FrameMaker 2.1 for the Macintosh: Release Notes

Welcome to FrameMaker. Please review these release notes for some key pointers on how to get the most out of FrameMaker for the Macintosh.

We are very confident that you will be happy with your investment in FrameMaker. However, if you find any problems, please contact Frame Technical Support.

Compatibility issues

FrameMaker works well with most Macintosh software. However, there are a few packages which should be used with caution in conjunction with FrameMaker:

- If you use Connectix Virtual, and have it set to more than 8 Mb., you should not use any filters with FrameMaker. There should be no problem running FrameMaker itself, and as long as Virtual is set under 8 Mb. the filters will work too.

- FrameMaker does not work very well with some of Tempo II's special options. In particular, the Transfer to File command in Tempo's Options dialog box should not be used. There may be other difficulties attempting to record FrameMaker sessions using Tempo.

- Users of MultiClip, or any other clipboard enhancement software, should be aware that FrameMaker uses its own internal clipboard to store a variety of special information, some of which may be lost when using clipping utilities.

- FrameMaker's menu bar might not appear when you use OnCue 1.3 to start FrameMaker.

- As with most applications, FrameMaker does not perform well if the

set of currently available fonts is changed, using a utility such as Suitcase or Font/DA Juggler, while FrameMaker is running. If such a change is made, you should quit and restart FrameMaker before using any fonts.

Multiple platform use

If you will use FrameMaker in a multiplatform environment, there are several special features that you should become familiar with, such as UNIX-style file locking. (See Appendix B of FrameMaker Reference.)

Correcting screen display problems

Press Control-L when the screen display appears incorrect (portions of text or graphics are missing or misplaced). Pressing Control-L forces a screen update and fixes these problems, which do not affect the document or how it appears when printed.

Deleting empty pages

When you save a document that has Delete Empty Pages turned on (a setting in the Document Properties dialog box), FrameMaker deletes only empty pages at the end of the document. It doesn't delete an empty page if its page layout differs from the layout on the corresponding master page. This includes, for example, pages from which you have removed all the text columns. To delete an empty page with a custom layout, choose Delete Page from the Page menu.

Filters

All of FrameMaker's filters run within FrameMaker's memory partition; the primary limit on the size of files that can be successfully filtered is the Application Memory Size, as set in the Finder's Get Info window. If a document is too large for the filter to handle, you can try increasing the memory available to FrameMaker; if that doesn't work, split the files in their original application into more easily handled pieces.

There are some problems translating certain Microsoft Word features:

• Headers and footers, multi-column layouts, and footnote separators are not preserved.

The footnote separator line is normally obtained from the reference

page, but the Word filter does not create reference pages. To fix this problem, use the formats from a FrameMaker document that contains reference pages.

- Tabs may align differently in the filtered document, due to the differences between Word's typewriter tab model and FrameMaker's typesetter tabs.

- Some attributes saved in the Fast Save format may not be preserved. If you encounter problems opening a document in Word's Fast Save format, try saving the document in Word's regular format.

Font issues

Generating a List of Fonts for a document or book may fail to list fonts used in imported graphics, autonumber strings, and text on master or reference pages.

Turning on Show File Translation Errors in the Preferences dialog box will cause FrameMaker to display a list of unavailable fonts whenever it opens a file. This can provide an important warning of incompatibilities when moving between different environments.

FrameMath

Edges of a shrink-wrapped equation may not display on the screen, but will print correctly.

When you select a frame or object and create an equation, the equation object appears with selection handles. To type the equation, first select the equation prompt ("**?**") as text.

If you assign a special font size to a number, it correctly displays at that size, but the new size is dropped when the document is saved.

Greeking of mathematical expressions is sometimes inconsistent with the setting in the Preferences dialog.

To paste an equation in another application, you must first select it as an object and copy it.

Graphics

- If you use the Distribute command with a large edge gap, objects may move off of the page. Immediately choose Undo to bring the objects

back on the page.

- A custom arrow style specification will disappear from the Line End Options dialog box when you select one of the standard styles.

  To retrieve a custom style, select an object drawn with the style, press the Shift key, and choose the Properties command on the Graphics menu. Choose Set from the Line End pop-menu in the Tools palette. The Line End Options dialog box appears showing the custom arrow style specification.

