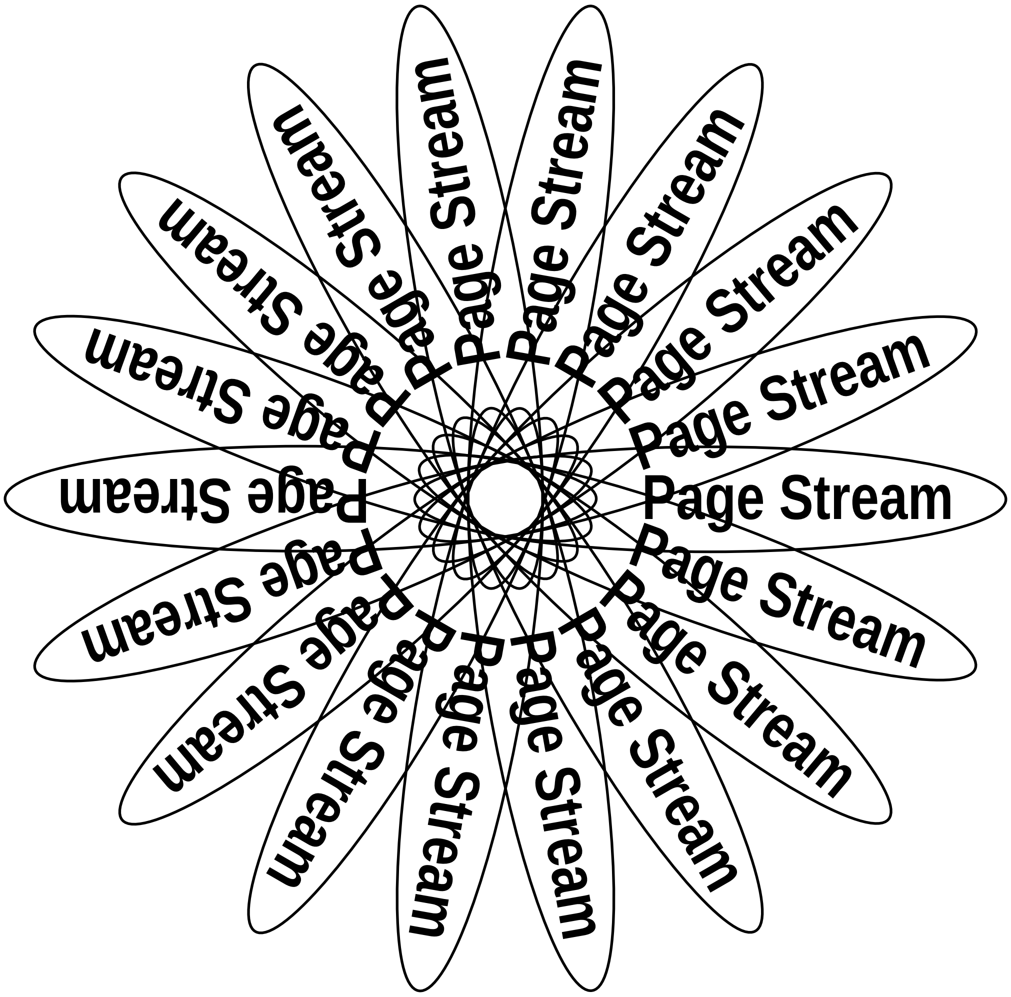

This sample was created using PageStream from SoftLogik Publishing. It demonstrates the use of PageStream's Macro, Duplication, and Additive Rotation capabilities. Normally, advanced text effects such as these have to be done in a separate program such as Adobe Illustrator, Aldus Freehand, or Calamus Outline-Art. The samples shown were create in less than 5 minutes! (See Page 2)

