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Some applications require PICT 2 files. This has created interest in how a user can "create" or convert PICT 2 files.

"PICT 2" refers to the PICT version 2 format documented in "Inside Macintosh Volume V" under Color QuickDraw. The file format defines color PICT support - something previously not implemented.

A number of third-party applications support the color PICT format. Most scanners and digitizers support the color PICT format, as do many color or grayscale paint applications. Pixel Paint, for example, reads and writes a number of different formats, including color PICT and MacPaint. Also, the shareware application Giffer reads PICT 1 files (MacDraw PICT) and saves them as PICT 2. It opens both PICT formats but writes only the PICT 2 format. Giffer also converts other file types commonly found on bulletin board systems.

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