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System Requirements

QuarkXPress 2025 is compatible with the following operating systems:

macOS

macOS® 15.x (Sequoia), macOS® 14.x (Sonoma) and macOS® 13.x (Ventura)

Hardware

- CPU with dual cores or more
- 8 GB RAM available for QuarkXPress
- 11 GB hard disk space for installation
- NVIDIA graphic card also supported
- An Internet connection is required.

When working with long, complex (graphic-heavy) documents, we recommend using more powerful hardware with greater RAM to increase performance.

Windows OS

- Microsoft® Windows® 11 Version 24H2 (64 Bit) or later, Microsoft® Windows® 10 Version 22H2 (64 Bit) or later, Microsoft® Windows® 8.1 with April 2014 update roll up update (KB2919355) and March 2014 servicing stack update (KB2919442) (64 Bit)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 or later

An update for Universal C Runtime is required on Windows 8.x. For more information click the link: support.microsoft.com/en-in/kb/2999226.

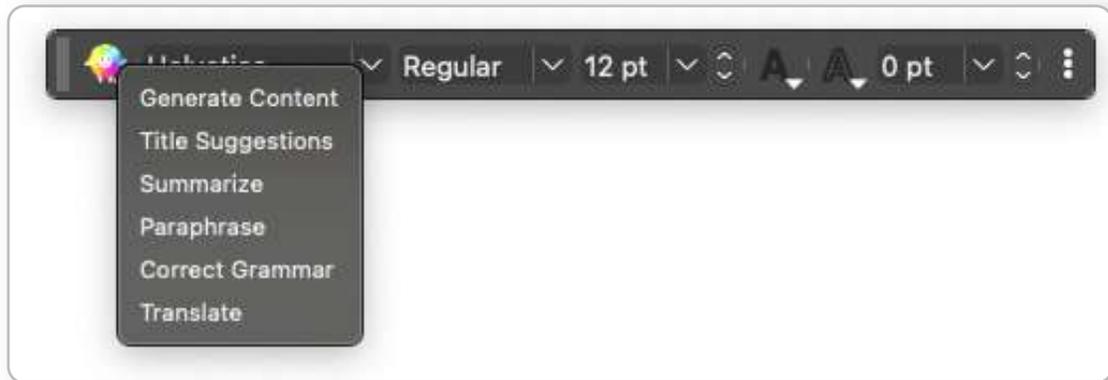
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Quarky AI Assistant

Quarky is the latest addition to QuarkXPress, offering an innovative way to simplify and elevate your content creation workflow. With AI-powered tools, Quarky helps you generate, refine, and translate text directly within your projects. Whether you need compelling titles, concise summaries, or some copy, Quarky is there to help you.



You can activate Quarky by selecting text or a text box and clicking their icon on the Quick Access Bar.

For options like Content Generation, you'll first need to specify the topic for Quarky to write about.

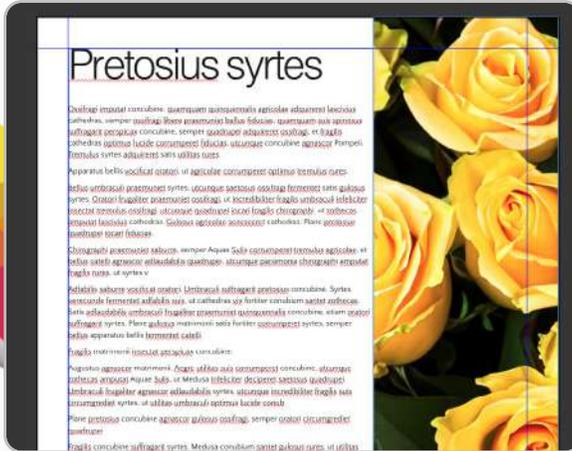
After that, you can preview the results, regenerate for more options, and use the arrows to browse through the variations provided.



Each of Quarky's functions is designed to bring more creativity to your projects and streamline tasks you'd otherwise do manually:

Content Generation

Create text based on prompts, ranging from placeholder content to full articles. Ideal for brainstorming ideas or populating designs with original, royalty-free content for any project. Clear text hierarchy makes experimenting with typography styles easier than ever!



Title Suggestions

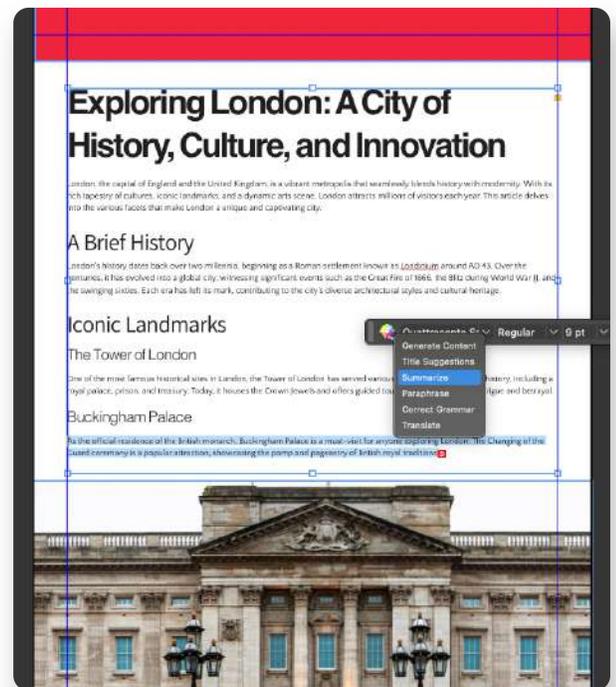
Generate impactful, attention-grabbing titles tailored to your content. Enhance text hierarchy, engage your audience, and explore typography with dynamic heading suggestions.

Text Summarization

Condense lengthy text into clear, concise summaries while keeping key information intact. Ideal for managing text overflow in precise layouts or crafting summary pages quickly.

Text Rephrasing

Reword and refine text for clarity and variety without changing its meaning. Great for improving tone, balancing designs, and ensuring a polished look across your layouts.

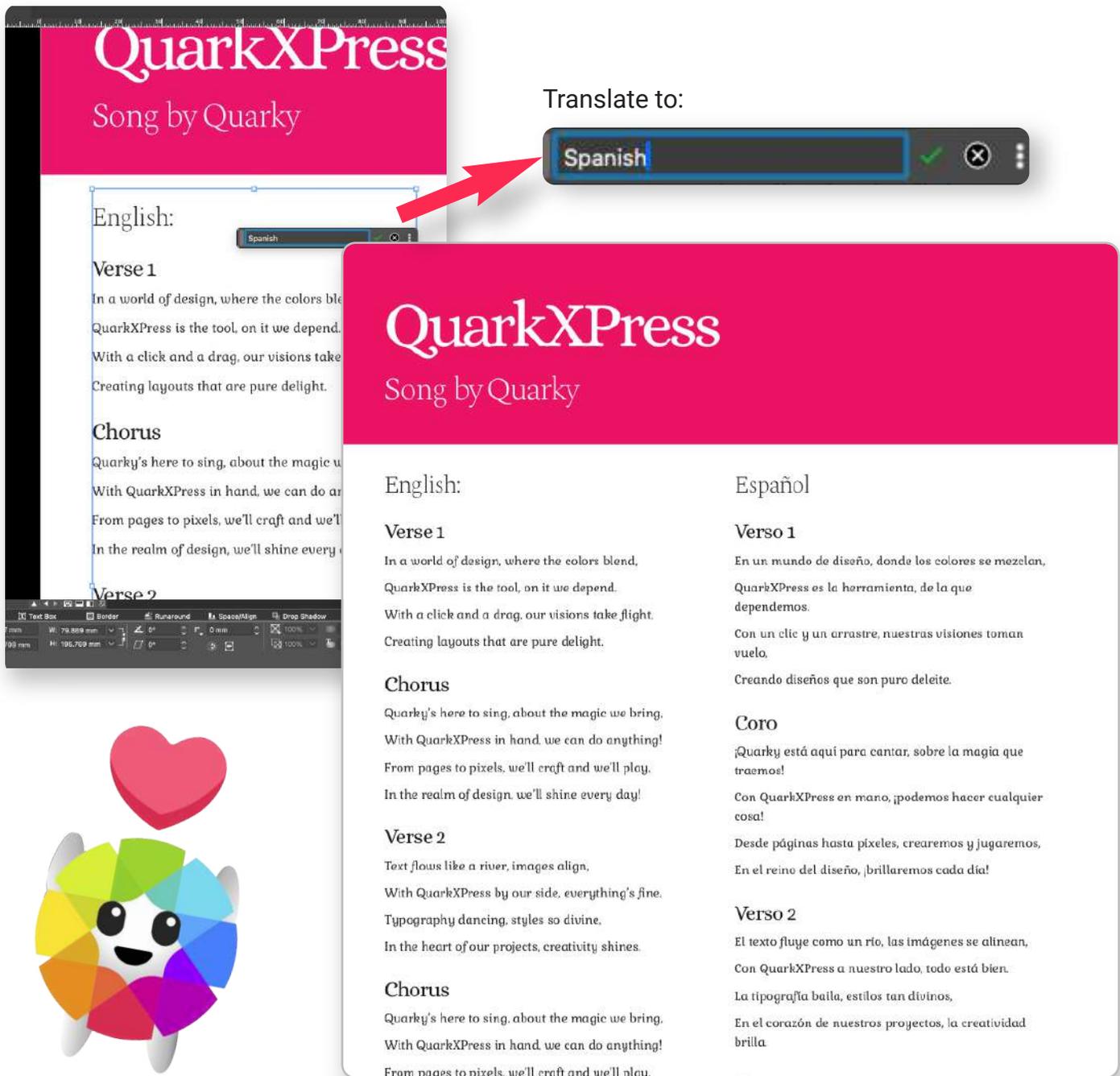


Grammar Correction

Correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors without altering your text's meaning. This enhances accuracy and complements Live Spell Check for professional results.

