

ToonzLineTest6.4

Main Features

Toonz LineTest 6.4 is the 2D animation software for pencil animation tests, providing a no-hassle webcam and video camera support, scanning capabilities, and a real time preview integrated in the familiar xsheet interface.

And as it relies on the Toonz technology, scenes produced in LineTest can be used to guide the scanning or the cleanup process of the final production in Toonz Harlequin or Toonz Bravo.

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New Features in 6.4

Scanner

New scanning mode: Black & White added.

Adjust Levels

Balance the levels of your drawings using the Adjust Level panel like in all the most famous image retouching softwares.

Onion Skin

Set the thickness of the paper for the cells you are applying the Onion Skin effect to, increasing or diminishing their transparency.

Autorenumber

New function for an easy reordering of the numbering of your drawings.

Binarize

Let the coloured lines in your drawings become homogeneous avoiding transparency and antialis artefacts.

Browser Improved

Numerous features added to the Browser functionality: new list visualization, hide/show information in lilst view, Time Created and Time

Modified fields added in list view, Select All option added to the right mouse button context menu.

Convert

New option for adding a Background to the output images.

Camera

Camera DPI editable, and new Use Current Level Settings button for matching the camera to the level content in just one click.

Platform & Interface

- Support for Windows and Macintosh
 Available for Windows XP, Vista and 7—with
 optimization for 64-bit OS version—and for Mac
 OS X running on Intel processors, with support
 for cross-platform projects.
- Ergonomic User Interface
 Clean interface with a powerful customizable working environment.
- Configurable Shortcuts
 Command and function shortcuts can be customized for each user separately.

Capturing

- Webcams and Video Cameras Support
 A wide range of capturing devices are supported thanks to the integration with Windows and Mac OS video technology.
- Capture Automatic Processing
 Captured drawings are automatically processed so that the white background will be turned transparent, and the black lines will be turned to solid lines.

No Resolution Limit

Capture drawings at any resolution, even higher than the one supported by the capturing device.

- Brightness and Contrast Calibration
 Set the right quality for the to-be-captured image, by using brightness and contrast controls.
- White Calibration

Capture a white sheet of paper as reference, and use it to calibrate captured drawings when the lightening on the table is not uniform and causes gray halos where the light is fainter.

Direct Capturing

Capture and expose drawings on the fly, selecting an empty cell in the xsheet and capturing the drawing according to the set name, numbering, increment and step.

Automatic Naming and Numbering
 Captured drawings can be automatically named and numbered in sequence thanks to the automatic cell selection in the xsheet.

Dummy Level Support

To-be-captured drawings can be defined in advance as a dummy level in the xsheet, that can be used to drive the capturing process.

Different Capturing Modes Available Capture new drawings, or overwrite previously captured drawings, or insert a drawing in a sequence automatically shifting and renumbering previously captured drawings.

Color Fade

Fade the drawing black lines to any color in case it is needed to distinguish a captured animation level from another one

Onion Skin Registration

Display a captured drawing or a reference field guide in onion skin mode to set the video camera position back to the right registration when the capturing job is performed in different sessions.

Quick Check for Captured Drawings
 Check captured drawings directly in the capture window, while using the viewer to check the composited frame.

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Scanning

Scanner Support

Acquire drawings by using a directly supported scanner via LineTest internal drivers, or any other scanner via TWAIN drivers.

Scanned Drawing Registration

Use the autocentering function to automatically align each drawing according to the pegbar holes.

Scanning Cropbox

When using directly supported scanners, define a cropbox smaller than the paper format to optimize the scanning process.

Production Database

Production Management Tool

Production material can be easily stored and retrieved for a quick re-use, from one network to another, or from one studio to another, through project folders.

Browser with Production Folders

Use the file browser, that includes a list view with sortable detail columns, and the project management browser to retrieve material used in your production.

Toonz-compatible Project Folders

If needed, share the same project folders with Toonz Harlequin or Toonz Bravo for a smoother workflow integration.

Drag & Drop Loading

Load files by dragging and dropping them from external browsers as well.

Browser-Embedded Tools

Use browser-embedded tools to rename sequences of image files, get frame-by-frame detailed info, convert files from one format to another.

Drawing Editing

Eraser Tool

Erase lines and areas in captured drawings by using the eraser tool and the related options.

Level Strip Editing

Edit and arrange the sequence of captured drawings in the level strip.

Post-capture Drawing Processing

Process drawings after they have been captured both to calibrate the drawings brightness and contrast, and to fade the drawings lines to a set color.

Flexible Onion Skin

Check captured drawings by activate and customizing the onion skin view that can be extended to the whole scene content.

Xsheet Editing

Animator-friendly Xsheet Interface

Composite the scene in the xsheet with spreadsheet-like editing tools, context sensitive menus and drag & drop actions.

Smart Animation Editing

Set the right timing for animations thanks to a wide range of commands to edit the way drawings are exposed in the xsheet.

Customizable Work Area

Adjust the work area to visualize the scene content according to the task to perform; display and customize a reference field guide, the safe area, background colors and the camera box.

Wide Support of Input Formats

Avoid any incompatibility with third-party software thanks to the wide range of supported input formats, including Photoshop document, Avi and QuickTime clips, and format-related loading options.

Full Set of Object Transformations

Animate camera and columns—and consequently the exposed drawings—by scaling, rotating and shearing them; change and animate the columns stacking order without editing the actual columns position.

Motion Paths

Animate camera and columns along control-point-based motion paths, both with and without an automatic orientation set according to the motion path direction.

Simple Mode Animation

Animate camera and columns in a quick way by controlling and managing key positions and interpolations for column movements directly in the xsheet.

Global Controls on Animation

Adjust the scene timing by inserting or deleting global frames in the xsheet; control animations involving several columns at once by inserting or deleting multiple keys.

Sub-xsheet Management

Load or create scenes nested inside another scene, so that they can be managed as a single xsheet column; export them for endless reuse, or explode them to merge their content with the main xsheet.

Scene Cast

Store and retrieve files used in the scene and organize them in folders.

Toonz-compatible Scene Files

LineTest scenes have the same file format as Toonz Harlequin and Toonz Bravo scenes, where

they can be loaded and used to guide the scanning or the cleanup process of the final production.

Xsheet Printing

Save xsheets as HTML file for printing and visualization purposes.

Audio

Multiple Audio Clips Import

Import, edit and trim all the audio clips you want in the xsheet, without modifying the original files, and composite a soundtrack in sync with the animation.

Easier Lip Sync

Check the sync between the animation and the soundtrack by using the audio scrubbing that is extended to multiple audio columns, or import Magpie files to expose mouth drawings accordingly.

Preview & Render

Real Time Preview

Play the animation test back in real time, playing all the audio columns content back as well, with no need to wait any rendering time.

Automatically Filled Drawing Areas

Fill automatically with a solid white color the drawing areas, so that other drawings and images beneath will not be visible and consequently the previewed frames will be

Wide Range of Output Settings

Choose the output format to render the scene as a sequence of images—such as TIF or TGA—or as a single Avi or QuickTime clip, with settings including framerate-stretching and 64-bit color-depth options.

Automatic Multiple Rendering

Creates automatically for a single scene several output files based on the xsheet columns content.

Rendering Checking Tools

Use the flipbook window to check rendered frames; use embedded tools to visualize images histograms or color channels; take snapshots and compare different frames interactively.

Scene Information on Rendered Frames Include information about the scene name and

Rendering for Sequences of Scenes

frame number in rendered frames.

Render a sequence of scenes as a single output by creating a queue of scene files in the Export pane.