

## Adobe InDesign CS6



Module 1

Order Code: INF539 ISBN: 978-1-921939-54-9 **Module Series** 

<b>.</b>	General
	Description

The skills and knowledge acquired in this courseware will allow the learner to create a variety of documents, both print-based and digital. The learner will be able to create a variety of documents ranging from simple text documents through to complex brochures and flyers with detailed graphics and advanced formatting features.

Learning **Outcomes**  At the completion of this course you should be able to:

- work comfortably with the *InDesign* screen and workspace
- work with a broad range of InDesign tools
- create new documents in InDesign
- work with text in a document
- format text using a variety of techniques
- work with graphical elements in a document
- create and work with layers
- bring excitement to your documents with colour
- draw and work with object shapes
- create and apply styles
- create and work with tables
- create and work with alternate layouts for the same document
- prepare your document for a variety of printing options

**Target** Audience Adobe InDesign CS6 Module 1 is designed for users who are keen to use Adobe InDesign CS6 to create a variety of documents, both print based and digital.

**Prerequisites** 

This courseware assumes little or no knowledge of Adobe InDesign CS6 software. However, it would be beneficial to have a general understanding of personal computers and the operating system environment.

**Pages** 

182 pages

**Nominal Duration**\* Watsonia Publishing Modules are based around a 2-day training program consisting of approximately 14 - 16 hours

Student Files

Most of the chapters in this courseware require you to open an existing file with data in it. These files can be downloaded free of charge from our web site at www.watsoniapublishing.com. Simply follow the student files link on the home page. You will need the product code for this course which is INF539.

Some of the topics within a chapter have an optional catch-up file. These are only required if the learner wishes to start a chapter at a midway point rather than at the beginning of the chapter. These files can be obtained by contacting Watsonia Publishing (info@watsoniapublishing.com).

Methodology

The In Focus series of publications have been written with one topic per page. Topic sheets either contain relevant reference information, or detailed step-by-step instructions designed on a real-world case study scenario. Publications can be used for instructor-led training, selfpaced learning, or a combination of the two.

Companion **Products** 

There are a number of other complimentary titles in the same series as this publication. Information about other relevant publications can be found on our web site at www.watsoniapublishing.com.



<sup>\*</sup> Duration relates to study time only and does not include assessment time. Duration should be used as a guide only. Actual duration will vary depending upon the skills, knowledge, and aptitude of the participants. This information sheet was produced on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 and was accurate at the time of printing. Watsonia Publishing reserves its right to alter the content of the above courseware without notice.



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- ✓ Adjusting A Table
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- ✓ Aligning Text In A Table
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- ✓ Adjusting Overprint And Trap Settings
- ✓ Creating A Postscript File
- ✓ Exporting To PDF
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- √ Packaging A Document

#### Concluding Remarks

