

Software Review by Wm. Roger Lakner
of
The Adobe® Professional Software Application



InDesign 2.0®

Wow! Finally a professional page design application for use with Apple's new Operating System Ten. I have been spending a whole week of my spare time learning, creating, tweaking, printing, saving, and exporting to PDF & HTML. One finds that it is easy to just get carried away doing what one loves to do best with an application like this.

The PAUG June 2k3 newsletter (link above) and this page are the first samples of my using InDesign as a base with the Adobe application GoLive. I know that I have just scratched the surface of learning InDesign's many facets for bringing out our artistic talents to unlimited heights.

Saving to PDF and printing directly from InDesign or the exported PDF provides smooth professional looking pages. Many of PAUG's past and future archived newsletters and reviews will be re-done or created using InDesign based PDF's.

We have to leave room for both of us to improve. I have not yet found a way to create a WYSIWYG, other than making a graphic from the text of the InDesign page with the direct export to an HTML page. The text font type and size changes during the export causing text to over-run the text boxes and changes the apostrophes to a different character. I tried to use several different fonts which gave me the same result.

The price of this product is very fair for business layout professionals at US \$699, upgrade US \$149. Many other prices are available for educators, switchers, and PhotoShop users. Adobe also has sales on their site of third party plug-ins, tutorials and a combination package including the latest versions of Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, and Acrobat at US \$1,199. I wonder if Adobe will someday create an InDesign like application priced for the consumer who just makes flyers, cards or brochures?

InDesign just can't be beat for working within Windows and Mac OS X. Adobe has left no stone unturned in providing the user with its included manual, Quick reference card, and so many support options.

Why with all this applications capabilities and help resources, I just know that I have a great chance of calling myself a professional some day .