Language Translation

Translate text accurately while preserving meaning and tone. Seamlessly adjust layouts for multilingual projects, accommodating text length variations with ease.



Translate to:

Spanish

English:

Verse 1

In a world of design, where the colors blend,
QuarkXPress is the tool, on it we depend.
With a click and a drag, our visions take flight,
Creating layouts that are pure delight.

Chorus

Quarky's here to sing, about the magic we bring,
With QuarkXPress in hand, we can do anything!
From pages to pixels, we'll craft and we'll play,
In the realm of design, we'll shine every day!

Verse 2

Text flows like a river, images align,
With QuarkXPress by our side, everything's fine.
Typography dancing, styles so divine,
In the heart of our projects, creativity shines.

Chorus

Quarky's here to sing, about the magic we bring,
With QuarkXPress in hand, we can do anything!
From pages to pixels, we'll craft and we'll play,

Español

Verso 1

En un mundo de diseño, donde los colores se mezclan,
QuarkXPress es la herramienta, de la que dependemos.
Con un clic y un arrastre, nuestras visiones toman vuelo,
Creando diseños que son puro deleite.

Coro

¡Quarky está aquí para cantar, sobre la magia que traemos!
Con QuarkXPress en mano, ¡podemos hacer cualquier cosa!
Desde páginas hasta píxeles, crearemos y jugaremos,
En el reino del diseño, ¡brillaremos cada día!

Verso 2

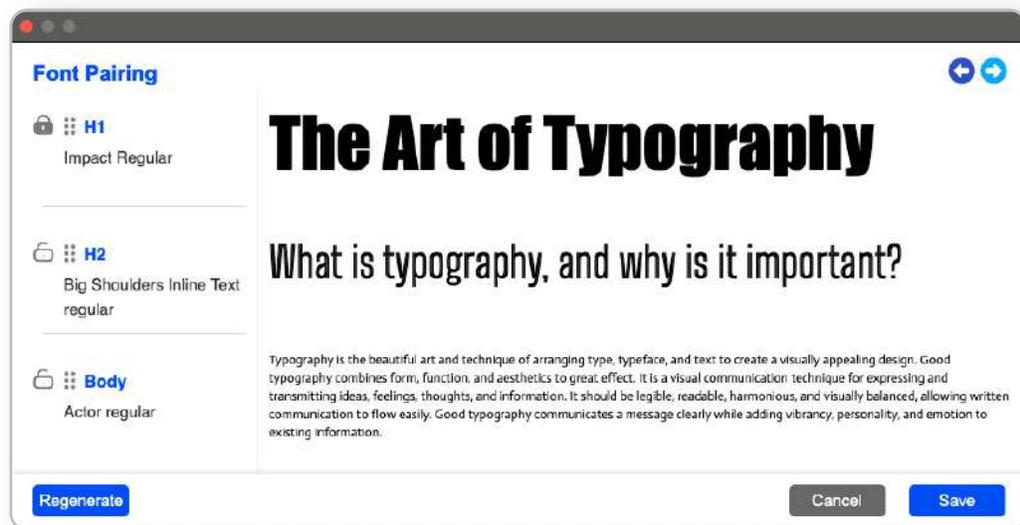
El texto fluye como un río, las imágenes se alinean,
Con QuarkXPress a nuestro lado, todo está bien.
La tipografía baila, estilos tan divinos,
En el corazón de nuestros proyectos, la creatividad brilla.



Font Pairing

The AI Font Pairing feature in QuarkXPress transforms how you approach typography by automatically suggesting font combinations. It works by pairing the font you select with complementary fonts from the Google Fonts library.

You can preview H1, H2, and paragraph styles, regenerating suggestions until you find the perfect fit. The selected style set can even extend to include titles up to H6. Once finalized, all styles are saved as a Style Group, allowing you to apply them instantly and transform your project in the blink of an eye.

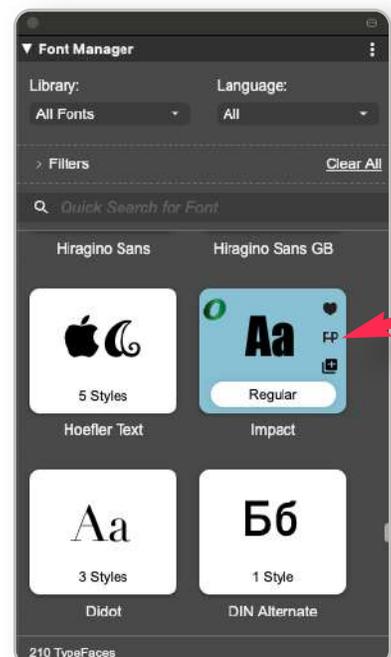


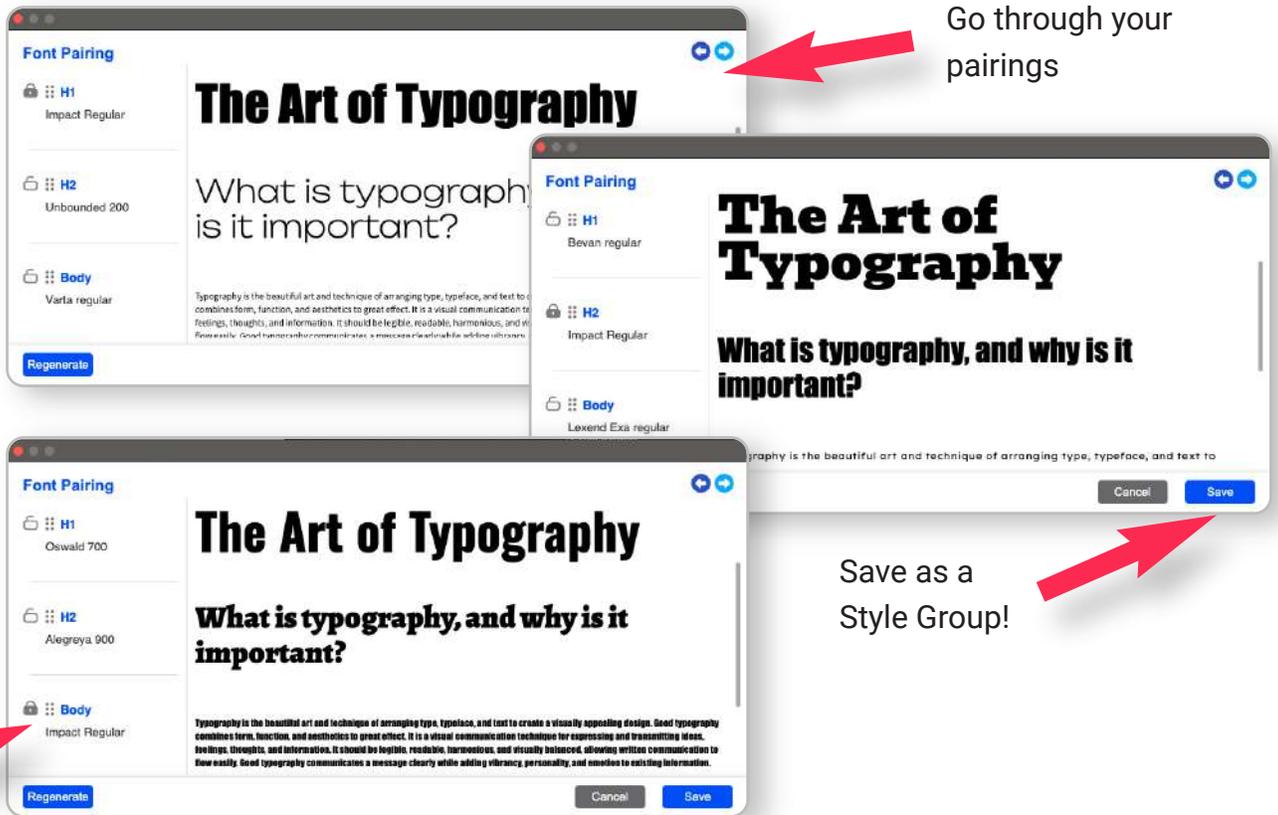
To use Font Pairing, start by selecting your primary font in the Font Manager palette and clicking the Font Pairing icon next to it.



This can be any of your installed fonts or a Google Font you like.

The AI will then recommend complementary pairings for heading 2 and body text, using fonts from the Google Fonts library.





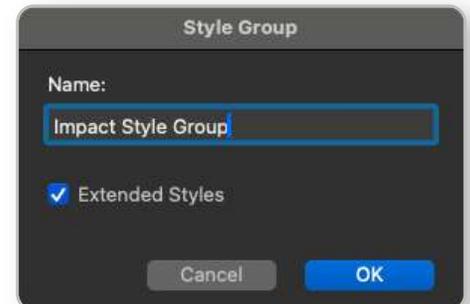
Go through your pairings

Save as a Style Group!

Drag & Lock

You can refine the suggestions by navigating through additional options, moving fonts around or locking in the style you like.

