Kevin Slimp's **InDesign Tools**

including a few you didn't know about and a few you've forgotten

1. Placing Files: Things a lot of users don't know about placing files





PDF File (Multiple Pages)

2. Things to know about Type

a. Selecting fonts



b. Adding fonts from the Adobe Library (CC version)



c. Optical spacing, tracking & baseline shift

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d. Space before, after paragraph & First Line Indent



e. Setting bullets, numbers and Drop Cap



3. Object > Text Frame Options

a. Column numbers

b. Inset spacing

Text Frame Options General General Column Rules Columns: Fixed Number **Baseline Options** Auto-Size Number: 🗘 1 Width: 🗘 2 in Footnotes Gutter: 🗘 0.1667 in Balance Columns Inset Spacing Left: 🗘 0 in Bottom: 🗘 0 in Right: 🗘 0 in Vertical Justification Align: Top 🗸 🗸 Paragraph Spacing Limit: 🗘 0 in 🗌 Ignore Text Wrap 🗹 Preview Cancel

d. Ignore text wrap

c. Vertical justification

4. Creating tabs in InDesign



5. Getting strokes (frames) right



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6. Getting rid of ligatures in text

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7. Using the Eyedropper Tool

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8. Getting rid of that dratted circle in the middle of photos

a. View > Extras > Hide Content Grabber



9. Scissors tool

10. Preferences that will help

a. Legacy Dialog



b. Subsetting fonts

Font Downloading and Embedding Always subset fonts with glyph counts greater than: 920000

c. Text wrap

Composition	
Units & Increments	
Grids	Text Wrap
Guides & Pasteboard	☐ Justify Text Next to an Object
Dictionary	🗹 Skip by Leading
Spelling	Text Wrap Only Affects Text Beneath
Autocorrect	

d. Appearance of black



11. Options when saving files

Format	✓ InDesign 2022 document	l l
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11. Creating Libraries

- a. Photos
- b. Text
- c. Special Effects
- d. Importance of Embedding



12. Creating the correct PDF settings for printing newspaper pages



13. Clipping simple images in InDesign

a. Object > Clipping Path



14. Using the Page tool

a. The Option/Alt key is the secret ingredient



14. Using the Direct Selection Tool

a. The "White" Arrow



15. Filling Text with a Photo

a. Type Create Outlines



Selected Tools in InDesign

with Kevin Slimp

1. InDesign Scripts





SelectObjects Great for selecting all PDF files in a document (as well as other types)

Selects all of the objects on a spread that belong to a specific object type (or set of types).



Sort Paragraphs

Alphabetize lists	
Mary	Clarise
John	Gilroy
Kevin	Hurley
Wilfred	Jethro
Hurley	John
Marx	Kevin
Jethro	Marx
Gilroy	Mary
Clarico	Wilfred

Place MultiPagePDF

Similar to "Break Frame" script, except this script splits the links of all frames, not just the one selected.

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Calendar Wizard



2. Creating a Grid





Library Elements

What goes in the library is what comes out



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We'll crop this one





Here is a story that jumps from page one to page three. How can we make sure the jump page number is always right on page one? Well, it's simple. You simply: Insert Special Character>Markers>Next Page Number. Here is a story that jumps from page one to page three. How can we make sure the jump page number is always right on

Jump to page3

Creating automated jumps

4. Using the Page Tool

Page Tool

TenderCare Lawn & Landscape's



Amare Ramirez came from San Antonio, Texas, to Derby his junior year and has been a

part of the Panther program for just two years. He says one of the unique parts of the Derby football environment he has seen is the city's atmosphere. "It's a football city and I love it," Amare said. He says the community supports the team even though they can't go to the games. He

also appreciates what the coaches do. "The coaches are great. They push us every day and try to make us the best men we

can be," he said.

Football has given Amare the ability to see the value of hard work, dedication and to have a never-give-up attitude. One thing he will always remember is holding up that state championship trophy last year.

It was a great feeling and something you can never replace," Amare said. He hopes his plans after high school include being able to play football at the college level. He plans to study dentistry and be an orthodontist upon completion of his education.

5. Using the Eyedropper

Eyedropper Tool



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Get rid of all Type 1 fonts by January 1!

