

Photoshop 3.0.5 Updater !

Adobe has released an updater to make Photoshop 3.0.4 into 3.0.5. The new version offers fixes for bugs in 3.0.4 and provides new filters and plug-ins including a GIF 89a export filter and a PowerPC accelerator that speeds Gaussian Blurs and other functions. The update is available for free and can be found on the Precursor BBS in Files:Adobe Stuff. 

FreeHand 5.5 Shipping Now!

Macromedia is now shipping version 5.5 of FreeHand. The new version is said to be 25% faster than FreeHand 5.x and between 200-400% faster than Illustrator 5.5. (The program is optimized for PowerPC 604 chip computers like the 8500 and 9500 Power Macs). Also included is support for Photoshop plug-ins, support for Acrobat Portable Document Format (.pdf) files, 10,000 free clip art images and 500 free URW fonts. Registered users of FreeHand 5.0 may upgrade for \$79. (FreeHand 4.0 or earlier may upgrade for \$149). Sidegrades from Adobe Illustrator, Deneba Canvas or Claris MacDraw are also available for \$149. (All prices U.S.) Contact Macromedia at (800) 288-4797. The complete press release is available on the Precursor BBS in Files:Macromedia Stuff.

QuarkXPress 3.32 Due in October!

Quark will release a free maintenance upgrade to registered users this month. The QuarkXPress 3.32 upgrade will finally combine the 68K and PowerPC versions on one CD with a smart installer that will place the appropriate version on the users Mac. 68K Macintosh owners will now receive the value added software (worth over \$2000) that PowerPC users have been getting on the QuarkXPress for PowerPC CD-ROM (including QuarkPrint and QuarkLibraries). In QuarkXPress 3.32: Users can now create the report without collecting the files; Optimized EPS files from Adobe Photoshop 3.0 are supported; Courier font substitution problems with the LaserWriter 8 driver are fixed; and, the program will support QuarkImmedia — a set of multimedia XTensions due in 1996. Read the press release on the Precursor BBS in Files:Quark Stuff.

Illustrator 6.0 Announced!

Adobe has announced Adobe Illustrator 6.0 For Macintosh and Power Macintosh. The new version will finally offer support for TIFF images. Also included will be support for Photoshop Plug-ins and a standardized Application Programming Interface (API), that will allow future Adobe products to share plug-ins. Illustrator 6.0 will ship on a Deluxe CD that includes Adobe Dimensions 3D software, 12 filters from Adobe Gallery Effects, 300 of Adobe's Type 1 fonts, QuickTime movies, clip art, stock photography, Sample path patterns in a variety of categories, and more. The new program is expected in first quarter 1996 and version 5.5 owners will be able to upgrade for \$99 US. (A floppy disk-based upgrade, which also includes the CD-ROM, is available for \$129). The complete press release is available on the Precursor BBS in Files:Adobe Stuff. Adobe can be reached by calling 1-800-521-1976 and referring to code #511216.