



IMAGING DEMOCRACY TRIUMPHS!

Delightfully crafted software makes electronic images easier and more useful than paper — in a package anyone can afford and master.

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I love a good user interface. They don't come along often — the Macintosh, America Online, Pac-Man, DOOM. Here's a new one that will redefine the way we work with document images.

PaperMaster from Docublogix 408-434-1138 will take the small/home

office market by storm. It's a godsend.

Real live end users — the National Association of Professional Organizers — designed PaperMaster and it shows. Novice users will be working with images in no time.

It's robust code, a 1.0 to be proud of. It installs

cleanly and easily. It lets you select among installed scanner drivers the way Print Manager lets you pick a print driver — a feature I've never seen but often wished for. (Now it would only help me uninstall some of those old drivers!)

Everything's intuitive. It simulates the way you work

with paper. The interface is a filing cabinet. Open a drawer and create a folder. Scan documents into it, or into the inbox (a default folder) for later filing. Move documents between folders, folders between drawers with a single mouse drag.



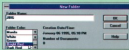
- Here's the top-level view. Product comes with eight drawers to get you started.



- Create a drawer. Name it. Pick an icon. Lock it with a password if you wish.



- Here's the new drawer. Move it under Family Stuff. Scroll through spaces for 1,000 potential drawers.



- Press the folder to create a folder. Give it a color.



Sort folders and documents by name or date. Or rearrange into your own order. Select whether to view a toolbar and status bar on each window. It remembers your preferences.

Import, copy, or fax an image from any open window. Search on text in the document name, any text annotations you've added or, if you've told it to read (OCR), the full text of the document. Narrow your search by folder or drawer or look through the whole cabinet.

The image window is a thing of beauty. Rearrange pages by dragging. Name it — as you type, it also names the window (nice touch).

moving the image/border dividing bar. Push a button to close, discard document or page, copy, move to next or previous page, rotate or rotate the image.

My favorite features:

- **Two-touch delete.** Hit "DEL" then "Y" to check any page. Repeat quickly as needed.

- **Pin window.** Zoom, then move a black pin rectangle across a resizable thumbnail to nip to any part of the page. The zoomed image follows. It's fast. You don't get "lost" in a room — you can always tell from the thumbnail where you are on the page.

- **Auto-filing.** Scan a number of similar documents, like bank statements, into

the same folder(s). Soon the product remembers where they are and prompts you to put new statements in the same place!

- **Print-driver import.** Go into any app. Open a file. Choose "PaperMaster File Cabinet" as your printer under Print Setup. Print. A copy of what would have been printed goes to the inbox. If it's text, it's automatically OCR'd. Cool.

As much as I love the product, it's not perfect. It doesn't let me view or use OCR'd text. It doesn't tell me how much storage my images take up on disk. I don't even know whether the image file disappears when you delete it from the

file cabinet. (I hope so, but I haven't tested it.)

That could be a problem. I like using it so much I want it to manage every file I create with my computer in its native format. I don't want to print an export copy of my wordprocessing files. I want to file them all in the same folder and have the text searchable.

But all that can come. Keep your eyes peeled for version 1.1 — I can't wait. ■

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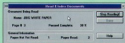
- **Scan a document into the folder.** Thumbnail pages come up. Rearrange pages by dragging. Name it — as you type, it also names the window (nice touch).



- **Zoom by magnifier mouse or +/- button.** Drag the black box across the Pin Window for ultra-precise navigation. Great coding.



- **Move the document by dragging it to another folder.** Close the drawer and all other windows disappear. Reopen it



- **Press the eyeglass button to read (OCR) unword documents.** OCR is fast. For best full-text indexing, scan at 300 dpi.



- **Search OCR'd text and annotations contents using magnifying glasses icon.** Enter keywords. Search the whole cabi-