



You can find even more scripts that the original InDesign scripts at the Adobe Design Center.

First browse to <http://www.adobe.com/exchange>.

Once you are there, choose downloads from the top navigation bar and when that menu drops down choose Exchange.

From there you can choose the application you want to find extras for and when that page opens up, choose Scripts. On the day I wrote this there were 218 InDesign scripts available. WOW!

## Script this

Look over on page two. See the how the boxes have rounded corners on two sides but not three. How did I do that? Well, I could have used the Direct Select tool to change the corner points on each of the two corners I wanted rounded but that would be a real pain to get them to match each and every time. I did them a whole bunch easier. I used a script called CornerEffects. Scripts do all kinds of really cool stuff like this and you should be using them.

**Scripts can do amazing things.** But first you have to load them. I wish that Adobe had them load when you installed InDesign but they don't. Here is how to load the original scripts that come with InDesign. Note that this has to be done on each computer.

- 1) Make sure InDesign is not running.
- 2) Find your original InDesignCS or CS2 install CDs. Find the one called Resources and Extras, Disk 1. On that disk you want to open Adobe Technical Info/InDesignCS(2)/Scripting/Adobe Sample Scripts/JavaScript. Inside this file you will find 16 sample scripts.
- 3) Select them all and copy.
- 4) Go to (on a PC) C:/Program Files/Adobe/Adobe InDesign/Presets/Scripts. Choose Paste and paste the scripts into this folder. For Mac, after you have copied the scripts go to Applications/Adobe InDesign CS(2)/Presets/Scripts and paste them there.
- 5) Reopen InDesign and choose Window>Automation>Scripts in CS2 or Window>Scripts in CS. Once the Scripts palette opens you should see the 16 sample scripts inside.

Now comes the fun part. Trying them out. Unfortunately it isn't possible to tell what they do from their names but click on them and choose Edit Script from the drop out menu. This should open the script in a text editor. BE CAREFUL! Do not make any changes to the script. Just read the first few lines and it should explain what the script does.

For instance, there is a wonderful script that will create a grid from a single photo. Like this. Now of course you could do this with white lines over a photo but this isn't what the script did. It created a bunch of photos so you can remove one or more of them. You could do this by creating a bunch of small boxes and pasting into those boxes but why do that when I did the entire thing in less than two seconds by running the Make Grid script.

So, go load the scripts and have fun!

