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Release notes for

Ventura Publisher

Macintosh Edition

Version 3.0

Thank you for purchasing Ventura Publisher, Macintosh Edition.

In order for us to keep you informed on future product enhancements and provide the best technical support possible, please take the time to complete and send in your product registration card.

The Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher is a powerful desktop publishing application like no other found on the Macintosh. We recommend you take the time to run the *Guided Tour* in order to familiarize yourself with the features and functionality of Ventura Publisher before installing the application on your system.

This release note provides additional information and documentation addendums. Throughout this release note you will see references to locations in the software documentation (i.e., *UG* 17-5). We recommended you make a note at these referenced locations that more information is covered in this release note since this information will be important to you as you refer to the software documentation in the future.

In each reference, the manual name is abbreviated as follows:

UG = User's Guide
RG = Reference Guide
TG = Training Guide
QR = Quick-Reference Guide

User interface

If you are familiar with the Macintosh interface, you will find the interface in Ventura Publisher to be very similar to other applications in its ease of use and functionality.

If you are new to the Macintosh you should refer to the *Macintosh Owner's Guide* in order to familiarize yourself with the Macintosh operating system and interface before using Ventura Publisher.

If you are a new user of Ventura Publisher . . .

To ease into using your new Ventura Publisher software,

- run the *Guided Tour* and use the *Training Guide* to learn basic concepts and features of Ventura Publisher
- refer to the Getting Started section of the *User's Guide* for software installation guidelines and procedures
- refer to the *Quick Reference* when you need a reminder of the steps for basic operations
- refer to the *Reference Guide* when you need information on the function of a menu or menu command
- refer to the *User's Guide* when you need detailed operational information

Please remember to send in your registration card! This card entitles you to technical support and other benefits.

Documentation addendums and corrections

We at Ventura Software Inc., in order to provide a superior product, are continually enhancing Ventura Publisher. Some of these enhancements have been incorporated after the documentation has gone to press. This section details these enhancements as well as any corrections to the software documentation.

Compatibility with other versions

Publications and chapters created in other versions of Ventura Publisher are compatible with the Macintosh Edition.

If you share publications and chapters with other users, the following information about compatibility may be useful to you.

- Publications and chapters created in all previous versions of Ventura Publisher are compatible with the Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher

- Publications and chapters created in the Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher are compatible with the other Gold Series (3.0) versions of Ventura Publisher.

Hyphenation

The text hyphenation algorithm used in the Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher is different from that used in the DOS/GEM version of Ventura Publisher. If a document created in the DOS/GEM version of Ventura Publisher is opened in the Macintosh version, the way text is hyphenated may be different. This difference in hyphenation may affect documents where text has been tightly copy fit. (*UG* 5-37, 6-22, 16-12)

Equation color commands

Any equation color commands contained in a PC formatted chapter are ignored when the chapter is opened in the Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher. However, the Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher does not delete these commands from the equation. (*UG* 16-12)

Image files

To ensure that images used in a PC formatted chapter display and print correctly, be sure that the original image file (PCX, TIFF, MacPaint) is used in the chapter when the chapter is opened in the Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher. (*UG* 16-12)

PC format MS Word text files

At this time MS Word (PC format only) text files will not load properly in the Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher. The text file should be changed to ASCII format or opened and saved in the Macintosh version of MS Word before using it in the Macintosh version of Ventura Publisher. (*UG* 3-21, 10-4, 16-12)

Loadable import filters

Additional text and graphics import filters for Ventura Publisher Macintosh Edition are available from:

Dataviz, Inc.
35 Corporate Drive
Trumbull, CT. 06611
(203) 268-0030

Text and fonts

Printing

In order to print reverse (white on black) text and page sizes larger than legal, the LaserWriter and Laser Prep files version 6.0.1 or newer must be present in your System Folder. These files can be found on the Macintosh Printing Tools disk shipped with your Macintosh. (*UG* 4-5, 9-30, 14-8)

Inserting special items

When inserting special items in text, we recommend that the special item be inserted at the beginning or end of a word. If a special item is inserted in the middle of a word, the spell checker may display each part of the word on either side of the special item as possibly misspelled. (*RG* 8-3, *UG* 6-16)

Symbol fonts

In order to use the equation features of Ventura Publisher the symbol font must be installed in your system. If the symbol font has not been installed, equations will not display or print properly. (*UG* 12-1)

Fonts

Ventura Publisher supports fonts installed using Font/DA Mover and Suitcase II. The fonts displayed in Ventura Publisher font menus are derived from the FOND resource name of the fonts installed in your System file.

