Managing Editor XT Pro Preferences

Activating the Preference File

Within the Managing Editor XT Pro, there are multiple preferences which can be user defined. To activate the preferences dialog box, select Preferences from the View menu. The following dialog box will appear:

humbnail Options

There are three options the user can define when using thumbnail views within the Managing Editor XT Pro.

When activated, the Show text thumbnails option allows the user to view the first few lines of a gathered text element. If the user selects the Thumbnail View menu item under the Do menu, the XTension will show any gathered text element in thumbnail view, as shown below.

f the Greek placed thumbnail, Managing Editor XT Pro will automatically greek placed items. In the graphic below, the text element has been placed onto a QuarkXPress page and the number of columns has been set. Managing Editor XT Pro automatically blocks out the text from further viewing within the XTension palette. (The box on the left is a standard QuarkXPress text box placed with the Managing Editor XT Pro. The palette on the right contains the greeked item.)

hen the Bounce zoomed window preference option has been selected, Managing Editor XT Pro can be used in full-screen mode while viewing thumbnails.

With a QuarkXPress document open in the background, click in the Zoom box in the upper right hand corner of the MEXT Pro palette. The palette should zoom to full-screen view. Now, switch to thumbnail view by selecting Thumbnail View under the Do menu.

The text thumbnails will appear as previously shown, but when an item is selected for placement, the MEXT Pro palette will revert to its previous, "pre-zoom" state allowing for the placement of the item on the QuarkXPress page.

Import Options

As noted in Chapter 3, MEXT Pro can receive references, thumbnail pict. previews and AppleEvents from Fetch[™] and Search[™], two picture cataloguing applictions. Managing Editor XT Pro allows the user to decide from which application MEXT Pro will accept references, etc.

Depending on which application is selected, MEXT Pro will accomodate the user by switching application references within the XTension. Under the Do menu, MEXT Pro will list either Fetch[™] or Search[™] as the application of reference when accepting catalogue information or externally launching the applications.

Launch Fetch or Search

When using a Fetch or Search catalogue, you may want to launch the application in order to change some information within the catalogue. To do this just select Launch Fetch... or Launch Search... menu choice from the Do menu. Based on the preference selection made, only the choice for the appropriate application will be offered.

Caption Options

When pictures and graphics with captions, such as Associated Press LeafDesk photos, are gathered using the Managing Editor XT Pro, the XTension allows the user to specify with the caption should be placed on the QuarkXPress page with the photo or graphic by clicking the Make text box for graphics with captions. If the photo or graphic is placed, such as the photo below, Managing Editor XT Pro will create a text box containing the caption delivered with the photo or graphic.

anaging Editor XT Pro will also create a text box for a photo or graphic with no caption. Within the MEXT Pro palette, a graphic or photo with no caption is indicated with the words No attached text under the thumbnail preview of the photo or graphic.

When Make text box for captionless graphic is selected, MEXT Pro creates a text box underneath the photo or graphic with the words No attached text available as shown below. The user can then type in a caption for the photo or graphic.

f the Group caption with graphic checkbox is selected, the text box placed with the graphic on the QuarkXPress page will be grouped with the picture box created using XPress' grouping function as shown below. This means that the text box will always move with the picture box unless the user ungroups using QuarkXPress.