Creator 6 Tech Notes

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What's New for Creator2 Users

Discussion

Here are some of the new and improved features that Creator2 users will find in Creator 6.

Productivity Enhancements

Cross-platform capability Lets you use MultiAd Creator on both Mac OS and Windows platforms.

Backwards compatibility Lets you open Creator (version 3.6 and above) and Creator2 (version 1.5 and above) documents. You no longer have to convert your existing Creator files to Creator Interchange Format (CIF).

Native JPEG and PDF export Means no more switching to other programs to convert Creator documents to these two popular formats.

Improved leading interface Places the fixed leading field ahead of the auto-leading field, wherever leading fields appear.

Improved text attributes interface Provides a mouse-less interface on the Specifications palette for adjusting variable text attributes. You no longer have to work in several different dialog boxes.

New Document dialog box Now incorporates the standard sizes list. The size list sub-dialog box has been eliminated.

Keyboard operated Tools palette Provides each tool with an assigned "hot-key" enabling mouse-less switching between all tools.

Swatch view in Colors palette Lets you view more colors on the palette without scrolling.

Page resize handle Has been reintroduced from Creator 4. Simply drag the handle, located at the bottom corner of each page, to resize an entire ad.

New Color item in color pop-up menu Lets you make a new color wherever a color pop-up menu (Mac OS) or color drop-down menu (Windows) appears. Simply select "New Color" from the menu.

Dual save Automatically saves copies of your document in two locations to ease archiving and tracking functions, without hindering the production process. This feature is reintroduced from Creator 4.

Expanded Tools palette Now contains three additional tools that were once available only through keyboard commands: the Hand tool, the Zoom In tool, and the Zoom Out tool. The Tools palette also has two new tools: the Polygon tool and the industry-standard, Cubic Bézier Path tool, which replaces the Quadratic Bézier Path tool used in Creator2.

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Optional color matching (Mac OS only) Lets you turn color matching on or off. (The default setting in new documents has color matching turned off.) This option was unavailable in Creator2 1.5 and newer.

PANTONE CMYK color model Makes it easy to access PANTONE's Solid to Process equivalents. This means you can get the same CMYK equivalent values that are specified in the PANTONE Solid to Process swatch books. With Creator2 you had to type in these values manually.

New preset page size for web presses Has been added to Creator's list of preset page sizes. The NAA suggested page sizing for smaller (50-inch) width web presses accommodates newspapers that are switching to the smaller width presses.

Scripting in Windows 98, Millennium Edition (ME), and 2000 Means you can create scripts using Visual Basic or another language that supports Windows automation.

Optional Adobe Type Manager (ATM) On Mac OS and Windows 2000 means that you are no longer required to use ATM in order to see and use PostScript fonts. (ATM is still required on Windows 98 and Millennium Edition in order to see and use PostScript fonts.)

Check for Updates command is located on the Help. Choosing this command brings you to the Creator Software Web site, where you can download updaters to Creator 6.

Quick Open (File > Quick Open) lets you quickly open files that you place in the Quick Open Items folder, which is inside the Creator 6 Folder. You can organize the Quick Open menu into submenus using the folders that you create in the Quick Open Items folder.

Drawing Enhancements

Regular Polygon tool Lets you create regular polygons with three to ten sides and regular stars with five to eight points.

Cubic Bézier Path tool Produces industry standard, more precise cubic bézier curves instead of the Creator2 quadratic bézier curves.

Operations for combining paths Let you generate paths in new ways, including the ability to achieve a union of two or more paths, achieve the intersection of paths, exclude the intersection of paths, and subtract one path from another.

Text Enhancements

Vertical text alignment In a text block (top, bottom, center, justify, and full justify) is supported, when the text block is rectangular and has no wrapping applied to it.

Word space option In text has been reintroduced for Creator compatibility.

Two underline options Are now supported: standard underline that underlines both words and spaces, and word underline that underlines only words and not spaces.

First line baseline factor Lets you control how tightly the first line of text of each text block fits against the top of the block. The new Text Flow Settings dialog box lets you set the value for all the blocks in a text flow. Document Settings lets you set the default value for new text flows.

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