InDesignSecrets.com Podcast Episode 094
Quizzler Results: Reader's Favorite Posts of 2008

Title/author/link (• = multiple votes)	Pithy comments
Recovering from Laptop Theft [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/recovering-from-a-laptop-theft.php	"I went straight home and started backing up and downloading software. Thanks for the detailed info."
• Top 20 Command/Control Clicks [mr] http://indesignsecrets.com/top-20-commandcontrol-clicks.php	"There were some basic ones in there naturally, but there were at least 10 really time saving tips in there. I personally enjoyed the horizontal/vertical guidelines at once."
• Free Guide to Special Chars [amc] http://indesignsecrets.com/free-guide-to-indesign-special-characters.php	"I work a lot with documents that I didn't create and often found some of those special characters not knowing what they were all about - and what would happen, if I just delete them. The matter seems to be unimpressive - but it helped me a lot. So thank you for this one"
Getting Accurate Colors When Printing Proofs [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/getting-accurate-colors-when-printing-proofs-from-indesign.php	"This one helped me a lot with my printing issue."
ID Drops Support for Print [dbamc] http://indesignsecrets.com/news-indesign-drops-support-for-print-publishing.php	"I was able to scare the crud out of a few people around the office here with that one."
Placing All PDF Pages Inside ID [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/placing-all-the-pages-of-a-pdf-inside-indesign.php	"My pick for most useful post."
Crazy ID CS3 ACE Practice Qs [amc] http://indesignsecrets.com/crazy-indesign-cs3-ace-practice-questions.php	"It gave me some hope that *I* wasn't the craziest party in my first, but flunked, InDesign ACE exam!"

• Turning off Hyph for URLs [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/turning-off-hyphenation-for-urls.php	"It's not that I didn't know how to do this, and I had my own methods, but the one's posted on this topic were something I hadn't considered and in some cases work better than the way I was doing it, so it was a nice little tip that has served me very well." "I liked it because our URLs at the university I work for are really long. But it really is hard to narrow it down. This site helps me out so much."
• I Should Have Known That [fz] http://indesignsecrets.com/i-should-have-known-that.php	"I am always learning cool little things about InDesign, only to "relearn" them again after some period of disuse."
Bridge the Gap Between Folders [bl] http://indesignsecrets.com/bridge-the-gap-between-folders.php	"It's not easy to pick 'the best' secret of the year, because most of them are 'best' in one way or another. This is the one I found most useful because it has saved me hours of switching backwards and forwards placing images."
Double Down (Save) [mr] http://indesignsecrets.com/double-downsave.php	"Not only incredibly useful, but came at just the right time to save my butt."
Building an Index with Char Styles or a Word List [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/building-an-index-using-character-styles-or-external-word-list.php	"Thanks to this post, I was able to save myself many hours of tedious work."
RGB to CMYK (.0) [bl] http://indesignsecrets.com/rgb-to-cmyk-0.php	"Very useful information and included script for when our photographer forgets to save a CMYK version."
⬚ GREP and Text Metachar Cheat Sheet [amc] http://indesignsecrets.com/grep-and-text-metacharacter-cheat-sheet.php	"I've printed it out and keep it posted by my desk and it saves a ton of time."

• Better Ways to Access CS4 help [amc] http://indesignsecrets.com/better-ways-to-access-cs4-help-files.php	"Adobe's new way of supplying product documentation (online communities) should be IN ADDITION TO the full product documentation available on your hard drive."
• 5 Cool Things You Can Do with Grep Styles [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/5-cool-things-you-can-do-with-grep-styles.php	"I'm not that familiar with GREP, but this is a cool reason to learn more about it. It seems as if it might be a very powerful adjunct to the many other great features in ID CS4."
Preventing 4/C Blacks in PDFs [amc] http://indesignsecrets.com/preventing-4-color-blacks-in-pdfs.php	"I run into almost daily trouble with blacks, between PDFs and odd printer drivers for our laser printer here at work. That was one of the first steps in starting to clear things up."
Remove All Local Formatting Globally [amc] http://indesignsecrets.com/remove-all-local-formatting-globally.php	"another post uncovering one of the many ingenious ways to use the Find/Change dialogue"
Making Snowflakes [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/making-snowflakes-with-indesign.php	"Blog post from 08 that I had the most fun with"
Removing Space Along the Left Edge of Text [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/removing-space-along-left-edge.php	"There were so many posts to choose from, but this one was pretty useful."
Field Guide to Composition Highlighting [amc] http://indesignsecrets.com/field-guide-to-composition-highlighting.php	
Should You Use Mac or Windows [db] http://indesignsecrets.com/should-you-use-mac-or-windows.php	"Mac all the way, baby!"

