# ADOBE INDESIGN INTRODUCTION

Learn how to create, style and export professionally published documents.









# **Prerequisites**

Participants are required to bring their own laptops as our dedicated computer training labs are equipped with the programs and files you will need access to on your training day.

# **Expected outcomes**

- Set up new document attributes
- Create text frames and format text with character and paragraph commands
- Place text and images onto the page
- Work with colour, applying fill and stroke attributes to objects
- Create, manipulate and arrange basic shapes
- Prepare publications for press

# Who should attend

This course is for people with minimal experience using InDesign who would like to learn how to create printed published documents.

# **Getting started**

- Opening a publication
- Navigating the interface
- The toolbox and tools
- Panels and workspaces
- Zooming in/ out

#### Edit a document

- Moving between pages
- Editing text
- Finding and changing text
- Using the story editor
- Previewing your publication
- Printing your publication

# **Basic formatting**

- Changing font type and size
- Changing leading
- Aligning text
- Turn off/ on hyphenation
- Working with bullets
- Manipulate tracking and kerning
- Eyedropper tool to copy attributes

#### **Text frames**

- Creating text frames
- Placing text
- Placing text and linking to Word
- Threading text frames
- Deleting a text frame
- Columns within a text frame
- Alignment in a text frame
- Resolving overset text

# Working with images

- Place an image
- Fitting an image to a frame
- Resizing frame and contents
- Content grabber
- Adding borders/ stroke
- Rotating the frame/ contents
- · Deleting an image
- Linking and embedding images
- Working with broken links
- Wrapping text around images
- Clipping paths

# Indents, tabs and tables

- Setting up tabs
- Aligning tabs
- Setting indents
- Creating a table
- Formatting a table
- Importing a table from Excel

# Arranging shapes

- Drawing shapes
- Send to back
- Bring to front
- Aligning and distributing elements
- Align to key object

#### Working with colour

- Understanding CMYK, RGB, Pantone
- Using default colours
- Adding a colour swatch

- Adobe CC libraries
- Create a swatch library
- Selecting colours with the eyedropper
- Applying gradients and tints

### **Creating styles**

- Create and apply paragraph styles
- Create and apply character styles
- Editing styles
- Find and change formatting
- Loading styles from other documents
- Create and apply object styles

## Multiple pages

- Inserting and deleting pages
- Working with master pages
- Page numbering
- Creating multiple master pages

# **Creating templates**

- Create a template
- Turn an existing publication into a template
- Loading a template

# **Preparing for press**

- Find fonts
- Create a package
- Create a PDF
- Printer marks in PDF

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