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ImageHorn



This is a free download; it supports Mac & Windows versions of InDesign CS, CS2, CS3 or CS4.

Goal

ImageHorn is a plug-in designed to enable dynamic image fitting ('horn' like in 'shoe-horn'). Dynamic image fitting automatically re-applies the selected fitting settings to an image each time you resize the frame that contains it.

Download

This is a free download. Before you can use the *ImageHorn* plug-in you also have to install our free *APID ToolAssistant* plug-in, which is available as a second, separate download.

ImageHorn supports InDesign CS, CS2, CS3 and CS4 on Mac or Windows.

↓ Download the *ImageHorn* plug-in (version 1.0.2 – Free download – does not include the *APID ToolAssistant*. Don't worry about the icon of the .spln file: it might not be a 'regular' icon, and that's OK)

↓ Download *APID ToolAssistant for InDesign* (version 1.0.47 – Free)

You don't need to purchase a license for *APID ToolAssistant* (but we're always grateful if you do – it helps us fund further development). The *ImageHorn* plug-in will work fine with an unlicensed *APID ToolAssistant*.

To encourage us by purchasing the US\$25 optional license, select the *API – APID ToolAssistant...* menu item, select the 'APID ToolAssistant' entry in the list, and click the *Get License...* button. Purchasing a license helps us fund further development of cool stuff!

If you don't purchase a license, *APID ToolAssistant* will show itself as 'Demo' for the first 20 days after it was first installed, and after the 20 days are up, it will change to 'Unlicensed'. Don't be alarmed by this. It will **not** stop working. *ImageHorn* works with an unlicensed version of *APID ToolAssistant*, and purchasing a license is optional.

Let us know if this tool is useful to you, at pluginsupport@rorohiko.com. Thanks!

Installation

Please make sure you have a copy of the *APID ToolAssistant* plug-in installed.

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Make sure you install the proper plug-in for your version of InDesign. InDesign CS, CS2, CS3 and CS4 plug-ins are mutually incompatible.

If you already have an *APID ToolAssistant* plug-in installed (e.g. because you use one of our other plug-ins), make sure it is up-to-date.

When installing plug-ins make sure you copy plug-in *files*, not the folders they are contained in.

Copy the *ImageHorn.spln* into the same folder as the *APID ToolAssistant* plug-in you installed (typically that will be the InDesign Plug-Ins folder). Don't worry about the icon of the .spln file: it might not be a 'regular' icon, and that's OK.

Usage

After you have installed the plug-ins, select any frame that contains a placed image. Then right-click or control-click the selection to bring up the context menu. Alternatively, you can also use the *API - ImageHorn...* menu from the menu bar. In either of these menus there should be a menu item called *ImageHorn*.

This menu item should contain the following options:

- » No Dynamic Fitting
- » Dynamic Fit
- » Dynamic Fit Proportionally
- » Dynamic Fill Proportionally
- » Dynamic Center

If you want, you can assign keyboard shortcuts to these menu items via *Edit - Keyboard Shortcuts...* (look for product area *Active Page Item*).

In short, the procedure is:

1. Select image
2. Right-click (Windows) or control-click (Macintosh)
3. Select the preferred fitting option from the *ImageHorn* context menu

Version history

17-Sep-2009: Version 1.0.2:

- » Can now assign fitting options to empty frames – so it is possible to prepare a template with empty frames where you can then later place images, and have these placed images 'auto-fit' or 'auto-fill'.

8-May-2009: Version 1.0.1:

- » Added support for placed PDF and EPS files.

14-Jan-2009: Version 1.0.0:

- » Initial release.

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