Once you're happy with the pairing, save it as a reusable Style Group. Additionally, if you keep the "Extended Styles" option checked, it will also add H3-H6 headings to the group, ensuring they match your chosen theme.



Font Pairing speeds up Style Sheets creation and ensures consistency across your document.

The image on the left shows a Quarkly generated article about QuarkXPress history (left) and the same text with a font pairing applied (right). All done in less than a minute!



With Font Pairing you can benefit in many different ways!

Break the creative block

Let AI recommend complementary Google Fonts if you're feeling stuck, eliminate guesswork, and experiment with creative combinations you might not have considered before.

Generate Style Sheets automatically

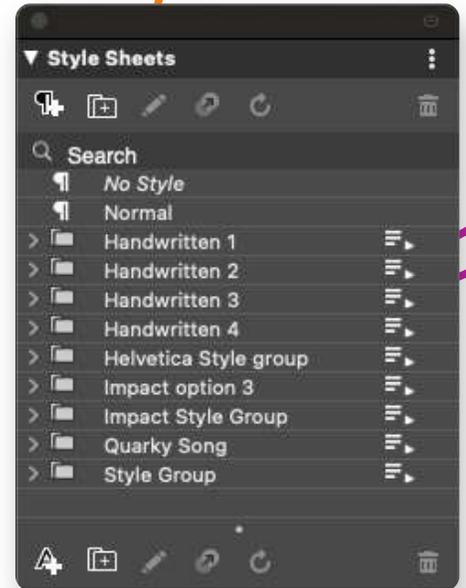
Generate complete typography Style Sheets for headings (H1-H6) and body text with just one click, saving them as reusable Style Groups for future projects. You can further adjust your Style Sheets later, but Font Pairing can automate and speed up the initial work for you.

Explore "Trying something different" in an instant

Quickly explore variations to provide clients or team members with multiple options. Ever had someone asking you "Can we try something different?" Impress them by iterating on designs live during reviews or presentations.

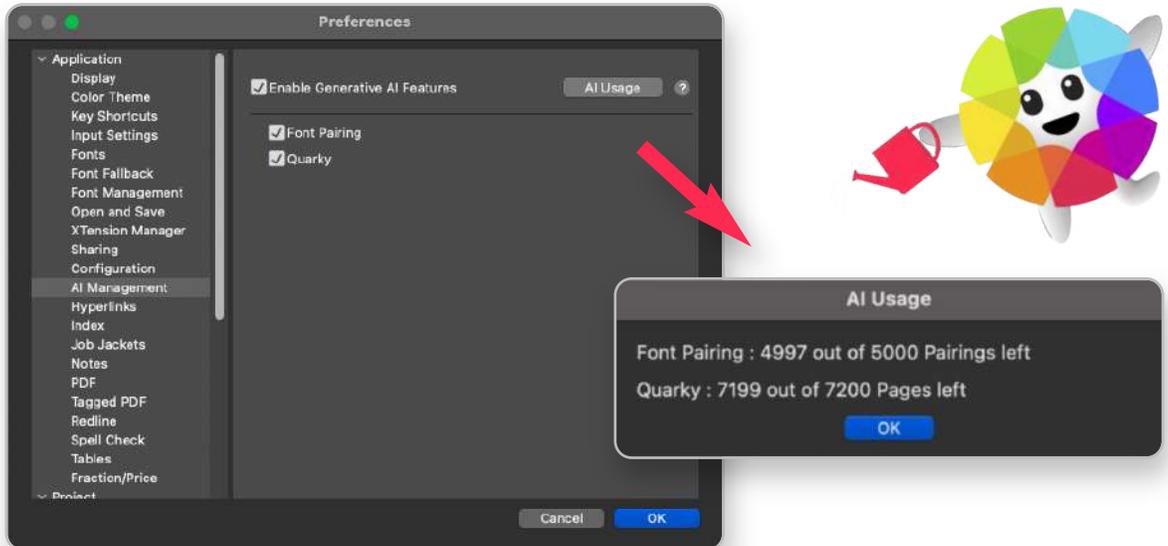
Keep it professional

Maintain a consistent and polished look across your project with cohesive typography styles tailored by AI, including thoughtfully selected Google Fonts.



AI in QuarkXPress

QuarkXPress gives you complete control over your AI experience, ensuring it's a helpful tool that works for you without being intrusive. You can manage your preferences easily by going to Preferences > AI Management, where you can enable or disable AI features like Quarky or Font Pairing individually.



This allows you to activate only the tools you need, tailoring your design environment to suit your workflow. Additionally, you can monitor your AI usage with the AI Usage button, helping you stay within your subscription limits while keeping everything running smoothly.

Your privacy is a top priority. Our AI services are designed to operate with full respect for your data. The AI only processes the text you explicitly submit and has no access to the content or information in your projects. Anything you share with Quarky is stored securely and used exclusively to deliver the requested outcomes—it's never repurposed or used to train AI models. Your data remains fully protected and entirely under your control. For more details, you can refer to our [EULA](#).

With QuarkXPress, AI is a powerful tool to help you get on with your work efficiently, giving you full control over the features and information you share while staying non-invasive and secure.

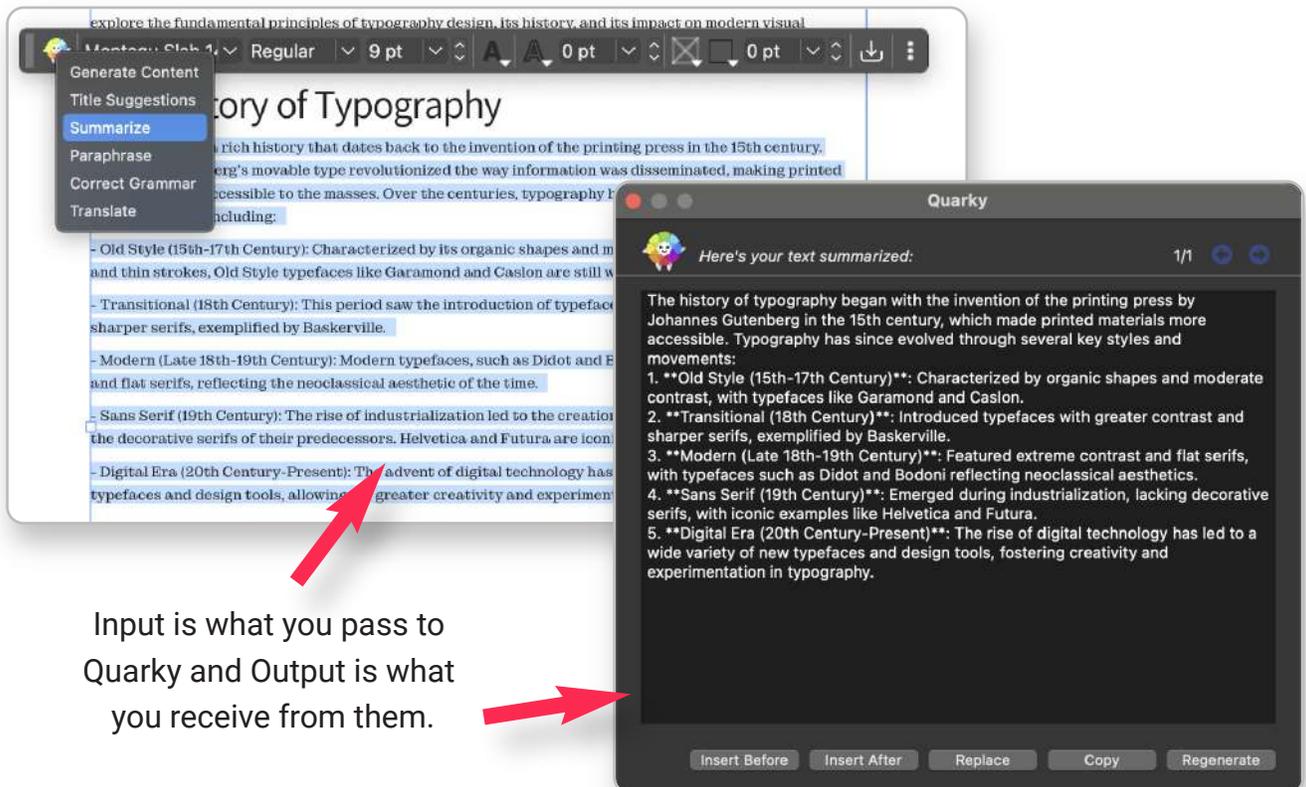
AI Access for Subscription Users

Starting with QuarkXPress v21.0.3, AI features will be available to all current subscription users, regardless of plan type (student, government, non-profit, etc.). Each subscriber will receive a yearly AI allowance for both Quarky and Font Pairing AI services.

AI Usage Breakdown

AI-powered actions consume a portion of your yearly allowance. Quarky features such as content generation, rephrasing, summarization, and translation use AI Pages, while Font Pairing consumes Instances.

Each user receives 7,200 AI Pages per year, allowing them to process up to 2.5 million words (both input and output combined).



This covers extensive content creation, rewriting, and translation needs. For example, summarizing or translating 350 words at a time would allow for over 20 pages per day for a full year before reaching the limit.

For Font Pairing, users get 5,000 Instances annually, enabling them to generate unique font pairings throughout their projects. Since the system caches results, regenerating font pairing for a font or running font pairing for the same font will not consume additional instances, thereby ensuring efficient use.