7. InDesign Tables

Creating a Simple Table

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Lee	Douglas	Alyse	Jack	Janelle
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Corn	Biscuits	Flapjacks	Beer	Cheese

Places to find things:

 Align Text Vertically: Table>Cell Options>Text

 Edit Strokes in/around the Table: Table>Cell Options>Strokes and Fills

 Edit Column Fills (Colors): Table>Table Options>Alternating Fills

 Adding Rows: Table>Insert>Rows

 Adding Columns: Table>Insert>Columns

 Select Entire Column (even on multiple-page table): Table>Select>Column

 Merge Cells: Table>Merge Cells

 Distribute Rows Evenly: Table>Distribute Rows Evenly

Importing and Creating a Table from Excel

First Name	Last Name	School	Photos
Alica	Anderson	Central High School	Alicia.jpg
Amanda	Bracket	Karns High School	Amanda.jpg
Billy	Chesney	Central High School	Billy.jpg
Candice	Dickenson	Central High School	Candice.jpg
Daniel	Druson	Karns High School	Daniel.jpg
Erica	Ferguson	Central High School	Erica.jpg
Gary	Frankel	Karns High School	Gary.jpg
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Gwen	Hendrix	Central High School	Gwen.jpg
Harry	Jackson	Central High School	Harry.jpg
Jesse	Kristensen	Central High School	Jesse.jpg
Kendel	Larrimore	Karns High School	Kendel.jpg
Laurie	Miller	Karns High School	Laurie.jpg
Maddie	Morrison	Central High School	Maddie.jpg
Rebecca	Nicholson	Central High School	Rebecca.jpg
Samantha	Oliver	Karns High School	Samantha.jpg
Steve	Peterson	Central High School	Steve.jpg
Tammy	Robertson	Central High School	Tammy.jpg
Tommy	Sullivan	Central High School	Tommy.jpg

Data Merge

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3	Brian Hurley	143 Madison	Chicago	IL	60608	/Photos/Tracey.jpg			
4	Lisa Miller	Box 579	Parker	SD	57053	/Photos/Lisa.jpg			
5	SDREA	222 W Pleasar	Pierre	SD	57501	/Photos/Ed.jpg			
6	Lori Tolliver	111 First St	Knoxville	TN	37919	/Photos/Lori.jpg			
7	Mandy Sargea	Old Stone Way	Pletheroage	ND	78771	/Photos/Mandy.jpg			
8	Maria Wind	833 OK Way	Windrush	OK	68991	/Photos/Maria.jpg			
9	Nathan Malone	1224 Middlebr	Knoxville	TN	37919	/Photos/Nathan.jpg			
10	Nick Neighbor	3456 English \	Roanoke	VA	22198	/Photos/Nick.jpg			
11	Nina Baker	789 Loveway [Princeston	IA	51003	/Photos/Nina.jpg			
12	Rona Vickers	2344 Preston	Paris	TX	75461	/Photos/Rona.jpg			
13	Serena Woods	869 Tiger Lane	Hollywood	CA	99001	/Photos/Serena.jpg			
14	Tom McPherso	893 Old Jones	Jonesboro	TN	37611	/Photos/Tom.jpg			
15	Tina Turner	888 Tina Lane	Los Angeles	CA	92277	/Photos/Tina.jpg			
16	Tori Spelling	982 Kevin Wa	Lexington	KY	28897	/Photos/Tori.jpg			
17	Vickie Jones	PO Box 397	Rock Rapids	IA	53301	/Photos/Vickie.jpg			
18	Victor Parkins	991 First St.	Milan	TN	38991	/Photos/Victor.jpg			
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- 1. Create a database in Excel or some other application
- 2. Be careful to name each column heading with the name you will use in your InDesign database merge
- 3. If you are going to use photos in your database, be sure to title that column with a @ before the column name. In Excel, there must be an apostrophe before the @ symbol. Example: '@Photos
- 4. Save the database file as a CSV (or other database extension).

Creating the page in InDesign

- 5. Create a page in InDesign. In most cases, your merge will work best if you do this on a Master Page in the Pages panel.
- 6. Create column and row guides to indicate where you want your data to be placed on the page. The page on the right is set up with a graduation listing in mind.



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- 7. Window>Utilities>Data Merge
- 8. From the Data Merge menu, select "Select Data Source"
- 9. Choose the CSV (or other file) that was saved in your database application
- 10. Create a text frame on your page, then drag or double click on items in the Data Merge panel to place them in the text frame.
- 11. Photos can be placed in the same method as text. Resize the photo frame inside the text frame using the Direct Selection Tool (black arrow)
- 12. Hit the "Return" key on your keyboard to select another item from the Data Merge panel.
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Create Merged Document

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Use these controls to arrange multiple data file records on each page, based on your current layout for one record.

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Preview Multiple Record Layout

Layout of Records



14. Select "Multiple Records" in the "Records per

- 15. Click on "Multiple Record Layout" tab a. Click "Columns First"
 - b. Set area between Columns to match your gap between columns on your page
- 16. Click "Options" tab

Document Page area

the menu

- a. Fill Frames Proportionately
- b. Center in Frame
- c. Preview Multiple Record Layout

d. Click on "OK" button