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Scribe

Scribe enhances documentation productivity

The way in which information is presented can be as critical as the information itself.

In recognition of that, Three Rivers Computer Corporation offers Scribe®— an easy-to-use text formatting and document production package that runs on PERQ*, the definitive graphics workstation. Scribe, used in conjunction with a text editor, eliminates all of the tedious aspects of producing printed text. Designed for users without either programming or typographical skills, the system produces final, camera-ready documents in a variety of standard formats and typefaces.

Produce what you need
Scribe is most often used to create documents such as:
☐ Reports.
☐ Technical manuals.
☐ Proposals.
☐ Financial summaries.
☐ Specifications.
☐ Articles.
☐ Booklength manuscripts.

A system for style
The PERQ graphics workstation provides the ideal environment for the typographic formatting of documents containing text and graphics. Its features include:
☐ A black on white, display screen with sufficiently high resolution (768 x 1024 pixels) to display typographically formatted pages.
☐ Powerful processor to perform typographic composition and formatting rapidly.
☐ Standard interfaces to various typesetters or printing devices.
☐ Networking capabilities for data and resource sharing.
☐ Large main store capacity for quick access to information, plus sufficient disk capacity for permanent storage.

Capabilities to handle the complete job
Scribe maximizes your documentation productivity, with unique features that offer you:

Simplification
Eliminating all the cryptic computer jargon of some systems, Scribe operates by natural English keyword commands. You simply prepare your manuscript file using a text editor, then designate the document type you desire, for instance, 'Technical Report'. From that simple command alone, the system automatically executes hundreds of individual directions concerning style, spacing, typeface, margins, indentations, footnotes, etc. that result in a final, camera-ready document.

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Standardization

Scribe provides a library of standard formats to choose from, each of which precisely defines the physical look of a particular document type. Any Scribe database can be revised either to reformat the existing document types to suit your particular needs, or to create your own entirely new types. That means that every Scribe document produced throughout an entire organization can be formatted in exactly the same way. The individual user need not know the format because Scribe has the precise instructions in its database. The results are professional, standardized documents that are easier to produce and understand.

Selection

Once you have created the text and specified the document type, Scribe can output your work to a broad range of printing devices. Without changing even a single character in the original file, you can initiate hard-copy output from line printers for proof reading, from laser printers for volume distribution, or from photocomposers for camera-ready printing. Once you have selected the printing device, Scribe adapts to obtain maximum results within that device's capabilities. For example, if your file specifies that a word be printed in italics, but the printing machine cannot print italics, then Scribe will underline the word instead. This device independence means that your hardcopy requirements alone determine the type of printer you use.

Unique characteristics

- Includes large, expandable library of standard document types.
- Uses natural English language commands.
- Automatically generates footnotes, tables of content, bibliographies, multi-level indexing, and other user aids.
- Merges text with graphics.
- Provides automatic hierarchical numbering of any text portion and the ability to use boldface, italics, hyphenation, foreign alphabets, etc.
- Features Greek symbols, scientific and mathematical notations.

One of many

Scribe is a member of the growing family of application software packages developed for the PERQ graphics workstation. Please contact Three Rivers Computer for more information about this and other packages.

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