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ePS SmartCanvas plugin for Adobe InDesign

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Introduction

The **ePS SmartCanvas Plugin for Adobe InDesign** allows you to export files created using InDesign, and then import those files into SmartCanvas, where you can edit the sections of the file designated as **Variables**. **Image** boxes and **Text** boxes can be marked as **Variables**, whereas are all other sections are marked as **Static** by default. **Static** sections cannot be edited in SmartCanvas.

Pre-Installation Requirements

- Adobe InDesign 2020 or higher
- ePS MarketDirect StoreFront 13.0 or higher
- ePS SmartCanvas 9.8 or higher

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Note ePS Professional Services can help you perform ePS software installations, upgrades, and updates. This group can also help you implement, customize, and optimize your ePS software, plus offers a range of training options.
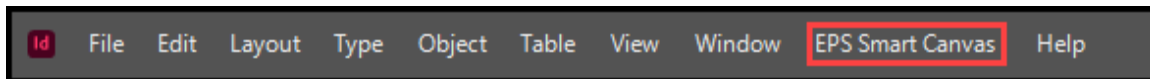
Install the Plugin on Windows

1. Open the MarketDirect Cross Media and VDP Resources page:

    - https://epssw.com/print/marketdirect-cross-media-and-vdp-resources/

2. Select the **MarketDirect SmartCanvas** tab.

3. Click the **Installer** link for the **ePS SmartCanvas Adobe InDesign Plugin Windows** to download the executable file.

    Note If you are updating the **ePS SmartCanvas Adobe InDesign Plugin Windows**, you must manually uninstall the application before proceeding to step 4.

4. Run the **EPS SmartCanvas Plugin for Adobe InDesign-XX.X** executable file.
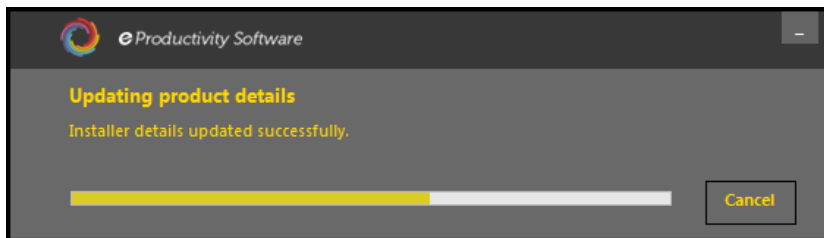
    Warning Make sure to close InDesign before running the executable file.

5. Open InDesign and you will see the **EPS SmartCanvas** option in the menu bar.

    Note If you do not see the **EPS SmartCanvas** option, then restart InDesign.

Install the Plugin on Mac OS

1. Open the MarketDirect Cross Media and VDP Resources page:

    - https://epssw.com/print/marketdirect-cross-media-and-vdp-resources/

2. Select the **MarketDirect SmartCanvas** tab.

3. Click the **Bundle** link for the **ePS SmartCanvas Adobe InDesign Plugin Mac** to download the zip file.

4. Unzip the **EPS SmartCanvas Plugin for Adobe InDesign** file.

5. Open the **Scripts Panel** folder in the **EPS SmartCanvas Plugin for Adobe InDesign** folder.

6. Copy the **EPS** folder.

7. Paste the **EPS** folder in **Applications > Adobe InDesign 2020 (or higher) > Scripts > Scripts Panel**.

    Note The **ePS SmartCanvas Plugin for Adobe InDesign** is only available for InDesign 2020 or higher.

8. Open the **startup scripts** folder in the **EPS SmartCanvas Plugin for Adobe InDesign** folder.

9. Copy the **EPS** folder.

10. Paste the **EPS** folder in **Applications > Adobe InDesign 2020 (or higher) > Scripts > startup scripts.**

11. Open InDesign and you will see the **EPS SmartCanvas** option in the menu bar.

> **Note** If you do not see the **EPS SmartCanvas** option, then restart InDesign.

