

Using InDesign CS5

What's new

- Design and layout
- Cross media
- Collaboration
- Usability and productivity

Design and layout

1. Mini Bridge

- InDesign Page Thumbnails in Bridge
- Place cursor when dragging from Adobe Bridge
- View Links in an InDesign File while in Bridge

DEMO: Newsletter Demo

2. Multiple page sizes

- Custom page sizes

DEMO: Artistec Biz Docs

3. New Layers panel

DEMO: Masters and Layers

4. Simplified transformations

...and Frame edge highlighting.

DEMO: Tolerance Doc

5. Live corner effects, Auto-Fit, Content grabber, Live Screen Drawing, Gap tool.

Live Distribute:

DEMO: Gap Demo Ubuildit

DEMO: Animated Photo Panels

6. Live captions from metadata

DEMO: Live Captions

DEMO: Library Item

7. Paragraphs that span or split

DEMO: Spans Demo

DEMO: Object Styles Tip Box

8. "Keep" Options

- Keep with Previous
- and, Start Paragraph.

9. Balanced columns

DEMO: Balanced Columns

10. Vertical justification works!

With placed graphics on page & with non-rectangular text boxes.

11. Swatches in Control panel

Look up!

12. Grid place enhancements

For "Step and repeat," place, box creation, etc., duplicating objects, etc

Cross media design

13. Convert URLs to hyperlinks

DEMO: Masters & Layers

TIP: Use a URL "shortener" like: <http://cli.gs/>, or bit.ly

14. Interactive documents and presentations

FLV and MP4, MP3, SWF import. Media file types like QuickTime (.MOV),

.AVI, and .WMV are still supported.

15. Media panel

The Media panel lets you preview SWF, FLV, F4V, MP4, and MP3 files directly in InDesign. For FLV, F4V, and MP4 files, you can choose any frame in the video as the placeholder poster image.

Motion presets

Animation panel

Timing panel

Object States panel

Preview panel

Pixels are now a possible unit of measurement.

16. Improved export to Flash Player

SWF file export can now include animation, video, audio, and remote rollovers.

17. Improved export to Flash Professional

InDesign CS5 exports to FLA format rather than XFL format for editing the file in Flash Professional. FLA export options support rich media content and offer more ways to handle text. See Create FLA files for the web.

18. Improved export to Interactive PDF

InDesign CS5 includes separate commands for exporting print and interactive PDF files.

19. Improved XHTML export

20. Improved JPEG export

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Collaboration

21. Integrated comment and review

CS Review is an online service that provides a simple way to share designs on the web so others can provide feedback. Use the **CS Review** panel in InDesign to upload snapshots of the current document to an Acrobat.com workspace, where others can add comments.

22. Track text changes

When the Track Text Changes feature is turned on, changes made to the text are tracked on a per user basis. You can view changes in Story Editor (but not in Layout view). Text changes that are supported include deleting text, moving text, and inserting text. Use the Track Changes panel to accept and reject changes in the document.

23. Document installed fonts

- Font Check (see below DEMO)
- And, there's a new default font! From Times (News Roman) to (OT:) Minion Pro Regular.

DEMO: Font Check

Any fonts in a Document Fonts folder that's in the same location as an InDesign document are available when the document is opened. Fonts installed by one document are not available to other documents.

24. Buzzword integration

Buzzword is a web-based text editor that lets users create and store text files on a web server.

25. Presentation Mode

InDesign CSS has a new screen mode called Presentation Mode. In Presentation Mode, the application menu and all panels are hidden. Keystrokes and clicks let you move forward or backward through the document one spread at a time.

26. Color labels for page thumbnails

You can now assign colored labels to the page thumbnails in the Pages panel.

Usability and productivity

27. Background tasks

When you save large documents or export them to PDF or IDML files, you can continue working on your document. You can also queue up multiple PDF exports in the background. Use the Background Tasks panel (Window > Utilities > Background Tasks) to view the progress of the export processes.

