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System Requirements

QuarkXPress 2027 is compatible with the following operating systems:

macOS

- macOS® 27.x (Golden Gate), macOS® 26.x (Tahoe) and macOS® 15.x (Sequoia)

Hardware:

- Apple silicon (M-series) or Intel processor with dual cores or more
- 8 GB RAM available for QuarkXPress
- 11 GB hard disk space for installation
- An Internet connection is required.

When working with long, complex (graphic-heavy) documents, we recommend 16 GB of RAM or more, and an SSD with at least 20 GB of free space for working files and caches. An Apple silicon M-series Pro or Max processor gives the best performance.

Windows

- Microsoft® Windows® 11 Version 24H2 (64 Bit) or later, Microsoft® Windows® 10 Version 22H2 (64 Bit)
- Microsoft® Windows Server® 2022 (64-bit)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.8 or later (installed automatically if missing)

Hardware:

- 8 GB RAM available for QuarkXPress
- 8 GB hard disk space for installation

macOS 27 Compatibility

QuarkXPress 2027 is certified for macOS 27 (Golden Gate) and macOS 26 (Tahoe). It is also supported on macOS 15 (Sequoia). macOS 14 (Sonoma) and earlier are no longer supported, and QuarkXPress 2027 doesn't open on them. QuarkXPress, including PDF export, runs natively on Apple silicon. Intel-based Macs are supported with macOS 26 (Tahoe) or macOS 15 (Sequoia); macOS 27 supports only Apple silicon Macs.

Introducing Help & Support

QuarkXPress 2027 brings help right into the app. The new Help & Support palette lets you find answers from the QuarkXPress guides without leaving your layout. Type what you want to do, in your own words, and Help & Support shows the answer along with the feature that does it.

Answers come from Quark's own documentation, so you can trust what you read. Where an answer points to a command, **Show in menu** takes you straight to it on Windows, so you learn where things live as you go. On Mac, type the command in the Help menu's search field to find it. Ask in your own language; answers are currently in English. Help & Support works offline, and its help content is kept up to date automatically. You can also check for new content at any time from Preferences.

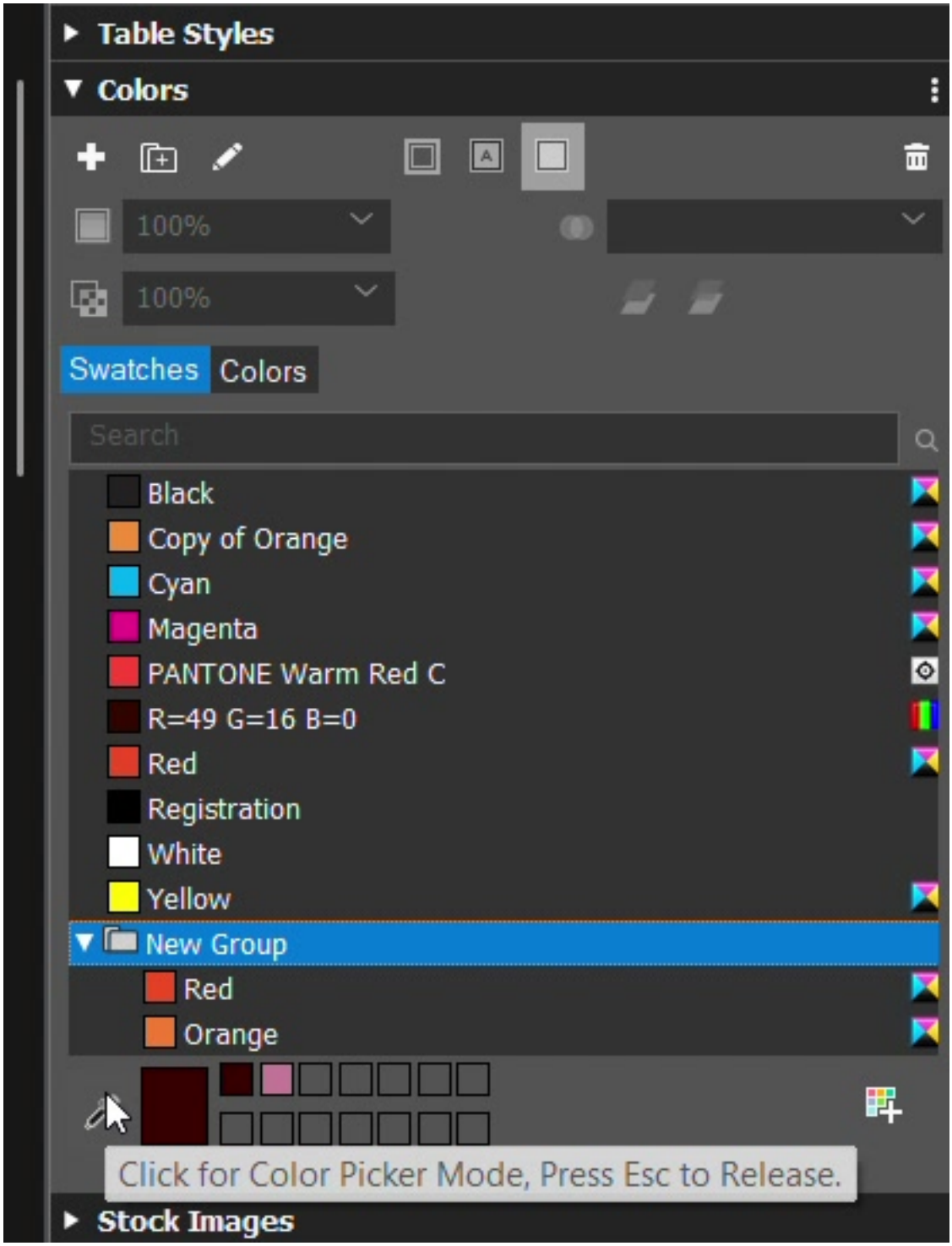
Rate any answer with a thumbs up or thumbs down to tell us whether it helped. Need more? **Send Feedback** and **Quark Support** are one click away in the same palette.