Export a File from Adobe InDesign

1   Designate **Image** boxes you want to edit in SmartCanvas as **Variables.**

- Right-click on the appropriate **Image** box in the **Adobe InDesign** file.
- Select the **Variable Image** option.
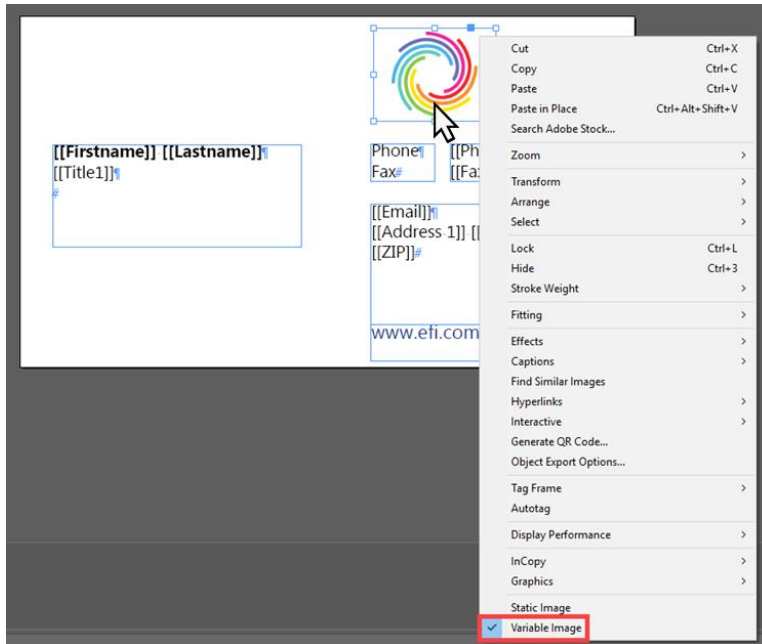
2   Designate **Text** boxes you want to edit in SmartCanvas as **Variables.**