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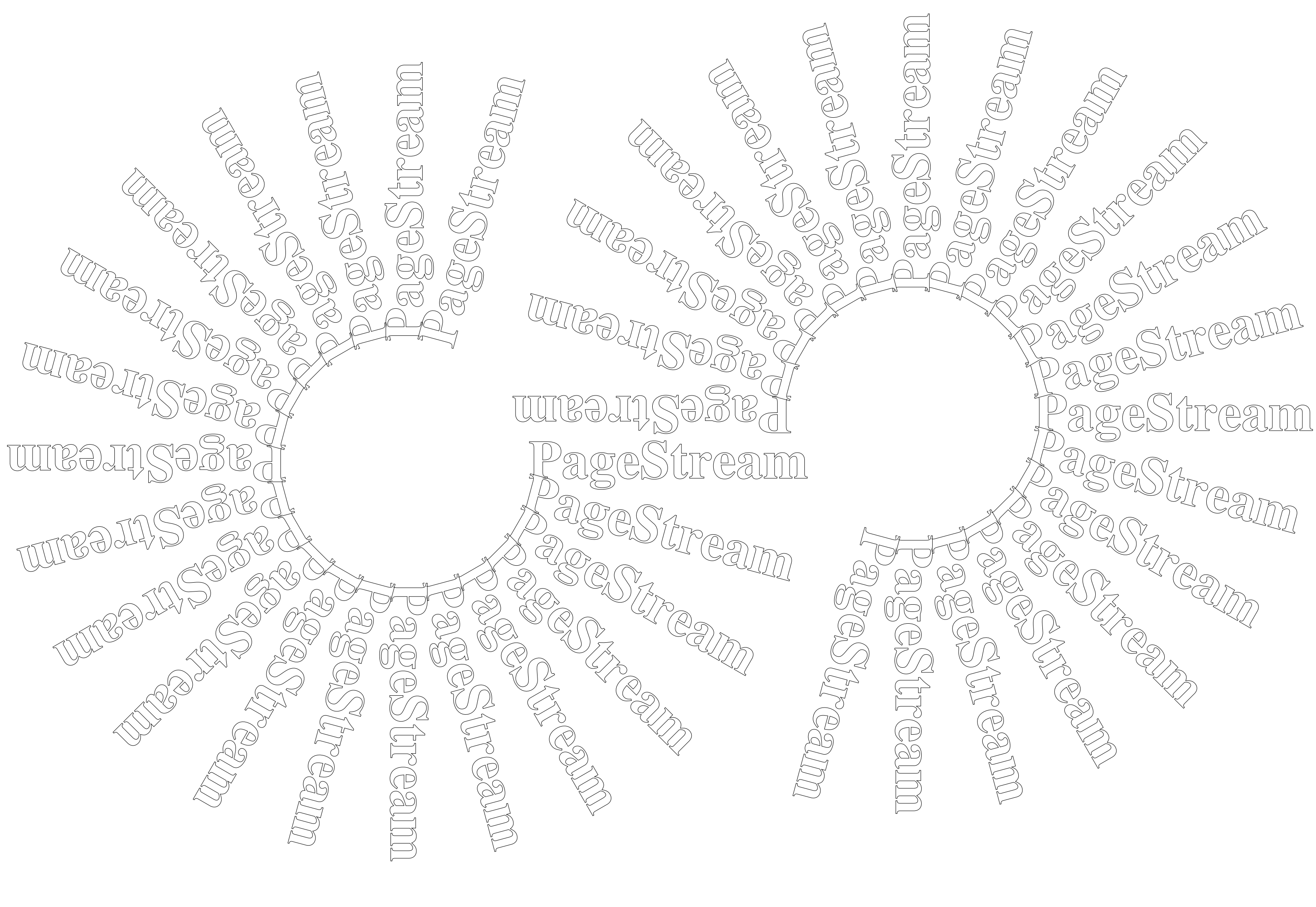
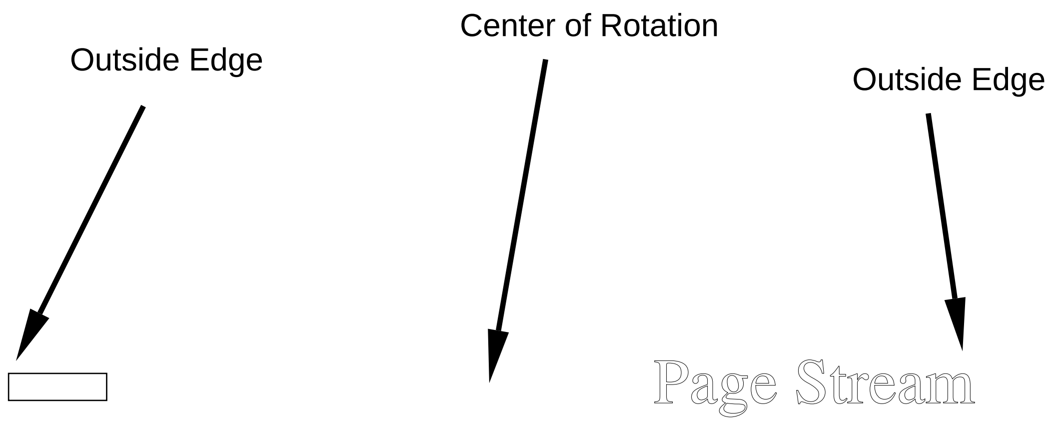


Begin by creating a text object toward the right side of the page.

Create a small box to the left of the text object. Here’s the important part — keep in mind that the center of rotation will be the **mid-point between the outside edges of the two objects**. Normally, you’ll make the line style of the box “Type-0” (invisible), but for the sake of illustration, I’ve kept it “Type-1”.



Select the two objects, group them, then create this Macro:

@D\2\E\2\E\N\Eor\E+20\N

@D\2\E\2\E\N — Duplicate in same place as original

\Eor\E+20\N — Rotate additional 20 degrees

With the group selected, press the function key corresponding to the Macro. You should get this:

Every time you press the function key, you’ll get a new rotated copy.

If you have this document loaded in PageStream, you can create the Macro and try it out on the sample.

Using the same technique, but with the text-object and the box oriented vertically, instead of horizontally, you can get this effect. You will have to adjust the angle to suit the size of the text or object.