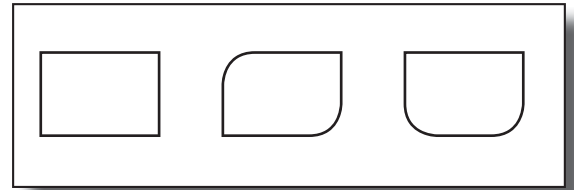


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Wow with Scripts in InDesign



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“This tutorial is sure to bring good news for many users! Do you know corner effects can be applied to selected points on the path?

Always bombarded with this request by many of your customers? This powerful tip is sure to help you shed your design burdens.

Read this tip now and experience the power of scripts.”



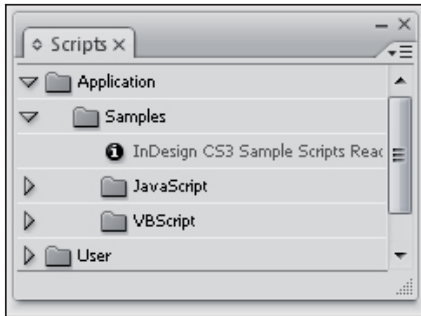
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What are Scripts?

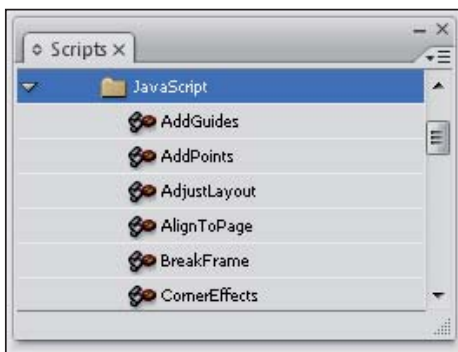
Many of us may not be aware that InDesign comes with a pack of ready-made scripts to do a variety of tasks for you automatically. Before we get started, let's find out more about what scripts are all about.

Scripts are pre-written instructions that can help you perform a certain task. It can be as simple as an automated common task or as complex as an entire new feature. You can create your own scripts, and you can run scripts that other people have created.

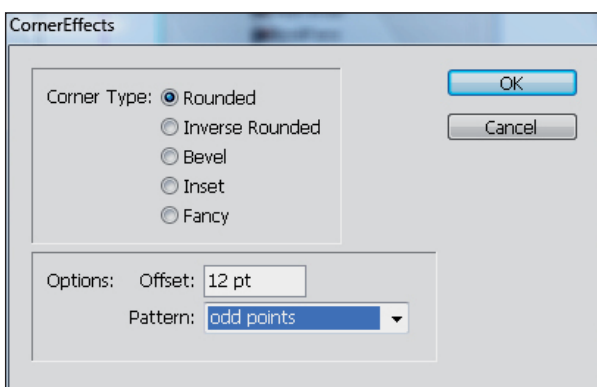
- 1) Choose **Window > Automation > Scripts**.



- 2) Double-click the JavaScript folder to display a list of sample scripts.



- 3) To create rounded corner effects on selected corners, double-click the CornerEffects script. Set your options accordingly and click **OK** to apply.



- 4) You can also double-click the other sample scripts to automate many more tasks. Good news is that each script is self-explanatory and you could easily understand what each script can do for you.

Where do we keep the extra scripts?

If you create or receive a script, you can place it in the Scripts folder so that it shows up in the Scripts panel.

Mac OS

Users/[username]/Library/Preferences/Adobe InDesign/[version]/Scripts

Windows XP

Documents and Settings\[username]\Application Data\Adobe\InDesign\[version]\Scripts

Windows Vista

Users\[username]\AppData\Roaming\Adobe\InDesign\[Version]\Scripts