

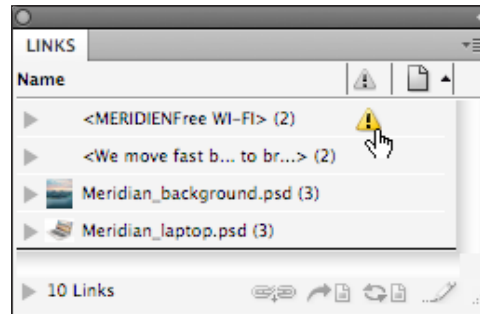
Adobe® InDesign® CS5.5 How-to guide

Linking text stories

When you need to use the same text more than once in your document, keeping track of changes can be a real chore... until now. The new Place and Link Story feature makes synchronizing your edits easy by letting you duplicate a story as many times as you want. After you edit the original "parent" story, you can then just update the "child" stories that are linked to it. Whether you're using legal boilerplate or creating multiple ads in the same document, linking stories is a great way to ensure that your text is correct everywhere it shows up.



Step 1: Each page of this InDesign document is the same ad but differently sized. To synchronize the text on each page, select the text frames on page 1, choose Edit > Place and Link Story, and then click on page 2 to place the frames. Repeat for each page. Here, the headline on page 1 has been updated with the word *Free*.



Step 2: Each "child" frame has a linked story icon in the upper-left corner, and the story appears in the Links panel. Here, the alert icon in the Links panel shows the status as modified. Double-click the alert icon to update the link.



Step 3: The "child" stories immediately reflect the changes made to the original story on page 1, including text and formatting edits. You can have InDesign update a linked story automatically each time you save your file by selecting the link and choosing Linked Story Options from the Links panel menu.