

ID2Q Conversion Notes

It is important to understand that it is not possible to achieve a 100% conversion due to the fact that QuarkXPress and InDesign handle text in differing ways. Simply stated: you wouldn't want to be too brave by converting and blindly printing the new document. Instead, you will need to visually inspect the converted document and in some cases manually edit a few objects. Therefore, the primary goal of the conversion is to essentially move the basic document objects from one application to another, thus saving you a tremendous amount of time and effort as compared to recreating the entire document from scratch. Furthermore, the most ideal way to convert one desktop publishing file to another application is to simply avoid any features which are known to not convert well, such as features that are not supported by the destination application. In most real cases, however, this is not possible since you may already have a number of documents that you would rather not have to re-work, but instead wish to magically convert over to another application. With this in mind you should take some time and consider the following points regarding the conversion:

PAGES

The maximum page width or height allowed by QuarkXPress is 48". QuarkXPress does not support a first page left of the spine unless an even Section Format has been set. QuarkXPress does not support an additional "slug" area in which case all objects on the pasteboard which are above or below the document page area may not be converted. One solution is to obtain Markzware's Pasteboard XTension to change the length of the pasteboard to allow the conversion of the objects within the slug area.

MASTER PAGES

QuarkXPress does not support multi-page Master Pages (more than 2 pages for a double-sided document or more than 1 page for a non-facing pages document.) Also, Master Pages based on other Master Pages are not supported. However, the objects will be conveniently created on the referencing Master Page. QuarkXPress does not support Master Pages Layers. An InDesign Master Page can be a single page but may not always be applied to a double-page. Linked text boxes cannot cross master pages nor link to a pasteboard object. Note that pasteboard objects on Master Pages will not be applied to regular pages.

FONTS

If there are fonts reported as missing after a document conversion you might try locating them in the Adobe application support folder where you will find several OpenType fonts that InDesign activates privately:

User:Library:Application Support: Adobe:Fonts:

TEXT ATTRIBUTES

Auto-Leading in InDesign is per ParaStyle whereas in QuarkXPress this is global preference.

Character Spacing not supported for TextOnPath.

If the Horizontal and Vertical Scale are different then the one not equal to 100% will be used.

Text Skew is not supported because QuarkXPress applies Text Skew to the entire text box.

QuarkXPress determines overflow using a font's descent. To accommodate for this you can use the "Grow Overflow Text Boxes" feature which will increase the text box bottom 4 pts, the right side 1 pt, doing so up to 4 times until the overflow stops.

QuarkXPress has no Underline or Strikethru options.

QuarkXPress does not support Align Last Line.

Text Stroke Color not supported.

None Text Color with a color stroke will be converted to Outline style with the stroke width ignored.

A Section Marker will be displayed as Current Page.

Only Characters and Letters of Nested Styles are supported.

There is no specific H&Js in InDesign. Instead the settings are maintained within Paragraph settings.

Right Indent Tab will not Justify text Full Right in QuarkXPress.

Bullets and Paragraph Numbering are not supported by QuarkXPress.

COLORS

Hexachrome colors will be converted to CMYK.

Process Coated EURO may convert to CMYK.

For InDesign 3, Metallic and Pastel colors are converted to LAB.

Opacity will be either Normal or Multiply (non-Normal.)

Gradients will be converted to QuarkXPress Blends using only the first and last colors. If a Linear Blend has more than 3 colors, the blend will become Mid-Linear.

IMAGES

When an image file is missing, ID2Q will create a preview file in a temporary folder. Select the Usage menu item, select the picture, twist down More Information and scroll to the bottom to see the original pathname.

If a picture preview for a missing image is a TIFF without a resolution, QuarkXPress may consider the resolution to be 101 DPI.

QuarkXPress does not support the PCX image type.

1-BIT images may not display properly or lose their transparency, especially if the image is missing, but should still print just fine.

RUNAROUNDS

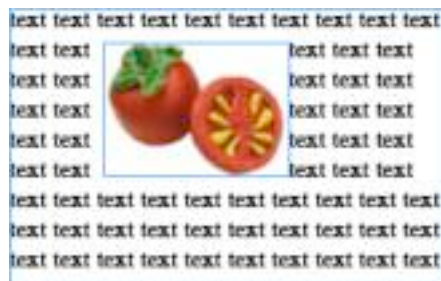
InDesign's Include Inside Edges turned on means Allow Holes and equals QuarkXPress's OutSide Edges Only turned off.

In InDesign you can base the runaround on the bounding box since an object is a container with content whereas QuarkXPress does not handle objects this way. Therefore the runaround should be Wrap Around Object Shape.