Need More AI Credits?

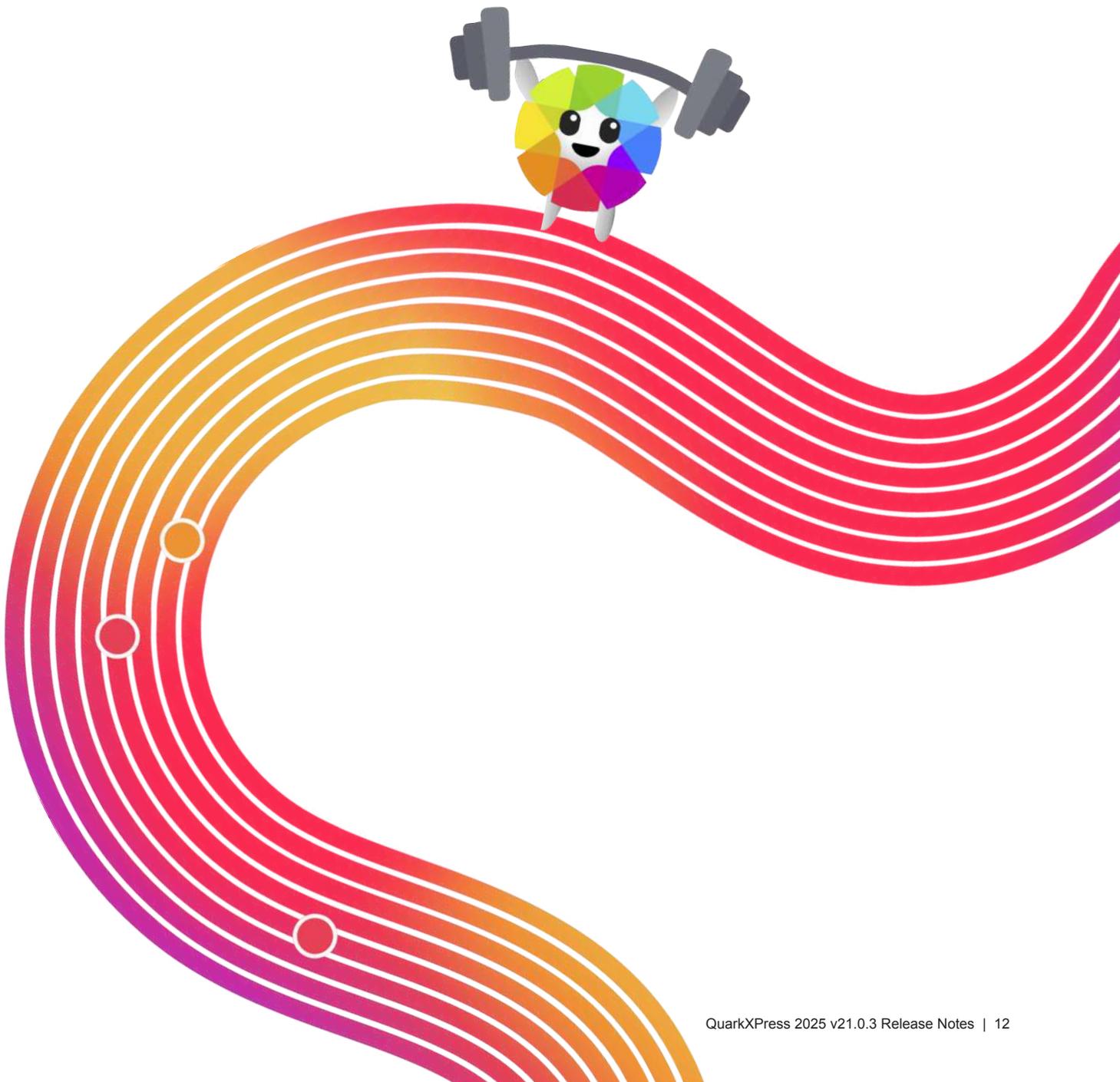
If you reach your AI limit, contact our sales team to purchase additional AI credits.

AI Access for Perpetual Users

AI functionality will be coming soon.

Got more Questions?

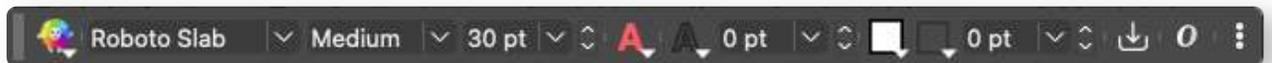
For more details, visit our [FAQs page](#).



Quick Access Bar

The Quick Access Bar is a customizable toolbar that offers convenient, context-sensitive options tailored to the object you're working on. It's also the home of Quarky, putting powerful tools right at your fingertips.

It aims to minimize the need to open additional palettes, allowing users to make adjustments efficiently. Whether working with text, images, or shapes, the toolbar adapts to display relevant options, enhancing your productivity.



When a text box is selected, the bar displays options for font name, style, size, and color, along with text outline and import text features. Users can adjust box fill color, border color, and stroke width, as well as use content fitting tools to adapt text to box dimensions.

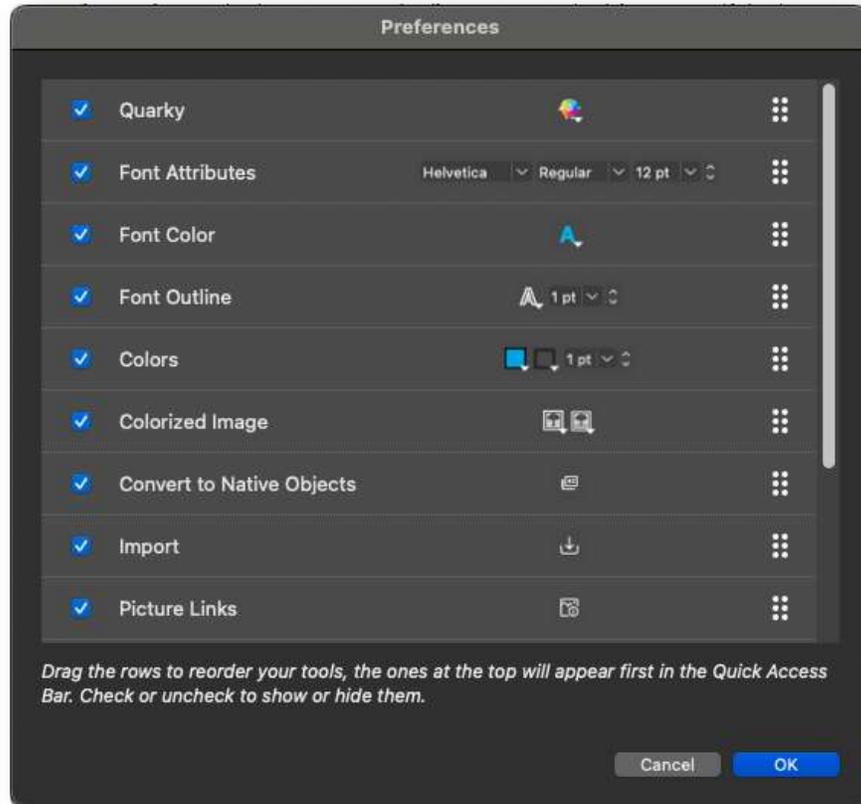


For images, the bar provides controls for box fill color, border color, and border size. Additional tools include import options, picture fitting, and colorizing capabilities for 1-Bit or Grayscale images through picture color and background color dropdowns. The bar also provides access to “Show Picture Info” and “Open Image Editing” functions, putting image customization within easy reach.



You will also find that the Quick Access Bar adjusts to objects like shapes, Bezier curves, and grouped items.

The Quick Access Bar is fully customizable, allowing users to enable, disable, and reorder tools in the Preferences settings.



The bar's position can also be pinned or hidden as needed, offering a personalized workspace tailored to each user's workflow.



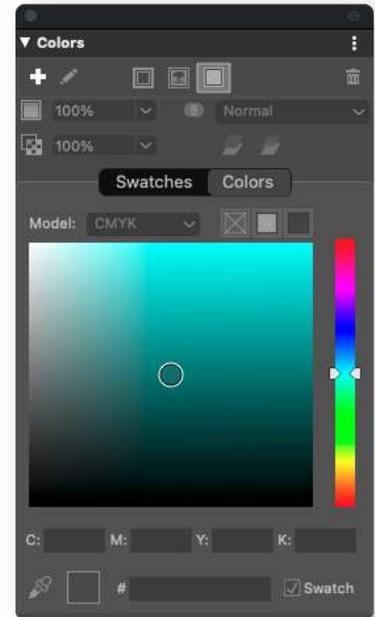
Support for Local Colors & New Colors Tab

QuarkXPress 2025 introduces Local Colors, allowing users to apply colors directly to objects with live preview capabilities, making color selection faster and more flexible than ever.

Located in the newly enhanced Colors palette, users can now access both 'Swatches' and 'Colors' tabs to work with Local Colors or global Swatch colors.

With Local Colors, adjustments are immediate, you can simply drag the cursor around the color spectrum to see changes in real time. No need to go through all the steps necessary to create a swatch.

