

Installation Guide

This document describes the DesignMerge® Pro software package from Meadows Publishing Solutions and provides instructions for installing DesignMerge for use with the **QuarkXPress®** or **Adobe® InDesign®** software applications. The installation instructions are for both Macintosh and Windows platforms. For step-by-step instructions on how to use the various features of DesignMerge, please see the DesignMerge Tutorial Manual, which is also available in PDF format in the DesignMerge product folder.

Topics covered in this document:

- ✓ Overview
- ✓ Installing the DesignMerge software
- ✓ Installing the Security Key (for purchased copies only)
- ✓ Activating the DesignMerge software
- ✓ Technical support



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Overview

About DesignMerge® Pro

Thank you for your interest in DesignMerge Pro, the award-winning variable data software package from Meadows Publishing Solutions. DesignMerge consists of a suite of XTensions™ modules for QuarkXPress®, and plug-in modules for Adobe® InDesign®, that provide sophisticated variable data printing and data publishing features. Used by major publishing professionals worldwide, DesignMerge is the proven tool-of-choice for a wide variety of variable data applications such as direct mail pieces, brochures, business cards, name badges, labels, coupons, invitations, event programs, tickets, financial documents and fund statements. For more information about DesignMerge, including software updates, please visit the DesignMerge web site at www.designmerge.com.

System Requirements

Unless otherwise stated, all Meadows software is compatible with the hardware and operating systems currently supported by the version of the Adobe InDesign or QuarkXPress application where the Meadows software is installed.

Please be sure to download the Meadows software that is appropriate for the version of Adobe InDesign or QuarkXPress that you are running. If you do not see a download that matches your version of Adobe InDesign or QuarkXPress, feel free to send an email to our support department at support@meadowsp.com and they can provide further information about when the release might be available.

You can also find information about System Requirements for Meadows software on the Meadows web site:

<http://www.meadowsp.com/systemrequirements>

Software Installation

A separate DesignMerge installer is available for each version of QuarkXPress or Adobe InDesign that DesignMerge supports. Please be sure that you are using the DesignMerge installer that corresponds to your version of QuarkXPress or InDesign.

The instructions below are provided for both Macintosh and Windows systems. Differences in the installation instructions between platforms will be noted.

To install DesignMerge, follow the steps below:

1) Quit QuarkXPress or InDesign.

If you are running QuarkXPress or InDesign, quit the application before installing the DesignMerge software.

2) Launch the DesignMerge Installer.

Double-click the DesignMerge Installer to start the installer program.

3) Enter Password (if required) and click OK/Continue.

DesignMerge may require password permission to install some of its software components. Enter your system password if prompted to do so. When the installer window is presented, click the **Continue** button to begin the installation.

4) Review the information on the Introduction and click Continue.

5) Agree to the Meadows SLA.

A copy of the Meadows Software License Agreement will be presented. Click the **Continue/Agree** button(s) if you agree with the terms of the license.

6) Select Destination Volume/Drive.

A list of available hard disk drives or volumes will be presented. Select the drive where you wish to install the DesignMerge software (note: the selected drive should be the drive where your QuarkXPress or InDesign application is installed). The DesignMerge product folder will also be installed onto the selected drive. This folder contains documentation, tutorials, and other support files for DesignMerge. If you wish to choose a different location for the product folder, you may use the **Select Folder...** button to do so.

7) Choose Installation Type (Easy/Typical or Custom).

An **Easy/Typical** Install may be used to install all of the DesignMerge software modules, including all Required and Optional software. Note that Optional modules typically require a separate activation code and purchase, but may also be operated in Demo mode, so selecting an Easy/Typical Install is the preferred

installation type. If you do not want to install all of the DesignMerge modules, use the popup menu to select **Custom Install** and use the check boxes to select the specific modules that you want to install.



DesignMerge will not operate unless the Required Software modules are installed, so please be sure to select those if you choose to perform a Custom Install.

8) Select Optional Modules (if prompted).

You may also be prompted to select Optional Modules to install. Note that Optional modules typically require a separate activation code and purchase, but may also be operated in Demo mode.

9) Select your QuarkXPress or InDesign folder (if prompted).

The Installer will search the selected volume/drive for copies of QuarkXPress or Adobe InDesign. If more than one folder is located, you will be prompted to choose the folder where you want to install DesignMerge. Otherwise the installation will proceed and install the necessary files.

10) Install Security Key Software (not required for Demo or Eval mode).

At the end of the installation, you will be prompted to install the DesignMerge Security Key software. This is a required part of the installation only for purchased copies that require a Security Key. If you intend only to operate DesignMerge in Demo or Evaluation mode, click **Skip This Step** when prompted. Otherwise, just follow the prompts for the Security Key Installer.



IMPORTANT: Please note carefully whether the Security Key Software installer recommends unplugging a previously installed security key before continuing the installation.

11) Attach Hardware Security Key (if required).