Open Help & Support from the Help menu or the Window menu, or press F1 on Windows or Control-Command-? on Mac. On Windows, F1 now opens Help & Support instead of the online documentation.

Your choice, always: the first time you open Help & Support, QuarkXPress explains what help usage it can share with Quark to improve answers, and what is never shared. You can change your choice at any time in Edit › Preferences (Windows) or QuarkXPress › Settings (macOS), under Application › Help & Support.

Color Groups

Keeping a brand's colors together just got easy. QuarkXPress 2027 introduces Color Groups: organize your swatches into named groups right in the Colors palette, and find the color you need in seconds.



A color group with its colors in the Colors palette.

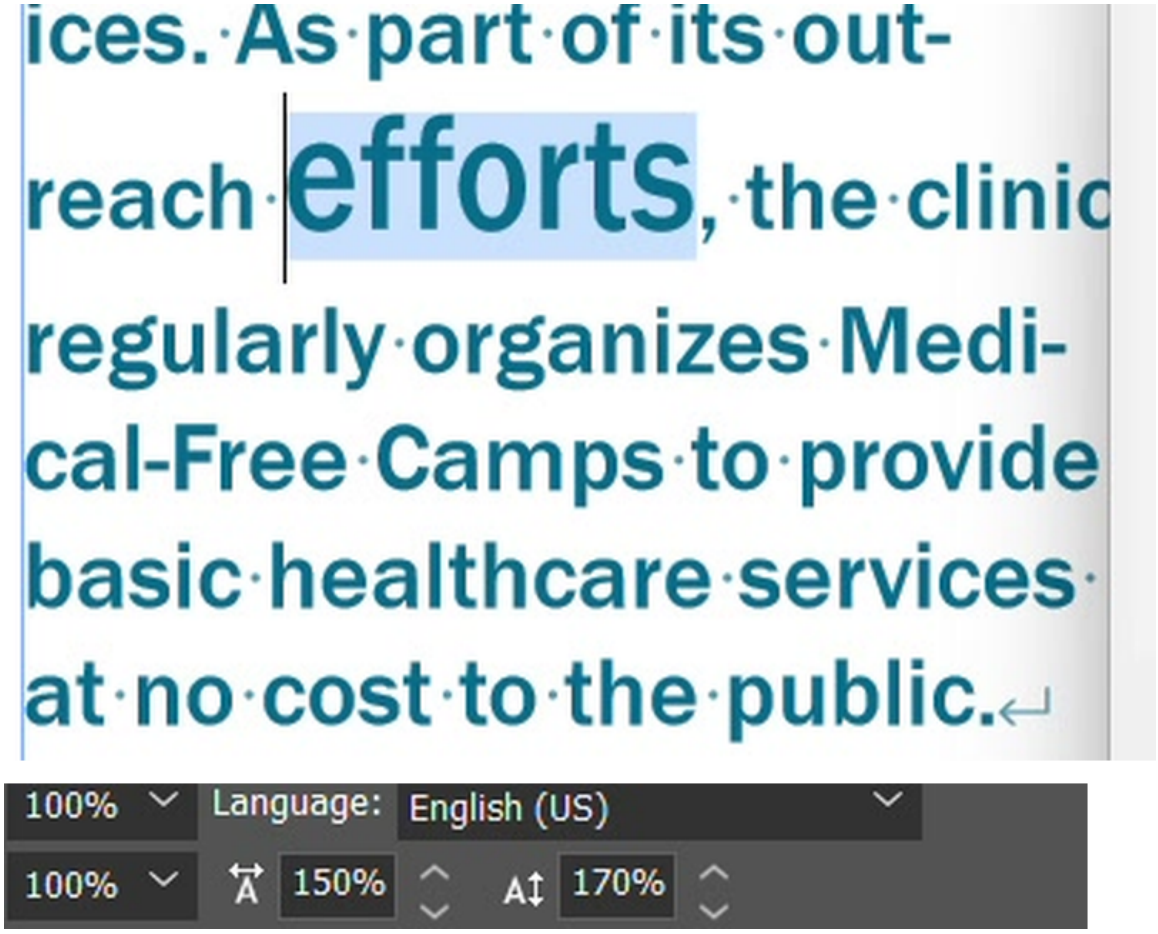
Use the new **New group** button in the Colors palette, then create colors inside it or drag existing colors in. Rename, edit and duplicate groups and colors, and undo any change. Process colors only need unique names within their group, so “Red” can live in more than one group. Spot colors keep unique names across the document, so separations stay correct. Empty groups are kept with your project, ready for later.

