



DesignPro Tools for AFP™

Fifteen years of experience with forms design has gone into the creation of sophisticated tools that help increase your productivity and ensure quality output. Statements, letters, checks, policies, an endless variety of business documents can easily be created, edited and saved in the appropriate format. DesignPro Tools for AFP™ is the most advanced AFP application design software available.

For years Elixir Suite and AppBuilder for AFP have been the industry standard for creating overlays and PPFA PageDefs and FormDefs for AFP printing. DesignPro Tools is the next generation of AFP application design software from Elixir providing integrated OGL and PPFA design. Existing customers will want to upgrade to benefit from the new easy-to-use interface, native mode editing of resources (no conversions are required) and extended color and resolution support.

Forms and Data Layout

DesignPro Tools for AFP provides a visual interface that enables you to create and edit the overlays, fonts, images and data layout that you need for business communications. Tables can easily be constructed, elements can be grouped and copied to improve design efficiency. Using Visual PPFA, data can easily be defined and accurately placed on an overlay and PPFA PageDefs and FormDefs created. Record format as well as traditional PageDefs are supported. Designs can be proofed using sample data.

Existing resources such as compiled overlays or OGLs and PSegs can be opened in their native format and edited. No pre-conversion is required. After editing, resources can be saved in the desired format and uploaded to mainframe libraries. No coding is required.

Fonts

Create AFP fonts from scalable TrueType or Adobe Type1 fonts. Raster fonts can be edited in a visual interface. Special characters can be added and character widths can be changed. Fonts can be slimmed, made darker or reversed. Double-byte character sets are supported.

Graphics

Insert standard format graphic files such as BMP, TIFF, JPEG or PSeg. Clean up and edit bitmap graphics such as a scanned logo or signature. Industry standard shading patterns can be applied. Support for color, highlight color, grayscale and black and white image formats. For faster printing, graphics can be tiled into a raster font.

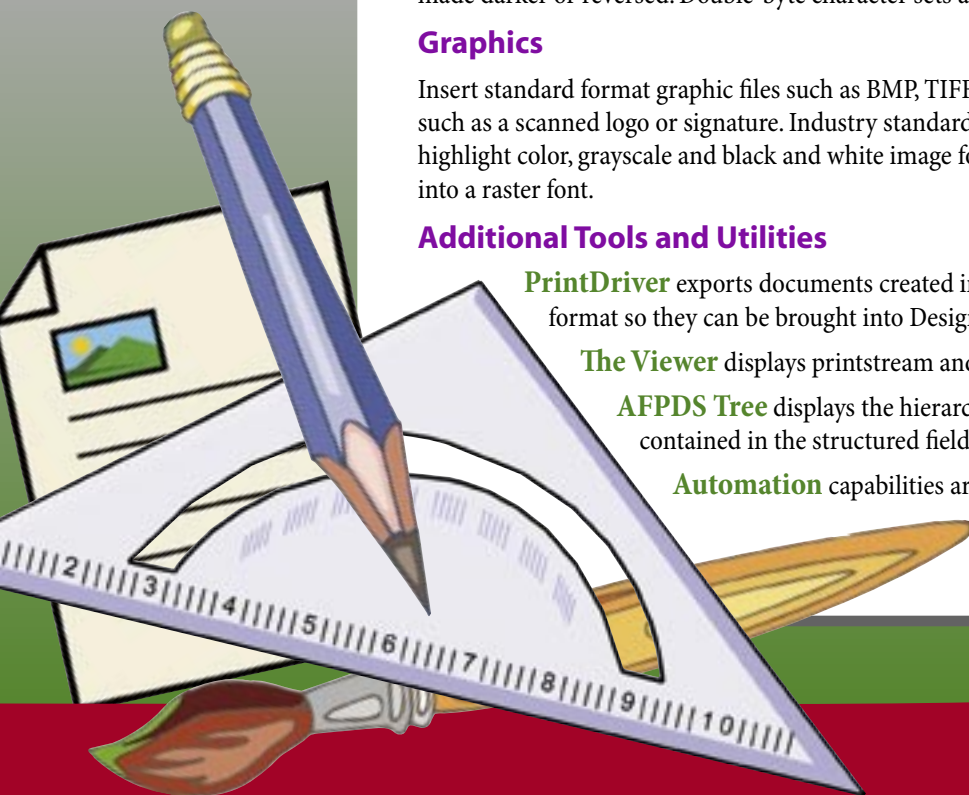
Additional Tools and Utilities

PrintDriver exports documents created in Windows applications like MS Word into AFP format so they can be brought into DesignPro Tools.

