

Creating an iPad-App with InDesign CS6

First of all: It works only with InDesign CS6, older versions of InDesign don't have any import plugins for HTML.

Step 1

1. Create a text file with this content:
`<iframe src="[PATH]" width="100%" height="100%"></iframe>`
store it and hold it been opened for later use.



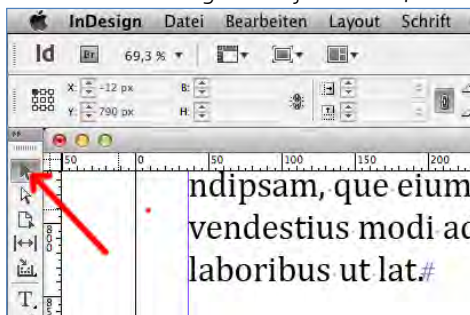
2. Create another text file, and store it as CSS file outside of the folder of your InDesign document with the following content:

```
body {  
    margin: 0 !important;  
    border: 0 !important;  
}  
object.frame-1, div.frame-1 {  
    height: auto !important;  
    width: auto !important;  
}  
iframe {  
    width: 100%;  
    height: 800px; /* that value can be customized */  
    border: 0 !important;  
}
```

3. Customize the value of the iframe's height as you need it.

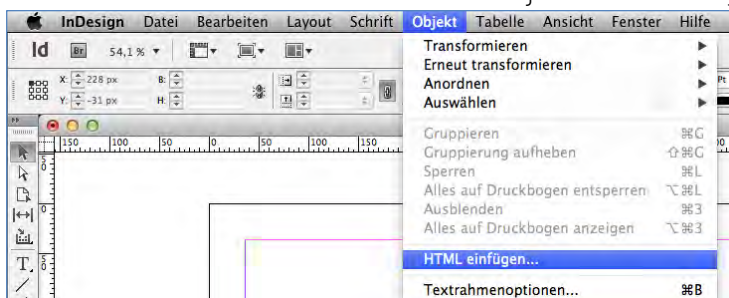
Step 2

1. Open an existing InDesign file or create a new one.
2. Take a blank page for inserting the HTML code.
3. Make sure of using the object mode, in text mode the HTML plugin won't be available.