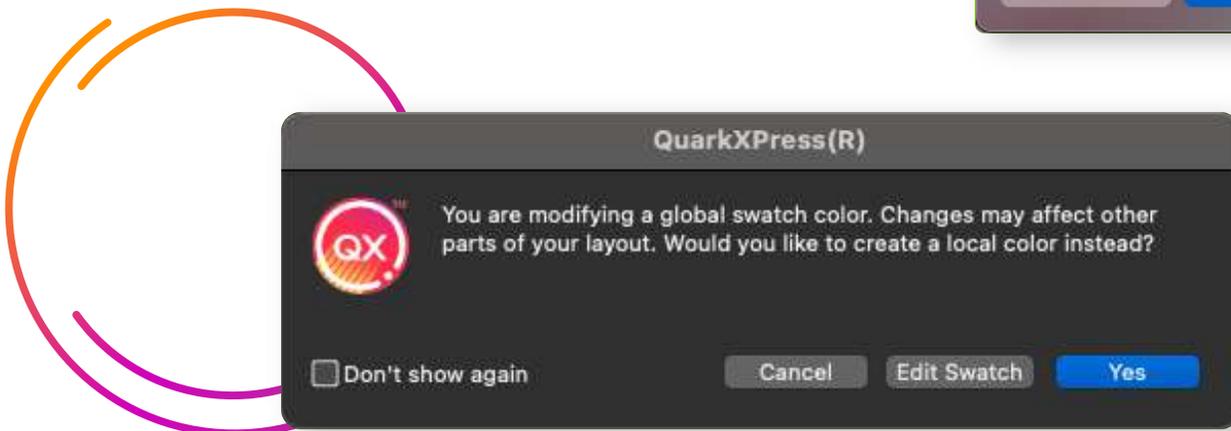
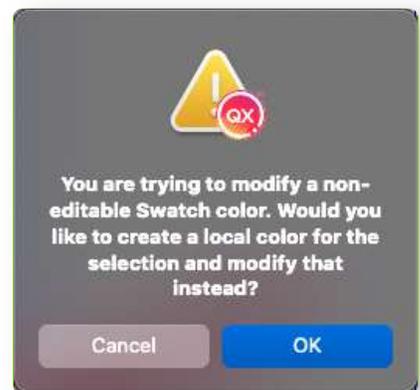
Users can create Local Colors in a variety of color models, including CMYK, RGB, LAB, and HSB, and switch between models effortlessly.



Additionally, Local Colors can be converted to swatches, and you can create local colors from your predefined swatches too. Editing a swatch with the new Colors Tab allows you to edit multiple objects using the same swatch instantly, with a live preview.

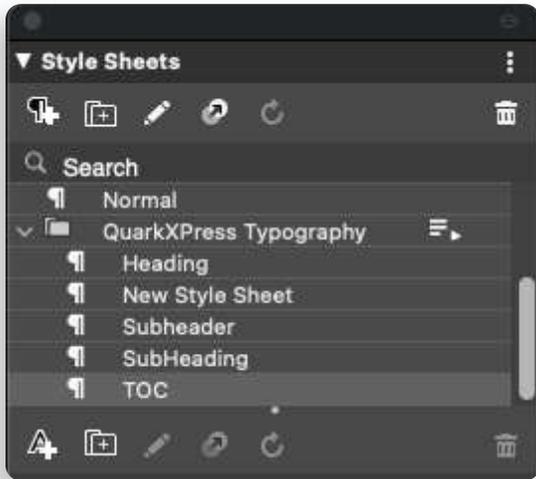


For safety, QuarkXPress provides alerts before editing a Swatch or QuarkXPress default color, offering an option to convert it to a Local Color and ensuring essential global colors remain unchanged.



Style Groups

Style Groups are a powerful new feature within the Style Sheets palette that enables users to organize, manage, and apply multiple styles seamlessly. Style Groups allow you to create customized groups of Style Sheets tailored to your project needs, keeping all your assets organized in one place for easy access.



Once created, a Style Group can be applied to a selected story with a single click on the “Apply” button. It will instantly transform the design with consistent styles across headings, paragraphs, and other text elements.



With Style Groups, you can speed up your workflow by grouping Style Sheets for specific projects, design themes, or branding requirements and switching between them with a single click. Users can also import and append Style Groups from other projects, allowing for continuity across documents.



Font Collections

Font Collections is a flexible tool within the Font Manager palette, allowing users to create, manage, and organize custom font collections. Moving beyond the default Favorites collection, users can now set up collections tailored to specific projects, brands, or design themes.

 Adding fonts to collections is simple: each typeface in the Font Manager palette displays a ‘Font Collection’ icon.

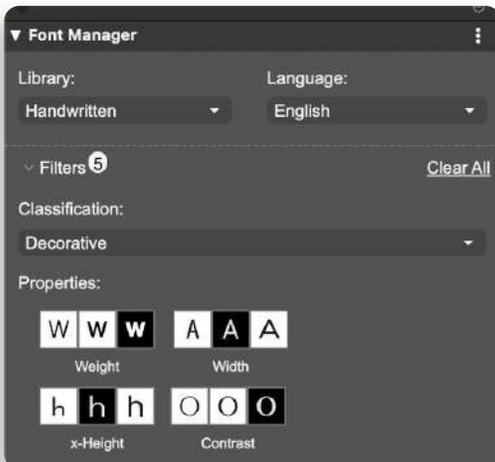
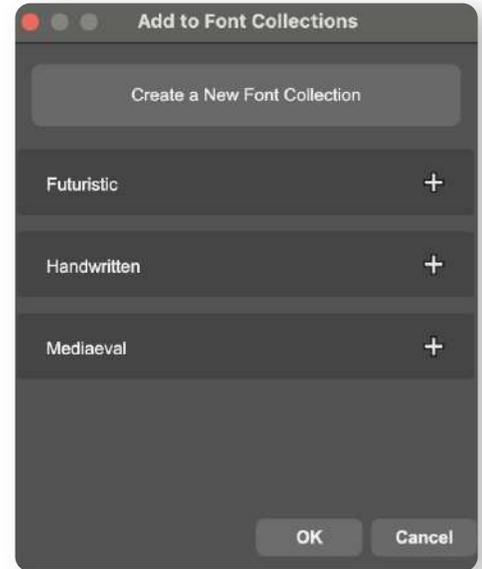
A single click adds the font to a default collection. If no default is set, clicking the icon opens an “Add to Font Collections” dialog, where you can create or select a collection for organizing fonts by project or brand.

To add a typeface to a non-default collection (if a default exists), use Opt-click (Mac) or Alt-click (Windows) on the Font Collection icon to access the “Add Typeface to Font Collections” dialog. Fonts can also be added to multiple collections as needed.

For more control, users can manage their collections by Cmd-clicking (Mac) or Ctrl-clicking (Windows) on the Font Collection icon, which opens the “Manage Font Collections” dialog. Here, users can create, edit, delete,

and set collections as the default. Additionally, the Recent Fonts collection provides quick access to all recently used fonts.

The Library menu in the Font Manager offers quick access to all collections, which are alphabetically sorted and include filters by classification, properties, language, or family name—making it easy to find specific fonts when needed.



Live Spell Check

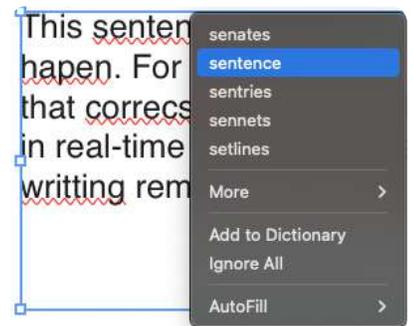
The Live Spell Check feature elevates the writing and editing experience by dynamically identifying and underlining misspelled words in real-time.

As users type, potential errors are instantly highlighted, providing immediate feedback without the need to manually initiate a spell check.

This sentence highlights how the live spell check feature identifies mistakes as they happen. For example, words like “sentence” and “spell” are underlined, clearly indicating that corrections are needed. With this immediate feedback, users can quickly spot errors in real-time and make adjustments on the fly. This tool is essential for ensuring that your writing remains clear and professional before it reaches an audience.

When a saved project is opened, Live Spell Check automatically reviews the text, ensuring both new and previously saved content is checked for spelling errors.

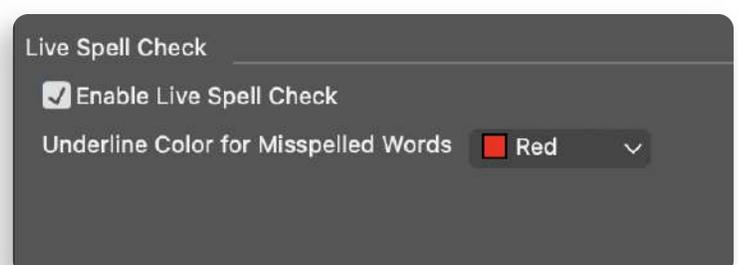
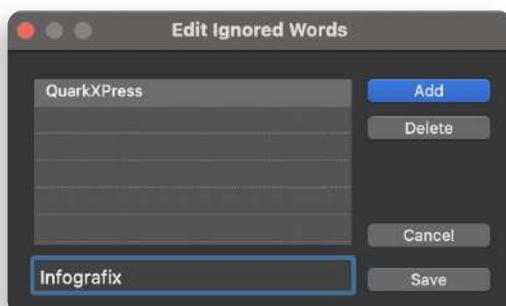
With Live Spell Check, users can use tools like context-menu suggestions for quick corrections, an “Ignore All” option to temporarily bypass flagged words, and an “Add to Dictionary” feature for adding custom terms.



Additionally, users can now maintain and edit a list of ignored words through the “Edit Ignored Words” option, allowing them to manage and update words as needed.

