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## Media Alert: Adobe Enhances XD's Integration with Photoshop, Illustrator, and After Effects

Audio narration tool extends to Mac users. Improved Eyedropper shortcut and plugin ecosystem.

**Hong Kong — February 15, 2019** — Adobe (Nasdaq: ADBE) has announced new integration enhancements for Adobe XD, its first all-in-one UX/UI solution for designing website and mobile app designs, with Photoshop, Illustrator and After Effects. Other than enhancements to the plugin ecosystem, there is also a new audio narration tool for Mac, and an Eyedropper shortcut.

The updated Adobe XD enables designers to import work from Photoshop and Illustrator with ease. Psd and Ai, files created by Photoshop and Illustrator respectively, will be placed in the in-use document instead of opening as a separate document. Smart objects will import as expanded layers instead of bitmaps and adjustment layers are now retained, meaning Photoshop files are now fully editable instead of flattened. Additionally, links to Creative Cloud Libraries will be retained when Psd and Ai files are imported into Adobe XD.

Adobe XD has improved the visual fidelity when exporting to After Effects and now supports text paragraph spacing, inside and outside strokes, and better Adobe XD symbols handling. Adobe has fixed an issue affecting symbols that transferred with cropped borders or shadows.

#### Record interactions with audio narration for Mac

Designers using Mac are now able to add narration via their microphone when recording desktop preview interactions; a feature previously available for Windows users via an OS-level control in Gamecenter. This feature is especially useful when users need to present the application flow to their clients or stakeholders but are unable to physically attend.

#### Eyedropper shortcut makes changing colors easier

The updated Adobe XD has added a shortcut for eyedropper allowing designers to easily change object colors. Users only need to select an object or a group of objects and press 'i' on the keyboard to bring up the eyedropper cursor. Users can select any color from the design canvas to change the color of any one or more objects.

## **Adobe XD plugin ecosystem has over 100 plugins and growing**

With over 100 plugins, users can extend the power of Adobe XD to automate repetitive tasks and bring prototypes to life. Plugins such as [UI Faces](#) can generate avatars for design mockups; [Lorem Ipsum](#) can easily insert placeholder text; and [Calendar](#) can build a real calendar month without having to look up all the months and dates manually. Developers can make use of [deep linking to plugins](#) added in the January update, making it easier to share plugins.

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