

Getting Started

This document provides installation, activation and documentation information for the DesignMerge Pro software package.

DesignMerge Pro Documentation

If you have already installed your DesignMerge Pro software, you may wish to download the DesignMerge Pro documentation and tutorial files. The tutorial files provide step-by-step instructions on how to use the various features of DesignMerge Pro. To access the documentation and tutorial files, please visit www.meadowsp.com/documentation.

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Overview

About DesignMerge Pro

Thank you for your interest in DesignMerge Pro, the powerful variable data software package from Meadows Publishing Solutions. DesignMerge Pro consists of a suite of plug-in modules for Adobe® InDesign® that provide sophisticated variable data printing and data publishing features.

System Requirements

Unless otherwise stated, all DesignMerge Pro software is compatible with the hardware and operating systems currently supported by the version of Adobe InDesign where the DesignMerge Pro software is being installed. Please be sure to download the DesignMerge Pro software that is appropriate for the version of Adobe InDesign that you are running.

For Computers that are not running DesignMerge Pro

When a document is prepared for use with DesignMerge Pro software, the user applies DesignMerge Pro “tags” to identify where variable data should be placed in the documents. If you edit these DesignMerge Pro-tagged InDesign documents on a workstation where DesignMerge Pro has not been installed, you will not be able to see where the DesignMerge Pro tags have been placed. In addition, if you perform any edits, such as copy/paste of text that includes DesignMerge Pro tags, this tag information may become lost or corrupt.

To guard against this possibility, Meadows provides a FREE plug-in called the **DesignMerge Pro Tag Display Module**. With this module installed, all DesignMerge Pro tags will be visible in the document, and the tags can be copy/pasted without issue. The plug-in module can be downloaded from the following web page:

www.meadowsps.com/tagdisplay

The module may be distributed freely, plus there is no activation required in order to use this module. Just drag the plug-in modules into the *InDesign/Plug-ins/Meadows* folder and restart InDesign (you should create a folder called “Meadows” inside of the plug-ins folder if one does not already exist).

Remember, this module is only for those workstations that will not be running DesignMerge Pro software. For more information, please visit the web page listed above.

Internet Requirements

License Activation

All DesignMerge Pro software modules require internet access in order to initially Activate and Validate the software. The activation process uses SSL, which ensures that all processes are secure.

License Validation

After your software has been initially activated, your license will be validated at regular intervals. The validation process is performed automatically when your software is run. In order to perform the validation, internet access is required so the software can verify the license with our online registration system.

If the software product cannot successfully access our online database, the user will be warned. If after several attempts to access our online database have failed, the software license will be temporarily invalidated. The license can be restored by contacting the Meadows Publishing Solutions support department. Provided that an internet connection is occasionally maintained, there should be no issues at all with the license validation process.

Software Installation

A separate DesignMerge Pro installer is available for each version of Adobe InDesign that DesignMerge Pro supports. Please be sure that you are using the DesignMerge Pro installer that corresponds to your version of Adobe InDesign. To install DesignMerge Pro, follow the steps below:

1) Quit Adobe InDesign and Run the Installer.

If you are running Adobe InDesign, quit the application before installing the DesignMerge Pro software. Then double-click the DesignMerge Pro installer to begin.

2) Click Continue/Next and Agree to the EULA.

A copy of the End User Software License Agreement will be presented. Click the **Continue/Agree** button(s) if you agree with the terms of the license.

3) Select Destination Volume/Directory.

Select the volume or directory where your Adobe InDesign application is installed.

4) Select Install Type (Windows Only).

If prompted, choose the *Typical* installation.

5) Select User Account (Windows Only).

Select the user account that is currently logged into the system.

6) Select Required and Optional Modules.

Installation of DesignMerge Pro is split into Required and Optional modules. The package of required modules will be selected for you automatically. If you have also licensed any optional modules, place a check mark next to the optional modules you wish to install.

Please note that optional modules typically require a separate Order Code and purchase, but the modules may also be operated in Demo mode if you just want to give them a try.

7) Confirm the Install Settings and Click the Install button (Mac Only).

Next confirm your installation settings. Click the Install button to continue.

8) Enter Password.

DesignMerge Pro may require Administrator privileges to install some of its software components. If prompted, enter an Administrator name/password.

9) Software Installation Complete!

The software will be installed. Please visit www.meadowsp.com/documentation to download the documentation and tutorial files for the software.

Software Activation

Once you have installed your DesignMerge Pro software, you are now ready to activate your DesignMerge Pro software.

Internet Connection Required (except for Demo mode)

All DesignMerge Pro software modules require internet access in order to initially Activate and Validate the software. If you intend to run DesignMerge Pro in Demo mode, then an internet connection is not required. Please follow the steps below to activate your DesignMerge Pro software:

1) Run the copy of Adobe InDesign where you installed DesignMerge Pro.

Start by running your Adobe InDesign application. The first time the DesignMerge Pro software loads, you will be prompted to “activate” it.



If you are not prompted to activate the DesignMerge Pro software, please proceed to the “Verifying Installation” topic in this document.