- Lines drawn with a projecting cap style may project through arrowheads.

  To correct this problem, change the cap style of the line to butt. For more information, see "Choosing the current cap style" on page 7-57 of Using FrameMaker.

- Stick style arrowheads on arcs and Bezier curves draw incorrectly.

Hypertext

If you use any of FrameMaker's hypertext features, save the document you are working in before testing any hypertext commands. Hypertext commands only work in previously saved documents.

Imported files

If a graphic that has been imported by copy is selected when using the Import command, FrameMaker does not automatically replace the graphic with a newly imported image; instead it displays the Imported Graphic Resolution dialog box, if appropriate. To replace a copied graphic, delete it before using the Import command.

You should avoid giving an imported color graphic a spot color. The results on screen and on printout can be unpredictable, and are not likely to match each other. Spot colors work fine for black & white and grayscale graphics.

Index markers

To change the sort order of an index entry, put the sorting information at the end of the marker text. For example, two markers containing this text:

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68000<$startrange>[sixtyeight]
68000<$endrange>[sixtyeight]
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result in an index entry for 68000, with a beginning and ending page number, sorted under *S*.

Memory requirements

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chip (as shown to the left). Close some files to free memory. The best solution is to quit FrameMaker, and restart with a larger Application Memory Size set in the Finder's Get Info window.

Pagination and anchored frames

You can specify how many lines of a paragraph must appear within a text column using the Widow/Orphan Lines text box in the Basic Properties of the Paragraph Format window. The maximum number of lines FrameMaker can keep together is 10.

You can't select an anchored frame on a rotated page. To select it, rotate the page back to the original orientation.

Paragraph autonumber formats

To suppress the display of a counter in an autonumber format, type a pair of angle brackets with a space between them (< >) or click the "suppress counter" building block (< >) at the bottom of the Building Blocks scroll list.

Printing

When printing books, FrameMaker is unable to print a range of pages. Leave Pages set to All in the Print dialog box.

When using the 6.0 or 6.0.1 LaserWriter drivers, the Color/Grayscale setting should only be used when printing to color printers, or for grayscale output. For printing spot color separations, use the Black & White setting.

When printing EPS images containing text, a few fonts with unusual names might not download automatically; instead the text will appear in Courier. To print these images, use a font downloading utility.

Recovering from internal errors or crashes

Under rare conditions, FrameMaker detects internal inconsistencies that require it to shut down to avoid a system crash or file corruption. FrameMaker will usually give you a chance to save any open documents before shutting itself down. You should save in Interchange Format (MIF), if possible, to give the best chance of maintaining your documents' integrity.

Any time that FrameMaker quits unexpectedly, you should restart your Macintosh before relaunching FrameMaker.

If FrameMaker was not able to save your documents, you might be able to recover some of your work if you had the Automatic Save setting in the Preferences dialog box on. You should check for Autosave of Filename files in the event of such interruptions.

Smart Spaces

FrameMaker's templates and custom document defaults come with Smart Spaces turned on in the Document Properties dialog box. This feature prevents the user from typing more than one space in a row, thus avoiding unwanted spaces. Users who frequently want to type two or more spaces, at the end of sentences for instance, should turn this feature off in their documents and templates. If you turn Smart Spaces off, you will probably want to make sure that the Extra Spaces option is turned off in the Spelling Checker Options dialog box.

Spell checking

When you use spell checking to correct extra spaces between characters with different character formats, FrameMaker changes the character format of the character after the space to the format of the character before the space. Use the *f* Catalog or Character Format window to correct the format.

Spot cross-references

A spot cross-reference to a paragraph straddling two or more pages will refer to the page where the paragraph begins.

System variables on reference pages

Date system variables on reference pages are not updated automatically. To update a system variable on a reference page, double click on it to

display the Variables dialog and press Replace.

Temporary files

FrameMaker makes use of temporary files during many operations, particularly when importing graphics. It is important to keep a sufficient reserve of free disk space available on your start-up volume. All such files are deleted when FrameMaker quits.

Viruses

All software is vulnerable to viruses. We strongly encourage all our users to be alert to the dangers of infection, and take appropriate precautions. FrameMaker is vulnerable to file corruption on systems infected with the WDEF virus.