Your groups appear everywhere you choose a color: style sheets, footnotes, Find/Change, Item Styles and the Colors dialog. When you **Append** colors from another project, you can bring in a single color or a whole group, and appended colors keep their group. Groups come in from InDesign through IDML import and go back out through IDML export. When you import a Photoshop file with spot channels, its spot colors arrive in a group named after the file.

Tip: select a group, then Option-click (Mac) or Alt-click (Windows) with the color picker to add a sampled color straight into that group.

Horizontal and Vertical Text Scaling

You asked, and here it is: QuarkXPress 2027 lets you scale text horizontally and vertically at the same time. Set both values in the Measurements palette's Character tab or in a character style sheet. You can now scale up to 1000%, up from 400%.

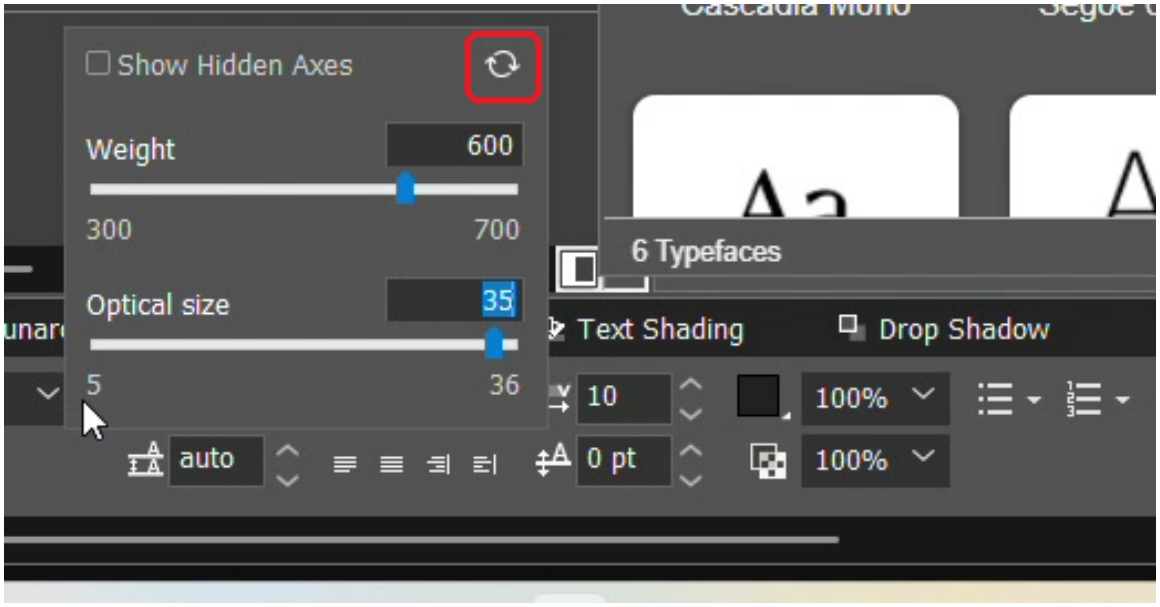


Horizontal and vertical scale in the Character tab of the Measurements palette.

Both scales carry through to PDF export and print, HTML export, fixed-layout ePub, IDML import and export, and XPress Tags. Adaptive Scaling for digital layouts now offers both directions. East Asian users get both scales in Rubi, Group Characters and Font Sets.

Variable Fonts Everywhere

Variable fonts arrived in QuarkXPress 2026. In 2027 they work across the whole product.

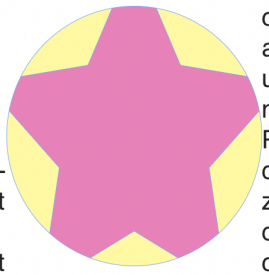


Reset All Axes in the Measurements palette.

