

OVERVIEW

Solo is a powerful application for creating visually oriented reports. It is ideally suited for the production of documents which combine large amounts of graphics with narrative text and tables.

Solo was originally designed to meet the complex report production requirements of the world's leading management consulting firms, but its functionality is applicable to a much broader range of education, business and government communication needs.

Solo integrates full featured word processing, drawing and charting with a unique Storyboard interface and a rich Template Library. This allows for a "fill in the blanks" approach to creating most exhibits. Powerful document and format management enable individuals, or teams working in parallel, to create consistent, high quality reports in record time.

The Template Library provides a broad range of built-in charts, tables, conceptual illustrations, forms and text formats. It can be customized to meet graphic and identity standards, and expanded to include proprietary or industry-specific visuals, as well as standard forms such as letters, faxes and memos. The Template Library represents an excellent tool for facilitating learning and knowledge sharing among users within an organization.

Solo supports the concept of Message Driven Visual Communication™ which encourages users to articulate explicit messages for each exhibit added to a report. This discipline reduces the number of unnecessary visuals and focuses the user's thinking on supporting the overall storyline.

When creating visual reports, Solo outperforms any combination of stand-alone applications. Solo is in daily use by thousands of managers and business professionals. Whether it is used to create a 3 page meeting handout, or a massive 375 page final report, the quality, consistency and effectiveness of a Solo document is unmistakable.

To learn more about producing high quality documents which capture your thinking in a self-explanatory combination of narrative and visuals, please contact Axon at the address shown on the back, or visit our Web site at: <http://www.axoninc.com>

FEATURES

Integrated communications solution

Supports all stages of report production, from initial storyboarding to the final printing of the report, as well as standard correspondence tasks.

Broad range of built-in exhibits

Point and click access to hundreds of professionally designed, corporate visuals. Custom exhibits can easily be added.

Powerful document management

Stores an entire report in a single, self-contained document. Finds and opens pages quickly in large reports. Intelligently resolves revisions, page by page, when importing. Move files transparently between the Macintosh and Windows platforms.

Extensive format controls

Controls for text and graphics are stored in software to promote consistency and enforce format standards. Corporate format standards are easily captured and applied.

Outperforms stand-alone alternatives

Full-featured implementation of all functions. Includes complete word processing; flexible, data-driven charts; powerful table editor; intuitive drawing tools.

Cross platform, compact files

Solo files are 100% cross-platform compatible and are typically 1/3 the size of competitors' files.

BENEFITS

- Users can produce consistent, properly formatted documents independent of home office services.
- Solo's Storyboard allows users to visualize and refine a report's structure and flow without wasting time creating unnecessary exhibits.
- Speeds-up revisions and eliminates graphics department bottlenecks.
- Reduces overall production costs.

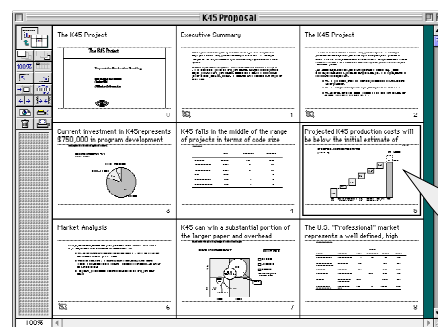
- Assists in fast and accurate exhibit selection.
- Uses a "fill in the blanks" approach to create pages.
- Promotes sharing and reuse of effective visuals.

- Simplifies report handling within teams.
- Allows people to work on reports in parallel on Macintosh and Windows platforms.
- Supports creation of large, complex documents.
- Generates presentation slides directly from the report. No reformatting needed.

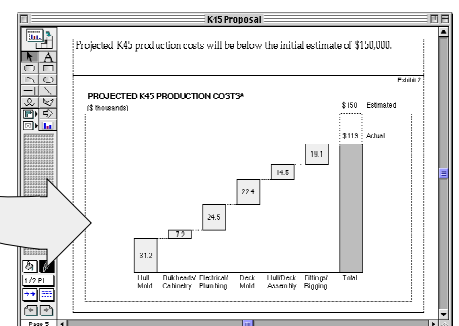
- Facilitates implementing corporate-wide graphics standards.
- Ensures consistency across users and offices.
- Reduces costly format training and simplifies working with outside vendors.