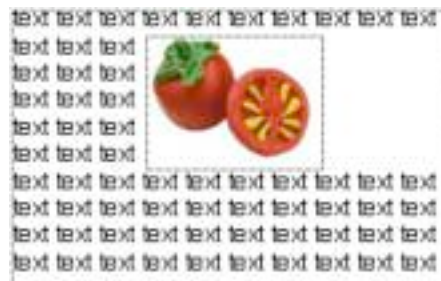
Text Wrap Above object is not supported. Also. Ignore Text Wrap is not supported, as well as some types of Invert Text Wrap.

A Runaround for a picture box might not cause the text underneath to flow as expected. This is because InDesign allows text to appear on both sides of the picture box.

InDesign:



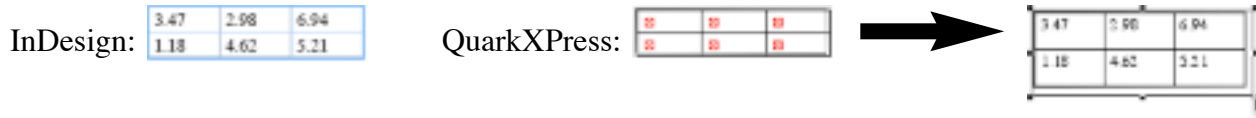
QuarkXPress:



Note also that a Runaround Offset for a Picture Rectangle will convert only as an Outset.

TABLES

An InDesign Table is essentially an anchored box within a text box. Often the Table is such a tight fit that this causes an overflow in QuarkXPress. The remedy is to manually widen the QuarkXPress text box until the Table can be fully displayed:



InDesign uses Cell Strokes in Tables whereas QuarkXPress uses Table Grid Lines. The Table conversion will be based first on Border Grid lines, then the sides of Cell in order of Non-Black, Black then None from any Cell. Split Table rows in chained text boxes are not currently supported. You will need to manually resize a text box (or temporarily increase the page height to make the Table visible) then Cut the Table to be able to apply the desired Table Break.

Also, a Blend in a QuarkXPress Table Cell is always exclusive to the particular Cell, whereas in InDesign a Gradient is displayed through an entire Table row.



Note that QuarkXPress does not support objects pasted into Table Cells. Such objects though will be conveniently centered over the Table, but will need to be manually positioned as desired.

ID2Q will not break a long Table the flows through linked text boxes. Some conversions might show what appears to be empty boxes, but this may occur because the Table may be too long. In this case, grow a text box so that the Table appears. Next, using the Item Tool select the Table (which is actually an Anchor Box) then Cut and Paste the Table onto the page and then manually adjust the break using Table Break menu item under the QuarkXPress Table menu.

ANCHOR BOXES

Nested Anchor Boxes are not supported by QuarkXPress. For example, pasted objects (such as Pictures) in Table Cells are considered to be “anchors within anchors” because an InDesign Table always resides (is anchored) within a text box. Such boxes may be placed centered over the Table. Anchor boxes using Custom or Above Line are not supported (as well as Space Before/After, etc.) NOTE: InDesign allows text to display over the anchor box but QuarkXPress does not (even if one adjusts the bottom runaround to 1/2 height.) If the InDesign anchor mode is not “Inline” or there is a space before or after, then the anchor box will be set to Ascent. Additionally, Anchor Offsets are not supported.

POLYGONS

Open Polygon shapes cannot be filled in QuarkXPress and therefore they will be converted to closed paths. Rounded Corners in polygonal shapes are not supported by QuarkXPress.

MULTIPLE-OBJECT PASTE INTO

QuarkXPress does not support the InDesign feature of Multiple-object Paste Into in which case some boxes may be displayed at incorrect position on the page or in fact may not be converted at all.

PREFERENCES

Print Settings, PDF Output Preferences, Color and Profile settings are not supported.

NOTES & FOOTNOTES

Notes not supported and the text involved will be ignored.

Footnotes are likewise not supported.

MOVIES & BUTTONS

Movies and Buttons will not be converted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Should you encounter any problems with the conversion, then after reading these notes you can always contact support.markzware.com so we can examine the problems in order to give the best response.
2. For QuarkXPress versions 3 and 4 files you can bypass Q2ID and allow InDesign to perform the conversion by simultaneously holding down the 3 keys “Control+Option+Command” when clicking the Open button.
3. You can convert more than one file at a time by selecting multiple files using Command- or Shift-click in InDesign’s Open dialog.
4. Because InDesign may alter the z-order when grouping objects, you can hold down the Option key when clicking the Open button to prevent objects from being Grouped, thus retaining their original order on the page.
5. When selecting a file in InDesign’s Open dialog, if your QuarkXPress document is grayed-out, it has probably lost its Creator tag. In this case try choosing “All Documents” from the menu to be able to select your file.

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