The Missing Fn Key and Numbers [sc] http://indesignsecrets.com/the-missing-fn-key-and-numbers.php	"I still can't get over how her simple observation turned into a full-out Mac v. Windows debate on that post. When I referenced that post in a Facebook note, my friends warred it out again. Our school newspaper decided to create and publish a "Versus" dueling pens in our September 2008 issue, addressing the matter. We received two lengthy Letters to the Editor for publication in our October 2008 issue (we've never had any real letters for the last three years I've been on staff). Ever since, we have featured a different "Versus" debate in every issue. "Thank you, InDesignSecrets, for enlightening me about the now downloadable NumPad/NumLock alternative for Mac, for generating our first reader responses in a long time, and for creating a new section in our school newspaper."
Podcast 68 Show Notes [dbamc] http://indesignsecrets.com/indesignsecrets-podcast-068.php	"My favorite tip was the tip about shortcuts for adding/deleting rows/columns on tables. This tip has saved me A LOT of time. I was thrilled when I heard it (in the car) and ran to my computer as soon as I got home. It is marvelous."
The following entries didn't qualify for a prize (not "posts from 2008") but we're including them here anyway	
Steve's Data Merge Series (2007) http://indesignsecrets.com/automating-data-handling.php	There are so many blogs and casts that I have read, heard and seen here that have made a difference to my workflow, but for me the one most outstanding blog would have to be the series of data merging episodes. Data merging was always like some magical process that others could do, but which was entirely beyond my understanding. Steve Werner turned that around for me in the simplest of terms and the shortest of times and ever since his series of articles, I have not had a single goose bump when the words 'data merging' are mentioned."
AM's Automatic Drop Cap Backgrounds [2007] http://indesignsecrets.com/automatic-drop-cap-backgrounds.php	
Steve's How to Find a Good Printer (2006) http://indesignsecrets.com/how-to-find-a-good-printer.php	

David's The Do's and Don'ts of Text in ID (2007) http://indesignsecrets.com/dos-and-donts-of-text-in-indesign.php	"I shared it with a lot of coworkers and I think its a great resource for designers new and experienced!"
Any Rant from AM (example:) http://indesignsecrets.com/one-button-mouse-users-read-this.php	"I love that one where Anne-Marie, you know, rants about stuff! And stuff!"
Pariah's Tab Leaders (Part 5): Fixed Width Floating Tabs/Spacers (2007) http://indesignsecrets.com/tab-leaders-part-5-fixed-width-floating-tabsspacers.php	"I really liked it!"
AM's I Think You Can Win This Quizzler (2009) http://indesignsecrets.com/i-think-you-can-win-this-quizzler.php	"It's the one i started again to play the podcasts (I like to read you, but it requires way too much concentration to listen...). Oh, damn, it's 2009."
One reader's David Letterman-like Top 10 Posts list (his #1 is included above, the GREP and Text Metacharacter Cheat Sheet)	10. "Gravity is Finally Fixed!" by David (although I can't have it since I'm not planning to upgrade to CS4) 9. "Flattener or Blatner Preview?" by Sandee (for the comic relief of it!) 8. "Create Perfectly-Curved Hanging Indents" by Anne-Marie (how do you come up with this stuff?) 7. "Create Spread Numbers" by Anne-Marie (this took some digging) 6. "How do I do that?" by Fritz (good question :) 5. "Free Guide to InDesign Special Characters" by Anne-Marie (love those cheat sheets!!!!) 4. "InDesign Music Video" posted by David (maybe next time he'll sing along!) 3. "An Unusual Use for Quotes" by David (wins for feature that is undeniably cool but I'll never use) 2. "I Should Have Known That" by Fritz (I say that all the time :)

Just nice feedback	""Well firstly I'd wish you all a very bright and wonderful 2009 with many more blog posts and pod casts to keep us non-pro's (in the sense of 'knowing *everything* about ID') out of hot water. I may not be one of the top respondents, but I enjoy the whole 'scene' here at IDS immensely and am often here just to lurk." "Thanks to all the contributors here at IDS! You're all fantastic! ☺" "I've had too many favorite posts to limit to one BEST. So my favorite is when you responded to my question I sent you via email. You guys are always so great about answering so quickly!" "Thanks to you all for sharing your knowledge with us mere mortals." "Thank you guys so much for providing your podcast, I look forward to listening to it each and every week—it's without a doubt the best part of my drive to work." "I use InDesignSecrets on a daily basis - either reading the current posts or searching for help with a problem. Thanks Guys." "My best regards for the great job you are doing at Indesignsecrets !"