

QuarkVista XTensions software: Manipulate images within QuarkXPress layouts

Images are a vital part of any layout. Traditionally, designers had to perform certain image manipulations using a third-party application before importing an image into QuarkXPress® Software. A designer could not manipulate the image in the context of its surrounding layout. And, any changes to the source file were permanent. In addition, the majority of QuarkXPress users utilize only 10% of the functionality of the image editing software. With QuarkVista™ XTensions® software, users can perform advanced image manipulation functions relevant to page layout from within QuarkXPress — the first choice of designers for more than a decade.

Image manipulation functionality in QuarkXPress

Dedicated QuarkXPress users have always longed for image manipulation capability in their favorite layout application. With QuarkVista XTensions software, the functionality of being able to manipulate images from within QuarkXPress will reduce the time spent in third-party image editing software. Designers can manipulate images directly in the QuarkXPress layout without having to spend time switching back and forth between applications, resulting in increased productivity and enabling designers to focus on the job at hand.

Using QuarkVista XTensions software, QuarkXPress users can perform advanced image manipulations within the layout, including applying filters, making color adjustments, rendering transformations, converting color mode, and converting color format.

QuarkVista opens a new world for designers with nondestructive image manipulations

QuarkVista XTensions software allows designers to seamlessly adjust, filter, and transform images. Users can carry out a range of nondestructive picture effects without affecting the source file. Users can preview the result of the manipulations and if the result is not satisfactory, they can change the parameters, preview the image, and make adjustments—and preserve the original image integrity.

Image adjustment

QuarkVista XTensions software allows users to adjust and preview image levels, curves, color balance, selective color, brightness/contrast, hue/saturation, desaturate, and threshold.

Image filters

QuarkVista XTensions software scores over leading image editing software because the user can apply, preview, and adjust filters and other effects nondestructively. The filters available in QuarkVista XTensions software are despeckle, Gaussian blur, unsharp mask, find edges, diffuse, add noise, solarize, emboss, true contour, and median.

Image Transformations

Basic image transformation like scale, crop, skew, angle and flip have been part of QuarkXPress, but users could only apply these transformations in the layout.

With QuarkVista XTensions software, users can render these basic image transformations to the source file or render them during Collect for Output, speeding up processes and reducing the chance for error.

Image information tools help in quality output

Designers often depend on the numeric values of image attributes such as color, tone, and hue to fine-tune an image. The image information tools available in QuarkVista XTensions software display certain image attributes for manipulated images. These image information tools are pixel color sampler, histogram, and dynamic preview.

Pixel color sampler

While carrying out color correction, designers rely on numeric values of CMYK and RGB color components instead of depending on the color shown on the monitor. The pixel color sampler tells the user the exact value of a color at the pixel level, resulting in better color adjustments.

Histogram

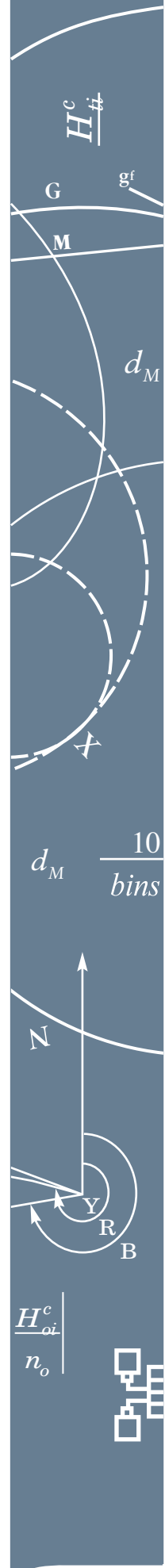
A histogram is a bar chart showing the tonal values present in an image. Users can make precise adjustments of highlights, midtones, and shadows in the image using the histogram.

Dynamic preview

QuarkVista XTensions software users get a dynamic preview of any image adjustments in the picture box in the QuarkXPress layout. Unlike other image editing applications where the user cannot see the changes until they are applied, users of QuarkVista XTensions software can preview the outcome of manipulations in the picture box itself. Users can revert to the original image if they are not satisfied with the outcome — a feature not available in third-party applications.

Modify, save, export, reuse, and render effects

With QuarkVista XTensions software, users can save effects in the Effects List, modify the effects, export those effects, and reuse them as Effects Presets to apply to one or more images. Users can render effects at output, reducing file sizes and speeding processing times.



Effects List

The Effects List records all image filters and adjustments. Users can select actions from the Effects List to save and export during Collect for Output or save the effects to the source file at a user-defined time. QuarkVista applies the effects to a preview of the image and regenerates a preview from the source file when the user changes the actions within the list. The transformations only become permanent when the user saves the effects to the source file.

Effect Preset

With QuarkVista, a user can save a collection of effects applied to an image as an Effect Preset. The user can recall this preset and apply it to multiple images in the same layout or other layouts, saving valuable time and ensuring consistency.

Rendering effects

Users can select actions from the Effects List when exporting, printing, Collecting for Output, or resaving an image. This optimizes images and alterations during Collect for Output, resulting in smaller job files requiring less disk space that RIP faster. For example, cropped images send only the data used in the cropped version to the printer or output method, speeding up processing.

Format and color model conversion during save image

While saving an image, users can choose the format of the image as well as the color model. Users can choose the same format as the original or select another format. For example, if the original file is a bitmap (BMP), the user can change the format to TIFF, JPEG, EPS, or GIF while saving the file. Similarly, users can select which color model to save an image as, including CMYK, RGB, or grayscale.

Benefits of QuarkVista

Enhances creativity with nondestructive adjustments and filters

With QuarkVista XTensions software, designers can unleash their creativity without the fear of making irreversible changes in the source file. QuarkVista XTensions software, with its nondestructive adjustment and filters, does not affect the source file unless the user chooses to save changes to it, allowing greater freedom to experiment with images.

Reduces dependence on third-party applications

Layout designers using QuarkXPress require third-party applications for manipulating images. But, the majority use less than 10% of the functionality of these advanced image editing applications. QuarkVista XTensions software provides these functionalities in QuarkXPress and reduces dependence on third-party image editing software.

Enhances productivity

The functionality of editing images within the context of the layout reduces the time spent on image manipulation. Other features like Effects List, Effects Presets, and global changes enhance productivity and reduce the time spent performing image manipulations.

Optimizes output for service providers

QuarkVista XTensions software renders alterations within QuarkXPress for optimized output. QuarkVista XTensions software optimizes images and renders all alterations prior to final output, preserving original image integrity, speeding processing and RIP time, and decreasing service bureau errors.

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