2) Enter your Name, Company, and Order Code (or click **Demo**).

Enter your **Name**, **Company**, and **Order Code** for the module that is requesting activation. You should have received your DesignMerge Pro order codes via email. If you do not have your order code(s), please contact support. When ready, click the **Activate** button.

Running in Demo Mode: If you do not have an order code for a module and wish to try out the software, click the **Demo** button instead to activate the software in Demo Mode. When DesignMerge Pro is running in Demo Mode, the software is fully functional, however, there are limitations on the number of links and records that can be processed.

3) Read and Accept the Software License Agreement.

Click the **Accept** button to accept the terms of the agreement or click **Decline** if you do not agree with the terms. Please note that you must accept the terms of this agreement to use the software. Note also that these terms apply to any other DesignMerge Pro software modules that are used in conjunction with DesignMerge Pro.

4) Activate other installed modules as described above.

If you installed any other optional modules that require activation, you will be prompted to enter a separate order code for each of them as well. Typically, the optional modules will utilize a the same order code as your DesignMerge Pro software.

5) Your software should now be activated and ready to go.

At this point your software should be activated and ready to be used. Please read the next section to verify that your installation was successful.

Verify Installation

If DesignMerge Pro has been installed and activated successfully, you should see a **DesignMerge Pro** menu appear on the menu bar of your InDesign application. If you do not see a **DesignMerge Pro** menu, please repeat the installation instructions described earlier in this document, or contact the DesignMerge Pro technical support department.

Start Using DesignMerge Pro!

If you are new to DesignMerge Pro, you may wish to start by downloading the documentation and tutorial files for the software. All DesignMerge Pro documentation is available for download on the following web page:

www.meadowsps.com/documentation

Start by reading the **DesignMerge Pro Introduction** document. The Introduction document describes DesignMerge Pro in more detail, and also serves as an introduction to the DesignMerge Pro Tutorials and additional documentation included with the product. If you have any problems or questions about the installation of DesignMerge Pro, see the Technical Support topic in this document.



*For those using a **Demo** version of the DesignMerge Pro software, the Activation windows will be displayed each time you start Adobe InDesign. However, it is not necessary to enter information in these windows. Instead, you may simply click the **Continue Demo** button that will be displayed on the Activation window when the software has been activated in Demo mode.*

Documentation Overview

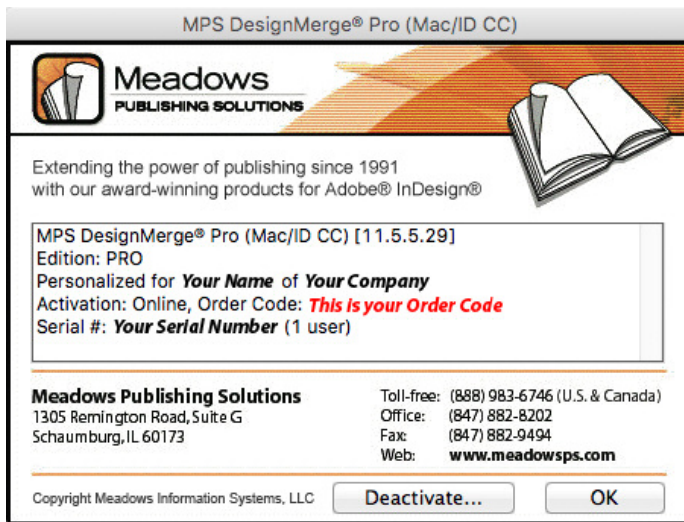
Tutorials present various features of DesignMerge Pro in an easy-to-follow, step-by-step format to help you quickly learn more about using DesignMerge Pro. You will find PDFs of the tutorials with accompanying sample files in the “DesignMerge Pro Tutorials” folder which is inside the “DesignMerge Pro Documentation” folder.

Manuals for modules in the DesignMerge Pro software package are available in PDF format inside their corresponding folders in the “Additional DesignMerge Pro Documentation” folder.

Technical Support

For information about DesignMerge Pro Support and to submit a Support Ticket, go to www.meadowsps.com/support. You can also go to this web page by opening the **DesignMerge Pro** menu and selecting **Help ⇒ Online Support Center**.

When requesting support, please provide your **DesignMerge Pro Order Code**. The Order Code was originally provided in an email message. You can also see which Order Code has been used to activate your installation of DesignMerge Pro by opening the **DesignMerge Pro** menu and selecting **Help ⇒ About AccurioPro**. An example of the About DesignMerge window is shown below:



Software Deactivation

DesignMerge Pro software can be installed and activated on a single computer at a time. If you would like to transfer your license to a different computer, you must first deactivate the software on the computer where it is currently installed. To deactivate your software, select **Help ⇒ About DesignMerge**. to open the About window, then click the **Deactivate** button and follow the prompts.

Software Removal

Note that deactivating the software does not uninstall or remove it from your system. To completely uninstall the software, quit InDesign. Then open your InDesign application's "Plug-Ins folder". You will see a "Meadows" folder inside the "Plug-Ins" folder. Delete this "Meadows" folder. This uninstalls (removes) the software from your InDesign application.

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