

# InDesign Advanced: Taking Your Skills to the Next Level

GoSkills online course syllabus

**Skill level**

Beginner

**Lessons**

24

**Pre-requisites**

No prior experience needed

**Video duration**

1h 40m

**Estimated study time**

1h 40m

**Instructor**

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## Introduction

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### 1 Level up your digital design skills

You are an InDesign user who feels like you've mastered the basics and you're ready to take your skills to the next level.

## Advanced InDesign Essentials

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### 2 Resize a document in InDesign

In your experience with InDesign, you've set up a lot of new documents, but what do you do if you need to change the size and other specifications of an existing layout?

### 3 Advanced InDesign workspaces

Saving and using your own custom workspace is a great way to increase the speed at which you do your work.

## Strong Document Structure

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### 4 InDesign pages panel options

There are secrets hidden under the options menu of the pages panel that could dramatically change the way you work on layouts.

### 5 Use based-on parents for efficiency

Parent pages are a hallmark of efficiency and consistency in layout design, allowing you to apply a consistent structure to multiple pages automatically.

### 6 Incorporate layers of efficiency

If you're planning on easily designing layouts that are more complex than some text with an image, you need Layers.

## Use Objects in InDesign

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**7** **Align objects automatically**  
Aligning and spacing objects with precision is an essential part of making layouts look professional.

**8** **Object secrets in InDesign**  
There are many things you can do with objects in InDesign that most users would say are impossible.

## Advanced Type Features

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**9** **Utilize paragraph rules**  
Paragraph rules allow you to make a rule part of the formatting to solve the issue that you can run into if you were to use the line tool.

**10** **Apply bullets and numbering with ease**  
There's no advanced paragraph formatting feature used as much as bullets and numbering.

**11** **Span columns to format effectively**  
There is an easy way to format a headline across the top of three columns of text in a single text frame.

## InDesign's Super Styles

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**12** **Define next style in InDesign**  
Most InDesign users never figure out how to use "next style." After this lesson, you'll be able to set up "next style" and use its features to format things such as Frequently Asked Questions.

**13** **Set up nested styles**  
Nested styles are a group of features that allow you to apply complex type formatting with a single click by embedding one or more character styles within a paragraph style.

**14** **Use nested GREP styles**  
GREP is a coding language used by engineers to search for patterns within computer code and make changes to this code throughout a project.

**15** **Apply styles for objects in InDesign**  
Wouldn't it be great if you could set up a paragraph-like style to apply a saved appearance to objects?

## Incorporate Advanced Graphics Techniques

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- 16** **Make graphics magic**  
Adobe's layout app is made to work best with native formats, allowing you to do things in your layout that can't be done with any other graphics formats.
- 17** **Utilize advanced color techniques**  
Advanced color use is essential for professional graphics.
- 18** **Apply dynamic text effects**  
Effective text treatment can elevate your graphic projects.
- 19** **Create motion graphics in InDesign**  
InDesign can also create basic animations. After this lesson, you'll be able to design simple motion graphics within your InDesign projects.

## Advanced Layout Features

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- 20** **Customize a table in InDesign**  
Tables are an important formatting feature for organizing large amounts of information in a way that makes it easier to understand.
- 21** **Create tables of contents**  
Setting up a table of contents for a long document automatically would not only help you avoid the tedious task of creating it manually, it would also help avoid mistakes.

## Advanced Printing Capabilities

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- 22** **Load preflighting perfection**  
Preflight profiles allow you to send packaged InDesign layouts to your printer that are set up perfectly for the printer's production process.
- 23** **Implement advanced bleed techniques**  
Proper use of bleeds prevents unwanted white margins in prints. After this lesson, you'll be able to apply advanced bleed techniques effectively.

## Conclusion

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- 24** **Utilize your InDesign skills in your role**  
Thank you for watching InDesign Advanced!