

Installing QuarkXPress

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The documentation that comes with your QuarkXPress package contains detailed information on how to install QuarkXPress. But we tell you how to do it here, too, just in case you've misplaced your documentation or have had a problem with your computer that requires you to install the program again.

Before You Install

Whenever you install or upgrade any computer software, you can do a few things to make sure that the installation goes smoothly. This rule applies to installing QuarkXPress, too. Getting ready to install QuarkXPress involves temporarily turning off background programs that could possibly interfere with the Installer or Upgrader. It's possible for the installation or upgrade to be successful without disabling background programs, but you could end up getting an error message later when you try to open QuarkXPress.

Before installing QuarkXPress for Macintosh

Before you begin to install QuarkXPress on a Macintosh or Power Macintosh, disable all control panels (CDEVs), non-Systems extensions (INITs), and virus detection software. Hold down the Shift key while you restart the computer; this action disables System extensions and control panels.

Before installing QuarkXPress for Windows

Before you install QuarkXPress on a Windows machine, you need to disable programs that might be running in the background. These programs are found in your StartUp folder (in the Windows Start menu). CONFIG.SYS file, and AUTOEXEC.BAT file. It's also a good idea to read the ReadMe file on the Installer Disk. The ReadMe file contains information about QuarkXPress that is not in the documentation, and it also has some details about the installation process. You will need to disable any virus protection software. You should also disable programs that might be running in the background.

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In a perfect world, software would install itself. You'd buy the package of QuarkXPress, place it next to your computer, peel off the shrink wrap, and walk to the nearest park to feed the pigeons. Everything else would be automatic; you'd return to your computer a few hours later to find the software loaded and ready to go. Okay, so it's not a perfect world. But installing QuarkXPress, while not a walk in the park, is pretty easy -- especially when you follow the instructions.