

INTRODUCTION

Getting Started

Macromedia FreeHand MX is a vector-based drawing application. With FreeHand, you can create vector graphics that can be scaled and printed at any resolution, without losing detail or clarity.

You can use FreeHand to create print and web illustrations such as logos and advertising banners. You can also use FreeHand to turn your artwork into Macromedia Flash animations.

The FreeHand user interface contains a workspace and Tools panel that are consistent with other Macromedia products such as Macromedia Dreamweaver, Fireworks, and Flash, to give you a true integrated print and web solution. In addition, now you can view and test your FreeHand documents in a Macromedia Flash Player window without ever leaving the FreeHand environment.

System requirements

FreeHand runs on both Microsoft Windows and Macintosh operating systems. Their installers are found on separate CDs. To install FreeHand and begin using the application, you will need the following hardware and software:

- For Windows: An Intel Pentium II processor (300 MHz or faster), or the equivalent, running Windows 98SE, Windows ME, Windows 2000, Windows NT version 4 (Service Pack 6), or Windows XP; enough random-access memory (RAM) to meet your operating system's requirements, plus 64 MB of application memory (128 MB recommended); 70 MB of available hard disk space; a CD-ROM drive; a color monitor capable of 1024 x 768 pixel resolution and 16-bit display (thousands of colors, millions of colors recommended); Adobe Type Manager version 4 or later with Type 1 fonts; and a PostScript Level 2-compatible printer or later (recommended).
- For the Macintosh: a Power Macintosh G3 (or faster) computer running Mac OS 9.1 or later, or Mac OS 10.1 or later; enough RAM to meet your operating system's requirements, plus 64 MB of application memory; 70 MB of available hard disk space; a CD-ROM drive; a color monitor capable of 1024 x 768 pixel resolution and 16-bit display (thousands of colors, millions of colors recommended); Adobe Type Manager version 4 or later with Type 1 fonts (Mac OS 9.x); a PostScript Level 2-compatible printer or later (recommended); and QuickTime 6 (Mac OS 9.x).