

Manual

Redefine Style Sheet 2.0

a QuarkXTension for QuarkXPress 4.11, 5.x, and 6.x, Mac OS.



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Set Up

Minimum requirements

Mac OS (8.6 or 9) and QuarkXPress (4.1x or 5.0x).
or
Mac OS X and QuarkXPress 6.x.

Installation

Download the latest version of Xpedient software from the Xpedient web site, **www.xpedient.com**. Drag the file “Redefine Style Sheet” to your “XTension” folder (in the Quark XPress folder). Relaunch QuarkXPress.

Demonstration mode limitations

Until you put in your license key, Redefine Style Sheet loads in demonstration mode, where you can use it 25 times. The Redefine Style Sheet XTension does not put QuarkXPress itself into demo mode. All the features are enabled, but the Redefine confirmation dialog box cannot be disabled. Entering a valid license key removes these limitations.

Ordering your license key

A key for Redefine Style Sheet 2.x works on both the QuarkXPress 4 & 5 version, and the QuarkXPress 6 version. To buy your license key go to our web site at **www.xpedient.com**, email us at **sales@xpedient.com**, or call **781-647-1050**. Please make checks payable to Xpedient Corporation, and mail to the address on the first page of this manual.

Unlocking to remove demo limitations

To enter your license key in Mac OS 8 or 9, go to **Edit > Preferences > Redefine Style Sheet** and click the Unlock button. In Mac OS X choose **QuarkXPress > Preferences**, and click on **Redefine Style Sheet** in the list.

Click Unlock, and put your name, company and license key in the space provided. Since the key is long, we suggest that you copy it from our email, and paste it into the Key field. The license key provides unlimited use, and allows you to turn off the confirmation dialog.

Please report any problems or comments to **support@xpedient.com** or call 781-647-1050.

About Style Sheets

What is a style sheet?

Style sheets are sets of style formats that you create and use to control text formatting. Paragraph style sheets control paragraph settings such as alignment, indents, leading, hyphenation, etc. Character style sheets cover only the format of the character itself, such as font, color, size, shade. In QuarkXPress, the paragraph style sheets have character settings too, each has its own “Default” character style that’s made automatically when you make a paragraph style sheet. When creating style sheets, keep things simple: unless you need to apply character settings without affecting paragraph settings, just make and use paragraph style sheets.

Why use style sheets?

Style sheets save time, prevent tedious error-prone work, and make it easier to create a consistently typeset product. Instead of using the Style menu again and again, use a style sheet to apply all your formats in one click. Redefine a style sheet to see any design changes in place throughout your document immediately.

Why doesn’t everyone use style sheets?

Making new style sheets in QuarkXPress is not too hard, but adjusting them is painful. The four very dense Edit > Style Sheet dialog boxes don’t have an Apply button, so you’re unable to easily experiment with formatting there, so you must try ideas on the page, write down the numbers from the Measurements palette and dialog boxes, and then update the style sheet by entering the information in the correct fields.

The Redefine Style Sheet Xtension

The Redefine Style Sheet Xtension makes it fast and easy to define, apply, rename, and redefine style sheets. This industrial-strength software keeps track of hundreds of design specs so that designers can experiment freely, and production artists can save a lot of time.

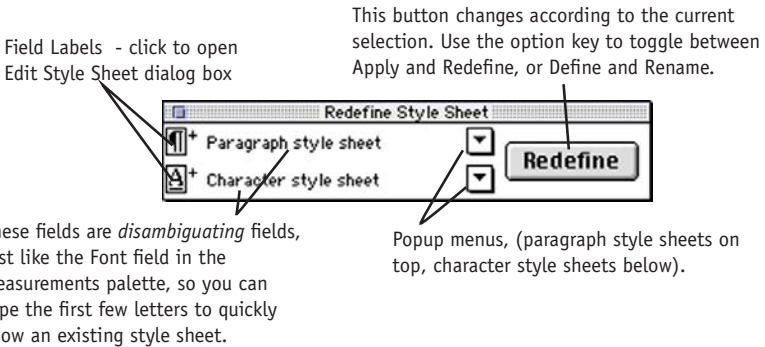
Using Redefine Style Sheet

To redefine a style sheet without the Redefine Style Sheet Palette.

1. Select text that has a style sheet plus local formatting.
2. Type your shortcut keystroke as defined in the Redefine Style Sheet Preferences. The optional confirmation dialog box informs you which of the settings will change for the character and/or paragraph style sheet(s). Click **OK** to redefine the style sheet, or click cancel if you just wanted to see how the selected text differs from the current style sheet definition. You can use the confirmation dialog box just to see which specs are locally applied, just press cancel after you have seen the information you need.