- Right-click on the appropriate **Text** box in the **Adobe InDesign** file.
- Select the **Variable Text** option.
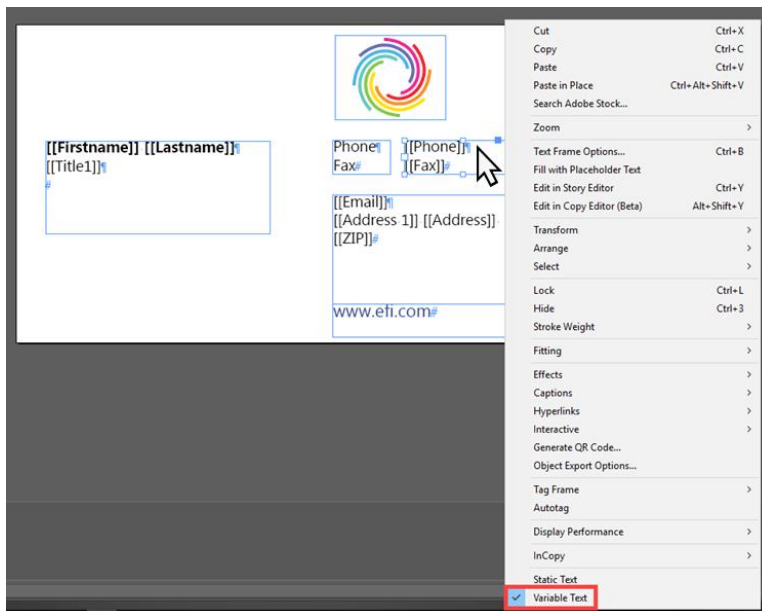
Note You can simultaneously designate multiple Image and / or Text boxes as the same option (Static or Variable Image or Text).
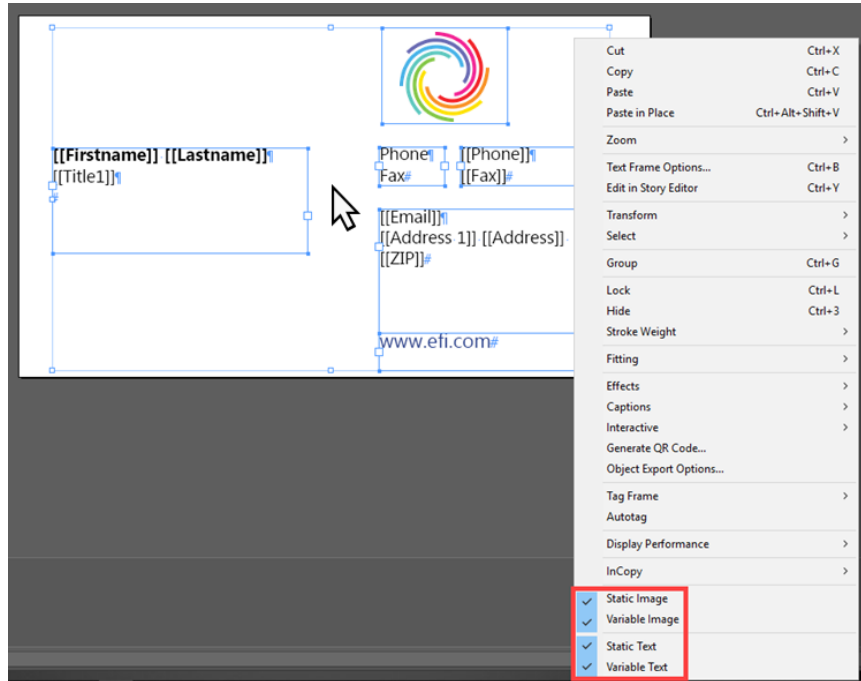
Note If you do not want to edit an Image box or Text box, you can designate them as Static. All boxes not given a designation will become Static by default.
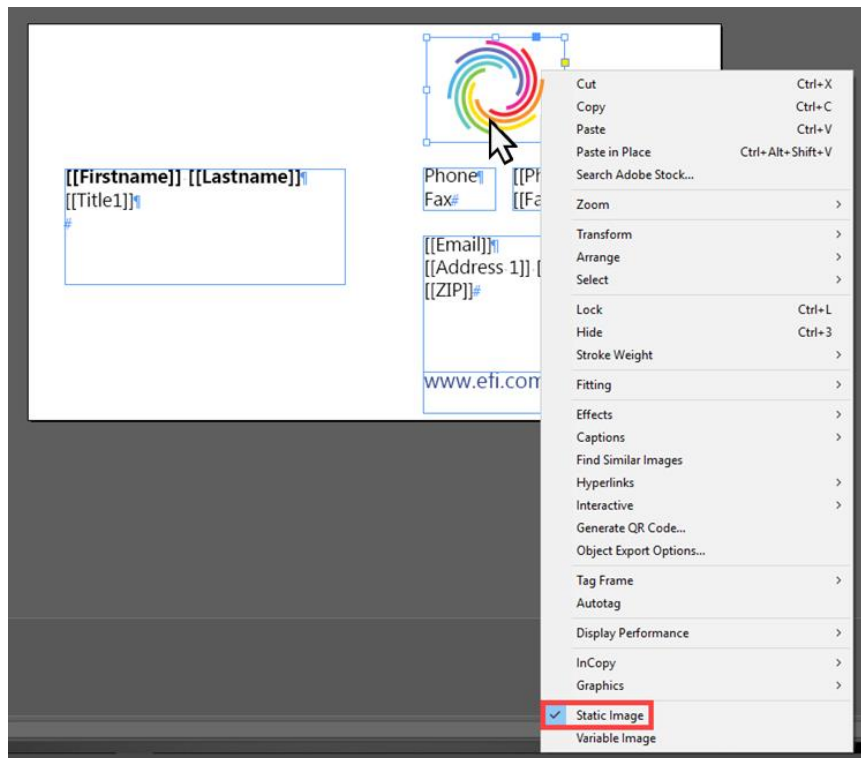
3   Select the **EPS SmartCanvas** option in the **Menu** bar.

