

THE INDESIGN EXPERT PRODUCTION SEQUENCE

- 1. FORMAT THE CORRECT SIZE.** The most important and basic production step is to create a document or a frame which is exactly the right size. If you are building a document, you must also carefully format the interior space with margins and column guides. If you are drawing a frame in the middle of the document, and define a specific frame size.
- 2. ADD AND ALIGN THE OUTER STROKE.** Once a frame is created, decide if it should have a stroke. If so, add a stroke of the correct weight and style. Then open the Stroke panel -- Window>Stroke. If you have created your frame to an exact size, align the stroke to the inside.
- 3. CREATE A TEXT INSERT.** A stroked text frame needs a text inset. Always add the text inset before you begin to type.
- 4. TYPING.** Do all the typing before you begin to format the text. Always type first, and format second. Type a z in the places where a glyph will be inserted later. Usually type will not be set line for line, so let your text flow.
- 5. CHARACTER FORMATTING.** First, "rough in" the text. Select all the text and then apply the most commonly used types style, size and leading values, usually the specifications for the body copy text. Then, go back and add specific character attributes, including glyphs and raised caps.
- 6. PARAGRAPH FORMATTING.** When the character attributes are finished, encode paragraph attributes including indents, drop caps, space before, space after, and hyphenation.
- 7. PROOF YOUR WORK.** The job isn't done until you have proofed it. Run spell check before printing and print a copy of your project. Compare your project with the original, marking changes as needed. Confirm that type use is consistent throughout the document. Make any changes, print, and proof again.

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I did not enjoy this project. It was very hard, and it wasn't as enjoyable as the last projects that we did, but I did learn a lot today and I was forced to use my typing skills. I think this project is more designed for a company, and I am glad I got it out the way.