Tailor

Your Key to PostScript[i] Editing

A universal PostScript editing tool

PostScript is today's most powerful and general graphic file format. Until today, a major shortcoming of PostScript was its lack of editability. With Tailor, you can graphically edit PostScript documents (PS or EPS), including multi-page PostScript files imported from Microsoft Windows or Macintosh platforms. You can directly manipulate and change any graphic or text element in the document.

Now, you can make all those last-minute revisions, even after you've created an "unchangeable" PostScript file for output. Or you can copy selected pieces out of the PostScript document into your favorite NEXTSTEP application.

In short, Tailor provides you with the tools needed to make instant changes and easily move elements from one document to another. Sounds unbelievable ? It's true !

Powerful viewing and editing functions

Tailor covers the full richness of PostScript : line-work, raster images, text, all at any rotation angle, and clipping masks.

• Edit objects in preview mode or in wireframe mode.
• Quickly zoom and pan through your document.
• Directly select and manipulate objects at any group nesting level.
• Use inspectors for instant change of color and other graphic attributes.
• Copy and paste any set of graphical attributes between objects.
• Reconstruct text paragraphs from independent text lines.
• Create text lines, text blocks, boxes and more; import Tiff images.

Questions and Answers

Q: Nearly all NEXTSTEP applications can import EPS files; why would I need Tailor ?

A: EPS files are limited to single page illustrations. Tailor also reads regular PS "print" files, which can contain multi-page documents. In addition, Tailor allows you to change the imported information, where the other applications merely support sizing and positioning.

Q: Why would I not simply use the original software package to edit the information ?

A: This is fine if the package and the original data file are both available. But note that the use of Tailor may substantially reduce the need for installing copies of multiple applications on all

platforms in an organization. In addition, in case the information was generated by a package on a foreign platform, this package may not be available under NEXTSTEP. Tailor will work even when the originating package is not known.

Q: NEXTSTEP comes with a standard Preview application; why would I need Tailor ?

A: Tailor supports much faster zoom and viewport functions, and allows to very easily investigate details of the image. Furthermore, the standard Preview often fails for PostScript files created on foreign platforms such as Macintosh or Microsoft Windows. Tailor specifically supports these formats.

Example: Annual Report

Fragments of the report are created by different sources : text is entered in Word for Windows, illustrations are created using Adobe Illustrator on a Macintosh, and tables with corresponding graphs are made using Excel for Windows.

PostScript files are generated using the native applications, and collected on the NEXTSTEP platform. There, Tailor serves as a gateway to a NEXTSTEP page layout application, where all components plus scanned images are integrated into a high quality document. Tailor is used to extract and correctly place parts of the incoming multi-page documents, to match the color of paragraph headings to the dominant color of the contones on the same page, and to change the typeface of some of the graph headings.

Thirty minutes before press time an error is detected in the balance sheet table. Tailor is used to correct the table entry and the corresponding bar chart directly in the PostScript information, avoiding any printing delays.

Example: Presentation

The product manager is preparing his slide presentation for the upcoming announcement with Concurrence on his NEXTSTEP platform. For his introduction on the company and its history, he would like to use the illustrations his colleague created six months ago using Corel Draw and PowerPoint on his PC under Windows.

His friend generates a PostScript print file of the existing presentation using PowerPoint, and puts it on an MS-DOS floppy. The product manager now uses Tailor to view and select the illustrations he needs and paste them into Concurrence. While finishing his presentation, he uses Tailor to change parts of the original illustrations to better match his style and viewpoints.

Features and Benefits

Features	Benefits
Tailor is the first desktop PostScript editor	PostScript editing finally affordable !
Accepts input from NEXTSTEP, Unix,	View and edit files from any application

Macintosh, DOS and MS-Windows	created on any major platform
Flexible and fast viewing tools	Much more powerful and faster than the standard NEXTSTEP previewer
Full editing capabilities, including PS and EPS files	You can make any change without access to the original application
Create text and graphic objects	Enhance pages or even create new pages using only Tailor
Advanced grouping capabilities; directly select and manipulate objects inside groups without ungrouping	Highly productive editing, even of complex documents
Text reconstruction tool	Copy & paste text into other applications with full typographic attributes such as font, size etc.
Powerful object inspectors; attribute copy and paste	Quick and intuitive changes; colors, line width etc. can be copied quickly from one object to another
Tools palette and window tool bar	Enhanced comfort and productivity
Editing in preview mode or wireframe mode	Full wysiwyg editing, but also full access to the outlines for complex jobs with many overlapping objects
Complete on-line reference manual including Q&A section	Helps you locate and use the features you need