

Introduction to MEXT Pro

An overview of Managing Editor XT Pro

Thank you for purchasing Managing Editor® XT Pro 2.0 from Managing Editor Software. With it, all your stories and pictures will appear in an easy-to-use runsheet palette right on your QuarkXPress® desktop.

You'll be able to quickly place and replace text and graphics in your document by dragging them out of your MEXT Pro runsheet and dropping them on pages in your XPress document. You'll no longer need to go through the time-consuming process of creating boxes and locating and importing their contents: MEXT Pro will do it all automatically.

And once placed in your document, MEXT Pro stories and graphics will be crossed off your runsheet so that you can easily keep track of which items have been placed and which have not.

Installing MEXT Pro

To install your copy of MEXT Pro, insert the master diskette and follow the directions in the chapter entitled XTension Installation. All the instructions necessary for installation are contained in that chapter. When you are finished installing MEXT Pro, come back here for instructions on its use.

MEXT Pro Copy Protection

MEXT Pro uses a non-intrusive copy protection scheme in which the XTension is serialized to your copy of QuarkXPress®. If you try and use the serialized XTension with a different copy of XPress, it will not work.

If you want to install MEXT Pro with a different copy of XPress, you must first remove the old MEXT Pro from its existing location and re-install it with the new copy of XPress.

Instructions for removing a previously-installed copy of MEXT Pro are contained in the chapter entitled Removing MEXT Pro 2.0. Once MEXT Pro is removed, you may reinstall it with the same or a different copy of QuarkXPress.

Should you receive an update for your QuarkXPress and find that MEXT Pro no longer works with the updated copy, first remove MEXT Pro XTension following the instructions in this manual, then re-install the package.

XTension Backup

During the installation process, the MEXT Pro Installer also creates a backup copy of

your new MEXT Pro XTension and saves that copy on your master diskette. Should your original XTension become damaged, erased or removed, all you need do is drag the backup copy from your master diskette and drop it in the original XPress folder.

Do not, under any circumstances, erase this backup copy from the master diskette, place any additional files on the master diskette or in any way tamper with the master diskette. Should you do so, installation and removal may no longer work and Managing Editor Software, Inc., will not be liable for the consequences.

Instead, once installation is complete, place your master diskette in a safe location and return your registration card immediately to Managing Editor Software so that you will be eligible for XTension updates and other offerings from MES.

System Requirements

This version of MEXT Pro functions with QuarkXPress version 3.1 and later.

MEXT Pro Files

In addition to MEXT Pro XTension itself, a special file called MEXT Pro.PRF is created the first time you use MEXT Pro.

This file contains all the information MEXT Pro uses to locate files and directories on your hard drive or network. If you should accidentally delete this file from your hard disk, you will lose all the information you have created for your Gather Sets.

In this case, MEXT Pro will create a new preferences file, but it will contain none of the old information you have set up.

MEXT Pro file icons

Installer Icon: This icon represents MEXT Pro Installer.

Installer Data: This icon represents the file MEXT Pro Installer uses to create your XTension.

MEXT Pro XTension: This icon represents a Quark XTension and will show up in your Quark folder after installation.

Page Director Series Files

If you own copies of Managing Editor Software's Page Director Series applications, files can be read into QuarkXPress using the Managing Editor XT Pro. Manuals documenting the proper use of the XTension to import Page Director Series files are bundled with the applications.