4   Click **Export**.
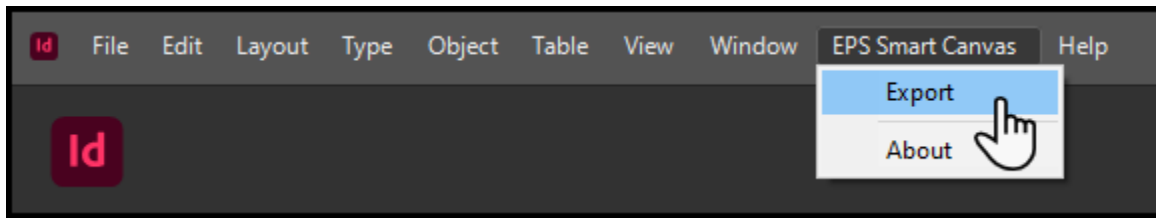
5   Enter a name for your file in the Export window.

6   Click **Save**.

Note The InDesign file will export as a zip file.

Import an InDesign File into Cross Media

1   Select **> Import eProductivity Software InDesign file**.

3   Click **Import EPS InDesign file** in the Import EPS InDesign file window.

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Import EPS InDesign file                                          ✕

SmartCanvas users can import an Adobe InDesign document by utilizing the EPS InDesign plugin. If
you have not installed the plugin, please click the link below to review details about the plugin and
initiate the installer.

  EPS InDesign Plugin download page

Instructions:
    1. Install the downloaded plugin into Adobe InDesign 2020 or higher
    2. Within InDesign, click on the menu: 'EPS SmartCanvas' and then 'Export'
    3. A dialog box opens where you can select the filename for the export ZIP-package
    4. Within SmartCanvas, click on the 'File' menu and then 'Import EPS InDesign file'
    5. Click the button 'Import EPS InDesign file' and select the ZIP-package

