

# infoShip™

Multimedia Desktop Publishing Tool

## The Next Chapter In Desktop Publishing

infoShip™, from The VALIS Group, gives design professionals the power to transform static page-layouts into dynamic multimedia publications! With infoShip, you literally drag-and-drop audio, video, graphics, animation, and even executable programs into a "virtual book." Designed for graphic artists and communications professionals without programming skills, infoShip offers unprecedented ease-of-use. infoShip even automatically "packages" your multimedia publication with a setup program for immediate distribution to anyone using Windows and Macintosh platforms. infoShip publications have the familiar look and feel of a book or magazine. But they easily transcend the book, by combining the depth of print with the impact of video. So turn the page to start your new chapter in electronic publishing. Create your own portable multimedia publications with infoShip!

**Output**

**Import Video clips**

**Import Audio clips**

**Virtual Publication**

**Export DTP**

**Panthera**

**Tiger (Panthera Tigris)**

Widespread in Asia until the late 19th century, the tiger appears in the fossil record of the early Pleistocene, more than a million years ago. The carnivore adapted to diverse habitats and evolved into eight species or races, each with different size, coat pattern and skull shape.

The tiger, with its strong legs and claws, is an able hunter but needs sufficient cover to attack fleet prey before they have time to escape. The tiger hunts by sight and hearing rather than smell.

In the past 100 years, with the pressure from big-game hunting and the destruction of habitat, numbers dwindled and some races disappeared.

**Predator** **Acinomys**

**NOTES** **PRINT** **COPY** **SEARCH** **BACK**

**Hyperlinks**

**PREDATOR**

**Panthera**

**Tiger (Panthera Tigris)**

**A Tiger's Rear**

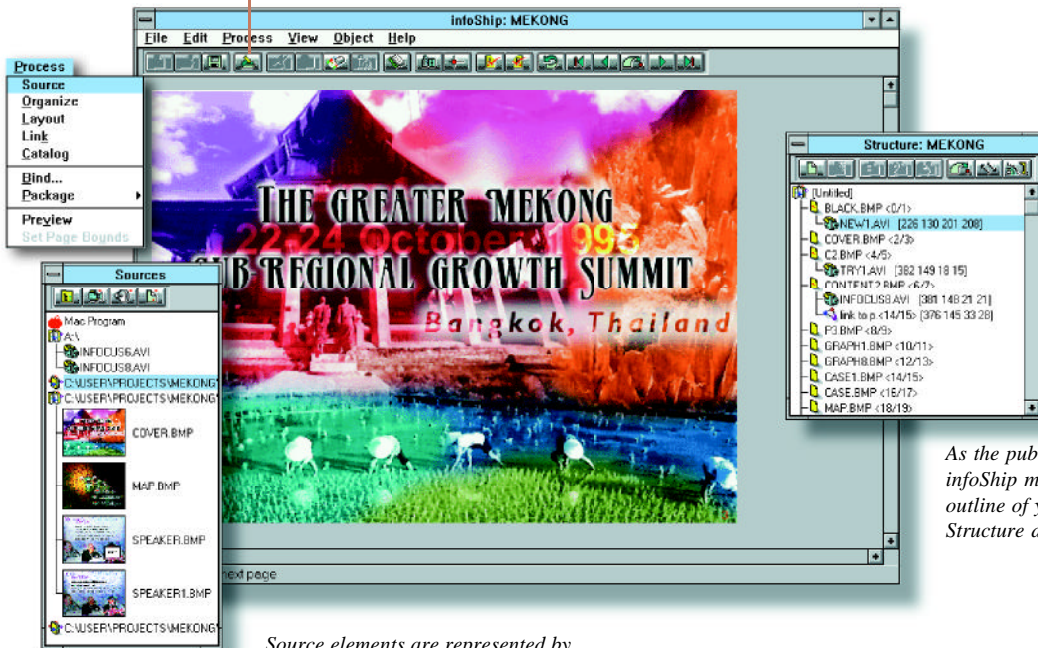
# The Multimedia Evolution

Recent years have witnessed an explosion in the electronic dissemination of information. Now, both corporate and consumer publications are expected to include dynamic media and provide an "interactive" experience. infoShip™ easily meets these requirements, by rapidly and cost-effectively turning flat page-layouts into vibrant, hypermedia productions.

Subscribe to a variety of file formats that include BMP, WAV, MOV, AVI, EXE and TXT.

Choose from a number of pop-up menus that can easily be minimized or disabled.

The Process menu leads the novice through each stage of content production



As the publication grows, infoShip maintains an outline of your work in the Structure directory.

Source elements are represented by thumbnails, so you are free from remembering cryptic names.

## Creating a Publication

infoShip succeeds at electronic publishing by extending the capabilities and workflow patterns of familiar page-layout software, such as Quark Xpress™ and PageMaker™ with industry-standard portable document technology (bundled with the product). Before you start creating your publication, save files from any page-layout program into the portable document format. This format stores both the images of the pages, and their text.

To build a new publication in infoShip, simply import the portable documents, along with any audio or video clips into the "Sources" window. infoShip offers the flexibility to incorporate pages and multimedia elements from any source on your system.

