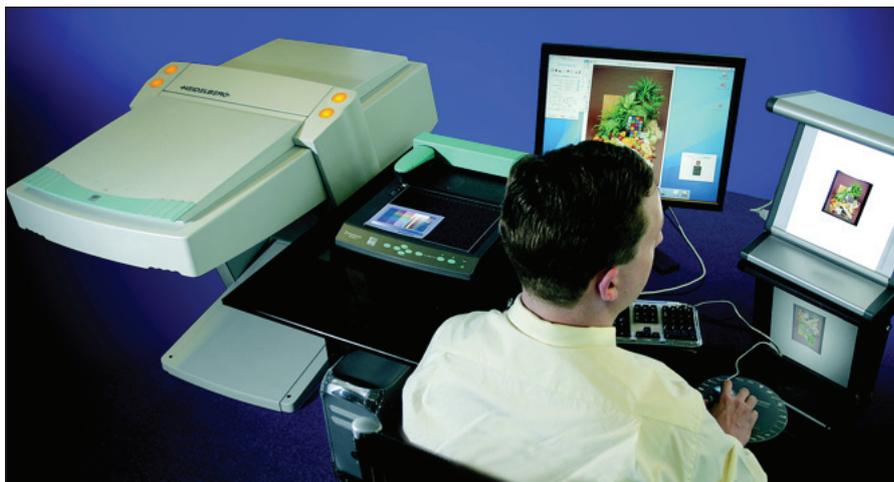


Since Heidelberg Druckmaschinen, after take-over of Linotype-Hell, had decided not to continue the high-end scanner development and production, there were no more software-updates for Macintosh OS-X. Now there is help from the German software developer LaserSoft Imaging AG from Kiel. They have started to adapt their award-winning scan software SilverFast to all digital Hell-Scanners. Already available is SilverFast for the family of TOPAZ scanners, which are successfully supported under Macintosh OS-X Tiger and Windows OS.



SilverFast Ai STUDIO at work with "Vogelsang Zander Digitale Medien + Kommunikation" in Dortmund, Germany.

SilverFast® supports TOPAZ

The adaptation of SilverFast to the Topaz Scanner family of "Heidelberg Druckmaschinen" by LaserSoft Imaging, Kiel, connects to the past the company's boss Karl Heinz Zahorsky, who was working for Linotype-Hell as a consultant and evaluator for the rapidly growing Desktop-Publishing technologies in 1990.

Helping with the project was Brakensiek Systemhaus GmbH&Co.KG of Dortmund, Germany who provided LaserSoft Imaging with the necessary scanner hardware. Brakensiek has specialised on selling and maintaining perfectly re-conditioned High-End scanners. They also have taken over the European distribution of SilverFast for Heidelberg high-end scanners.

What is so special about the SilverFast packages for the TOPAZ? The package includes the

SilverFast STUDIO Versions Ai for scanning HDR including IT8-Calibration as well as a set of IT8 targets. By this, all TOPAZ scanners may now process 48bit RAW-data quickly and effectively. SilverFast supports scanning in 16/48 bit.

Other than LinoColor or NewColor, SilverFast Ai STUDIO immediately launches its colour preview on which all necessary corrections can be made. The barcode-supported automatic SilverFast IT-8 Calibration (patented) may be done within the flexible and re-scalable preview.

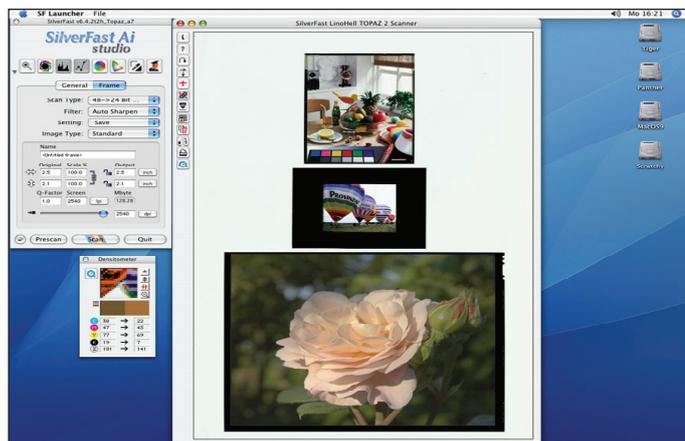
LinoColor users will quickly get acquainted with the automatic-function of SilverFast, as they know similar "Image-types" from the auto-adjust in LinoColor. Since every dialogue in SilverFast comes with its own individual QuickTime Movie

tutorial which demonstrates the specific function, the users should be familiar with SilverFast very quickly.

For the processing of negatives, SilverFast's NegaFix function offers more than 120 different scanning profiles, as well as a Profile-editor. A special feature is the fully automated de-screening function. The screen is automatically detected and removed. In order to still achieve good sharpening, a freely adjustable unsharp-mask may be additionally allocated to the scan. This function, as most of the dialogues, offers an Expert-mode very familiar to LinoColor users as they here have the option to set "bright and dark edges".

The combination of SilverFast Ai STUDIO and HDR STUDIO allows high productivity. By means of the JobManager, SilverFast Ai STUDIO allows the automatic processing of multiple image data in high resolution and 48bit format into any directory. Images of over 1 GB may be opened in less than 1 second by means of the embedded HiRePP function (a special highlight of SilverFast HDR STUDIO), processed in real-time, and may then be handed over to the JobManager for automatic final processing.

Summary: This SilverFast package supports the full functionality of the TOPAZ scanner and extends the productivity with Mac or PCs!



SilverFast Ai STUDIO for Heidelberg TOPAZ scanner under Macintosh TIGER showing Control-, Densitometer and adjustable Preview-Window. The Studio Version, containing IT8-Calibration enables scanning with 8, 16, 24 or 48 bit.