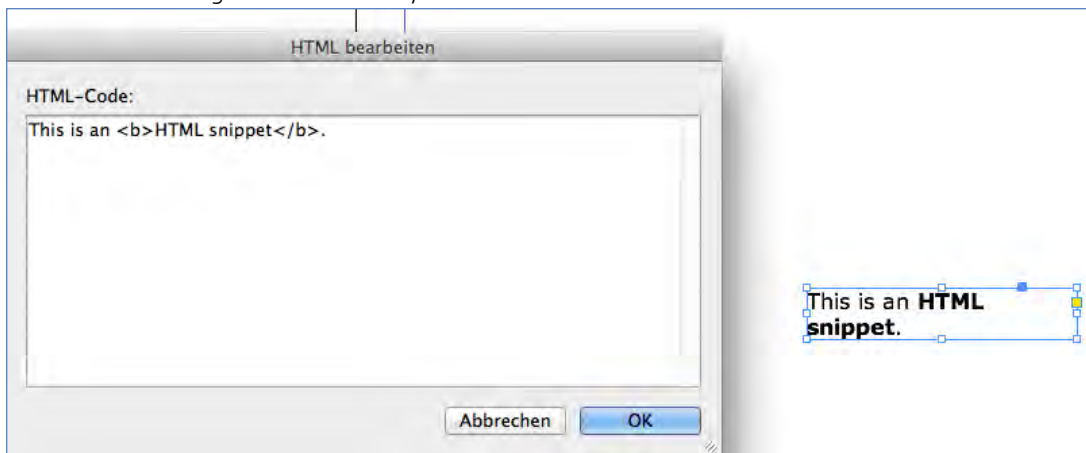


Step 3

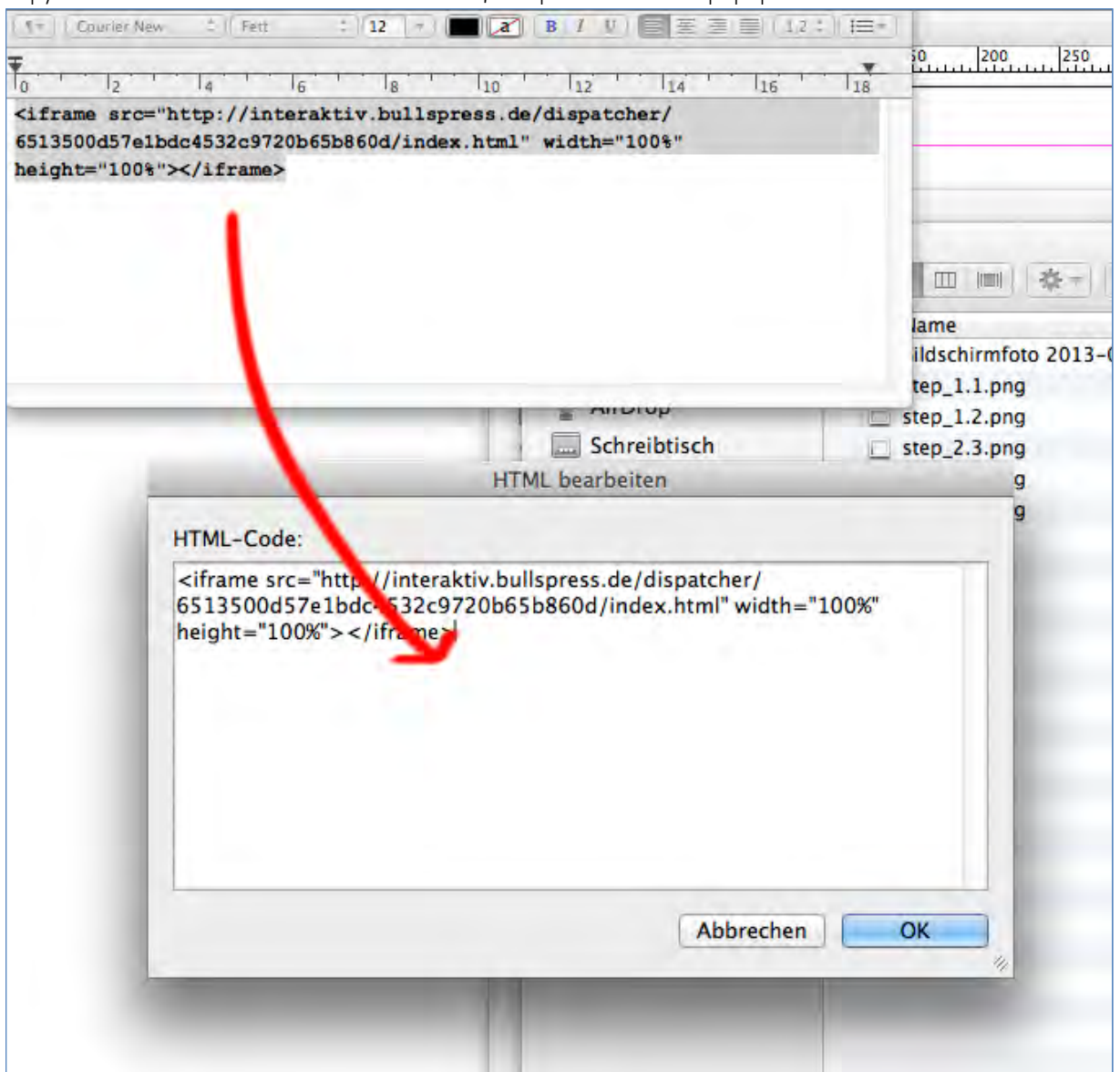
1. Choose "Insert HTML" from the menu item "object" of the InDesign main menu.



2. A popup window will open, and a small text frame appears on the center of the page. Both are containing an HTML dummy text.