Name the sections of your publication in the "Structure" window to keep your work organized. Specific pages may be designated as the 'Table Of Contents' or 'Help', available at a click of a button when the publication is viewed. To add pages and media elements to your publication, just drag and drop their icons from the "Sources" window into the appropriate sections. infoShip

provides great flexibility for the placement of audio and video objects and page hyperlinks. Just drag the page or media object from the document structure onto the current page layout. You can reposition or resize the region bounds as desired or stylize them with border or underline attributes.

You can further customize your publication with buttons for print, copy, bookmark, and other standard options available from one of several included templates. At any point, the publication may be previewed exactly as it will be displayed on either the Win or Mac platform.



The keyframe button  allows you to capture a video frame to be displayed as an activating icon on the page.

Or create animated buttons and other special transition effects to add interactivity to your publication.



*To jump directly to the Table of Contents, simply click here*

*This lets you access infoShip's HELP pages*

*Return to your Search "Hit List"*

*This button will close your infoShip publication.*

*Click near the left border or hit Left Arrow key to turn the page back.*

*To jump back to the previous section, double click on the left border.*

*Turn the pages forward by clicking near the right border. Hitting the Right Arrow key works as well.*

*Double clicking on the right border will bring you to the next section.*

*infoShip will automatically play a video clip or prompt you with a drop shadow icon.*

*If you want to print the page, click here.*

*Copy the current page to the clipboard with this button.*

*If you want infoShip to turn the pages for you, click on the forwards or backwards Scan button. You can easily change the scan rate with the Preferences Dialog in the HELP page.*

**Preview**

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*On the Scale of 1(low) to 10(high) how would you rate your company's interest in each of the GMS countries?*

Vietnam	7.6
Myanmar	7.2
Cambodia	5
Laos	3.7
Southwest China	4.1
North/NorthEast Thailand	3.9

Dr. Supachai

Unibbed NOTES PRINT COPY BOOKMARK SEARCH SCAN Unibbed

## Binding the Publication

Once you complete your layout, infoShip “binds” the publication into a virtual book. This binding process automatically indexes all text, and creates an optimal 256-color palette, ensuring a faithful rendition on the widest possible range of display devices. Best of all, infoShip “packages” your multimedia publication for immediate distribution to anyone using a Windows-based or Macintosh computer. No additional setup utilities are required. Packaging options cater to the unique requirements of diskette, CD-ROM, or network distribution.

## Viewing the Publication

Ready to read your electronic “book”? You are assured of unprecedented portability for your multimedia publications.

infoShip’s publication viewers for Windows and Mac are bundled with every product, and require no runtime license fees or registration. infoShip will install these viewers, as well as helper applications like Video for Windows™ and QuickTime™ onto your system. infoShip’s 3D page turns and sound effects give your publications a distinctive look and feel. Turn each page, click on a bookmark, or let infoShip’s “Scan” function browse through the publication for you. Entire multimedia storybooks can be read-aloud without a single keystroke.

infoShip reaches richer levels of interactivity too. You can search documentation or reference materials for any word or phrase. Citations are listed by title and author on the “hit list” page, and found words are highlighted throughout the publication. infoShip allows you to print articles or copy them to the clipboard and lets you annotate or bookmark individual pages for future reference. You can also launch embedded programs (created separately) to demonstrate a software application, or perform an instructional quiz.

Whether it’s a biology text book, a trade magazine, a family story, or your company brochure, infoShip and your imagination is all you need to bring your communications to life.



*Package the publication to diskettes, CD-ROM or an executable file.*



*infoShip helps you find a particular word or phrase by scanning the entire publication.*

### System Requirements for infoShip & infoShip Viewer (Windows Version)

- MPC Level 2
- 486/33 CPU
- 4 MB RAM (8MB recommended)
- Microsoft Windows 3.1 or greater
- VGA or SVGA display with 256-color screen driver
- Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
- CD-ROM drive (double-speed recommended)  
Windows-compatible sound board

### Disk Space Requirements for infoShip

- Installation of infoShip application only-1.1MB
- Installation of screen grabber utility-additional 70KB
- Installation of Video For Windows-additional 2.5MB
- Installation of QuickTime-additional 2.4MB

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### System Requirements for infoShip Viewer (Macintosh Version)

- Any 68040 Macintosh (33 MHz recommended with a 13-inch or larger monitor)
- System 7.0 or above
- QuickTime 1.5 or above
- 256 colors
- CD-ROM drive (single or double speed)
- 4MB RAM (8 MB recommended)
- Disk Space Requirements-500KB

The products listed below support, include, or work with infoShip:

- Common Ground™
- Video for Windows™
- QuickTime for Windows™ & Macintosh™



#### iMedia

Since 1992, iMedia has been assisting traditional ink-on-paper publishers produce a range of information products on diskette, CD-ROM, kiosk terminals, wide area networks, and the Internet. With the technical assistance of Singapore's Information Technology Institute, iMedia developed the electronic authoring tool infoShip as an affordable alternative for publishers of multimedia products. Based in Singapore, iMedia receives support from the M Group, an Asian regional holding company, and the National Computer Board of Singapore.

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