
PageMaker: InDesign for \$299

Based on customer requests, Adobe has reintroduced an affordable path for PageMaker customers to transition to Adobe InDesign 1.5. From July 1 to October 1, 2000, registered PageMaker users are eligible to purchase InDesign 1.5 for US \$299.

<http://www.adobe.com/store/products/indesign.html>

Illustrator 9 Version Checker

The Adobe Illustrator 9.0 Version Checker plug-in is for use with Illustrator 8.0.x. The plug-in returns a warning when you try to open a file that was created with Adobe Illustrator 9.0. [Since PDF is the native file format for Illustrator 9.0, previous versions of Illustrator that can open PDF files can open a native Illustrator 9.0 file. Features that are supported in the new native file format for Illustrator 9.0 (transparency, blending modes) are not recognized by previous versions of Illustrator, so the file opens with unexpected results].

<http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/827a.htm>

ATM Light 4.6

The latest version of Type Manager (not Deluxe) which Adobe refers to as ATM Light is now 4.6. The new version supports the new OpenType Pro Font format appearing this summer.

OpenType is a cross-platform font format dreamed up by Adobe and Microsoft which allows either TrueType or PostScript outlines and extended character sets to be contained in a single file that works on either Mac or Windows platforms. ATM Light is free. A upcoming version of ATM Deluxe is also expected to provide explicit support for OpenType fonts –stay tuned.

<http://www.adobe.com/products/atmlight/main.html>

ATM Deluxe 4.6

After updating ATM Light to version 4.6 last week, Adobe has followed suit on Type Manager Deluxe. Like the Light variety, version 4.6 is a universal installer for Mac OS 8.1 through 9.0.4 (previously there were three separate ATM Deluxe 4.5's (4.5 for Mac OS 8.5, 4.5.1 for Mac OS 8.6 and 4.5.2 for Mac OS 9.x). In addition to the simplified installation requirements this new ATM Deluxe supports the new OpenType standard from Adobe and Microsoft. If you are not using the new Adobe Pro Fonts (currently Tekton Pro is only available bundled with Adobe InDesign) then you do not strictly need this update.

<http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/8522.htm>

Adobe Type Reunion Deluxe 2.6

ATR has also been created in a universal installer for Mac OS 8.1-9.0.4. It also is compatible with OpenType Pro fonts. And again, if you are not using Pro Fonts you do not strictly need this:

<http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/8526.htm>