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Some users have reported blurry images--both on the screen and on the LaserWriter output--after importing an image created in AppleScan 1.0.2, saved in TIFF format, and imported into Quark XPress 2.0A. The problem appears to be with the way XPress 2.0 interprets TIFF files. You can improve image quality in XPress 2.0 by using grayscale scans and setting the print option, under Page Setup Options, to "Precision Bitmap Alignment".

It appears that Quark XPress does not interpret TIFF images the same way as some other applications, like PageMaker 3.0 and ImageStudio. As with many other types of file format, it's not only the information the format contains, but what the application does with the actual data.

Experimentation revealed that neither PageMaker 3.0 nor ImageStudio displayed the "fuzzy" image problem. Because the problem is with the way the Quark XPress interprets TIFF files, the fix needs to come from Quark.

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