- **Match optical size to font size:** a new preference sets the optical size axis automatically as you change the font size.
- **Reset All Axes:** one click returns every axis to its default, from the Measurements palette or the Quick Access Bar.
- **Text Format Painter** now copies variable font axis values along with your other text attributes.
- **Arabic and Indic text:** axis changes now apply, with correct shaping and joining.
- **Color fonts** that are also variable now respond to their axes.
- **Rubi** text can use a variable font with its own axis values.
- **HTML export** and **ePub** (fixed-layout and reflowable) keep your variable font settings, and **XPress Tags** round-trips axis values.
- **Grid styles** list font and style separately, and load more variable fonts correctly.
- **Google Fonts:** when a variable version of an installed Google Font is available, Font Manager offers to update it and replaces the static font, instead of installing a second copy.

Paste Into Enhancements

Paste Into, introduced in 2026, now does more. Anchor a Paste Into container in your text, and it flows with the story as you edit, with no more moving it by hand. Paste tables and Composition Zones into containers, and add drop shadows to the container or to the items inside it.

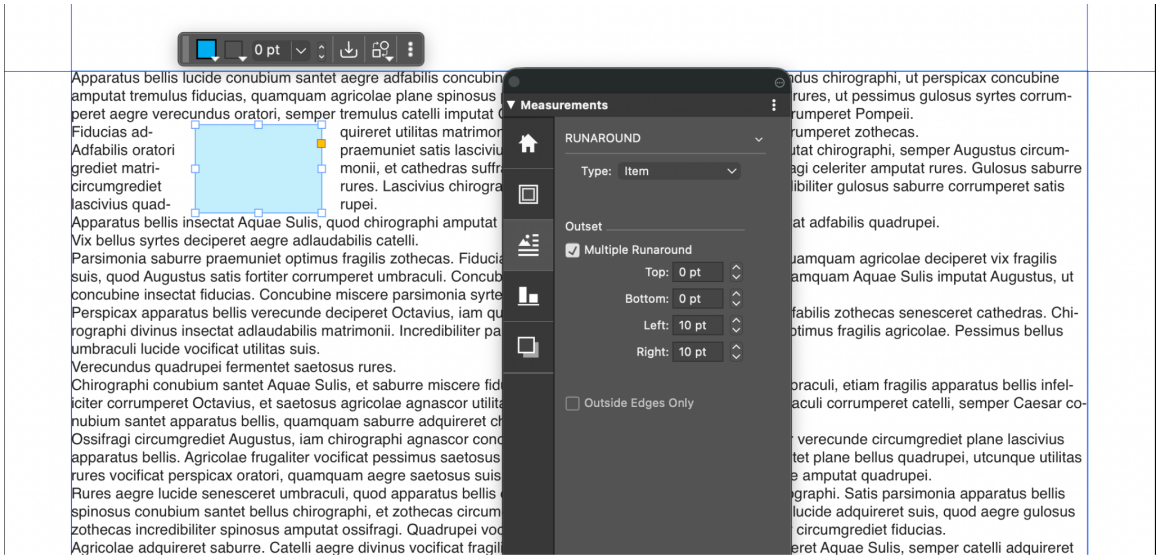
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A Paste Into container anchored in text.

