

A Word to the Wise...

Take Another Look Before You Upgrade

S oftware developers love the point system. For every 1.0, there's certain to be a 1.1, 1.5, 2.0, etc., etc., etc. Here are some comments and friendly advice to help you cope with the system.

QuarkXPress 4.0

This is the long awaited upgrade from graphic arts industry standard version 3.3. Although some of the best new features improve Quark's functionality in the area of large, text-intensive documents, we suggest you forestall upgrading for now. This is a massive reworking of the page layout software so many of us know and love.

Many upgraders are reporting various bugs and glitches, and the support folks at Quark are not getting high marks for responding. You'll also want to verify that your favorite XTensions will work with 4.0 (you may not need some of them with 4.0, but don't count on it).

If you have already upgraded, make sure you download 4.01r1, the latest patch. Available on the Internet at:

http://www.quark.com/ftp002.htm

PageMaker 6.5

This one's been out for a while, and many users upgraded to get the option of saving documents in HTML. This new feature is poorly implemented, and most web publishers will never use it.

For all who are currently running 6.5, make sure you have the latest 6.52 patch. Point your web browser to **http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/pagemaker/main.html** to find this upgrade, as well as some other separate bug fixes.

Rumor also has it that PageMaker is not long for this world, and that Adobe plans to dump it in favor of a brand new page layout product dubbed K2. Other rumors are that PageMaker will be merged into the next release of FrameMaker. This is all gossip denied by Adobe.

FrameMaker 5.5

Unlike PageMaker, the HTML feature built into 5.5 works well, far surpassing the old HoTaMaLe plugin for version 5.1 . If web publishing is a part of your work, consider this upgrade. Otherwise, skip it until Adobe proves they've worked out the bugs. We know one journeyman technical writer who continues to use 5.1 for all authoring and printed materials, then converts the finished pages to 5.5 to save as web content.

The latest patch is 5.5.3, essential for Mac users, less critical for Windows users if they already have the 5.5.2 patch. This patch reportedly fixes the nasty sidehead problem.

Registered 5.5 users will supposedly receive the upgrade automatically. Go to http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/framemaker/upgrade.html#5.5.3 to register online.

Mac OS 8

System 8 was such a hit with Mac users that Apple couldn't wait to come out with 8.1. You can get the upgrade at **http://www.info.apple.com**. Click on Choose your destination under Support Resources, then Software Updates.

If you're upgrading from System 7.x be prepared to upgrade utilities like After Dark, Suitcase, Norton Utilities — and your virus protection software. Patches and upgrades are available on the websites of the various developers.

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Sixty-three-year-old Arceli Keh set a record when she gave birth to a daughter. Rumor has it that when friends arrived and asked to see the baby, she said, "Wait until she cries."

"Why?" they asked.

"Because," she explained, "I forgot where I put her."

Former House Speaker Sam Rayburn once commented after changing his mind, "I'd rather be right than consistent."

Psychologist Victor Frankl observed that the 20th century's affluent societies "have enough to live by but not enough to live for."

Education enables you to earn more than your educator.

A sign of the times: in 1916, John D. Rockefeller had enough money to singlehandedly pay off the entire American national debt. In 1997 Bill Gates and Warren Buffett put together don't have enough money to pay for two months' interest on it.

Announcement in Rock Hill Herald: "Low Self-Esteem Support Group, 7:00 to 8:30. Eastview Baptist Church (use back door)." Sign on an ATM machine:
"To protect the security of your account, our checkers will swipe all debit and credit cards."

"In many languages, such as Spanish, a double-negative is



still interpreted as a negative," the linguistics professor explained during a lecture. "In English, on the other hand, a double-negative becomes a positive."

"Is there any language," one student asked, "where a double-*positive* forms a negative?"

"None whatsoever," said the professor firmly. "It doesn't work that way."

A voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."

PLAN TO BE SPONTANEOUS TOMORROW.

Sign we saw:
AWARENESS FAIR: PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES MEET UPSTAIRS

"That's really a beautiful fur coat," a friend remarked, "but don't you pity the poor beast who suffered that you might have it?"

"Why," the woman replied, "are you suddenly worried about my husband?"

"Head for the airport there will be a plane waiting there for you," the editor shouted to the photojournalist assigned to shoot a huge wildfire. She raced to the tarmac where a plane sat with its motor running, jumped in, and shouted, "Go!"

As the plane climbed high into the air she said, "Take me right over the top of the fire, then rush me back so I can get these shots to my editor."

After a long pause the young man at the controls said, "Um, you're not the instructor?"

"Predicting the future is easy. What's hard is figuring out what's going on now."

-Fritz R. S. Dressler

The Noah Principle: You don't get fame for predicting a flood—only for having built an ark.

"Dad," a young boy asked, "what has really great curves, gives you tingles in your stomach and makes you want to jump out of your chair and whistle?"

"Easy," replied the father. "It's Dwight Gooden's pitching."

"Thanks, Dad," the boy said as he skipped away happily. "I knew there was a reason Mom said I better ask you."

During a spirited auction, the proceedings halted briefly as the auctioneer raised his hand and announced, "A gentleman in the room has lost his wallet. It's gray, contains



\$1,000, and he's offering a reward of \$150 for its return."

After a brief silence a voice in the back shouted, "\$155!"

I thought about being born again, but my mother said no.