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QuarkXPress 6 with Brisque 4.x or Later and PS/M 7.x or Later

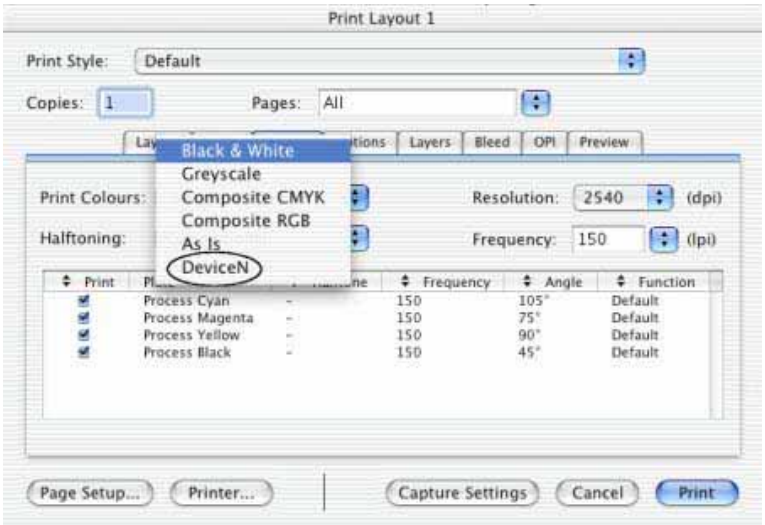
The QuarkXPress® 6 application, which is fully supported in Brisque® software version 4.x or later and PS/M software version 7.x or later, includes all previous XT functionality with the exception of Print XT, which is still required for this application. QuarkXPress 6 has also been improved and now enables spot colors to be printed correctly in composite mode without having to use the Creo Spot and Color TIFF extensions.

Requirements

Print XT is the only XT still required for QuarkXPress 6. The LaunchPad and PrintXTs plug-in (133 KB) is a minimized Print XT version that includes only the rename and single pages print functionality. To install and use this plug-in, follow the instructions in the Creo PrintXT ReadMe file (PDF 93 KB).

Improvements

Spot colors can now be printed correctly in composite mode from QuarkXPress 6 without using the Creo Spot and Color TIFF extensions. To do this, select the **DeviceN** option (instead of the **Composite CMYK** option) in the **Print Colours** box.



Problems and Solutions

The following problems have been encountered thus far while working with QuarkXPress 6:

- Normalize on the Brisque fails to distill printed spot colors as PDFs
- Printing from QuarkXPress 6 to the Brisque printer always displays the same fie name (unknown.ps)
- QuarkXPress 6 gradients produce lower quality blends and are more susceptible to blending than gradients in previous QuarkXPress versions
- Black text is knocked out

Normalize on the Brisque fails to distill printed spot colors as PDFs

When printing spot colors using the **DeviceN** option, the normalize function in Brisque fails to distill the spot colors as a PDF. This problem occurs because the Creo® normalize startup file(s) are not compatible with the new **DeviceN** option.

Workaround: RIP the PostScript® file that works properly.
Solution: This is a known problem. The solution will be implemented in Brisque version 5.0.

Printing from QuarkXPress 6 to the Brisque printer always displays the same file name (unknown.ps)

When printing from QuarkXPress 6 to the Brisque printer, the file name always appears as **unknown.ps**, regardless of the original document name. This is a known QuarkXPress problem.

Solution: Download the free patch **FixUnknowXT** to your Xtensions folder. This download successfully eliminates the problem.

QuarkXPress 6 gradients produce lower quality blends and are more susceptible to blending than gradients in previous QuarkXPress versions

When QuarkXPress 6 gradients are exposed on film or plate, they produce lower quality LW blends and are more susceptible to blending than gradients in previous QuarkXPress versions. This problem occurs because the Brisque RIP does not recognize the QuarkXPress blends and does not apply smooth shading to them due to code changes in the PostScript file from QuarkXPress.

Solution: This is a known problem. The solution will be implemented in Brisque version 5.0.

Black text is knocked out

When printing from QuarkXPress 6 in **DeviceN** color mode, and if the **PS Overprint** option in the RIP dialog box is not checked, then the **Black Overprint** option in the RIP dialog box does not work. The result may be that the text will knock out its background.

Workaround: When selecting **Black Overprint**, you must also select **PS Overprint**.
Solution: The solution will be implemented in Brisque version 5.0 and PS/M version 8.0.

See Also: http://techplanet.creo.com/software_solutions/workflow_software/prinergy/content/docs/v2-2/719-00125A-EN-A.pdf

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