If a FOND resource name is greater than 30 characters in length, a message appears when Ventura Publisher is opened stating that the font cannot be loaded. If your system contains a font with a FOND resource name greater than 30 characters, that font will not be available for use in Ventura Publisher. This message will appear every time Ventura Publisher is opened until this font is removed from your system.

Many font vendors are now distributing their fonts with FOND resource names under 30 characters in length. Contact your font vendor about an upgrade. (*UG* 5-22, 14-17)

Pictures and graphics

Printing color and shades of gray

In order to print color on printers with this capability, or to print gray-scaled images, the LaserWriter and Laser Prep files version 6.0.1 or newer must be present in your System Folder. These files can be found on the Macintosh Printing Tools disk shipped with your Macintosh. (*UG* 14-8, 17-9)

Large PCX format pictures

Large PCX format pictures that are imported and then sized and scaled in a Ventura Publisher chapter will require 8 to 10 times the PCX file size in available memory to print properly. If the required memory is not available either the PCX picture or other page elements may not print properly. (*UG* 10-7, 14-2)

DOS Mounter

DOS Mounter is a popular Macintosh utility that allows a Macintosh equipped with a FD/HD floppy disk drive to read DOS formatted 3 ½ inch floppy disks.

However, because DOS Mounter does not support certain Macintosh operating system calls, it is not compatible with Ventura Publisher when using the Copy All option to transfer large publications and chapters to **multiple** DOS-formatted floppy disks. Alternate procedures for transferring large publications and chapters using DOS Mounter are detailed in Chapter 16 of the *User's Guide*.

DOS Mounter can be used when copying smaller publications or chapters to a single DOS-formatted floppy disk using the Mounted Volume option in the Copy All dialog box.

Keyboard shortcuts

The following keyboard shortcuts have been added to allow you to move easily through your documents if your Macintosh system is not equipped with an extended keyboard. (*QR* 67, *RG* 12-2)

Next page	Shift + →
Previous page	Shift + ←
Go to first page	Shift + ↑
Go to last page	Shift + ↓

Escape key

While editing a document a number of operations will cause the screen to redraw. However, if you work on a single page for a period of time without performing an operation that would cause the

screen to redraw, the page may begin to appear unformatted or extra "ink" may remain on the screen.

As long as a dialog box is not displayed, you can manually redraw the screen by pressing the Esc key. This function will refresh the display and clear any extra ink from the work area.

Cutting, copying, and pasting of special items

Because special items may be difficult to highlight when you wish to cut or copy them, the following procedures describe how to cut or copy special items without highlighting them. (*UG* 6-6)

➤ Place the text cursor in the approximate location of the special item you wish to cut or copy.

➤ If necessary, use the arrow key to move the cursor until the name of the special item appears in the information box.

➤ Press the Option + Command + C keys to copy the special item or the Option + Command + X keys to cut the special item. The Cut and Copy commands in the Edit menu are **not** available.

➤ Insert the text cursor at the location where the special item is to be copied, and press Command + V or choose Paste from the Edit menu.

Cutting, copying, and pasting of text containing special items

When cutting, copying, and pasting text containing special items, the Option key should be pressed when choosing the Cut, Copy or Paste command from the Edit menu. If the Option key is not pressed when cutting, copying or pasting text containing special items, the special items in the text **may** not be included in the operation. (*UG* 6-6)

Documentation corrections

The figure on page 100 of the *Training Guide* should show -0.18 for the Space Below Last option.