


A brief history of Adobe InDesign

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Name	Version number	New file format?	Some of the significant new features	Released	Notes
InDesign 1.0	1.0	Yes	Everything is new!	August 1999	
InDesign 1.5	1.5	?	Text on a path, eyedropper tool, clipping paths, vertical justification, drag and drop color, find font, free transform tool, pencil, smooth, and erase tools, PDF and printer styles	March 2000	
InDesign 2.0	2.0	Yes	Transparency and drop shadows, tables, glyphs panel, XML support, automatic TOC creation, book panel, hyperlinks, indexing, expanded OpenType support	January 2002	OS X support. QuarkXPress didn't support OS X until much later.
InDesign CS	3.0	Yes	Story editor, separations preview, nested styles, workspaces, control panel, stroke styles	October 2003	Package for GoLive command!
InDesign CS2	4.0	Yes	Bridge, snippets, object styles, footnotes, PSD layer control, anchored objects, drag and drop text, quick apply, dynamic spelling, autocorrect, multi-page PDF place, scripts panel, INX format, snippets, bullets and numbering, data merge	April 2005	The "position tool" introduced.  Remember this?
InDesign CS3	5.0	Yes	New panel-based interface, customized menus, multi-file place, frame fitting options, placed InDesign files, effects panel, table and cell styles, style groups, GREP search, text variables	April 2007	
InDesign CS4	6.0	Yes	Spread rotation, smart guides, Flash export, edit tables in story editor, new links panel, conditional text, cross references, GREP styles, live preflight, nested styles, IDML format	October 2008	Adobe Kuler panel introduced, navigator panel removed, SVG export removed
InDesign CS5	7.0	Yes	Multiple page sizes in a single file, new layers panel, gap tool, change tracking, live corners, background export, content grabber, span/split text, balance columns, animation and timing panels, gridified tools, live distribute, mini bridge	April 2010	
InDesign CS5.5	7.5	No	Articles panel, linked stories, style mapping, object export options, EPUB export improvements, DPS integration, Hunspell dictionaries, drag and drop anchored objects,	April 2011	
InDesign CS6	8.0	Yes	Alternate layouts, liquid layout, linked content, content collector, PDF form building, primary text frame, align to key object, grayscale proofing and PDF creation, EPUB export improvements, auto-size text frames	May 2012	
InDesign CC	9.0	Yes	Font search and filter, font favorites, QR code creator, EPUB export enhancements, new document dialog preview	June 2013	First 64 bit version
	9.1	No	Sync Settings	August 2013	
	9.2	No	Typekit desktop font integration, redesigned hyperlinks panel, EPUB export enhancements, preflight profile displays in status bar	January 2014	Support for Mac HiDPI (retina) displays
InDesign CC (2014)	10.0	Yes	Color groups, drag and drop table rows and cells, Fixed layout EPUB export, seamless update, Bēhance integration, scaling of effects, search backward, enhanced footnotes, data merge supports QR codes, improved package feature	June 2014	Support for Windows HiDPI displays
InDesign CC 2014.1	10.1	No	Color theme tool, interactivity support for fixed layout EPUBs, EPUB interactivity preview panel, EPUB export enhancements	October 2014	

Sources: *Page By Page, Ten Years of Designing with Adobe InDesign* by Pamela Pfiffner; press releases from Adobe Systems; InDesignSecrets.com; James Wamser's [Adobe InDesign CS3-CC New Features](#) guide.