

Artboard 1.9 Released: Text Styles, Performance Boost and OS X Mavericks

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The headline feature for Artboard 1.9 is the addition of text styles. While text could always have style properties, now those text styles can be saved to the library for future use, shared, and applied to multiple text objects at the same time. Like all graphic styles, Artboard's style dropper tool can now pick up styles from text objects and apply them to other text objects. This feature makes Artboard's already flexible text tools even more powerful.

Artboard features some of the most advanced "smart objects" available in a drawing app. All drawing objects have simple, direct controls to modify shapes and paths directly with a single select tool. This helps keep the users focus where it belongs - on their drawing. It also means less switching between tools - everything is at your fingertips.

Artboard is known for its expert "stacked" styles. These are time-saving, powerful combinations of style effects for your drawing objects, such as pattern brushes, gradients, tapered strokes, patterns, hatch fills, and Core Image Effects. Artboard 1.9 adds the ability to transform any style effect through its new "transform" style group settings. The many style effects can be layered together and used in unlimited combinations for spectacular effects. To get you started, Artboard delivers with over 1700 editable vector clip art and styles, plus a library to store your own.

Below the surface, for version 1.9, the developers have provided massive performance improvements, especially when working with large files. This includes improved performance when reading files - up to 60x to 100x faster than previous versions. Artboard 1.9 provides better full screen support and is optimized to work with OS X 10.9 Mavericks. Some of the more subtle interface updates include the adoption of a modern flatter appearance for several UI elements, such as toolbar buttons, section headers and the title header for the layers sidebar. A new, friendlier in-app and online User Guide adds the finishing touches to this polished update.

System Requirements:

- * OS X 10.6 or later
- * 64-bit native
- * 74.0 MB

Pricing and Availability:

Artboard 1.9 is \$29.99 USD (or equivalent amount in other currencies) and available worldwide through the App Store in the Graphics & Design category. It is a free update for current users of the app. A free trial is available from Mapdiva online.

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