If you are installing a purchased copy of DesignMerge which requires a Security Key, please be sure to follow the instructions in the Security Key Installation topic in this document before starting your QuarkXPress or InDesign applications. Note that DesignMerge does not require a Security Key if you intend to operate the software in **Demo** or **Evaluation** mode. See the "Security Key Installation" topic in this document for more information about installing your DesignMerge security key.

12) Installation Complete.

You are now ready to begin using DesignMerge! To do so, run your QuarkXPress or Adobe InDesign program. If DesignMerge has been installed properly, you should be prompted to enter an Activation Code for the product. You may enter an activation code, or click the **Demo** button to operate the product in demonstration mode. See the "Software Activation" topic in this document for more information about activating your DesignMerge software.

Security Key Installation

Not Required for Demo or Evaluation Copies!

You can skip this section if you will be using DesignMerge Pro in Demo or Evaluation mode. DesignMerge Pro does not require a Security Key if you intend to operate the software in **Demo** or **Evaluation** mode.

Installing the Security Key (Required only for purchased copies)

To use a purchased copy of DesignMerge Pro, you must attach the provided hardware Security Key. Upon purchasing DesignMerge Pro, you should receive a USB Security Key that looks like one of the keys pictured below:



USB Security Key



If you are upgrading an older version of DesignMerge Pro and have previously installed the security key, it is not necessary to reinstall the key unless you have received a different key for use with your new version.

To install the Security Key, follow the steps below:

- 1) Turn off the computer.**
- 2) Attach the Security Key to any available USB (Universal Serial Bus) port.**
Attach the Security Key to the USB port that is on the back of the computer (or any other available USB port such as a USB port on the keyboard).
- 3) Power the computer back on.**
You are now ready to activate your DesignMerge Pro software!

Software Activation

Once you have installed your DesignMerge software and the Security Key (if required), you are now ready to activate your DesignMerge software. Please follow the steps below to activate your DesignMerge software:

1) Run the page layout application where you installed DesignMerge Pro.

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



If you are not prompted to activate the DesignMerge Pro software, please proceed to the “Verifying Installation” topic in this document.

2) Enter your Name, Company, and Activation Code (or click Demo).

Enter your **Name**, **Company**, and **Activation Code** for the module that is requesting activation. Activation codes for DesignMerge modules can be found on a card inside your DesignMerge box. If you registered for the software at the Meadows web site, you may have received your activation codes via e-mail. When ready, click the **Activate** button.

Running in Demo Mode: If you do not have an activation code for a module and wish to try out the software, click the **Demo** button instead to activate the software in Demo Mode. When DesignMerge is running in Demo Mode, the software is fully functional, however, there are limitations on the number of links and records that can be processed.

3) Read and Accept the Software License Agreement.

Click the **Accept** button to accept the terms of the agreement or click **Decline** if you do not agree with the terms. Please note that you must accept the terms of this agreement to use the software. Note also that these terms apply to any other Meadows software modules that may be required by DesignMerge.

4) Activate other installed modules as described above.

If you installed any other modules that require activation (such as any of the DesignMerge Optional Software modules), you will be prompted to enter a separate activation code for each of them as well.

Verify Installation

If DesignMerge loaded successfully, you should see a **DesignMerge** menu appear on the menu bar of your page layout application. If you do not see a **DesignMerge** menu, repeat the installation instructions described earlier in this document, or contact the Meadows technical support department.



If a DesignMerge module will not load successfully, please visit the Meadows web site (www.meadowspss.com/systemrequirements) to determine if this module is supported by your system and version of QuarkXPress or Adobe InDesign. Additionally, the Knowledgebase section of the Meadows Help Desk provides helpful tips for installation problems. To access the Meadows Knowledgebase, go to www.meadowspss.com/support.

Start Using DesignMerge!

If you are new to DesignMerge, you may wish to start by reading the **DesignMerge Introduction** document that is available in PDF format in the DesignMerge product folder, which the installer places by default in your system's Applications or Program Files folder. This document describes DesignMerge in more detail, and also serves as an introduction to the DesignMerge Tutorials and additional documentation included with the product. If you have any problems or questions about the installation of DesignMerge, please see the Technical Support topic in this document.



*For those using a Demo or Evaluation version of the DesignMerge software, the Activation windows may be displayed each time you start the page layout application where DesignMerge is installed, however it is not necessary to enter information in these windows. Instead, you may simply click the **Continue Demo/Evaluation** button that will be displayed on the Activation window when the software has been activated as a Demo or Evaluation.*

Technical Support

For information about Meadows Support and to access both the Meadows Help Desk and the Meadows Knowledgebase, go to www.meadowsps.com/support.

From the Meadows Support website page, you may open a new support ticket, view the status of your open tickets, review any of your tickets that have been resolved, or view the Meadows Knowledgebase. The Knowledgebase is a categorized collection of answers to FAQs and serves as an excellent source for resolving your technical support questions.

Providing top-notch technical support has always been a priority for us, and we are confident that the Meadows Help Desk and Meadows Knowledgebase will allow us to provide the fastest, most efficient response to your technical support requests.

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