

Preparing for the Printed Page

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Printing is easy -- you just use File-->Print, or Command key+P or Ctrl+P. Right? Well, maybe on a good day. But there's more to printing than just printing. QuarkXPress and the Mac or Windows let you take control over printing -- control that you want and need to have.

This chapter covers the basics of printer setup because setting up your printer can be a little tricky. Chapter 10 in **QuarkXPress 4 For Dummies** covers printing controls. If you already have the Mac or Windows set up for printing, go directly to Chapter 10.

Although the printing function is built into your computer's operating system, all the printing capabilities you want may not be. Or the printing settings may not be optimized for the best output quality or print speed. These printing settings are critical to getting your programs -- QuarkXPress included -- to print at their best. So read on to fine-tune your printing. Fine-tuning your printing is like giving your car a tune-up: A little regular checking and maintenance can keep the engine humming, the gas consumption down, and the speed high. So publishers, start your printers.

Because the Mac's and Windows' setups are so different from each other, we divide the setup coverage based on platform. If you're working in a cross-platform situation, you have to read both sections (sorry!). For detailed help on general Mac setup, read David Pogue's and Joseph Schorr's **Macworld® Mac® & Power Mac® Secrets®**, David Pogue's **Macs® For Dummies®**, and Andy Rathbone's **Windows® 3.1 For Dummies®**, or **Windows® 95 For Dummies®**, all from Wiley Publishing, Inc.