

MacDraft P.E. Release Notes

This document contains the release notes for all versions of MacDraft PE since it's first release as version 5.5.2.

Version 6.1.1 (22nd August 2014)

Bug fixes

- Fixed an issue with older MacDraft PE files not opening correctly.
 - Fixed an issue with clicking in rulers to move the origin where by it did not move to exactly where clicked.
 - Fixed an issue with vertical dimensions on a 6.0 document not showing.
 - Fixed a bug with unit conversion.
 - Fixed a bug with Show Size not working with parallel line tool..
 - Fixed an issue with zooming out using command key where zoom out was not to correct part of drawing.
 - Fixed an issue with GoTo Layer button not working..
 - Fixed a bug where altering the values of radial arcs in the resize palette did not work correctly.
 - Fixed a bug where constrained arcs did not draw correctly.
 - Fixed an issue where objects disappeared when zooming and scrolling old MacDraft document.
 - Fixed an issue where MacDraft Symbol Libraries did not open correctly.
 - Fixed bug with Rotate 90 degree tool not working correctly with the Option key.
 - Fixed very obscure crashing bugs.
 - Fixed several issues with rotating patterns and Gradient fills.
 - Fixed minor feedback issues when creating/dragging objects.
- Increased the pattern grid size from maximum of 32x32 to 64x64 in the edit pattern dialog.

Version 6.1 (15th April 2014)

New Features

- Gradient Fills and Strokes.
- Single Key Tool Shortcuts
- Star Tool.

Improvements

- Mavericks Compatibility.
- Ability to create and store new colors, patterns and gradients rather than replace existing.
- Live feedback when creating objects and whilst dragging.
- Drag items into the Library without holding the command key.
- ESC key returns to Arrow Tool.
- Duplicate Menu has been restructured.
- Objects drawn using the Freehand Tool can now have patterns and gradients applied to fills and strokes.
- Other Minor improvements to the interface and speed of the application.
- Ability to click on the document window title whilst holding down the Command key to show file location path on disk.

Version 6.0.6 (9th November 2012)

New Additions

- GateKeeper incorporated to allow running of the app under Mac OSX 10.8 or later.

Bug fixes

- Fixed a bug where grouped objects did not rotate correctly.
- Fixed a bug where pasting objects containing text across to document/layer at different scale did not paste correctly.
- Fixed a bug where MacDraft Quit unexpectedly when attempting to add a layer that contained special characters in the name.
- Fixed a bug where duplicated objects did not move on the same grid as the original object when zoomed in.
- Fixed a bug where locked objects got corrupted after flipping that had linked dimension associated with it.

Version 6.0.5 (21st May 2012)

Bug fixes

- Fixed a bug where MacDraft stopped responding when attempting to add object after undo group operation.
- 'Rename Item' is added into the options pop-up menu in the Library Palette.
- 'Rename Layer' is added into the options pop-up menu in the Layers Palette.
- Fixed an issue with Pen Styles not showing in the Option menu under Mac OSX Lion.
- Suppressed an unnecessary dialog appearing when opening read-only dwg/MacDraw II files.
- Fixed partial issue with opening and saving of legacy file which crashed MacDraft on subsequent opening of the same file.
- Fixed minor bugs.

Version 6.0.4 (14th February 2012)

Bug fixes

- File names containing non-Roman characters now open correctly.
- Fixed an issue where not all the sample libraries were loaded at first launch.
- Long layer names in the layers palette are now correctly truncated.
- MacDraw II files now open correctly.
- Fill patterns in MacDraw II files are correctly translated.
- Top level folder in the library palette is now correctly named.
- Fixed the numeration issue of layers after the first layer is deleted.
- Layers palette is now available via the pop-up menu at the bottom left of the document window.
- Fixed an issue where drag & drop did not work between documents in Mac OSX 10.6 or later.
- Fixed a crash bug caused by copying dimension objects in a previously closed document.
- Fixed several file specific issues where previously saved files failed to open.
- Fixed an issue where files saved with smoothed polylines failed to reopen.
- Fixed minor spelling mistakes, abnormalities and bugs.

Version 6.0.1 (9th December 2010)

Bug fixes

- Fixed a monitor resolution problem on a non-apple monitors, where no drawing area was visible.
- Files created in versions prior to 6 using decimal feet now print correctly
- Fixed an issue with the Resize palette not showing after switching applications.
- Parallel line now duplicates correctly after adjusting dimensions and duplicating.
- Duplicating a dimension on a parallel line and undoing now works correctly.

Version 6.0 (19th August 2010)

This version has various new features and improvements listed below.

New Features

Limited Number of Layers (5)
Customizable scales
Customizable Toolbar
Library Palette
Layers Palette
Image menu
Feedback for clipped text

Improvements

New Coordinate System
New ruler layout
Improved Resize palette

Version 5.6.7 (17th June 2009)

- Fixed a bug which caused MacDraft to crash on opening a document created with older version

of MacDraft that contained imported images.

Version 5.6.6 (07 November 2008)

- Maintenance release to fix very obscure bugs and incompatibility issues .

