

Software Makers



Stamper (X)SM

Macintosh OS X application.
Creates files in InDesign Tagged Text Format.
The files can be linked to InDesign documents,
and updated automatically.

Introduction

Stamper (X)SM must be placed on the list of **System Preferences > Login Items**, i.e. it will be automatically launched after switching the computer on. It should stay on the Dock active all the time. If accidentally close, the application must be activated again.

Stamper (X)SM offers three main functionalities.

- (1) Date stamps in different formats and styles.
- (2) Snapshot of the selected record of the **Stamper.tsv** database.
- (3) **Create Date** and **Modify Date** of listed InDesign documents.

The textual file **Stamper.ini** contains information deciding how **Stamper (X)SM** runs.

- (1) Definitions of date stamp styles.
- (2) Available date formats.
- (3) Available fonts and typefaces.
- (4) Snapshot typography.
- (5) Listed InDesign documents.
- (6) **Create Date** and **Modify Date** style and typography.

You may edit the file, but please make a copy of the current version, in case something goes completely wrong.

Date Formats

String describing a date format can contain any character, for example, space, comma, slash, dash, town name, company name, etc.

Additionally, it shows how variable parameters, such as: day, month, year, day of week are composed into the string. Variables are always in the “<” and “>” bracket, and the following names are allowed.

<D>	Day number without leading zeros. For example: 5, 9, 14.
<DD>	Day as two digit number with leading zeros. For example: 05, 09, 14.
<Dth>	Day number without leading zeros, but with one of the suffixes: “st”, “nd”, “rd”, or “th”. For example: 3rd, 15th, 21st.
<^DTH>	Day number without leading zeros, but with one of the suffixes: “ST”, “ND”, “RD”, or “TH” in uppercase mode. For example: 3RD, 15TH, 21ST.
<M>	Month number without leading zeros. For example: 1, 6, 11.
<MM>	Month as two digit number with leading zeros. For example: 01, 06, 11.
<Month>	Full name of month. For example: January, June, November.
<^MONTH>	Full name of month in uppercase mode. For example: JANUARY, JUNE, NOVEMBER.
<Mon>	First three letters of month name. For example: Jan, Jun, Nov.
<^MON>	First three letters of month name in uppercase mode. For example: JAN, JUN, NOV.

<YYYY>	All four digits of year number. For example: 1998, 2005.
<YY>	Last two digits of year number. For example: 98, 05.
<Y>	Last one digit of year number. For example: 8, 5.
<DofW>	Full name of day of week. For example: Wednesday.
<^DOFW>	Full name of day of week in uppercase mode. For example: WEDNESDAY.
<Dof>	First three letters of day name. For example: Wed.
<^DOF>	First three letters of day name in uppercase mode. For example: WED.

New Style of Date Stamp

Select the menu option: **Preferences > Date Stamp** – the **Date Stamp** window will appear on screen. Enter any name in the **Style Name** box, for example: “NewStyle”.

Select **Date Format** with the pull-down box, listing samples of available formats. Alternatively, in the box above, specify the format as described above.
For example: “<Dof> <DD> <Mon> <YYYY>” will generate date: “Mon 14 Feb 2005”.

Describe **Typography** and press **Apply**.

You may check, that a new file **NewStyle.txt** has been created in the same folder as **Stamper (X)SM**.

Database *Stamper.tsv*

Any of your existing databases may be connected to the **Stamper (X)SM** application. You simply make the extract of the database in TSV (Tab Separated Values) format, and save in the file **Stamper.tsv** of the same folder as **Stamper (X)SM**.

If you open the **Stamper.tsv** file with **TextEdit**, you will see the first line with fields names, and the database content presented one record per line.

The first pull-down box of the main window allows you to select the active record of the database. The record will be copied to several snapshot files named: *<fieldname>.txt* by **Stamper (X)SM**.

Typography, described by **Preferences > Record** will be attached to the snapshot files.

InDesign Documents Watched by *Stamper (X)SM*

The bottom pull-down box of the main window lists InDesign documents watched by **Stamper (X)SM**. The list can be edited. Two buttons on the sides of the box allow you to add another document (+) or to delete one (-) of the currently listed.

Stamper (X)SM updates information about **Create Date** and **Modify Date** of the listed documents. The result is saved in the files named: *<document>_CD.txt* and *<document>_MD.txt* in the same folder as *<document>.indd*.

Typography described by **Preferences > Documents** will be attached to the result files. Date format can be selected with the same window.