



HOW TO OPEN ADOBE® INDESIGN® FILES IN AN EARLIER VERSION OF INDESIGN®

InDesign CC files cannot be opened in InDesign CS6, InDesign CS6 files cannot be opened in InDesign CS5.5, InDesign CS5.5 files cannot be opened in InDesign CS5, InDesign CS5 files cannot be opened in InDesign CS4, InDesign CS4 files cannot be opened in InDesign CS3, etc., but there is a way to export an InDesign file so it can be opened an earlier version. You can't skip a version when you do this if you are using CS4 and below. For example, you can't go from CS5 to CS3, you have to go from CS5 to CS4, then from CS4 to CS3, etc. You may also lose features or functionality when open a file in an earlier version. Here's how:

TO EXPORT FROM INDESIGN CC, CS6, CS5.5 OR CS5 AND OPEN IN CS6, CS5.5, CS5 OR CS4:

- Open an InDesign CC, CS6, CS5.5 or CS5 file
- Go to **File > Export**
- In the **Save as Type** field, choose **InDesign Markup (IDML)**
- Name the file
- Scroll to the folder/directory you want it saved in
- Click **Save**
- The file extension will become .idml
- This file can be opened in InDesign CS6, CS5.5, CS5 or CS4

To open the .idml file in InDesign CS6, CS5.5 CS5 or CS4:

- Go to **File > Open**
- Scroll to the folder/directory containing the saved the .idml file
- Double-click on the .idml file
- Save the file as an **InDesign CS(your version) (.indd)** file
- Make sure the name is different than the original file name so you don't overwrite the original file

InDesign CS4 users:

- You may need to upgrade to ver. 6.0.5
- To update to this version, download it from Adobe's Web site at <http://www.adobe.com/downloads/updates.html>
- Follow the above directions after updating

TO EXPORT FROM INDESIGN CS4 OR CS3:



- Open an InDesign CS4 or CS3 file
- Go to **File > Export**
- In the **Format** field, choose **InDesign Interchange**
- Name the file
- Scroll to the folder/directory you want it saved in
- Click **Save**
- The file extension will become **.inx**

To open the **.inx** file in InDesign CS3 or CS2:

- Go to **File > Open**
- Scroll to the folder/directory containing the saved the **.inx** file
- Double-click on the **.inx** file
- **Save** the file as an InDesign CS3 or CS2 (**.indd**) file
- Make sure the name is different than the original CS4 or CS3 file name so you don't overwrite the original file

TO OPEN INDESIGN CS2 FILES IN INDESIGN CS

- Open an InDesign CS2 file
- Go to **File > Export**
- In the **Save as type** field, choose **InDesign Interchange**
- Name the file
- Scroll to the folder/directory you want it saved in
- Click **Save**
- The file extension will become **.inx**

To open in InDesign CS:

- Make sure you have version 3.0.1 dated April 2005 installed
- If you don't have this version, download it from Adobe's Web site at <http://www.adobe.com/downloads/updates.html>
- Install the update before trying to open the **.inx** file
- Go to **File > Open**
- Scroll to the folder/directory containing the saved the **.inx** file
- Double-click on the **.inx** file
- **Save** the file as an InDesign CS (**.indd**) file
- Make sure the name is different than the CS2 file name so you don't overwrite the original file