Doug

Thank you for purchasing Doug from Lepton Technologies! Doug is a useful collection of utilities designed to bring more flexibility to working with QuarkXPress. Doug adds three new functions: BetterNew, BetterLock, and TextInset. The user can choose which functions are enabled through the Doug Preferences... dialog, accessed via the Preferences menu.
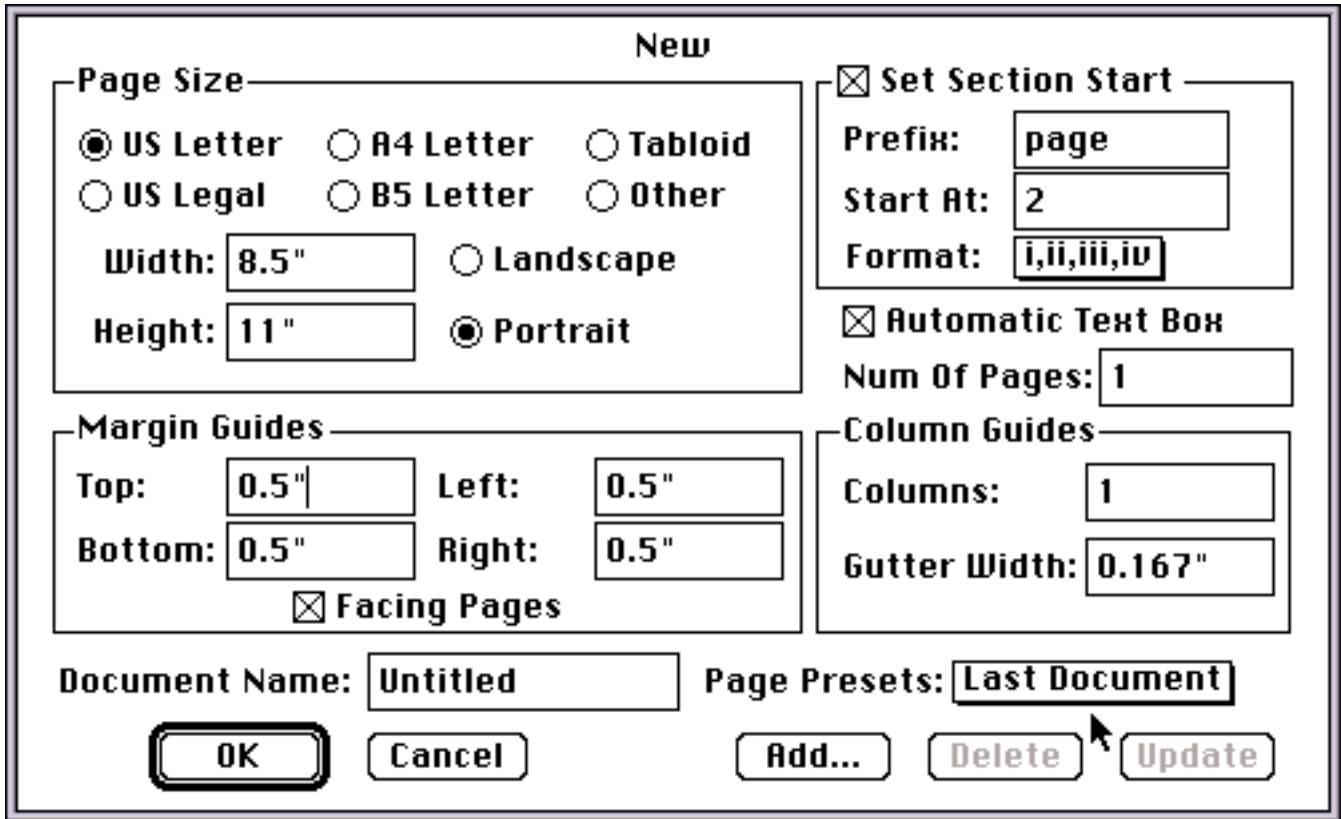

Figure 1: The Extended New Dialog

BetterNew is an extension of XPress New Document dialog which adds several new features (see Figure 1). With BetterNew, the user can specify landscape or portrait mode for new documents with the click of a mouse, add pages to a new document automatically, name the new document without having to save it first, set a section start, and save commonly used page setups in a pop-up list of predefined page settings. To change from portrait to landscape mode, click either the Landscape or Portrait radio buttons. To being a numbering section (i.e. with Roman numerals), check the Set Section Start checkbox and enter the prefix, number that the section s starting page should begin at, and format of the section numbering. To add the current settings of the dialog to the preset list, click the Add Preset... button. You will be prompted to name the preset, and it will be added to the pop-up list. You can then choose from the list to quickly set up commonly used page formats. To remove a preset from the list, click the Remove Preset... button. You will be prompted to specify which presets to remove. To name the document, enter a name in the Document Name field. To specify how many pages should be added to the document, enter a number in the Number of Pages field.

BetterLock is an enhanced locking utility intended to work with XPress item locking function. When

locking a page element, such as a text box, without BetterLock, it is still possible for the user to change the contents of the box. However, with BetterLock, the user cannot inadvertently modify a box contents or position. The user locks an item using the Lock command in the Item menu. If BetterLock is enabled, the Contents and Rotation tools in the Tool Palette cannot be selected.
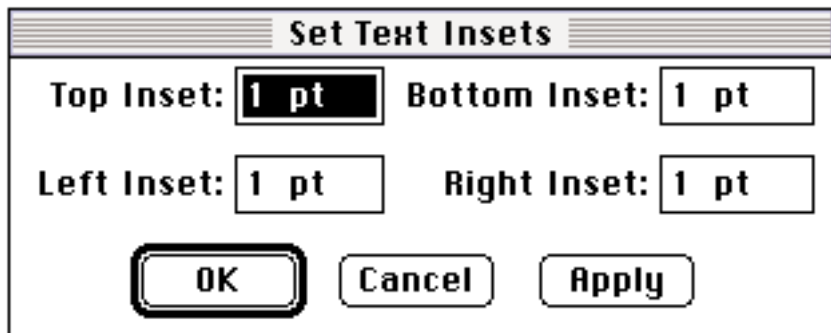

Figure 2: TextInset Dialog

TextInset, accessed via the Utilities menu, allows the user to set the top, left, right, and bottom text insets of a text box individually, whereas XPress only allows one value that affects all four settings. Insets can be set in points, inches, or any of the other XPress measurement conventions. Clicking OK applies the values to the currently selected text box. Clicking Cancel leaves the dialog and does not modify the selected box. Click Apply to apply the values to the box without closing the dialog. This is useful for repeatedly trying different values until they re just right.

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