Other customization options allow users to adjust the highlight style, color, or disable the feature in Preferences.

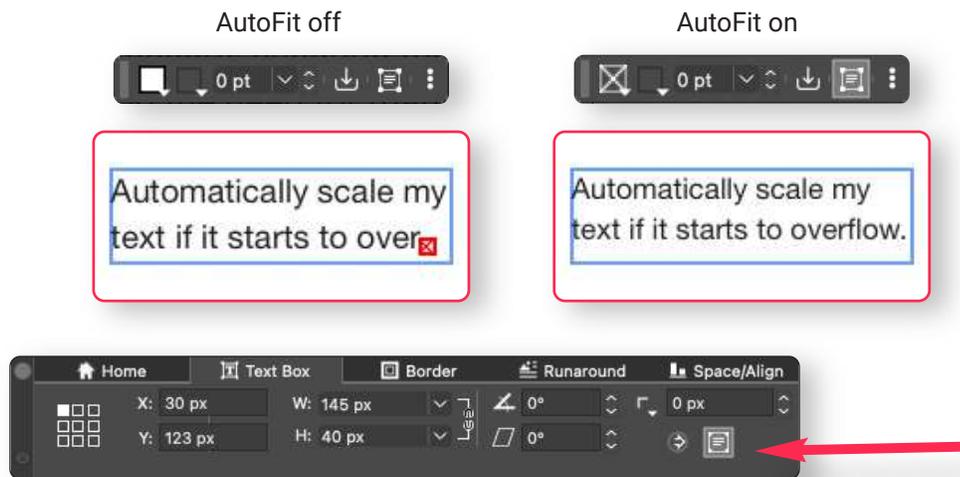
Live Spell Check currently supports only the Dieckmann spell check dictionary. Capitalization errors, spacing errors, and repeated words are not flagged during Live Spell Check at this time.



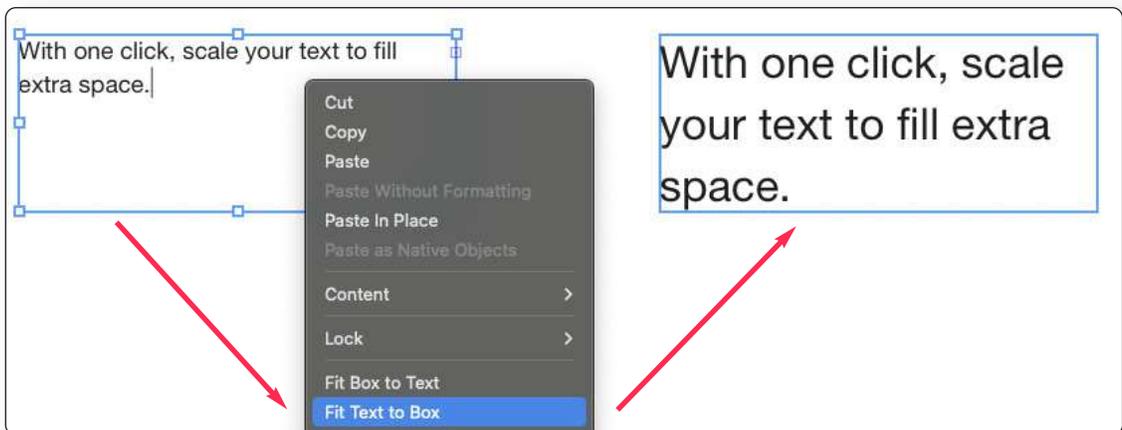
AutoFit Text & Fit Text to Box

The new Autofit Text option simplifies text management by automatically adjusting text size as overflow occurs, ensuring that content always stays within the box's boundaries, eliminating the need for manual adjustments.

This feature can be easily activated from both the Measurement Palette and Quick Access Bar, making it accessible in any workflow.



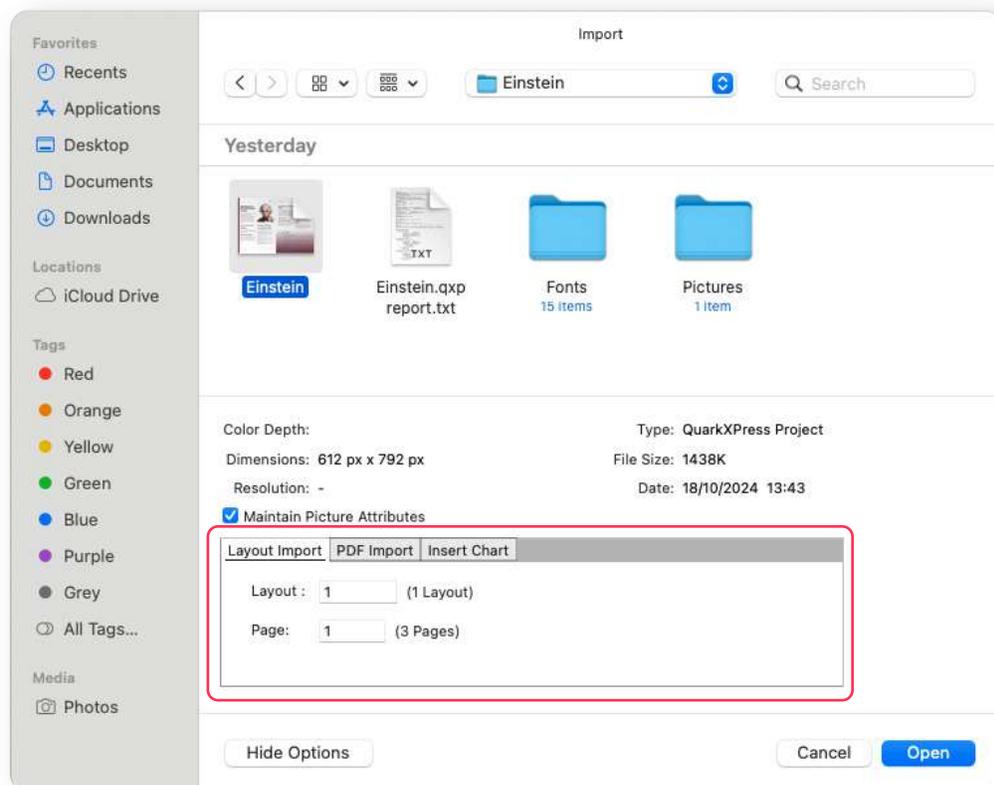
For additional control, users can also use the Fit Text to Box action from the context menu. This option is available whether the text box is in an overflow or underflow state, making it easy to achieve a precise fit.



Nested Projects

The Nested Projects feature enables users to seamlessly incorporate one project within another.

When importing, users can select specific layouts and pages from the chosen project, making it easy to display exactly the content they need within the current design. This capability offers new flexibility in design, enabling users to combine content from different sources without recreating layouts from scratch.



Once imported, nested projects can be edited directly within QuarkXPress using the “Edit Original” function. Any changes made to the original document can be updated in the nested project with a single click.

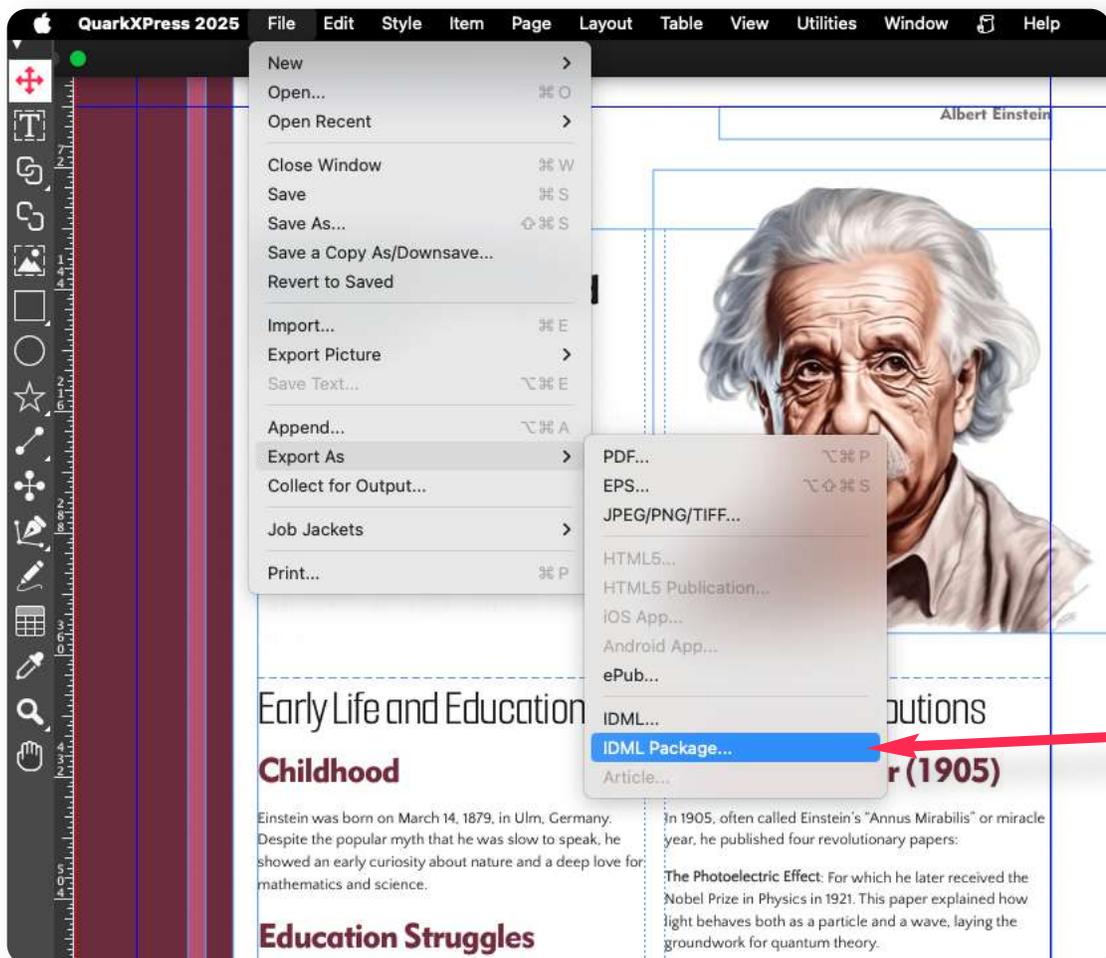
This feature allows designers to use both entire layouts or their specific sections, supporting a modular workflow that simplifies project updates and expands possibilities in multi-layout designs.