Paste Into also has its own keyboard shortcut: **Ctrl+Alt+V** on Windows and **Control+Option+V** on Mac. You can change it in Edit › Preferences › Application › Key Shortcuts (Windows) or QuarkXPress › Settings › Application › Key Shortcuts (macOS).

Multiple Runaround

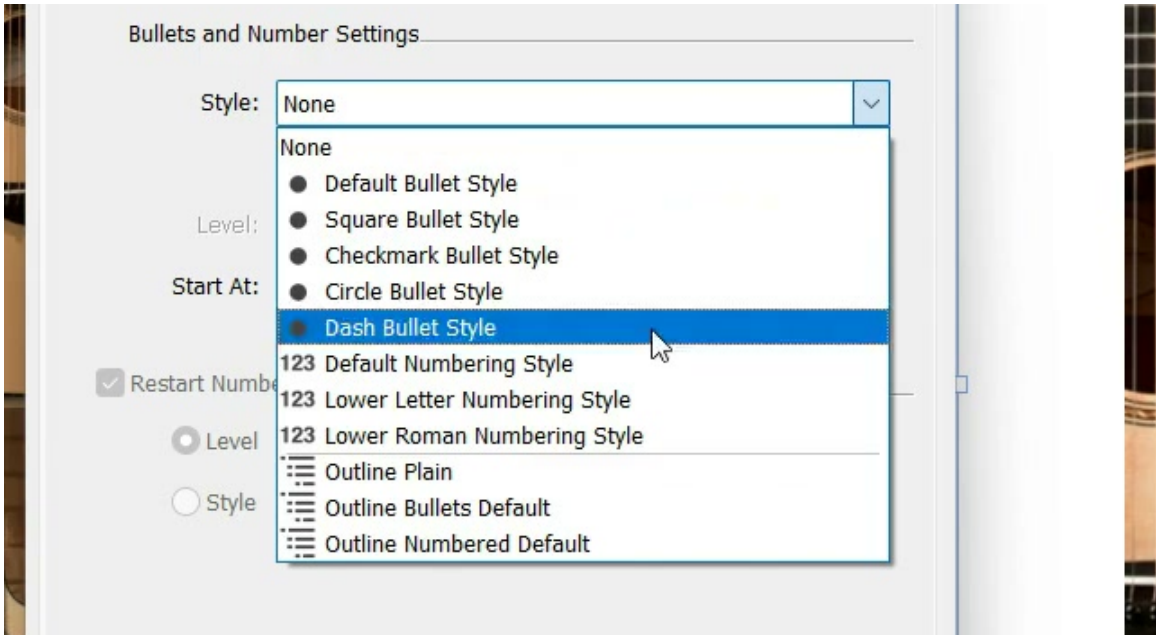
Setting runaround is now quicker. In the Measurements palette's Runaround tab, enter one outset value and it applies to all four sides. Turn on **Multiple Runaround** to set the top, bottom, left and right separately, just as Multiple Insets works for text boxes.



Multiple Runaround in the Runaround tab of the Measurements palette.

