

Layout & Imposition Options

New, standard features of DesignMerge Pro!

The latest release of DesignMerge Pro now includes a new set of Layout and Imposition features that can be used to streamline your Multi-Up and PDF processing. This document describes the new “Create Document from PDF” feature.

Create Document from PDF...

This option allows you to create a new InDesign document whose pages will automatically contain the content from a selected PDF file. Each page of the PDF file will be placed and centered within the corresponding page in the new InDesign document.

This feature can be used for VDP workflows where a client may send over a PDF that requires personalization. The PDF can be quickly imported into a new InDesign document, and then DesignMerge can be used to “overlay” variable data elements on top of the PDF. This workflow mimics those of most standalone VDP applications, and can be useful for relatively simple VDP jobs.

Follow the steps below to learn how to use this feature (note, you can use any PDF file you wish, or use the “Bank Letter” example that is provided in the “Layout and Imposition Tutorials” folder).

1) Choose to create a document from a PDF.

Open the *DesignMerge* menu and select *Options > Layout and Imposition > Create Document from PDF*.

2) You will be prompted to select a PDF.

Navigate to and select the PDF file you wish to use. The PDF file will be read, and the dimensions of the PDF file will be calculated.

3) Specify the InDesign Document Size.

Next you are prompted with a dialog where you can enter the dimensions of the InDesign document to create. The default values for this dialog have been set to match the dimensions of the PDF file that you selected. You may make the *Width* and *Height* larger if you wish. You can also adjust the *Margin* and *Bleed* amounts, as you prefer.

4) When ready, click *OK*.

After clicking *OK*, the process will proceed to create a new InDesign document. The dimensions of the document will match those entered in the previous step. The document will contain a page for each page in the PDF that you selected. Each page of the PDF will be placed in the center of its corresponding page in the InDesign document.

The document can now be saved and is ready for the additional of variable data using DesignMerge!

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