InDesign Server Transition for Ingram's Cover Template Generator

The InDesign server utilized for delivery of our custom Cover Template Generator is no longer being maintained by Adobe, which has required an upgrade to the InDesign CC 2019 Server. **As of October 2020, the updated Cover Template Generator will continue to deliver PDF templates, but will only deliver InDesign templates that are compatible with InDesign CC and newer.** This means, as of October 2020, InDesign CS6 and older users who currently request InDesign files from our Cover Template Generator will need to request PDF or IDML templates instead or update their version of InDesign to CC or newer.
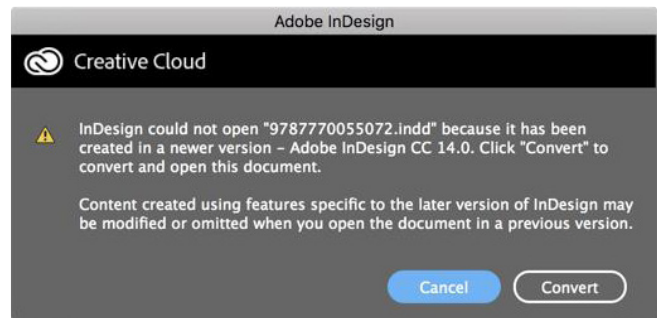
WHO WILL <u>NOT</u> BE AFFECTED?

• PDF Template Users: Those who request PDF templates from our Cover Template Generator

• InDesign CC 2019 and newer users who request InDesign templates: These users will be able to open the InDesign templates emailed to them as normal.

• Those who do not utilize our Cover Template Generator

WHO <u>WILL</u> BE AFFECTED?

• **InDesign CC users with versions from CC to CC 2018:** These users will be able to receive the InDesign templates from our generator and will be able to convert them to their version. They will receive the following dialog alert when opening the initial InDesign file and should choose to "convert" the file. From our testing, there is nothing "modified or omitted" when opening our templates using this process:

• **InDesign CS6 and older:** Users who currently request our Indd template and only have an InDesign version CS6 or older will need to either request a PDF or IDML template or will need to update their software to InDesign CC and newer by October 2020. The IDML option will allow InDesign users with versions CS6 to CS4 to open the template in InDesign as "Untitled Document," but will require the user to save the file with the proper filename manually.

We will temporarily allow these users to continue to request an InDesign CS3 template from our legacy system until October 2020, to allow sufficient time to make necessary changes.

WHEN WILL CHANGES TAKE PLACE?

• **August 2020:** The InDesign CC option in the Cover Template Generator interface will become the default option. InDesign CS3 will remain at this point, but not be the default. This will allow those who have not fully transitioned to InDesign CC to be aware of the upcoming change, while still providing a temporary fallback if they still need to make adjustments on their end.

• **October 2020:** The InDesign CS3 option will be removed from the Cover Template Generator. At this point the available options will be InDesign CC, PDF, and IDML.

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