

# Getting Started with Adobe InDesign Server: Download and Installation Instructions

Adobe Inc. no longer provides serial numbers for installations of Adobe InDesign Server after version 15.1.0. Instead, the license is included with the software installation package for licensed customers, available for download from a Datalogics FTP server. The IDS software installation package is provided as a ZIP file for Windows or DMG for macOS.

As long as your maintenance contract with Datalogics is current, you can access our FTP server platform.

## Downloading the latest version of IDS

Using an FTP client (port 22), connect to:

<sftp://ftp.datalogics.com>

Or use your browser to open:

<https://ftp.datalogics.com>

Contact [sales@datalogics.com](mailto:sales@datalogics.com) to access your Datalogics FTP login information.

After you log on, go to folder

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/Products/InDesign/[Platform]/[License Type]/
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## Installing the IDS software

Unpack the installation file, ZIP or DMG.

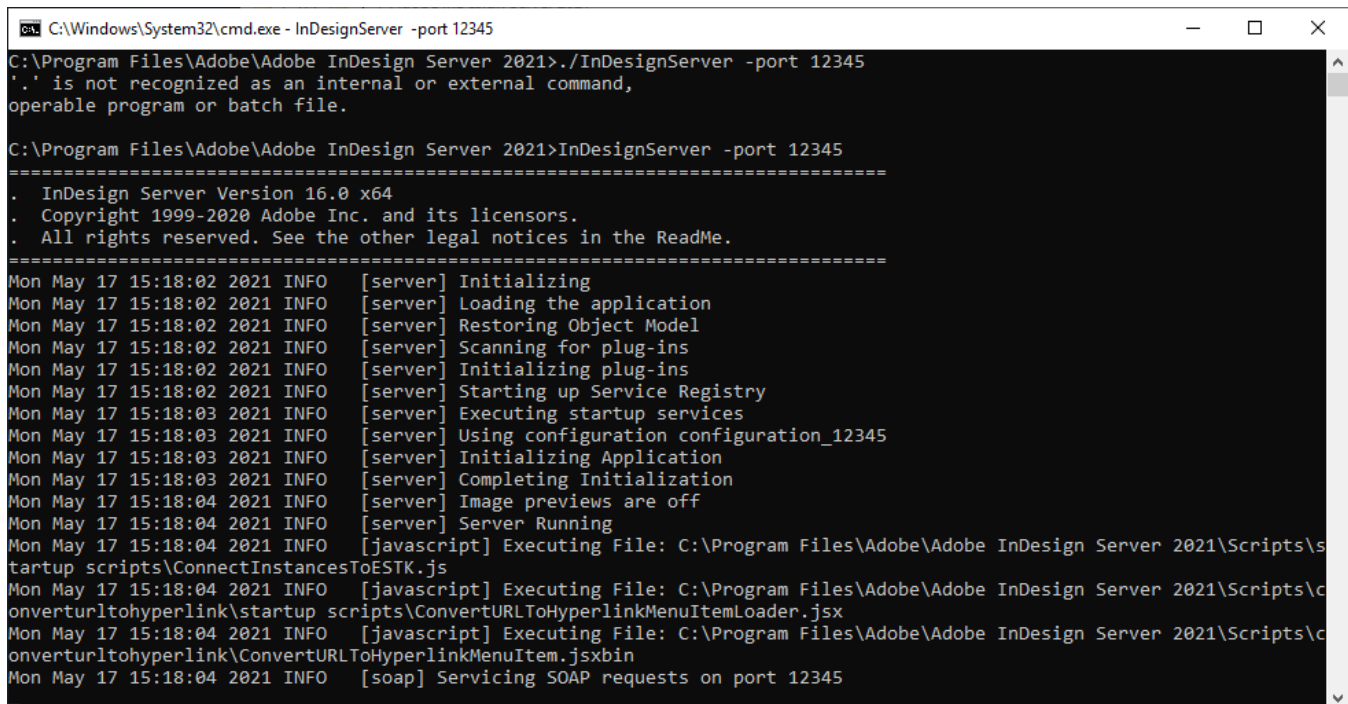
For Windows, double click Setup.exe.

For macOS, double click the install.pkg file.

After the installation process finishes successfully, try to start an instance of InDesign Server. Type:

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InDesignServer -port 12345
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The software will display the version of the product, and a series of statements to show that the product is running.



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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - InDesignServer -port 12345
C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe InDesign Server 2021>./InDesignServer -port 12345
'.' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.

