

## About the “Add page buttons” script

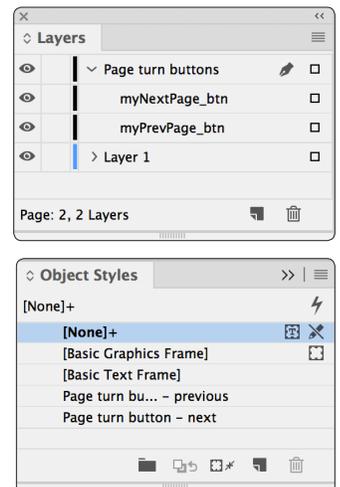
It's a simple matter in InDesign to add buttons to your page with the “Goto Next Page” or “Goto Previous Page” actions. However, these type of buttons often don't work properly in exported PDFs when viewed in a browser or with the Preview app on the Macintosh or in various PDF readers on mobile devices.

This script provides an automated method for adding “universal” page turning buttons to an InDesign file that will work in every type of output, on any viewing platform. Compatibility is ensured because the buttons are simply hyperlinks that point to specific pages of the document. These would be very tedious to create by hand, but the script makes this easy.

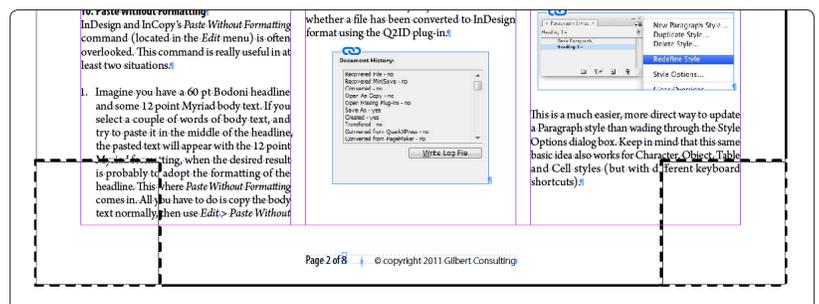
### Basic use

If you run the script with no special preparation on your file, the script does the following:

1. A layer named *Page turn buttons* is created if it doesn't already exist
2. Two object styles named *Page turn button - previous* and *Page turn button - next* are created if they don't already exist

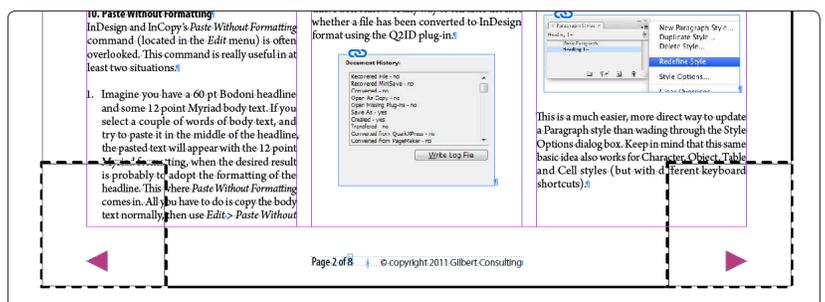


3. A frame with no fill and no stroke is created on the bottom left and bottom right corners of each page. This frame is then hyperlinked to the previous and next pages of the document. The correct object style is assigned to each frame.



It is intended that these clear frames would just be the invisible “tap zone” for each button, and that you would create visible artwork such as a forward and back arrow underneath each of these buttons, ideally on a master page.

The script is fully un-doable via *Edit > Undo*.



## Advanced use

If you want to use your own artwork as a button, do the following:

1. Create a layer named *Page turn buttons* in your file, and make this the top layer
2. On **page 2** of your file, create artwork for a previous page button and a next page button. This artwork can be anything: InDesign objects, placed graphics, anything that you can put on a page in InDesign. However, each button must either be a single object or a group. In other words, when you are done, page 2 should contain only 2 objects, though each “object” can be a group.
3. Move these objects to the *Page turn buttons* layer
4. Run the *Add page buttons* script. The artwork you created on page 2 will be replicated as buttons on all the other pages.

## Re-running the script

Any time that you add pages, remove pages, or rearrange pages in your document, the hyperlinks on each of the buttons will be incorrect. To fix this, just run the script again. The old buttons will be removed, and identical new buttons will be created on each page of your document.

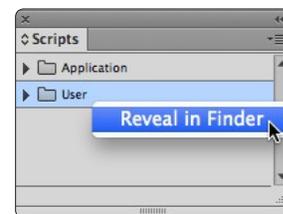
## Compatibility

This script will work with Macintosh and Windows InDesign CS5 and later.

## Installation

Follow the steps below to copy the *Add page buttons* script to the correct location:

1. Run InDesign
2. Display the Scripts panel on the screen (*Window > Utilities > Scripts*)
3. Right-click on the *User* folder in the panel, and choose *Reveal in Finder* (Mac) or *Reveal in Explorer* (Windows)
4. The folder that is highlighted in the Finder/Explorer is the folder you need to copy the *Add page buttons.jsxbin* file into.
5. Return to InDesign, and you should see the scripts appear in the User folder in the Scripts panel. You may need to flip the User folder closed and open once using the triangle to the left of the word “User”.



More information on how to install scripts can be found at [adobe.ly/PgvxGB](http://adobe.ly/PgvxGB).

Watch a free Lynda.com video about how to install a script at [bit.ly/2eLcHe2](http://bit.ly/2eLcHe2).

## Disclaimer

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# About Gilbert Consulting

Keith Gilbert is the principal of Gilbert Consulting, a St. Paul Minnesota consulting and training firm. Keith has been instructing and consulting with graphic designers and communicators since 1985.

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