- Fulfills requirements of graphic artists as well as report writers.
- No performance compromises.
- Makes a single report production software standard possible.

- Works in mixed Mac/Windows environments.
- Uses disk space and memory efficiently.
- Reduces electronic file transfer times by 50% compared with PowerPoint.



The Storyboard



The Page Editor

FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Storyboard

- Illustrative page miniatures support true storyboarding
- Up to 10,000 cells per Storyboard
- Fast scrolling across large documents
- Editable message lines link to underlying page titles
- Cut and paste pages between documents
- Move pages by dragging and dropping
- Sort pages based on selection order
- Background tasks keep page miniatures up-to-date without slowing work
- Page numbering controls for starting page, starting page number and every other page option
- Supports printing selected pages and discontinuous ranges
- Supports printing Storyboard displays with 1 to 48 miniatures per page

Document Management

- Each cell supports separate scaling, orientation and print options
- Unique cell ID and last modified time stamps maintained for each cell
- Import new or modified cells and automatically replace older versions
- Automatically adjusts for US/A4 paper
- Unlimited number of text pages per cell
- Open up to 8 documents at once
- Designed to work efficiently with documents across a network
- Explicit print control over objects placed on different layers
- Export pages, or document, at 100% fidelity to MS-PowerPoint (Win Only)
- Import plain text and RTF text
- Import and export cells as PICT2 files
- Import WMF and EMF files

Format Management

- Supports naming any page as a template
- Supports setting links to master copy of an object: position, size, style and content
- Templates and named objects stored for access from Storyboard or Page Editor
- Auto-select <place holders> by pressing Command [or Control]-Tab

Slideshow

- Display or print simplified overheads from report pages using scaling and cropping commands
- Run slideshows manually, automatically, timed or continuously looping
- Direct access to individual slides using Storyboard view
- Supports playing QuickTime movies

Drawing

- High-precision drawing environment supporting sub-pixel line widths
- Standard drawing objects: ovals, arcs, text, rectangles, rounded rectangles, polygons
- Intelligent power objects: arrows, stars, multigons and brackets
- Three drawing layers, view scales from 12.5% to 800%, customizable grid snap
- Free rotation of all objects (including text, charts and tables) in 1 degree increments
- Fill and pen styles for all objects in 22 patterns or 88 colors
- Full support for drop shadows, dashed lines and arrowheads
- Polygon reshaping, smoothing and vertex nudging
- Alignment and distribution commands
- Over 300 Clip Art images available

Word Processing

- Scrolling, multiple page text objects
- Full paragraph formatting including hanging indents, 4 types of tabs, space before/after, underline/overline and unique paragraph markers
- Full character formatting including color, 1 to 999 point size and styles including sub/superscript, extended and all caps
- Named paragraph formats
- Find and replace, including all caps, wild card and change all options
- Spell check any text against 1 of 18 main dictionaries and 1 user dictionary
- Spell check dictionaries support multiple dialects of individual languages
- 2-Byte character support allows use with Kanji, Hangul and Simplified Chinese scripts

Charts

- Over 100 built-in charts including Mekko, waterfall, cost curve and bubble charts
- Supports 'on chart' editing of data values
- Complete format control and editing of all chart components
- Supports data scaling, number formatting and 35 country currency formatting

Tables

- Fast and flexible table creation/ formatting
- Drag and drop rows and columns
- Re-size cells to span multiple rows and columns
- Complete border control for tables, rows, columns and cells
- Automatic or manual row heights
- Supports pasting of graphic objects and spreadsheet data
- Cell alignment and scaling controls.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

MACINTOSH

Minimum Configuration

- Any Power Macintosh

Recommended Configuration

- Power Mac with a 300 MHz G3 processor (or better), 64 MB RAM and 4 GB hard disk
- 17" color monitor and laser printer
- System 7.6 - 9.2 (or higher System 9)
- Runs under Mac OS X in "Classic" mode

WINDOWS

Minimum Configuration

- Windows 95/ NT
- Hard disk with 12 MB of free space
- 8 bit / 256 Color video support
- 64 MB RAM

Recommended Configuration

- Windows 98/2000/XP or later.
- 133 MHz Pentium III processor (or better)
- 17" color monitor and laser printer
- 128 MB RAM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sales

Axon sells Solo directly to end-users worldwide.

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