OmniPage Pro 9.0 for Windows

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Being able to scan printed documents into a computer is a very useful thing. I have scanned in many of my old publications to put up an electronic resume of most of what I have published over the years. For the older papers having a scanner and good OCR (optical character recognition) software made the job rather easy. A few years I switched over to the OmniPage software and have been very pleased with its results. With the latest version of this software, OmniPage Pro 9.0, the quality of the scanning results has again improved, making the conversion to computer readable files even faster and easier.

The program comes on a CD-ROM and installs very easily and quickly. Omnipage Pro 9.0 requires Windows 95/98/ NT, 16 MB of RAM, a CD-ROM drive, at least 45 MB of disk space, and just about any scanner (or you get your money back).

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Scanning is made easy with a simple to use interface, and the new version allows for the retention of color in scanned color documents. This feature is particularly nice for chemistry, where structures and reactions are often in color. In version 9.0, besides the color capability, one can keep the original page layout. This makes scanning tables and spreadsheets easier. Font sizes and types are also easy to retain in this new version of the software.

In summary, this remains a very nice package for scanning. I use it on a regular basis and would recommend it to anyone who needs to do any document scanning.

Upgrades for OmniPage Pro 9.0 retail for \$99, while the full product list price is \$499. There is a Macintosh version available. The software is available from Caere Corporation, 100 Cooper Court, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Phone: 1-408-395-7000. WWW: http://www.caere.com.

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