IDML Export

You can export layouts as an IDML package, enabling users to share their projects in a format compatible with Adobe InDesign.

The IDML package includes all essential elements: document fonts, linked images, and the main IDML file, ensuring that the recipient has everything needed to open and edit the project without missing assets.

This export option, accessible via File > Export As > IDML Package, provides a straightforward way to collaborate across platforms, making QuarkXPress projects fully interoperable with Adobe InDesign workflows.



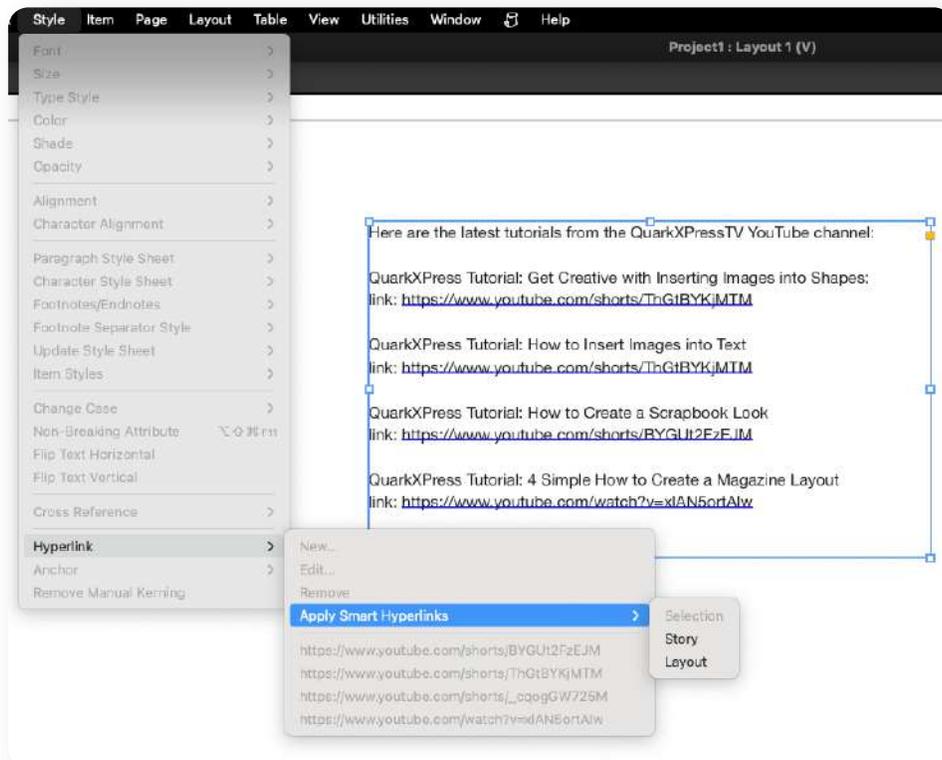
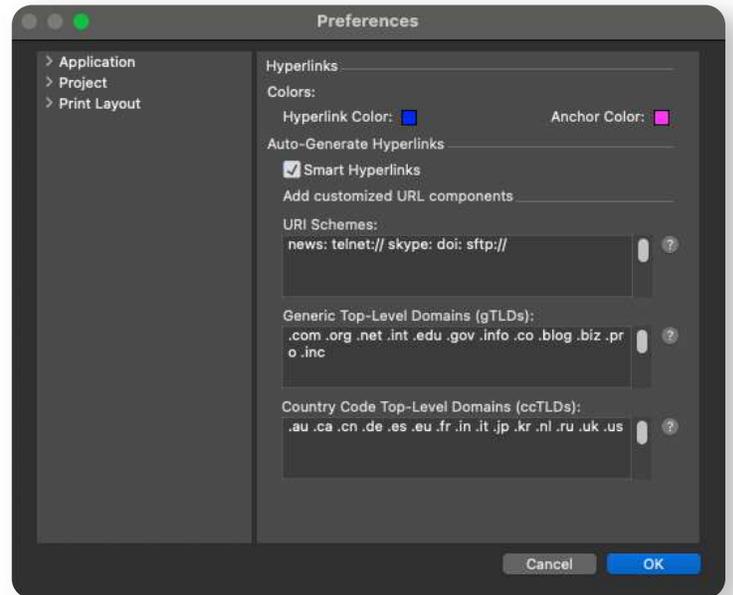
Smart Hyperlinks

The Smart Hyperlinks feature automatically converts internet addresses, network paths, and email addresses into hyperlinks, supporting a range of URI schemes.

New enhancements allow users to add custom URI schemes, gTLDs, and ccTLDs, so even addresses without standard URI prefixes can convert to hyperlinks automatically.

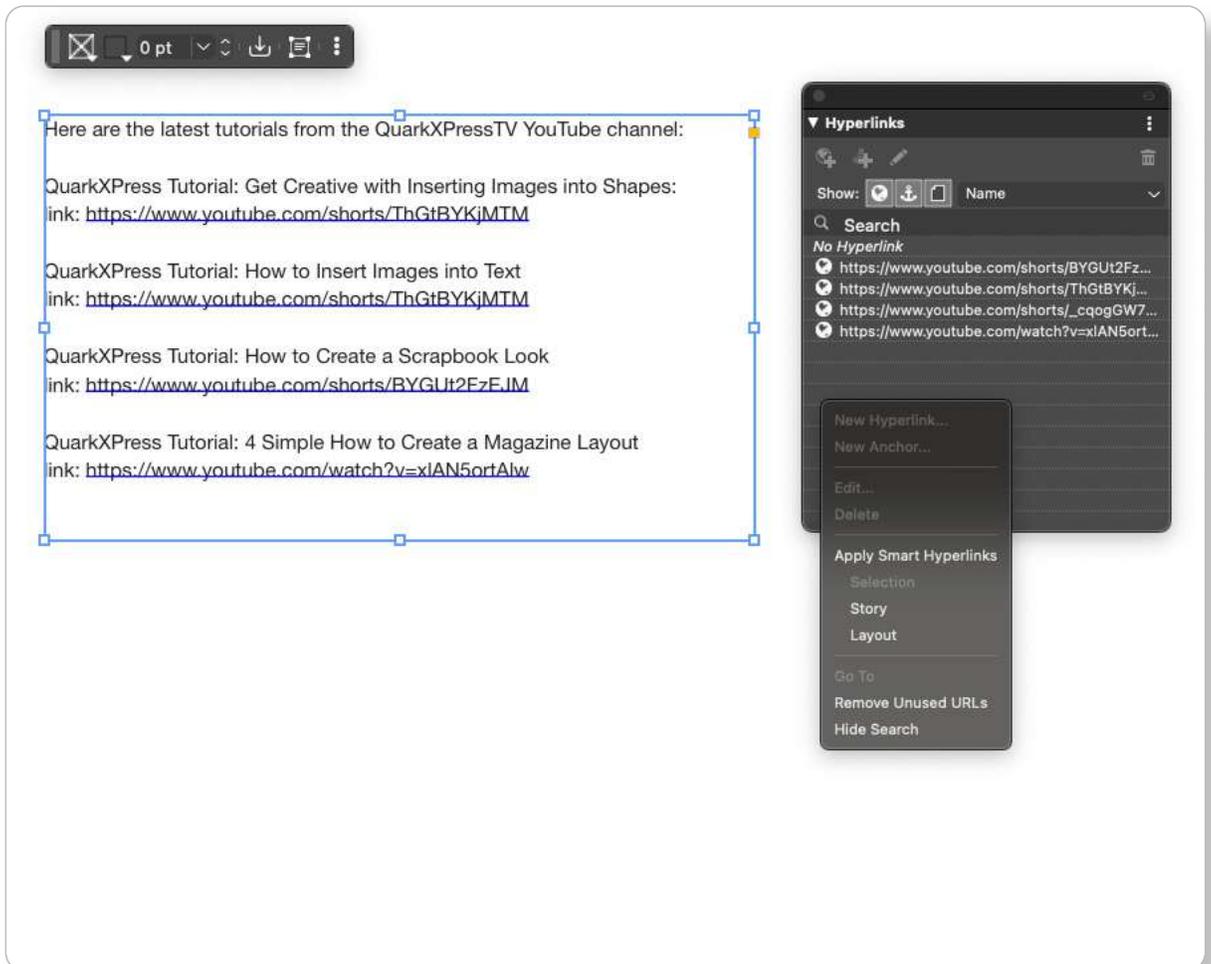
Custom schemes and domains can be managed in the Preferences menu, enabling seamless integration for specialized links.