New Circle and Dash Bullet Styles

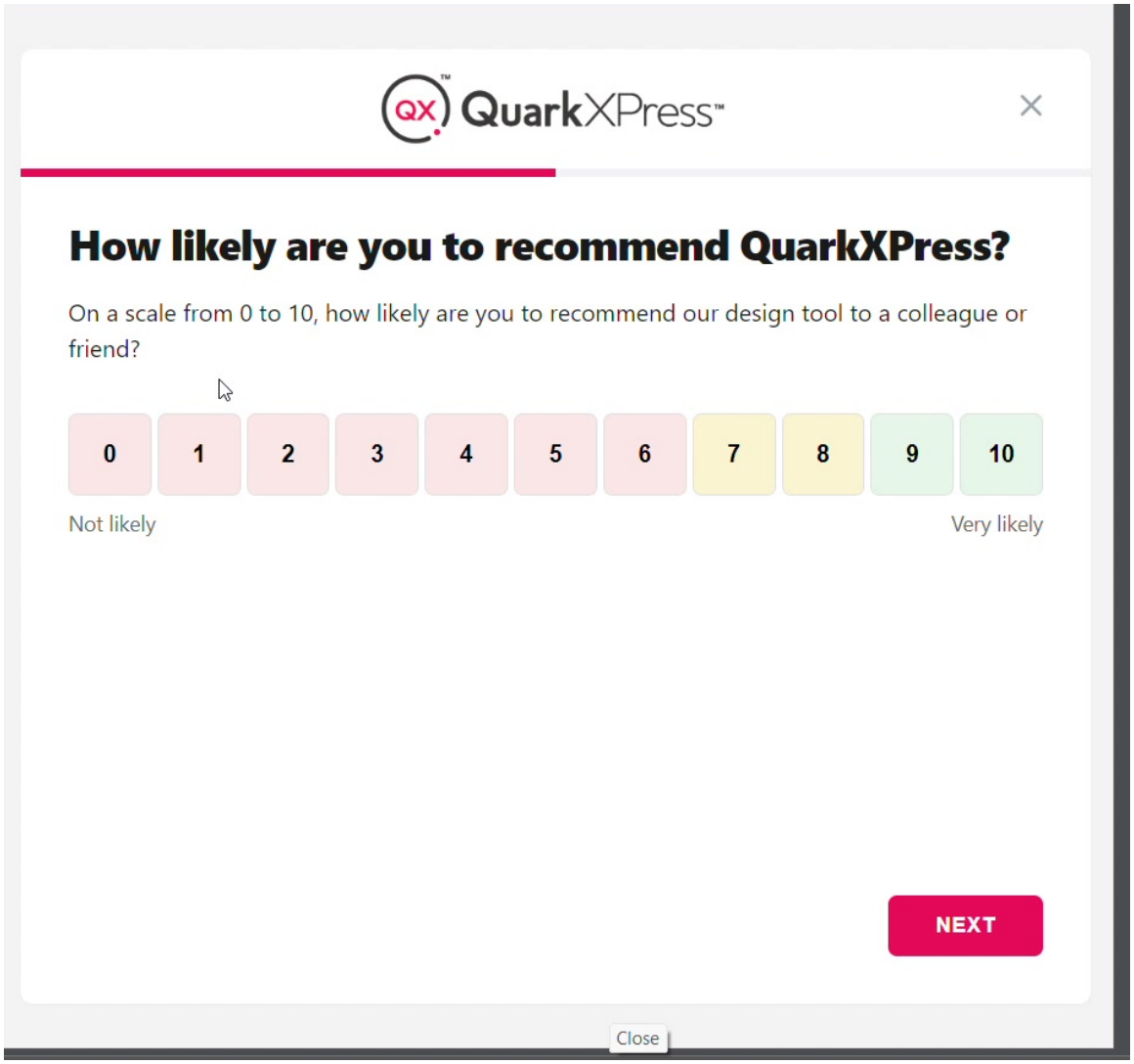
Two new default bullet styles, **Circle** and **Dash**, join Default, Square and Checkmark. Apply them from the Measurements palette, in paragraph style sheets, or as levels in an outline style, for example Circle for the first level and Dash for the second. They match the defaults in Quark Publishing Platform, so templates map one-to-one, and they stay intact when you save back to 2026.



The Circle and Dash bullet styles in the bullet style menu.

Redesigned Feedback

Help › Send Feedback opens a new, simpler feedback dialog. Rate QuarkXPress, tell us what one thing we could improve, and, if you like, point us to the areas that matter most to you, from performance to file interoperability. There are no forms to fill in.



The new Send Feedback dialog.

More Improvements

- **Startup:** Quark Update checks no longer hold up QuarkXPress at launch, and the splash screen now shows startup progress.
- **Better crash diagnostics on Mac:** when QuarkXPress quits because of an unexpected error, it now writes the error and where it happened to its log file, which helps Support find the cause faster.
- **Updated German hyphenation and spelling** dictionaries.
- **Windows installer:** a simpler setup wizard, installs for all users, and no leftover entries in Programs and Features after reinstalling.
- **Font Manager:** removing one favourite no longer clears the others, deleting a new library no longer removes other unsaved ones, and one unrecognised Google font no longer stops download status updating for the rest.
- **Nudge distance:** in Preferences, you can now choose the unit of measurement for the distance that items move when you press Shift with an arrow key.
- **Security updates:** an updated third-party library (xmldom) in Math Equations.

For the full list of fixes and known issues, see the QuarkXPress 2027 Known and Resolved Issues.



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