
Quark FixIt XTension 4.11

It would appear that the update schedule for QuarkXPress 4 is now as byzantine as it used to be with the torturous upgrade path for version 3.3 (which included 3.3, 3.31r2, 3.31r5, 3.32r2, 3.32r5 and 3.32r7). Readers of this newsletter will remember that the latest version of Quark, 4.11 is an update to correct bugs introduced in version 4.1 –in particular a slowdown when using numerous fonts under Mac OS 9– unfortunately 4.11 also had the side effect of causing modified picture locations to be counted multiple times thus breaking the maximum number of open files limit in Mac OS 8.6 and earlier. Therefore, Quark later recommended only updating to 4.11 for users with Mac OS 9.x and sticking to version 4.1 with Mac OS 8.6 or less.

Now the bizarrely named Quark FixIt XTension 4.11 provides a fix for this latest (maximum number of open files) problem. This apparently makes it possible to utilize QuarkXPress 4.11 with all versions of the Mac OS from 8.5 to 9.0.4. Therefore, Precursor Systems will be happy to help customers using version 4.1 (primarily those who are not yet on Mac OS 8.6) to upgrade their Quark to 4.11 with the FixIt Xtension during the next scheduled maintenance.

ftp://ftp2.quark.com/xpress/xtensions/mac/quark_xt40/411fixit.hqx

LaCie SilverLining Pro 6.3

LaCie has upgraded its hard disk formatter and RAID 0 stripping utility. The updater works on all pro v6.x and up copies. No word on exactly what is fixed but probably has to do with FireWire.

<http://www.lacie.com/download/support/SLpro63.sit>

Netscape Communicator 4.75

Netscape has patched up Communicator to cover a huge security hole called "the brown orifice" (I wish I were kidding). Please note that Precursor Systems currently recommends using Microsoft Internet Explorer as a browser and Outlook Express as an email client. For those who refuse to give up the now inferior Netscape product we can upgrade your Communicator. Please let us do so rather than have its wonder installer barf up several MBs of unneeded junk on your machine.

ftp://ftp.netscape.com/pub/communicator/english/4.75/mac/complete_install/Comm4.75_Complete_US.bin

Quicken 2001 Ships

Intuit has released Quicken 2001 for the Macintosh. The price is \$59.95 (before a \$20 US rebate for current users).

<http://www.shopintuit.com/q2001/q2001mlps/ProdInfo.asp?BaseCode=QDM2001&SourceCode=DHHN1E504EZZG209>