Adobe Photoshop^{fi} Plug-In XTension
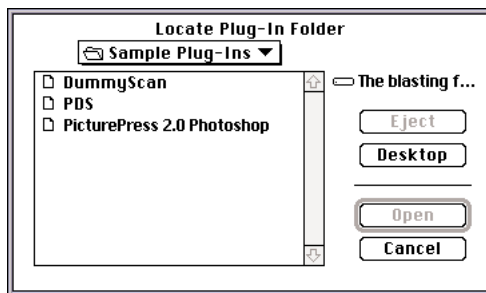
This document contains instructions for using the Photoshop Plug-In XTension. You may want to print this document so that the instructions will be available when you need them. This document uses the following fonts: Helvetica and Times.

Installing the Plug-In XTension

The Photoshop Plug-In XTension enables QuarkXPress^{fi} 3.1 to read Photoshop Plug-In modules. Created by Adobe^{fi}, Inc. and third-party developers, Plug-In modules are software programs that import images directly into Photoshop. The Plug-In XTension allows QuarkXPress to acquire images from scanners, video capture devices, compressed files, and other sources. To install the Plug-In XTension, simply quit out of QuarkXPress and drag-copy the XTension into the same folder where you keep QuarkXPress.

The next time you launch QuarkXPress, you ll get a dialog box asking you to locate the folder that contains Photoshop Plug-Ins. You should then navigate your way into the folder where your Plug-Ins are located, highlight any one of the Plug-In modules, and click Open. QuarkXPress will scan this entire folder and load all eligible Plug-In modules. If you have Photoshop installed on your hard drive, you can navigate into the Photoshop folder and open any of the Plug-Ins it contains. That way, Photoshop and QuarkXPress will both have access to your Plug-In modules.
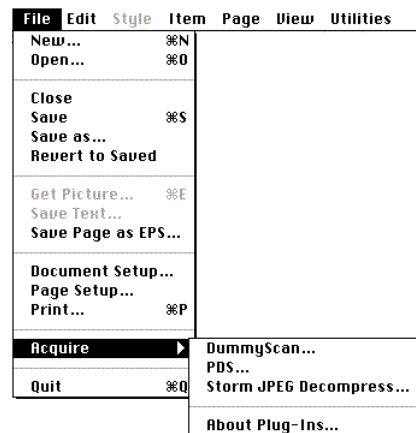

Using the Plug-In XTension

Once you ve identified a Plug-In folder, QuarkXPress will automatically scan that folder every time the program is launched. You can continually add new Plug-In modules to the folder, and they will be recognized by QuarkXPress. However, if you change the searc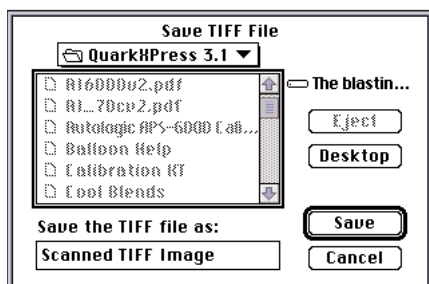h path of your folder (i.e., if you move or delete the folder), the dialog box will return and you ll have to locate a new Plug-In folder.

To use the Plug-In XTension to import an image into a picture box, make the picture box active and select Acquire (File menu). You ll see a submenu of all the available Plug-In modules, and you can select any one of them to acquire an image. If you just want to use the Plug-In XTension to create a TIFF file that won t go directly into your active document, make sure that no picture boxes are active when you select Acquire.
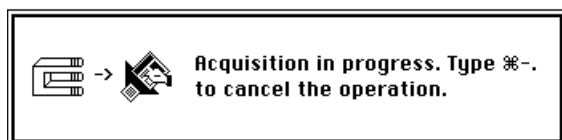

It s important to note that all of the Plug-In modules contained in your Plug-In folder might not appear in the Acquire submenu. The Plug-In XTension will only recognize Acquisition Plug-In modules, so Effect modules that manipulate images, such as Spherize and Twirl, will not show up.

Once you select a Plug-In from the Acquire submenu, you will have access to the Plug-In s specific features. For instance, with a scanning Plug-In, you may have control over your scanner s resolution, its color levels, etc. When you re finished using those features, you ll be presented with the Save TIFF File dialog box. This occurs because

acquisition Plug-Ins always save incoming images as TIFF files. The TIFF files that the Plug-In XTension generates are in the Photoshop format. On the desk-top, the images will have the Photoshop document icon, and, if you have the program installed, you can launch Photoshop by double-clicking the image file. Most Plug-Ins will automatically import your acquired image into your active picture box at the same time, but some simply save it as a TIFF file.

After you've clicked Save in the Save TIFF File dia-log box, you'll see a message box informing you that acquisition is in progress. You can cancel the pro-cess by holding down the command key and typing a period. When the

Plug-In XTension is finished acquiring the image, you'll have a TIFF file saved and, in most cases, an image in your picture box. You can then manipulate the image as you would any other picture in Quark XPress.

You can have a maximum of 20 Plug-In modules loaded at one time with this XTension. If you have more than 20 in your Plug-In folder, you'll see an alert box informing you of this fact.

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