

Adobe InDesign



Using your own placeholder text in Adobe InDesign®
Software needed: Adobe InDesign 2.0 or later

The Fill with Placeholder Text command in the Type menu fills one frame or a series of linked frames with placeholder text. This text serves as a temporary substitute for the text that will actually appear in your finished document. You can use this placeholder text to create templates or serve as a placeholder for text content in a document that's in process. The placeholder text produced by InDesign is known as 'Lorem Ipsum,' and it's a faux Latin intended to represent the space real words would occupy (and that's all). With InDesign 2.0, however, you have the option of replacing InDesign's default Lorem Ipsum text with placeholder text of your own. Here's how:

Create your placeholder text. You can create your placeholder text in any text editor you wish, including InDesign.



Save your placeholder text file. The file needs to be saved or exported as 'Text-only' or ASCII. In order for it to be used as InDesign's placeholder text, the file needs to be given a specific name and be saved in a specific location. Name the text file 'placeholder.txt,' and save the file in the top or root level of the InDesign application folder or directory.

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Use your placeholder text file. Click an insertion point in an empty text frame and select Type > Fill with Placeholder Text. This will fill your frame (or threaded frames) with the text from your placeholder.txt file. If InDesign runs out of placeholder text before it runs out of frame space to fill, it will simply repeat the contents of your placeholder text file.