The Viewer displays printstream and resource files.

AFPDS Tree displays the hierarchical structure of AFPDS files and the binary data contained in the structured field records.

Automation capabilities are provided.



Technical Specifications

Functions and Features

- ⊖ Integrated OGL/PPFA design
- ⊖ Loading and saving of native AFP resources
- ⊖ Use AFP raster/outline fonts, Adobe Type1 and TrueType fonts
- ⊖ Double-byte font and overlay support
- ⊖ Bar code support - BCOCA and font bar codes

Form Editor

- ⊖ Drag and drop design elements
- ⊖ Complete set of drawing tools
- ⊖ Color support for all elements
- ⊖ Apply AFP standard screen & shade patterns
- ⊖ Text wrapping, justification, and rotation
- ⊖ Spell check all text or word-by-word as text is entered
- ⊖ Use grids and guidelines to facilitate overlay design
- ⊖ Digital and graphic rulers with choice of units

Print Driver

- ⊖ Enables the use of documents created in Window packages
- ⊖ Generate AFP resources

Visual PPFA

- ⊖ Import/Create PPFA source and compiled objects
- ⊖ Record Format and Traditional PageDefs
- ⊖ Display of floating overlays and page segments
- ⊖ Drag-and-drop data placement or input of coordinates
- ⊖ Data proofing
- ⊖ Basic and Enhanced N_UP
- ⊖ Tree display shows PageDef and FormDef structures at a glance
- ⊖ Real time display of PPFA source code

Font Editor

- ⊖ Create and edit all AFP font components (Character Set, Code Pages and Coded Fonts)
- ⊖ Edit a font, an individual character or blend characters together
- ⊖ Control font metrics
- ⊖ Transforms include: Reverse, halftone, and mirror
- ⊖ Edit double-byte fonts
- ⊖ Tile an image into a font

Graphics Editor

- ⊖ Full image transformations include: Resize, Rotate, Lighten, Darken, Mirror, Outline, Filter, Shift, Reverse, and Halftone
- ⊖ Tile images into a font, control sizing and sequencing of tiles
- ⊖ Palettes of specialized AFP screen & shade patterns

Input Formats

- ⊖ Compiled Overlay or OGL
- ⊖ MO:DCA document
- ⊖ Object PageDef/FormDef
- ⊖ PPFA source code PageDef/FormDef
- ⊖ AFP Page Segment
- ⊖ Bounded and Unbounded Box fonts including user designed SBCS and DBCS fonts with custom character sets and code pages
- ⊖ RTF
- ⊖ Windows Enhanced Metafile (EMF)
- ⊖ TIFF, PCX, BMP, JPEG and LP3
- ⊖ Adobe Type1 and Windows TrueType fonts

Output Formats

- ⊖ Compiled Overlay
- ⊖ OGL source
- ⊖ MO:DCA document
- ⊖ Object PageDef/FormDef
- ⊖ PPFA source PageDef/FormDef
- ⊖ Page Segment (IM image, IOCA)
- ⊖ AFP Bounded and Unbounded Box fonts (single & DBCS)
- ⊖ HP-PCL and PostScript forms
- ⊖ RTF
- ⊖ PDF
- ⊖ TIFF, PCX, JPEG and BMP images

Host Environments Supported

- ⊖ OS/390 MVS/VM
- ⊖ DOS/VSE
- ⊖ iSeries (OS/400)
- ⊖ RS/6000

System Requirements (Minimum)

- ⊖ Windows 2000/NT 4.0 with SP 6, XP
- ⊖ 128 MB of RAM
- ⊖ Pentium 800 MHz+ CPU
- ⊖ CD-ROM Drive
- ⊖ 2 GB Hard Disk (min.) - data and print file size dictate hard disk needs
- ⊖ Network Card compatible with Windows 2000/NT
- ⊖ A monitor that supports Windows in 800 x 600, or 1024 x 768 resolution (or higher)

Optional

- ⊖ PC to Host Communications Link (for mainframe users)
- ⊖ Proof Printer -HP-PCL or PostScript

Company Background

Elixir Technologies has pioneered advanced document production technologies since its founding in 1985. We specialize in personalized customer communications for print, email and the Internet. Elixir is a global company headquartered in Ventura, California with thousands of satisfied customers in more than 70 countries. For more information on Elixir solutions please call +1 805 641 5900, email us at sales@elixir.com or visit our web site www.elixir.com