  Import EPS InDesign file    ▶

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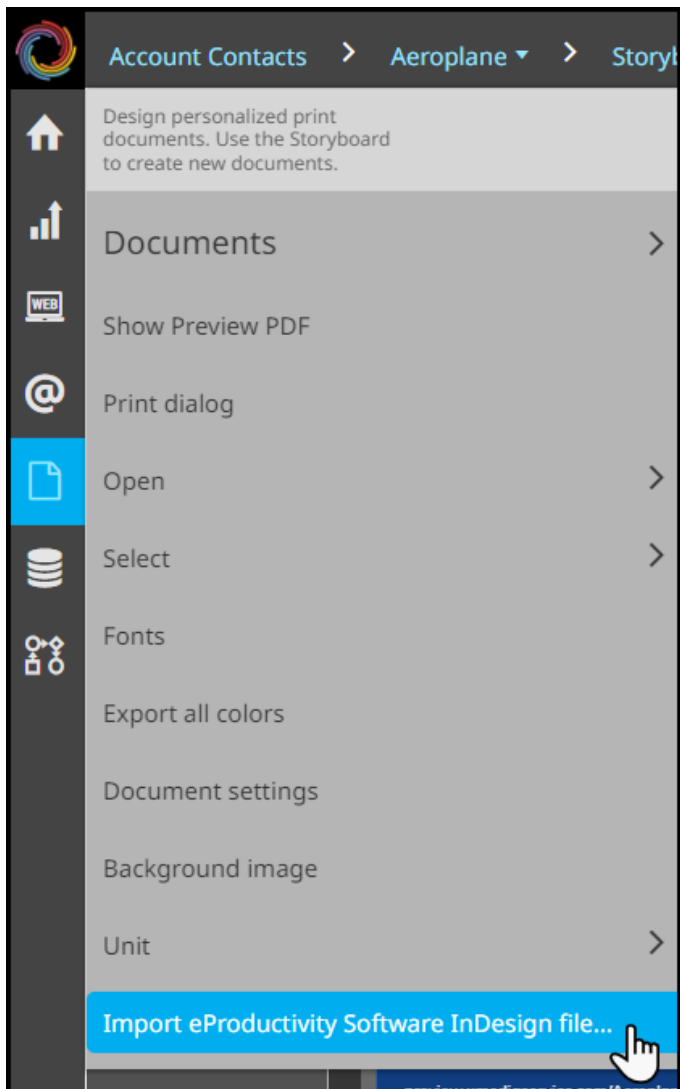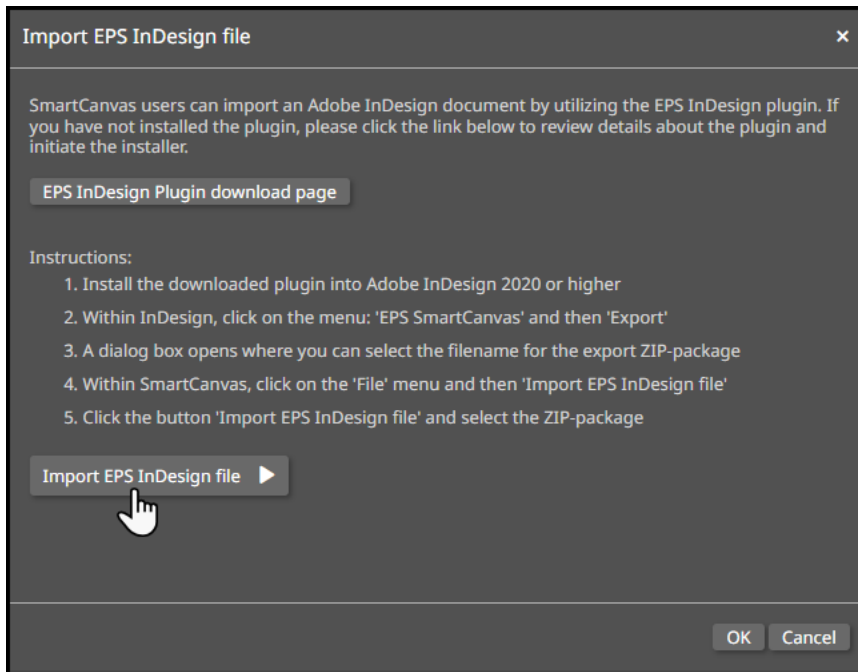
4   Choose the appropriate zip file to open the exported InDesign document in the **Print** designer.

Supported Properties

The following is a series of drop-down lists containing all the properties which SmartCanvas supports for export from InDesign.

Document properties

- Page width and height
- Unit of measurement
- Number of pages
- Facing pages
- Bleed
- Margin
- Layer:
    - Name
    - Color
    - Lock state
- Respects custom zero point:
    - X and Y values are converted
- Fonts
- Color swatches
- Paragraph styles

Variable Image and Variable Text box shared properties

- X and Y positions
- Rotation
- Width and height
- Border:
  - Width
  - Color
  - Corner radius
- Drop shadow:
  - Color
  - Offset
  - Blur
  - Blend mode
- Opacity
- Background color

Variable Image only properties

- Embedded and linked images
- Aspect ratio
- Paddings
- Image name

Variable Text box only properties

- Text color
- Font
- Font size
- Line height
- Used paragraph style
- Vertical alignment
- Horizontal alignment

Paragraph Text Style properties

- Name
- Based on (paragraph)
- Font
- Font size
- Text color
- Line height
- Horizontal text alignment

- Bullet list
- Indentation