

OPI Workflow for Adobe InDesign

For Adobe InDesign are two kinds of OPI processes available: The classical Postscript-based OPI workflow and the modern PDF-native OPI workflow of HELIOS.

Transparency is the problem...

If you define transparency on OPI layout images in Adobe InDesign or place other transparent objects such as text frames or vector objects on top of these images, you will get an incorrect output using the classical OPI workflow. This is because InDesign flattens such objects with the result that the HELIOS Server is not able to replace the images correctly. The low-resolution layout images are printed out without a warning being issued.

Using the modern PDF-native OPI workflow flattening is not needed anymore. However, if you place images that are transparent by itself (e.g. TIFF or PSD), InDesign will not generate OPI comments for these, so that the PDF output will be defective.

The solution

OPI Manager by macademy® is a plug-in for Adobe InDesign which offers you a complete OPI workflow with HELIOS ImageServer. When printing from InDesign, OPI Manager recognises which layout images are affected by the flattening process and automatically replaces them with the corresponding high-resolution original images during printing. All layout techniques such as transparency, drop shadows and soft edges are processed correctly. Only the necessary images are replaced, which means that the printing process takes only slightly longer. All the layout images that are not affected by the flattening process are still replaced by the HELIOS ImageServer.

Within the modern PDF-native OPI workflow OPI Manager recognizes the images that are critical to the process and adds missing OPI comments.

OPI Manager therefore combines the host of design options offered by InDesign with the performance of the HELIOS Image server, thus enabling a smooth and reliable OPI-workflow.

Increased convenience

In addition, OPI Manager offers a well-structured user interface that provides OPI users with a number of additional useful features:

- With a simple mouse click, one or more layout images of a document can be replaced with the corresponding high-resolution images and vice versa. All properties of the image such as its position in the image frame or colourisation are retained.
- During direct export for PDF-native OPI process all necessary settings are applied automatically. Creating the PDF output is fast and effective.
- Detailed information of a HiRes image (color space, resolution) is displayed on demand and the HiRes image can be opened directly for editing in Photoshop without loading it before. Modified images can be updated easily.
- The packaging command of InDesign can export both layout and high-resolution images alike, irrespective of which images are placed in the document.

System requirements

To use OPI Manager you need Adobe InDesign CS3, CS4, CS5 or CS5.5 on Mac OS X or Windows. HELIOS ImageServer UB, UB+ or UB2 is supported as the OPI server.

Free test version

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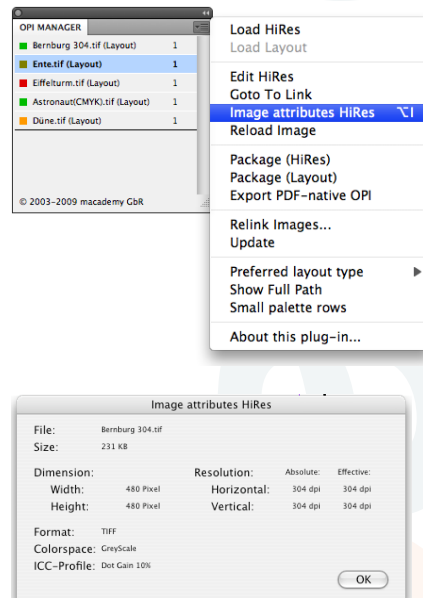
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