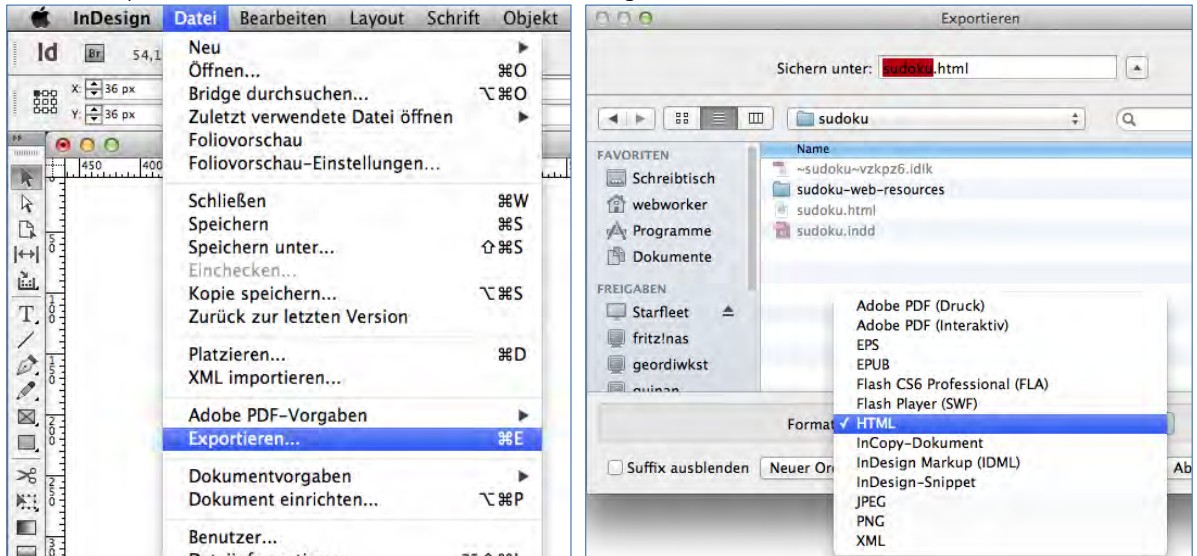
3. Copy the text from the text file described in 1.1, and paste it into the popup window.



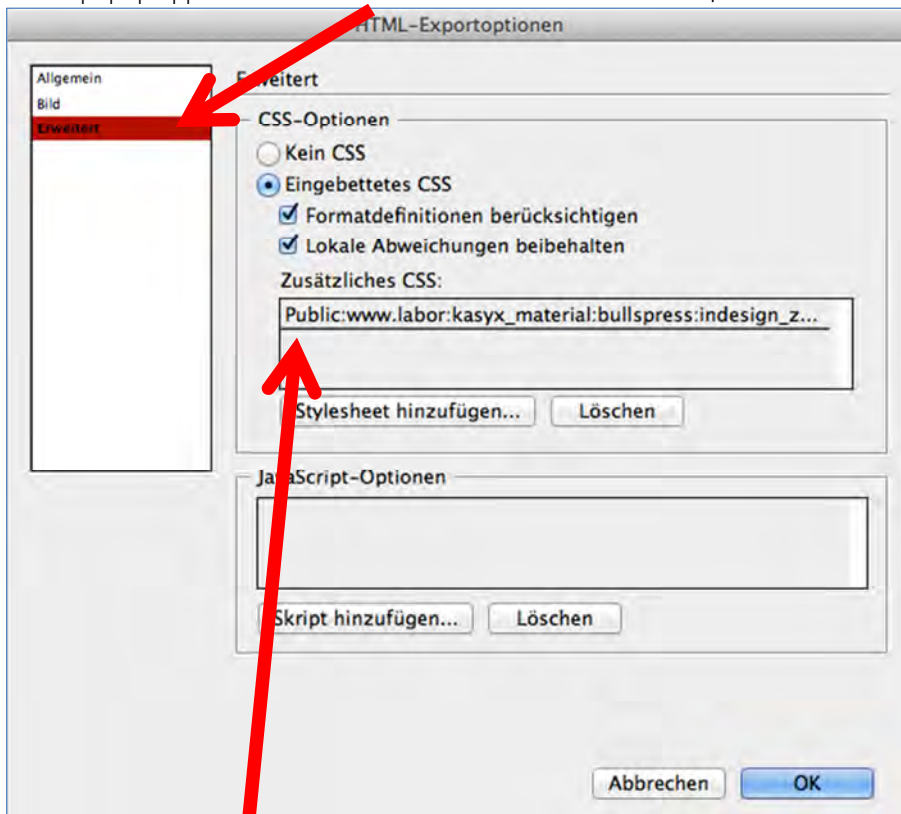
4. Close the popup window, pull the text frame to the full size of the page, and position it to the left corner.

Step 4

1. Choose "Export" from the menu item "file" of the InDesign main menu and save the file as HTML..



2. A new popup appears. Choose "Extended" from the left side bar, ...



... and embed your CSS file you created with step 1.2.

InDesign will create a default CSS file with the same name you gave to the HTML file. The location of that file **and** your embedded additional CSS file is an automatically created folder named "[name]-web-resources". **Don't edit that default CSS file, because on a new export the changes you've made will be overwritten!**

Alterations of necessary CSS classes must be written into your additional CSS file.

3. **Note:** The created HTML file and the related folder "[name]-web-resources" must be stored in the same place on the web server. Don't rename both of them or any file in that folder, because in case of changing the relationship of the files will be lost.
4. After finishing the exporting process your work is done.