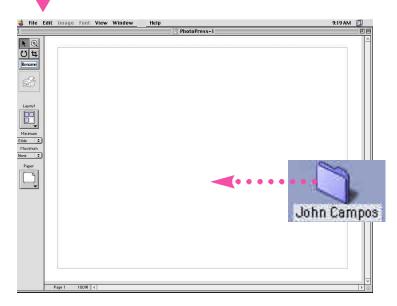
Using Electric Fish PhotoPress

Finally! Software for your digital camera that's fun, productive and easy to use. Introducing Electric Fish PhotoPress. It takes only minutes to learn and master, yet will faithfully print volumes of quality prints from your digital camera, or other scanned images to your favorite color printer.

Installing PhotoPress

To begin using PhotoPress, first double-click the Install PhotoPress icon. This will install PhotoPress and other necessary software. When finished, please restart your Mac.

Fig 1.1 (below). PhotoPress menu and work area.



Using PhotoPress

Launch PhotoPress by double-clicking the program icon. You will see a window similar to that shown above in Fig 1.1

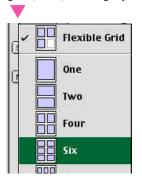
Take a folder of images saved in PICT or JPEG format and drag the folder into the open area of the window. Your photos will be laid out within a grid on the page as shown in figure 1.2. (The orientation of your page may automatically change to fit the images on the page.)





You can change the layout of the photos that appear on the page with the Layout button. To to this, simply click on the button and select the grid layout you want. For example, 9 wallets to a page, or a single 5 X 7 with three wallets...YOU decide. As you make your selection, note the PhotoPress work area changes immediately to reflect your new layout.

Fig 1.3 (below). Selecting Layout.





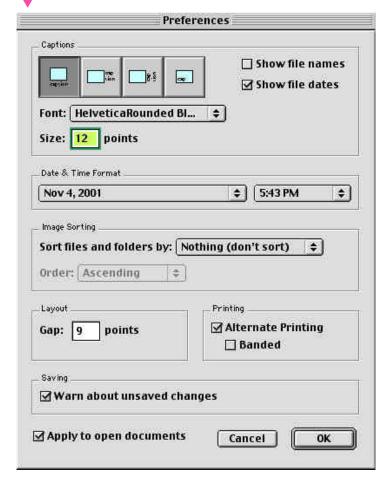
Using the PhotoPress Date Stamp

Once you've laid out your images, open the Preferences dialog (Edit: Preferences or PhotoPress: Preferences in Mac OS X) and place a checkmark in the Show File Dates check box.

Click the OK button.

PhotoPress will now display your photos with a caption that shows the date each photo was taken (see below).

Fig. 1.4 (below) Preferences Dialog Box (below)



Rearranging Images

If you want to rearrange images on the page after you've imported them, be sure to turn off Image Sorting in the Preferences dialog.

You can then use the Selection (arrow) tool and simply drag and drop new images within the layout window. Drop an image in the window, and PhotoPress automatically moves the other photos to accommodate.

Fig. 1.5 (below) Date & Time Stamps



You can remove any image by clicking once on the image using the Selection (arrow) tool, and pressing the Delete key on your keyboard. Hold down the Shift key while clicking to select more than one image.



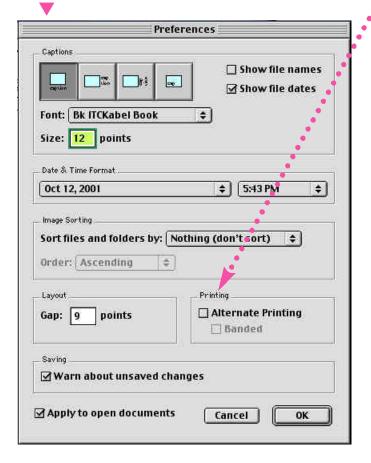
Image Sorting

You can sort your images by name, creation date or modification date in ascending or descending order. When you choose any of these options, your pages of photos will automatically rearrange themselves according to your choice.

Show File Names

Each photo can show the name of the actual file in a particular font you choose. To do this, check Show File Names in the Preferences dialog and then select a font and size. To print photos with custom captions, see the next page.

Fig 1.6 (below). PhotoPress Preferences Dialog



File Names

You can identify your photo files by giving them meaningful names. PhotoPress can help here, too. Import the images you want to rename, then click on the Rename tool at the left of the window. A name badge appears at the upper left of each

image. Click in an image or badge, and type the new name. When you switch to a different badge or turn badges off by choosing another tool, the file will be renamed on your hard disk. (Don't rename files on a storage card or camera, since the camera may not be able to recognize them.) You can cycle through the badges by using Tab and Shift+Tab.

Important Tip On Printing

PhotoPress supports most popular laser, ink jet and bubble jet printers. However, if you experience any problems with printing with your particular printer, we suggest you turn on Alternate Printing while in the PhotoPress Preferences dialog. If you experience any software freezing or crashes, place a check in the Alternate Printing box.

If this does not solve your printing problem, please see our Frequently Asked Questions section on-line at www.StreamRocket.com/software/faq.htm

Choosing Paper Orientation

Normally, PhotoPress switches between landscape and portrait to best fit the photos to the printed page. You can pick a particular orientation from the Paper pop-up menu.



