

# DATAformXTension/DATAformPlugin

Tools for database-publishing



The following examples work with QuarkXPress and InDesign under MacOS and Windows.

## Demo 1 - Import text with DATAformTags

In this demo a text with DATAformTags will be imported. Two QuarkXPress or InDesign pages with several text boxes and pictures will be created automatically.

Follow these steps:

- Install DATAformXTension in QuarkXPress or DATAformPlugin in InDesign.  
Quit your layout program and put the DATAform addon into your XTension or Plugin folder.
- Start your layout program create a new document with facing pages A4 tall.
- Choose the command "Preferences..." in the DATAform menu in QuarkXPress/InDesign.  
In the following dialogue choose the radio button "Import via... Dialogue". OK.
- Choose the command "Import boxes" in the DATAform menu.  
In the following Open-file-dialogue choose one of the included import files:  
in folder English QuarkXPressImportE.txt for QuarkXPress, resp.  
in folder English InDesignImportE.txt for InDesign.

DATAformXTension will parse the file and apply it to the layout program.

A rather complex document will be created fully automatically.

The document itself tells you more about some functions and features of DATAformXTension and DATAformPlugin.

## Demo 2 - Compatibility of import and export

In Demo 1 we created a QuarkXPress or a InDesign document out of text with DATAformTags. Now we will export this document, that means convert it back into an ASCII text with DATAformTags. This text with DATAformTags will be imported in a new document and create the identical document again.

At the end of demo 1 please carry on with these steps:

- Choose the command "Preferences..." in the DATAform menu in your layout program.  
In the following dialogue choose the radio button "Export via... Dialogue".  
Switch the checkbox "Including XPress/InDesign Tags" to ON. OK.
- Choose the command "Export all" in the DATAform menu.  
In the following Save-file-dialogue save the file e.g. as "Document1.AKT". OK.
- Create a new QuarkXPress document with facing pages.
- Choose the command "Import boxes" in the DATAform menu.  
In the following Open-file-dialogue choose the file "Document1.AKT",  
the one we created two steps ago. OK.
- Compare the old and the new document.

The same QuarkXPress document with all properties has been recreated out of the text with DATAformTags.

## Demo 3 - Updating of contents

In this demo we will move and change boxes and modify some contents.

The command "Update contents" will find the proper boxes in the QuarkXPress or InDesign document and update them corresponding to the text with DATAformTags.

At the end of demo 1 or 2 please carry on with these steps:

- Modify some boxes, e.g.
  - move the box within the page or to a different page,
  - modify the box size or other properties,
  - modify the text or the picture position,
  - delete the text of a text box,
  - change the red line to a green one.
- Choose the command "Update contents" in the DATAform menu.  
In the following Open-file-dialogue choose the file QuarkXPressImportE.txt or InDesignImportE.txt, like in Demo 1. OK.

All contents will be updated according to the text with DATAformTags:

- DATAformXTension/Plugin will find the boxes in the whole document.
- pictures will be reloaded
- the texts will be updated
- the line becomes red again.

But the modified positions and sizes of boxes will remain unchanged.

## Demo 3b - Updating of contents - change of language

In this last step all English texts will be replaced by German ones.

- Choose the command "Update contents" in the DATAform menu.  
In the following Open-file-dialogue choose one these import files,  
(D stands for Deutsch, meaning German):
    - in folder Deutsch QuarkXPressImportD.txt for QuarkXPress, resp.
    - in folder Deutsch InDesignImportD.txt for InDesign.
- > All texts are in German now. All modifications of boxes or the page layout remain unchanged. The content only has been replaced.

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