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Mac OS X Graphics Architecture

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What We'll Cover

- Status Update
- Technology Roadmap
- MacOS X Graphics Architecture Review
- Quartz Overview
- What you can do now...



Status Update

- Quartz
 - Completely new Window System
 - CoreGraphics—new 2D library
- All Apple technology
- ...and more to come!

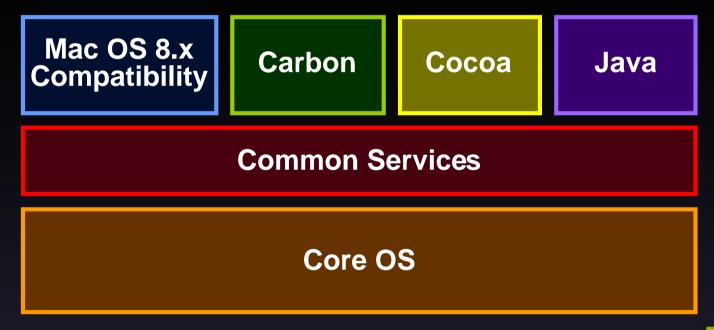


Quartz Technology Roadmap

- Phase 1: Eliminate DPS
 - New Windowing System and Graphics Lib.
- Phase 2: Propagate and Integrate
 - Printing, ColorSync, QuickTime, Java, UI
- Phase 3: Direct Developer Adoption
 - New Features, SDKs



Mac OS X Graphics Architecture Review





Graphics Services

Carbon

Cocoa

QuickDraw

CoreGraphics

LWWS Client

LWWS Client

Lightweight WindowServer



Window Server Design

- Low level "virtualization" of:
 - Displays, events, cursor
- "Lightweight" (no drawing)
- Arbitrates screen real estate
- Process Manager/Activation component
- Manages off-screens for double buffering
 - Reduces update event traffic



Window Buffering

- Off-screens in shared memory
- Carbon adding support for automatic buffering
- In future systems, this will likely be default
- QuickDraw will maintain dirty area
- WindowManager will flush automatically
- Tell QuickDraw to explicitly flush if necessary



QuickDraw for X

- Part of Carbon Library
- Common Code base w/ Mac OS 8
- Compatibility for Carbon Developers
- Support for double buffering
- Asynchronous drawing
- New acceleration model



Acceleration for X

- Unified Drawing Surfaces w/2D and 3D
 - Offscreen VRAM
- Arbitration/Virtualization by WindowServer and Core OS
- Will make use of blended 2D blits
- Flexible gamma correction (blending should always be linear, not sRGB)



CoreGraphics Library

- Portable, device independent 2D graphics library
- Implements PS/PDF imaging model (plus enhancements)
 - Transparency, compositing, soft-masking, effects
- High Level abstractions
- Replacement technology for DPS Graphics



CoreGraphics Details

- Graphical Substrate for Cocoa
 - Useable by Carbon Apps on X as well
- Direct PDF consumption and generation
- Built-in ColorSync and ATS support
- Affine Transformations (3x2)
- Floating Point coordinates
- Anti-aliasing
- Ready for AltiVec



Evolution of Strategy

- Not pursuing "unified" QuickDraw and PDF
- Keep QuickDraw and CoreGraphics conceptually separate
- QuickDraw remains compatible w/Mac OS
- CoreGraphics remains compatible w/PS imaging model
- Integration still possible in a variety of ways

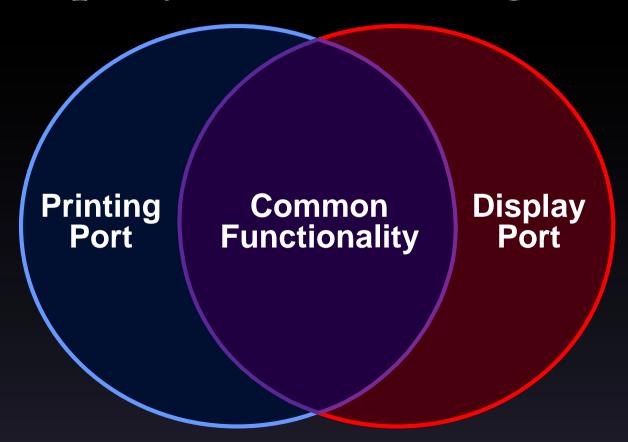


Printing on Mac OS

- Today, developers deal with two flavors of grafPort:
 - Display grafPort (provided by QuickDraw)
 - Printing grafPort (provided by Printer Driver, e.g. LW8)



Display vs. Printing





Printing on Mac OS X

- Display/Printing distinction will continue with Carbon
 - Display grafPort (provided by QuickDraw)
 - "Universal Printing" grafPort (provided by CoreGraphics)



Universal Printing Port

- Bottlenecks implemented by CoreGraphics
- Ability to save directly to PDF
- Consistent graphics model for all printers
- Allows for on-screen preview
- Low-level CG drawing API available when printing
- Handles StdPix data (via QT if necessary)