Crop. Zoom. Rotate. Add Caption. Rename. These tools provides increased flexibility for modifying your images without having to use image editing programs such as Adobe Photoshop.

Fig 1.7 (below). PhotoPress Tools



Rotate Image

Click on the rotate tool above and then once on the photo. Click on any corner point and drag to rotate.

Crop-Zoom

The Crop-Zoom tool lets you enlarge a portion of a photo. Choose the Crop-Zoom tool (magnifying glass), then click and drag on the portion of the photo you want to print. PhotoPress removes the area OUTSIDE your selection and enlarges it to fit the original image area. Hold down the shift key while dragging to select a rectangle that matches the original; this ensures there won't be visible white space when the photo is enlarged.

Fig 1.8 (below). Crop Zoom Tool

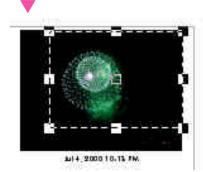
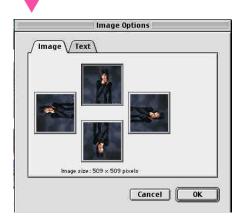


Fig 1.10 PhotoPress Image options - Text Tab

Rotation - Image Options

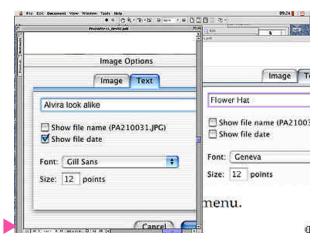
You can also quickly choose a rotation. To do this, simply double-click on any image and the following dialog appears. (see fig. 1.7) This allows you to quickly rotate the image in 90° increments. Simply choose the image you want, and click the OK button. The image will now rotate on your PhotoPress layout area.

Fig 1.9 (below). PhotoPress Image Options - Image Tab



Add Caption

To print a caption different from the actual name of your photo, click on the Text tab while in the Image Options dialog. Enter a short one line caption, choose your font name and size. When finished, click the OK button. Your caption will now appear with the photo when printed. NOTE: if you ALSO have the file name or date included with your photo, your caption will appear on the first line, and the file name and date-time stamp will appear underneath.





Printing with PhotoPress

Printing with PhotoPress is a lot like those annual school photography packages. Remember the big sheets of prints you received in school? Remember the large 8 X 10 prints, then the other sheets with one 5 X 7 image and two 4 X 5 prints? PhotoPress is just like that.

The program offers you several flexible ways in which you can print sheets of the same or multiple images in nearly any size combination you can think of.

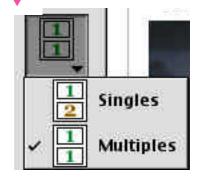
Single - Multiple Image Layout & Printing PhotoPress will print pages exactly as shown on screen. You control how images fill pages by choosing from the Layout pop-up button. There are three basic types of Layout.

1) The Flexible Grid layout will hold many individual images on a page. You can control the minimum and maximum size of the images. Flexible Grid is

Fig 1.11 (below). PhotoPress Singles-Multiples Pop Up

making index pages of thumbnails.

useful for



2) The Fixed Grid layout will hold a fixed number of images per page. Fixed Grids are either Singles or Multiples.

Singles means that each image on the page is separate. This lets you specify the number of images per page without needing to pick the minimum and maximum sizes of a Flexible Grid.

Multiples means that all images on the page are the same. Multiples are good for making copies of a photo for your family and friends. See Fig 1.10.

3) School Layouts are like Multiple Fixed Layouts,

but contain different sizes of a single image.

Fig 1.12 (below). PhotoPress Multiples (example)



Batch or Thumbnail Printing

Normally, PhotoPress picks an image size which fits as many images as possible on a page (Flexible Grid), fits a certain number of images on a page, or duplicates the school photos. Sometimes, you'll want to print your photos a specific size. You may want them to fit into a photo album or frame.

To ensure your photos are the size you need, choose Flexible Grid from the Layout pop-up menu (see fig 1.11 on the next page). Two new pop-ups appear, which let you set the smallest and largest size that PhotoPress should use when it fills the page with images. Set these both to the size you're after.



Fig 1.13 Fixed Buttons



Tips

Low-Resolution Images

You can convert a high-resolution photo to 72 dots per inch (suitable for use on a web page or sending via e-mail) by selecting it, and choosing Edit: Copy. The clipboard will contain a 72 dpi picture, the same size as the photo appears on the screen.

Icons

Most cameras give photos cryptic file names. To help identify photos on your hard disk, import them into PhotoPress, select them, and choose Image: Create Thumbnail Icon.

(You can use the Create Thumbnail Icon command with photos on a SmartMedia card or Compact Flash card, but this takes some of the card's storage space, so we don't recommend it.)

System Requirements
Any Macintosh PowerPC with 64 MB of RAM
Mac OS 8.6 or greater
CarbonLib 1.2 or greater
QuickTime 4.0 or greater

Technical Support

Technical support is available free to registered customers. For a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and common solutions to problems, please go to www.StreamRocket.com/software/faq.htm

If this does not help or solve your problem with PhotoPress, please send us an e-mail at:

support@streamrocket.com

IMPORTANT

See the TOOLS description on Page 7 of this electronic manual. We suggest you PRINT out a copy of these tools to keep next to your Mac for quick reference.

PhotoPress Tools Description