C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe InDesign Server 2021>InDesignServer -port 12345
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. InDesign Server Version 16.0 x64
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. All rights reserved. See the other legal notices in the ReadMe.
=====
Mon May 17 15:18:02 2021 INFO [server] Initializing
Mon May 17 15:18:02 2021 INFO [server] Loading the application
Mon May 17 15:18:02 2021 INFO [server] Restoring Object Model
Mon May 17 15:18:02 2021 INFO [server] Scanning for plug-ins
Mon May 17 15:18:02 2021 INFO [server] Initializing plug-ins
Mon May 17 15:18:02 2021 INFO [server] Starting up Service Registry
Mon May 17 15:18:03 2021 INFO [server] Executing startup services
Mon May 17 15:18:03 2021 INFO [server] Using configuration configuration_12345
Mon May 17 15:18:03 2021 INFO [server] Initializing Application
Mon May 17 15:18:03 2021 INFO [server] Completing Initialization
Mon May 17 15:18:04 2021 INFO [server] Image previews are off
Mon May 17 15:18:04 2021 INFO [server] Server Running
Mon May 17 15:18:04 2021 INFO [javascript] Executing File: C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe InDesign Server 2021\Scripts\
startup_scripts\ConnectInstancesToESTK.js
Mon May 17 15:18:04 2021 INFO [javascript] Executing File: C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe InDesign Server 2021\Scripts\c
onverturltohyperlink\startup_scripts\ConvertURLToHyperlinkMenuItemLoader.jsx
Mon May 17 15:18:04 2021 INFO [javascript] Executing File: C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe InDesign Server 2021\Scripts\c
onverturltohyperlink\ConvertURLToHyperlinkMenuItem.jsxbin
Mon May 17 15:18:04 2021 INFO [soap] Servicing SOAP requests on port 12345
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After InDesign Server is running, you should see the following message on the console:

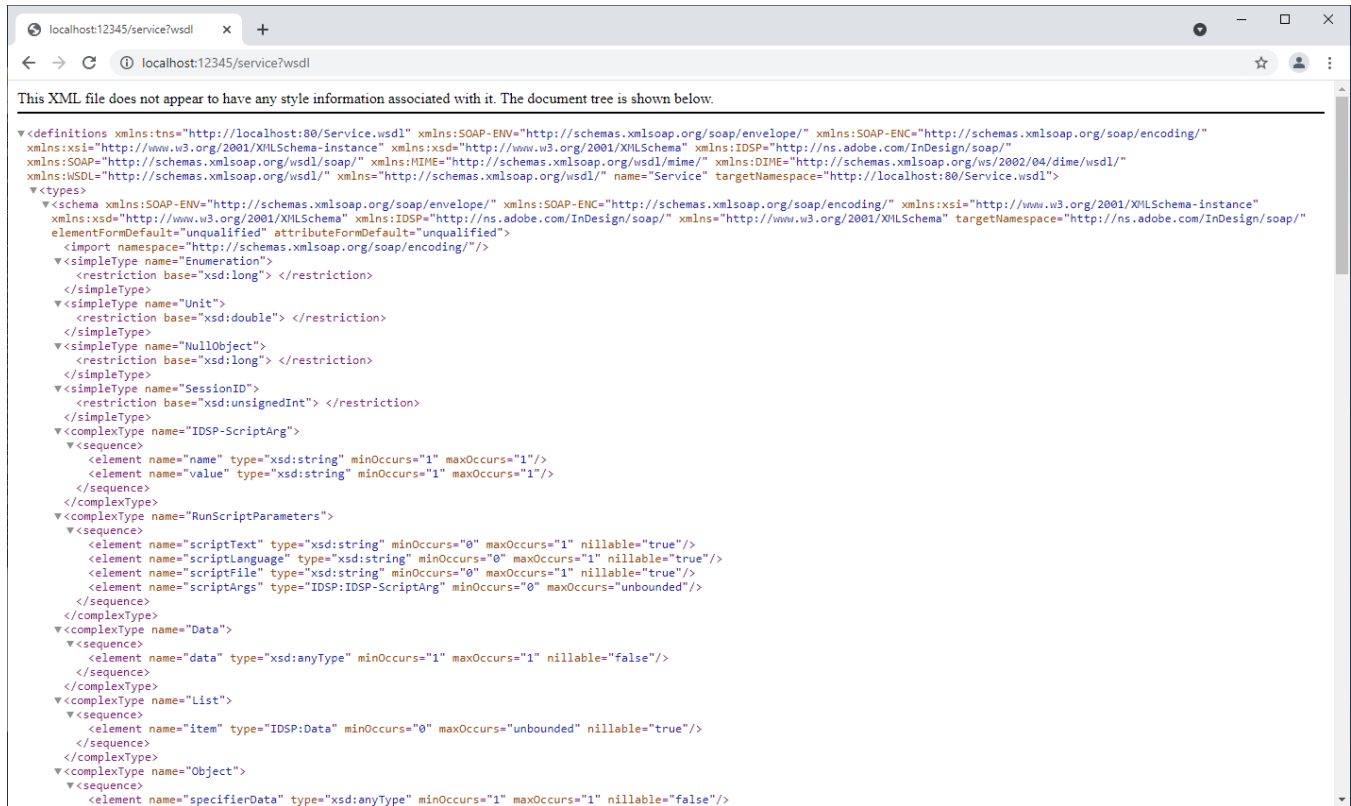
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Servicing SOAP request on port 12345
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This means that the product is ready to receive a job request on SOAP port 12345.

