

Getting Started

This document provides installation, activation, training and documentation information for the DesignMerge software packages from Meadows Publishing Solutions.

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Overview

About the DesignMerge Suite

Thank you for your interest in DesignMerge software from Meadows Publishing Solutions. DesignMerge software consists of a suite of plug-in modules for Adobe® InDesign® that provide sophisticated variable data printing, data publishing, imposition and automation features.

The DesignMerge family currently includes **DesignMerge Pro** for variable data and personalized printing, **DesignMerge Catalog** for updating price, descriptive copy and picture content in catalogs and other retail publications, **DesignMerge PDF Imposer**, an incredibly fast multi-up imposition tool, and **DesignMerge Server**, which provides support for Web2Print and automated systems using Adobe InDesign Server software.

System Requirements

Unless otherwise stated, all DesignMerge software is compatible with the hardware and operating systems currently supported by the version of Adobe InDesign where the software is being installed. Please be sure to download the DesignMerge software installer that matches the version of Adobe InDesign you are running.

Internet Requirements

License Activation

All DesignMerge software modules require Internet access in order to initially Activate and Validate the software. The activation process uses SSL, which ensures that all processes are encrypted and secure.

License Validation

After your software has been activated, your license will be validated at regular intervals to ensure that your software is current and up to date. The validation process is performed automatically when your software starts up.

In order to perform the validation, Internet access is required so the software can verify the license with our online registration system. Provided that an Internet connection is available, the license validation process happens in the background and is completely transparent to the end user.

No personal or sensitive information is transmitted during the activation or validation processes.

Software Installation

There is a single DesignMerge installer to use for ALL of the DesignMerge desktop software products (the DesignMerge Server software requires a separate installer).

Installers are available on our [Downloads Page](#) for each supported version of Adobe InDesign. Please be sure that you are using the installer that corresponds to your version of Adobe InDesign. To install DesignMerge software, please follow the steps below:

1) Quit Adobe InDesign and Run the Installer

If you are running Adobe InDesign, quit the application before installing the DesignMerge software. Then double-click the installer to begin.

2) Click Continue/Next and Agree to the EULA

A copy of the End User Software License Agreement will be presented. You must agree to the terms of the EULA before proceeding.

3) Confirm the Install Settings and Click the Continue button

Installation of DesignMerge includes all required modules.

4) Software Installation Complete!

Once the installer finishes, your DesignMerge software has been fully installed. You now need to activate your software. Please continue to the next section to activate your DesignMerge software.

Software Activation

Once you have completed the installation, you are now ready to activate your DesignMerge software.

Internet Connection Required

All DesignMerge software modules require Internet access in order to initially Activate and Validate the software. Please follow the steps below to activate your AccurioPro software:

1) Run Adobe InDesign

Start by running your Adobe InDesign application. The first time the DesignMerge software loads, you will be prompted to activate the software.

2) Enter your Name, Company, and Order Code

Each license of DesignMerge requires an **Order Code**. You should have received your Order Code via email. When ready, click the **Activate** button.

Trial License Available: If you do not have an Order Code for your DesignMerge software, you may request to receive a Trial License for the software by clicking the button during activation.

3) Read and Accept the Software License Agreement

Please read and agree to the terms of the software license agreement.

4) Your software should now be activated and ready to go!

When you see the DesignMerge splash screen appear, your software should be activated and ready for use.

Start Using DesignMerge Software!

If you are new to DesignMerge software, you may wish to start by visiting the online Video Training site using the link below:

www.meadowsps.com/videotraining

All you need to access the site is your software **Order Code**. After logging in, scroll to the section that you are interested in.

If you prefer to read the DesignMerge documentation on your own and work through the provided tutorials, all DesignMerge documentation is available for download on the following web page:

www.meadowsps.com/documentation

Technical Support

For more information about DesignMerge support and to submit a support ticket, go to www.meadowsps.com/support. You can also get to the support web page by selecting **Online Support Center...** from under the **DesignMerge > Help** menu in Adobe InDesign.

When requesting support, please provide the Order Code for your software. You can locate your Order Code by opening the **DesignMerge** menu and selecting **Help > About DesignMerge...** An example of the *About* window is shown below:



Software Deactivation

The software is licensed for use on one system at a time. If you wish to move your license to a different system, you must first deactivate it on the current system. Please see the following link for more details about how to deactivate your DesignMerge software:

www.meadowsps.com/deactivate

Software Uninstall

Note that deactivating the software does not uninstall or remove it from your system. Please see the following link for more details about permanently removing your DesignMerge software:

www.meadowsps.com/uninstall

FREE Viewer Software

Documents prepared with DesignMerge software contain metadata that is included in the document to identify variable data items. If DesignMerge documents will be edited on workstations that **are not** using DesignMerge software, we provide a free module to assist.

The **Meadows Tag Display** software modules are designed to visualize all of the DesignMerge or other Meadows product tags in the document, and permit normal editing of the document without loss of tagged information. Please see the following link for more details:

www.meadowsps.com/tagdisplay

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