

This document briefly describes StyleIt from a lowly apprentice production. As a demonstration version, it is exactly like the production version. However, note that while loaded, any demonstration XTension^{fi} alters QuarkXPress^{fi} such that saved documents CANNOT be opened by normal versions of QuarkXPress, and all printed pages include a QuarkXPress Demo banner.

What is StyleIt?

StyleIt is an innovative and essential tool for use with QuarkXPress. Its dual function is to select a range of text and then apply stylings to the selected text. Text selection is accomplished with a special marquee tool, which you drag around a range of text. The unique design of this marquee tool allows text to be selected that is non-contiguous that is: text that is not adjacent to, following or preceding a section of text.

This idea of non-contiguosness also applies to text contained in multiple text boxes (not necessarily text from the same story or chain). The StyleIt marquee tool will select text in multiple boxes, simply by drawing a marquee across the chosen text boxes. In fact, anywhere the marquee can be drawn on the spread even across boxes and pages text will be selected.

The selection of the text is only the first part of the process. Once you drag a marquee across an area on the spread containing text, you have the choice of applying stylings in a variety of formats and combinations to that selected text. The stylings can be: Character level attributes you choose from the StyleIt dialog; aceIt styles created with the aceIt XTension (also from a lowly apprentice productions); Paragraph style sheets used in the document; Selected attributes from the style sheets, such as Character, Rules, Tabs, and Paragraph settings

In other words, you have the option to apply combinations of character styles, style sheets, aceIt styles, or variations of those styles, on the marquee'd text. You'll soon get used to the ease and power of StyleIt, and it will become a valued tool in your production repertoire.

Accessing StyleIt

When StyleIt is loaded with QuarkXPress, the StyleIt

tool appears on the toolbar. Click on the StyleIt icon to select the StyleIt tool for use.

KitchenSink

Does everything but the dishes! Featuring Command Pad and the Co-Pilot palette. This XTension provides one-click access to nearly every QuarkXPress menu item plus some other commonly used features. For example: one click opens a document; show or hide the Measurements palette with a click; scroll to any part of the page with one click; click to check spelling; and so on.

KitchenSink also includes window-management controls, a page pop-up menu, a customizable document-magnification menu (define your own magnification levels up to 1200%, three times the QuarkXPress limit), a Nudge palette and a palette for control of text scaling & baseline shift.*

And that's not all: advanced copy and paste features; quick color conversion from spot to process colors and back; preference settings for image import, interface appearance, and measurements; an option that fits a box to a picture.... And we're probably forgetting to mention something this is not just an XTension, it's everything but the kitchen sink!

ScaleIt

Have you ever wished there was an easy way to resize items in QuarkXPress? How about a command, or better yet, a tool you could use for scaling, just like in most graphics programs? Well, with ScaleIt, you can use the Scale tool or the Scale command to quickly and easily scale lines, text boxes, picture boxes (and their contents) in seconds you can even scale groups!

FaceIt

At last! Completely flexible character level text styling with the ease of Style Sheets....

Changing the attributes of a word or phrase within a paragraph used to involve choosing a variety of options from the Style menu and the process had to be repeated for each instance of the word or phrase. Further, if you changed the Style Sheet assigned to the paragraph, all such refinements were lost. Now, aceIt provides the same flexibility for highlighted text that Style Sheets provide for paragraphs.

StyleIt

A major breakthrough in the selection of text in QuarkXPress. StyleIt will change the way you work in QuarkXPress forever. So smooth in its use and application, StyleIt will quickly become that extra pair of hands you've been wishing for! Here's how it works.

StyleIt places a special marquee tool in the QuarkXPress tool bar. With this tool you draw a marquee around the text you wish to select. All the text within or touching the marquee will be selected, including text that is not contiguous!

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MarkIt

You do everything else to get your job ready for printing, why not place the press marks too? With MarkIt, you can make your pages completely press-ready. Position press marks such as trim lines, registration targets, and color/gray-scale bars simply by dragging them into a proxy of the active document. You can customize MarkIt by adding your own marks (created in any graphics program and saved as EPS files).

Adding custom-marks such as trim lines, registration targets, and color/gray bars to QuarkXPress is easy with MarkIt. You can even add your company logo.

Crop&RegIt

Select any element or group of elements on a QuarkXPress page and instantly have crop marks, registration targets, color indicators and gray-scale bars drawn around that selection. The marks Crop&RegIt places on the page are completely editable items so you can easily modify them.

LayerManager II

As you know, doing more in QuarkXPress means more boxes, more lines and more time spent moving between them. Fortunately, whatever the job, from newsletter layout to magazine design, LayerManager II makes dealing with Quark XPress elements much simpler.

LayerManager II lets you create view groups items in a view group are moved and made visible or invisible as a unit. This can eliminate the need for multiple versions of a partially variable document. For example, with a regional ad in which only dealer addresses change, each region s address information would be assigned to a separate view group and made visible or invisible as necessary.

And, while you are working, you can use LayerManager II to hide those pictures that take so long to redraw...

With LayerManager II you can, lock layers, easily move items from layer to layer, send layers forward or backward, automatically return items to pre-set layers. As well as, view the total number of layers (items) per spread, you can even specify the layer to which an item is to be moved.

ScriptIt

ScriptIt, featuring the Script Player and NameIt, bring new power and accessibility to QuarkXPress by making AppleScript and other OSA compliant languages readily available and compoundable. Multiple scripts are linked into a chain that is executed as if it is one script, thus, each script becomes part of a larger script-chain.

The Script Player is a sizeable palette with two adjustable, scrollable lists. The top list is composed of scripts loaded into the Script Player roster. The bottom list is of script-folders that each contain a script-chain. To launch a single script from the top list, just double-click the name of the script. To launch a script-chain from the bottom list, just click on the name of the script-folder. To create a script-chain, you can drag the name of each of the the scripts from the top window onto the name of a folder in the bottom window.

NameIt, actually part of the Script Player, is a useful tool for those users writing or performing scripts within XPress. When activated, a small, non-printing box is placed at the bottom of any object. NameIt will display either a number indicating the box s position in the stack-ing order of the page or the box s name, or both. You can also use NameIt to apply a custom name to an object, thus allowing that object to be referenced by

name from a script.

ScriptIt represents a conceptual shift in the way XTensions are developed. Scripting can tailor QuarkXPress to fit your precise publishing needs.