Introducing the Redefine Style Sheet palette

To show the new Xpedient Redefine Style Sheet 2 palette, in QuarkXPress 4 and 5, choose **View > Show Redefine Style Sheet**. In QuarkXPress 6, choose **Window > Show Redefine Style Sheet**. The palette itself is the same in both versions.



Select text on any page, and the palette shows the style sheet(s) used by the selection. The top field shows the paragraph style sheet, and the bottom field shows the character style sheet. The plus sign (+) to the left of any style sheet name appears only when local formats are used in the selection.

To define a new style sheet

1. Select formatted text on your page, and type a new name in the appropriate field in the palette. The button now says **Define**.
2. Click the button to define the new style sheet. This also applies the newly defined style sheet to the selection. That's the Xpedient way.

To redefine an existing style sheet using text with that style sheet

1. Select locally formatted text on your page, the palette shows the style sheet name(s), and the button says **Redefine**.
2. To redefine both paragraph and character style sheets, click the **Redefine** button.
3. To redefine just the character style sheet, first click in the character style sheet field, then click **Redefine**.
4. To redefine just the paragraph style sheet, first click in the paragraph style sheet field, then click **Redefine**.

To redefine an existing style sheet using any formatted text, even if it has a different style sheet applied

1. Select formatted text to use as the source for the style sheet.
2. Choose a style sheet from the popup menu. You can also select a style sheet by clicking in one of the fields and typing the first few letters until the name is filled in for you (this works the same way as the Fonts field in the Measurements palette). The button changes to **Apply**.
3. Hold the option key to change the button to **Redefine**. Click the button to redefine the style sheet. This also applies the newly redefined style sheet to the selection.

To apply an existing style sheet to text

1. Select text, and ignore the contents of the fields in our palette.
2. Choose a style sheet from the popup menu in the palette. You can also select a style sheet by clicking in one of the fields and typing the first few letters until the name is filled in for you (this works the same way as the Fonts field in the Measurements palette).
3. Now the button changes to **Apply**. Click to apply the style sheet to the selection.

To rename an existing style sheet

1. Click in text that uses the style sheet you want to rename. The palette shows the current names.
2. Click in the paragraph or character style sheet name field and change the name as you like. The button changes to **Define**. Hold the option key, it changes to **Rename**. Click the button to rename.

Preferences

To set your preferences in Mac OS 8 or 9, go to **Edit > Preferences > Redefine Style Sheet**. In Mac OS X choose **QuarkXPress > Preferences**, and click on **Redefine Style Sheet** in the list.

Confirmation dialog box

You can choose whether to have the confirmation dialog display each time you redefine a style sheet by clicking the checkbox.

Protecting certain style sheets

You can prevent the Redefine Style Sheet Xtension from affecting certain style sheets. (Although you may still redefine those style sheets using the Edit Style Sheet dialog boxes.) To protect the «Normal» style sheet, check its checkbox in the Protected Style Sheets section of the Preferences dialog. To protect other style sheets, simply enter your own prefix and/or suffix character(s) in the Preferences dialog, and add the same prefix or suffix character(s) to the names of the style sheets you want to protect. Redefine Style Sheet will refuse to redefine or rename those style sheets.

Keyboard shortcuts

You may define any available keystroke as a trigger to the **Redefine Style Sheet** function, which will work depending on the selection.

The **Define**, **Apply**, **Rename**, and **Redefine From Any Selected Text** functions are only available through the palette since they require you to type or choose a style sheet name.

Frequently Asked Questions and Support

How does Redefine Style Sheet work?

Quickly. Users can avoid the overly complex dialog boxes that control style sheets, and simply use samples on pages. Now style sheets are so fast to update that designers use them to show multiple variations instantly. Style sheets are not just for production wizards anymore.

Can't you just redefine style sheets without an XTension?

Yes, but it's not quick or easy. Choose **Edit > Style Sheets** to make your changes in the dialog boxes, but you can't see what you're doing. Or you can make your changes on a sample of text, and use the Replacement Routine, a procedure that users have invented to solve the problem. See our web page for details.

Is there a Windows version?

No. Do you need one?

Support

Write to support@xpedient.com or call **781-647-1050**.

Revision History

1.0.2: Added French language support.

1.1: Added the ability to protect certain style sheets.

2.0: Added palette and several features including Define, Rename, and Apply.

Known Issues

If you use based-on style sheets, and redefine the parent, the child style sheets do not update. When you are redefining the parent style sheets, use the Edit > Style Sheets menu command instead of Redefine Style Sheet.

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