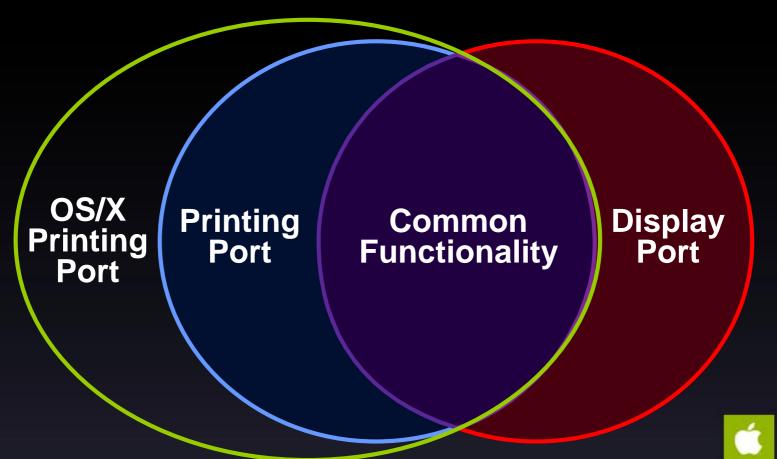


Universal Printing Port

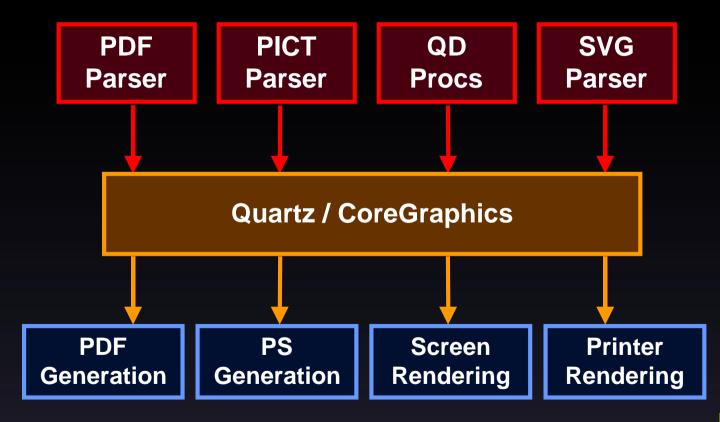
- CoreGraphics grafPort and LW8 have similar limitations
 - Region drawing
 - Complex transfer modes



Printing grafPort



How It Works





Getting Quartz "For Free" in Carbon

- Printing: default Carbon printing code will generate PDF on Mac OS X
- Raster printers can render PDF
- Use QuickTime Graphic Importers



QuickTime Integration

- Adopt Graphic Importers
 - BMP, FlashPix, GIF, JFIF, JPG, MacPaint, Photoshop, PNG, PICT, QTIF, SGI Image, TGA, TIFF
- PDF Codec/Graphic Importer
- SVG Codec/Graphic Importer
- Animation possibilities



SVG Support

- W3C Scaleable Vector Graphics Initiative
- XML namespace for 2D Graphics
- PostScript-like Imaging Model
- Transparency and Alpha Channel Support
- Raster Effect Model (blurs, glows, etc.)
- Spec available at www.w3.org



Quartz Integration

- Drag and Drop PDF
- QuickTime Integration
- ColorSync Integration
- Java2D implementation
- SVG support
- Printer Rasterization Service, Preview
- Boot animation



CoreGraphics API

- Preliminary version in PR1
- Will be refined in the future
- Straightforward mapping from PS/PDF

```
CGMoveTo(cgContext, 10.0, 10.0);
CGCurveTo(cgContext, 20.0, 20.0, 40.0, 50.0, 60.0, 70.0);
CGSetLineWidth(cgContext, 10.0);
CGStroke(cgContext);
```



Quartz Demo

- Only an example of what's possible
- Well designed code works well in the new world
- Yesterday's "rendering tricks" might not be applicable
- Need to learn tomorrow's tricks!



What You Can Do Now...

- "Dot" release for Carbon
- "Major" release for Carbon
- "New" Development for OS/X only



"Dot" Release for Carbon

- Take advantage of QuickTime Graphic Importers
- Make sure your App works with Window Buffering
- Notify QuickDraw when you want to flush



"Major" Release for Carbon

- Factor you rendering code
- Platform libraries will become more sophisticated
- Consider adopting CoreGraphics on X for your print loop
- Graphic Apps: Look at SVG authoring



New Development (Mac OS X only)

- Consider using Cocoa
- Consider using CoreGraphics directly



Summary

- Carbon and Cocoa applications will both take advantage of new graphics architecture "out of the box"
- Currently driving Quartz integration in Mac OS X
- Direct API available for early adopters
- Feedback to: graphics-feedback@apple.com



Find Out More...

905 Graphics and Printing Feedback Forum	Hall J2 Thur., 10:15am
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