Version 5.6.5 (12 June 2008)

Bug fixes

- Various bug fixes to improve compatibility between files saved on older systems and leopard.
- Objects corrupted after dragging and dropping from Media Assistant Lite.
- Objects changing color after dragging and dropping from Media Assistant Lite.
- Not possible to paste from clipboard to MD document object which was copied from Media Assistant Lite.
- End marks in the dimension palette are not refreshed in new document.
- After pasting to MD document, object's info is not updated.
- Angle snap default that was 5 degrees.
- Hide page break was set to default which should not have been.
- Object become invisible after creating new document with saved Scale/Units and Layer Setup settings
- Documents created in 5.5.x does not show pict/tiff objects when opened in 5.6.x
- Layer state not preserved.
- Unnecessary "00" appear when trying to changes number of dwg units per metre after opening dxf/dwg file.
- It is not possible to resize objects with calculated area.
- Legacy files do not open after re-save.
- 5.5.11 files re-saved in 5.6 lose custom color.
- Picture objects not displayed after loading layer.

Version 5.6.4 (26 February 2008)

New Features

- MacDraft 5.6.4 has no new features.
- Leopard compatible.
- Uses installer to install instead of drag and drop.

Manual Update :

- The MacDraft PE manual has references to functionality no longer supported in version Version 5.6.4 and should be ignored. These are :
 - PICT or enhanced PICT documents.
 - Saving a document in PICT or enhanced PICT format.
 - Opening a document saved in PICT or enhanced PICT format.

Bug fixes

- Various bug fixes to improve compatibility between older systems and leopard.

- Files created in older version of MacDraft some times do not open or open incorrectly
- Files, transferred or renamed under Windows cannot be opened.
- Holding down the control key when dimensioning does not make dimension line hairline.
- Some fonts are not preserved while transferring Symbol libraries between applications running under different operating systems.
- Old MacDraft File does not open with correct font, even installed.
- Text in group doesn't restore the correct size after Undo Resize command.
- Object type isn't refreshed in the Resize palette after show/hide its area.
- Dimension text disappears when older 4.3 file is opened in 5.6.3/4
- Object area value will be found while searching for dimensions using Select Special dialog.
- Adding edit handles to object with displayed area after performing Undo Add Handle causes crash. - Area can be deleted when its parent object linked with locked object.
- Area value is not updated if it was hidden before resizing object and displayed again.
- Values in edit fields of Resize palette are not properly refreshed while duplicating objects by Cmd-Option-drag.
- Undo doesn't work properly for meta-polygons.
- Tolerance text disappears from dimension after zooming
- Poly-line end caps don't work according to the options set in Parallel Line Setup dialog.
- Ellipses and elliptical arcs are imported with incorrect size from Media Assistant Lite if pasted from non-1:1 scale drawings.
- Default parallel line width is read incorrectly from older format drawings in non-default scales.
- Distance between the parallel lines not as specified.
- Text becomes invisible when Text tool popup menu is expanded while text object itself is in edit mode.
- Dimension outline displays incorrectly while drawing.
- Palettes don't hide after closing document if another one is minimized.
- Sometimes, pixmap placed in Clipboard from Photoshop causes MacDraft to crash.

Version 5.6.3 (19 November 2007)

Bug fixes

Some minor bug fixes.

Version 5.6 (20 April 2007)

New Features

Intel compatibility - MacDraft P.E. 5.6 is universal binary and will work on both intel and PPC based machines running 10.3.9 and above.

File Format change - in order to bring MacDraft P.E. up to date, file format has been changed to give greater flexibility for the future so more up to date features can be added. Version 5.6 will open 5.5.x files but 5.6 file format is not backward compatible.

Version 5.5.4 (14 May 2003)

New Features

Included support for opening of MacDraw II files. Users wishing to open documents created by other Claris applications such as Claris Cad and Claris Draw should save the document as MacDraw II format from within those applications.

Bug fixes

Undo on a group that did not work correctly
Freezing bug when scroll full right with maximum drawing size
Marquee selection that worked incorrectly with smoothed closed poly-lines
Grouping of smoothed closed poly-lines which caused edit handles of object to be at wrong locations
Eye dropper tool does not apply object data to groups
Groups are resized incorrectly using the percent option in resize palette
Changing line pattern on polygons not reflected in the attributes panel
Entering of Custom Circle units problem in set scale/units dialog
Most PICT files don't import at 0,0
Show Clipboard minimum size too small
Invisible Dimensions if the object is at the top of the document
Grouped rotated ellipses behave incorrectly when ungrouped
Does not release from the Zoom mode when you Command key click on document
Elliptical arcs do not display correctly after they have been flipped and edited
Grouped objects warp in shape when nudged
Document does not open as saved when document contains part pages.
Cross hair symbol does not undo if deleted
Library items dragged out of Media Assistant Lite lose grouping
Command Click no longer works for terminating spline curves
Round pen style makes it difficult to move rectangles
Dimensions extend in symbol libraries
Print shrink when printing documents created by older versions of MacDraft P.E.
Crash on opening saved symbol library with a group containing arc and radial Dimensions

Version 5.5.3 (19th February 2004)

Bug fixes

1. Fixed a crashing bug when the clipboard contained data from office application such as PowerPoint.

Version 5.5.2

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System requirement.

Minimum system requirements : 10.6 and above.

Minimum RAM : 1 GB