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Meadows Publishing Solutions Releases CopyFit Software for QuarkXPress; Users Benefit from Automated Copyfitting

News Highlights

- CopyFit Desktop, an XTensions module for QuarkXPress, retails for \$225 and is compatible with Macintosh QuarkXPress versions 4.11, 5.01 and 6.5, or Windows QuarkXPress version 6.5;
- CopyFit Server is an XTensions module that works with QuarkDDS 3.50, the server version of QuarkXPress;
- Meadows Publishing Solutions is a leader in the development of variable data and data publishing software modules for QuarkXPress and Adobe InDesign users;
- For more information about MPS CopyFit Desktop, MPS CopyFit Server, or any other MPS offering, please visit www.meadowsp.com.

Schaumburg, IL – February 8, 2006 — Meadows Publishing Solutions (MPS) announced today that they have released a stand-alone version of their popular CopyFit software. MPS's CopyFit™ Desktop is an XTensions module for QuarkXPress (Macintosh or Windows), which provides a number of sophisticated copyfitting features. The software is designed to detect and remedy overset (or underset) text conditions in any document, and repair the condition automatically, according to a set of user-defined copyfitting rules. Until now, CopyFit has only been available bundled with the Meadows DesignMerge Pro software. CopyFit™ Desktop, now available from MPS and its distributors, is compatible with QuarkXPress versions 4.11 through 6.5 for the Macintosh, and version 6.5 for Windows users. In addition, a server version of CopyFit is also available for QuarkDDS. For more information, please visit www.meadowsp.com.

MPS CopyFit™ Server Available for QuarkDDS 3.50

In addition to the desktop version of CopyFit, the product is also available for QuarkDDS 3.50, which is the server version of the QuarkXPress publishing engine. In this workflow, documents are first tagged using the desktop version of CopyFit for QuarkXPress as described above, and are then uploaded to the QuarkDDS server in the normal fashion. When a request for a document is sent to the server, CopyFit can be enabled via a set of simple HTTP parameters. CopyFit is an ideal complement to any dynamic document application using QuarkDDS.

How CopyFit Works

CopyFit works by modifying overset text within a box, by applying a user-defined set of attribute parameters (point size, scaling, leading, etc.) as a guide. All of the CopyFit parameters are user-definable, and can be changed to specify the order in which the parameters are applied. CopyFit settings can be defined and stored as sets. Each box in a QuarkXPress layout can be "tagged" with its own set of unique CopyFit settings, and the tagged boxes can be CopyFit at any time. CopyFit settings and operations are controlled via the CopyFit palette. CopyFit can work interactively on a single box, or can process an entire document with a single click.

In addition to providing extensive control over CopyFit parameter selection, the user can also choose from one of several pre-defined "fit styles," that can be used to simulate practically any Copyfitting methodology. By selecting the appropriate style, a designer can programmatically mimic the steps that they would take to CopyFit a box manually. This exclusive feature ensures an aesthetically pleasing result. CopyFit can also be configured to automatically check for overset conditions during Save, Print, or Save as EPS operations, prompting the user when such conditions are detected.

About Meadows Publishing Solutions

Meadows Publishing Solutions is a software development and consulting company specializing in commercial and custom XTensions® for QuarkXPress, plug-in modules for Adobe® InDesign® and Adobe Acrobat®, and other extensible technologies. Meadows has developed a number of popular software packages for the database publishing and variable data printing markets, including their award-winning products AutoPrice(tm) and DesignMerge®. Founded in 1991, Meadows is based just outside of Chicago in Schaumburg, Illinois.

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