

# Select table column script

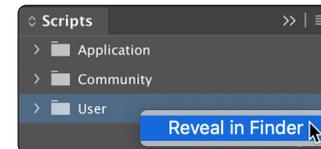
InDesign provides two handy keyboard shortcuts for selecting rows and columns in tables. Place your cursor in a table cell, and press *Command+3* (Mac) or *Ctrl+3* (Windows) to select the table row. Press *Command+Option+3* (Mac) or *Ctrl+Alt+3* (Windows) to select the table column. This built-in column-selection shortcut selects the entire column, including any header or footer rows.

I've worked on a couple of big projects where I needed to repeatedly select a column *without* selecting the header or footer cells. So that is what this little script does. Place your cursor in a cell, run the script, and the column that contains the cursor will be selected, *without* any header or footer cells that might be in the column.

Of course, if you use this script a lot you'll want to assign a keyboard shortcut to the script, using *Edit > Keyboard Shortcuts*.

## Installing the script

1. Run InDesign.
2. Display the Scripts panel on the screen (*Window > Utilities > Scripts*).
3. Right-click the *User* folder in the panel, and choose *Reveal in Finder* (Mac) or *Reveal in Explorer* (Windows).
4. Copy the *Select table column.jsx* file into the folder that is highlighted in the Finder/Explorer.
5. Return to InDesign, and you should see the script appear in the User folder in the Scripts panel.



More information on how to install scripts can be found at [adobe.ly/PgvxGB](https://adobe.ly/PgvxGB) and [creativepro.com/how-to-install-scripts-in-indesign/](https://creativepro.com/how-to-install-scripts-in-indesign/).

## Compatibility

This script has been tested to work with Macintosh and Windows InDesign 2023 and later. It will most likely work with many older versions but this has not been tested.

## Disclaimer

This script is provided “as is”. Use at your own risk. No technical support for this script is provided.

## Is this useful?

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