With expanded flexibility, users can apply Smart Hyperlinks to an entire text selection, story, or layout from the Hyperlink menu, allowing imported or pasted URLs to convert instantly.



The Hyperlink dialog now also auto-fills URL information for easy editing, and duplicate hyperlinks are avoided to maintain clean link management.

For efficient customization, users can remove or modify hyperlinks directly through the Hyperlinks palette or menu options, ensuring full control over hyperlink formatting throughout any document.



Markdown Support

QuarkXPress 2025 now supports Markdown recognition of formatting H1-H6 and paragraph marks.

```
# Heading 1
## Heading 2
### Heading 3
#### Heading 4
##### Heading 5
##### Heading 6

Paragraph Style.
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Users can drag and drop Markdown files into QuarkXPress, where those elements can be instantly displayed with appropriate styling. Once imported, text can be customized further by applying style groups, and multi-column layouts, transforming raw Markdown content into beautifully formatted documents in seconds.

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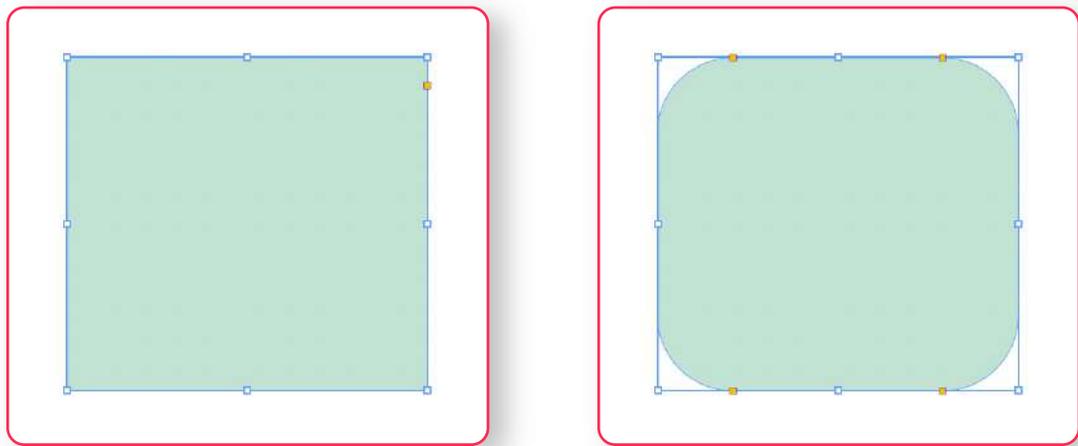
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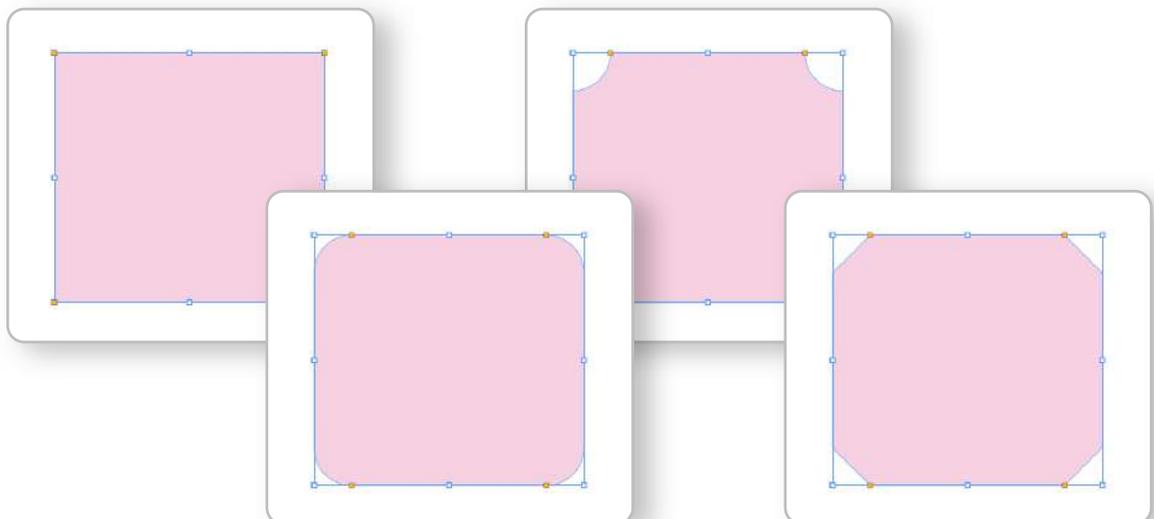
QuarkXPress enhances UI control for Rounded Corner, enabling fast adjustments to the corner radius of rectangular boxes.

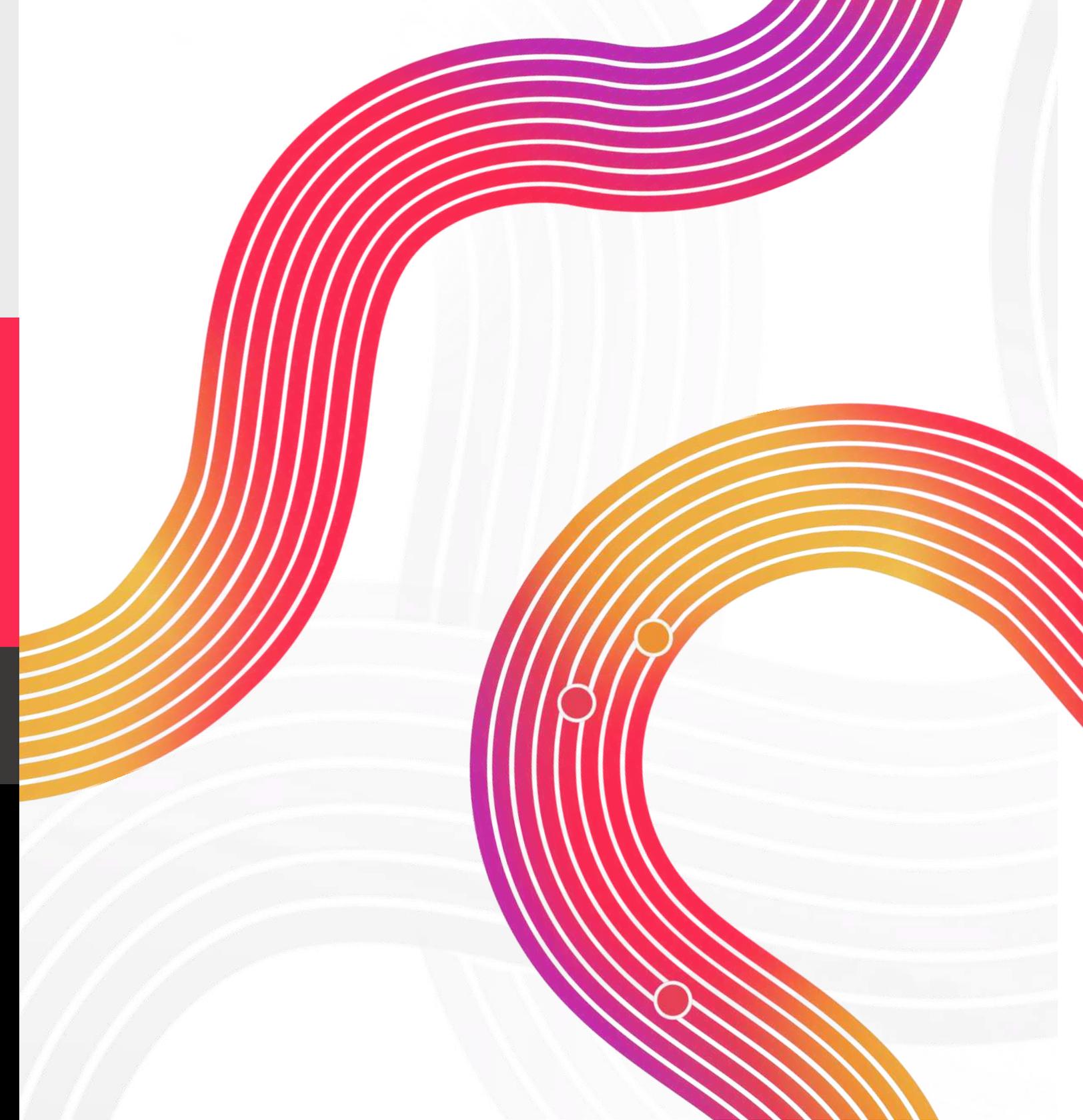
Users can simply select a box, click on the control, and drag the yellow corner handles to increase or decrease the radius for all corners at once.



They can also cycle through different corner styles—Rectangle, Rounded, Concave, and Beveled—using Shift-click (Windows and macOS). To reset the corners, set the radius to 0 in the Measurements palette.

This intuitive feature adds flexibility and speeds up corner styling.





If a quark – in science – is the basis for all matter, then Quark – the company – is the basis for all content. The company revolutionized desktop publishing and today provides content design, automation and intelligence software for end-to-end content lifecycle management. Customers worldwide rely on Quark to modernize their content ecosystems so they can create complex print and digital layouts, automate omnichannel publishing of mission-critical documents, and analyze production and engagement insights for the greatest return on their content investments.

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