28. Spring-loaded tools shortcut

You can temporarily switch from the current tool to any other tool by holding down the appropriate letter key. As you hold down the key, your current tool changes the new tool, and when you release it, you return to the previous tool. For example, press the U key to use the Gap tool, and then release it to return to the Selection tool.

29. Tool Hints panel

The Tool Hints panel (Window > Utilities > Tool Hints) lists all the hidden modifier key behaviors available for the currently selected tool. See View tool hints.

30. Community Help

Adobe Community Help offers access to complete Adobe product documentation as well as to community-created learning content and other learning content on Adobe.com. Includes an AIR-based viewer that displays the latest online Help or defaults to a local version of Help when a web connection is unavailable.

Community Help also includes expert-moderated comments and user ratings on Adobe documentation, knowledge base articles, tutorials, and other content.

31. Specify starting page number

When you create a document in InDesign CSS, you can make the first page start on a specified page number. If you specify an even number with facing pages turned on, the document begins with a two-page spread. You can also change the starting page number in the Document Setup dialog box after you've created a document.

32. Edit Original for multiple selected items

You can choose the Edit Original command to open multiple images in their respective editing applications. See Edit original artwork.

33. New options for locking objects

To lock and unlock objects, you can now choose Object > Lock or Object > Unlock All On Spread. Clicking the lock icon also unlocks a locked object.

The new Prevent Selection Of Locked Objects option in General preferences lets you determine whether you can select locked objects.

34. Relink file extensions

Relink files based on file extension. For example, you can replace a set of JPEG files with TIFF files. See Relink files with different file extensions.

35. Hide objects

You can now choose Object > Hide to hide objects on the page. Hidden objects are not printed or exported, and they cannot be selected. Choose Object > Show All On Spread to view all hidden objects.

36. Sticky Preview check boxes

InDesign now remembers whether the Preview checkbox is selected in a dialog box after you exit and restart.

37. Open book files in Explorer (Windows) or Finder (Mac)

A command appears on the books panel menu that lets you view a document in an Explorer or Finder window.

Rick's thoughts:

In a nutshell, what direction did they go?

- a eliminate trips to the tool bar, back-and-forth,
- b More robust workflow for Mobile and completely digital workflows (i.e. internet, Mobile, etc.)

I LIKE:

- c that when clicking on a palette title, it doesn't automatically collapse first, like it does in CS4.
- d Vertical Justification WORKS with a wrap-around graphic placed on the page;

I DISlike

- e the LOST capability to Command-key to temporarily access the Selection tool.
 - It's now press and hold the V key, but the good news is it works for all the tools.

Let's Look around...

- f Mini Bridge and Multiple PLACE

Cool stuff, Let's Demo

- g Arrow keys for grid creation

during Multi-PLACE

- h release...SPACE-Bar drag handles for gutter or space edits: AUTO DISTRIBUTE

- Works without grouping/ungrouping
- Even works with rotate

i AutoFit

- (I've added keyboard shortcuts to "Frame Fitting options" because AutoFit sometime gives me fits. Also "claw-R" for "Redefine Object style.")

j GAP tool

- k Obnoxious white donut icon intermittently at center of images.

- Gives Quick access to CONTENT
- Click and hold the donut.
- By the way, Double-Clicking in CS4 does the same thing.

l Live Captions...

- File info (Claw-i, in PhotoShop and InDesign, Illustrator, Command or Cntrl-i in Bridge [stands for some Idiot at Adobe], but due to ridiculous coincidence, Claw-i will still work) and Metadata templates SHOULD become your new BFFs.

- m Corners, Cool corners and a trick.

- ...and option-click control panel icon.
- Can be Saved in Object styles, thank goodness!
- Helpful to use "BASED ON" here, I think.

n Column Spans and Splits

- Can be saved into paragraph STyles, and Object Styles! Yea! Tip box.

o Interactive FLASH Animation

p The death of FLASH?