

Software Review
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PageMaker v.7.0 From Adobe Systems, Inc.
Price \$499, Upgrade \$79
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I am a returning PageMaker user. For several years I had used PageMaker to create a computer club printed newsletter. I had found from that experience that I have since had a gnawing curiosity to try and see how this program could be applied to our User Group Web newsletter.

Adobe has made it possible for me to accomplish that objective. This month's April newsletter is the result of using just a portion of the program's capabilities. In March I placed a template that I made for the newsletter page on our site for member viewing and critique. The idea won only positive responses. Mainly the respondents all liked the quickness of loading the page and read-ability compared to the full page lines and large graphics of the past.

While I created the test template I found that I was able to draw from my past previous experience of the paper newsletter. This was to create two columns of text now with drag-and-drop, place a graphic (much more flexible this time), make adjustments to the readability of the columns as well as with the separating lines, save and publish it as HTML. I just wish that this version of PageMaker could have been updated for the pure OS X as well as the Classic.

I went to Adobe's online help page to learn about the creation of Hypertext links within PageMaker. The help page was super easy to maneuver. I quickly found the solution and went back to work. I have to admit that saving the page to HTML and then loading it into GoLive V. 6 for doing the links is much easier. I suspect Adobe's new program InDesign will solve this problem (I intend to eventually find out).

The next step was to archive the page for downloading off of our site by printing the page as an Adobe PDF format. This came out very well. It also showed me that I could even do a better job with the column adjustments in

the layout.

I have much more to learn and use for future newsletters (It can only get better). I have read excerpts from the PageMaker packages included manual as I needed. The book is a complete work and well illustrated as I found the answer to each question as it came to mind. My interest this time was primarily pertaining to saving the page to an HTML document and its requirements different from just a printing. No Missing Manual required here.

The PageMaker program was so much fun in its simplicity to create and won such an overwhelming approval; that the format will continue to be used so long as I am the Editor of our Peninsula Apple Users Group, PAUG Press.