You can also verify that InDesign Server is responding to SOAP requests by navigating to:

<http://localhost:12345/service?wsdl>

This will respond with service definitions.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'localhost:12345/service?wsdl'. The main content area shows the XML service definitions for InDesign Server. The XML starts with a root element <definitions> and includes several namespaces. It defines a service named 'Service' and a schema named 'Schema'. The schema defines several simple types: 'Enumeration' (restriction base 'xsd:long'), 'Unit' (restriction base 'xsd:double'), 'NullObject' (restriction base 'xsd:long'), 'SessionID' (restriction base 'xsd:unsignedInt'), and 'IDSP-ScriptArg' (sequence of 'name' and 'value' elements). It also defines complex types: 'RunScriptParameters' (sequence of 'scriptText', 'scriptLanguage', 'scriptFile', and 'scriptArgs' elements), 'Data' (restriction base 'xsd:anyType'), 'List' (sequence of 'item' elements), and 'Object' (sequence of 'specifierData' elements).

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<definitions xmlns:tns="http://localhost:80/Service.wsdl" xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/" xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:IDSP="http://ns.adobe.com/InDesign/soap/"
xmlns:SOAP="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/" xmlns:MIME="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/mime/" xmlns:DIME="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2002/04/dime/wsdl/"
xmlns:WSDL="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/" xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/" name="Service" targetNamespace="http://localhost:80/Service.wsdl">
  <types>
    <schema xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/" xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:IDSP="http://ns.adobe.com/InDesign/soap/" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" targetNamespace="http://ns.adobe.com/InDesign/soap/"
  elementFormDefault="unqualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
    <import namespace="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" />
    <simpleType name="Enumeration">
      <restriction base="xsd:long" /> </restriction>
    </simpleType>
    <simpleType name="Unit">
      <restriction base="xsd:double" /> </restriction>
    </simpleType>
    <simpleType name="NullObject">
      <restriction base="xsd:long" /> </restriction>
    </simpleType>
    <simpleType name="SessionID">
      <restriction base="xsd:unsignedInt" /> </restriction>
    </simpleType>
    <complexType name="IDSP-ScriptArg">
      <sequence>
        <element name="name" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" />
        <element name="value" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" />
      </sequence>
    </complexType>
    <complexType name="RunScriptParameters">
      <sequence>
        <element name="scriptText" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true" />
        <element name="scriptLanguage" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true" />
        <element name="scriptFile" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true" />
        <element name="scriptArgs" type="IDSP:IDSP-ScriptArg" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
      </sequence>
    </complexType>
    <complexType name="Data">
      <sequence>
        <element name="data" type="xsd:anyType" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" nillable="false" />
      </sequence>
    </complexType>
    <complexType name="List">
      <sequence>
        <element name="item" type="IDSP:Data" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" nillable="true" />
      </sequence>
    </complexType>
    <complexType name="Object">
      <sequence>
        <element name="specifierData" type="xsd:anyType" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" nillable="false" />
      </sequence>
    </complexType>
  </schema>
  <service name="Service" targetNamespace="http://localhost:80/Service.wsdl">
    <binding name="Service" type="SOAP:SOAP" targetNamespace="http://localhost:80/Service.wsdl">
      <operation name="RunScript" type="SOAP:SOAP" targetNamespace="http://localhost:80/Service.wsdl">
        <input name="RunScriptRequest" type="RunScriptParameters" targetNamespace="http://localhost:80/Service.wsdl" />
        <output name="RunScriptResponse" type="Data" targetNamespace="http://localhost:80/Service.wsdl" />
      </operation>
    </binding>
  </service>
</definitions>
```

**Note:** You don't need to activate InDesign Server. The license is included in the installation package and automatically applied, and the software is automatically activated during the installation process.