sequencing	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Simple cell animation	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Time lines	No	No	No	No	Yes
Tweening	No	No	No	No	Yes
Video file formats: .AVI/MPEG/QuickTime	Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes No	Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes No	Yes Yes Yes
Text					
Adds drop shadows	No	No	No	No	No
Bevels text	No	No	No	No	No
Extrudes text	No	No	No	No	No
Fits text to curve	No	No	No	No	No
Rotates and sweeps text	No	No	No	No	No
Sound					
Can loop sound	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can kill sound	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
File Importing					
Animation: .FLC/.FLI	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Graphics:					

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.BMP/EPS	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes Yes
.GIF/PCX	No Yes	No Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Pict/.RLE	No Yes	No No	Yes Yes	No Yes	Yes No
Targa/TIFF	No Yes	No No	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	No Yes
.WMF	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sound:					
CD audio	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
MIDI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
.SND	No	No	No	No	Yes
.WAV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

MediaVerse 1.5	Multimedia ToolBook 4.0: CBT Edition	Oracle Media Objects 1.0.5	Quest 5.1
\$799 (list)	\$1,299 (street)	\$99 until May 31, 1996; \$495 thereafter (list)	\$3,995 (list)
Windows 3.1, Windows 95	Windows 3.1	Macintosh, Windows 3.1	Windows 3.1
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