

Though most of us think of InDesign as a print design tool, many of its features work quite well for quickly prototyping digital experiences. Let's look briefly at a few of these features. Many of these will be discussed in more detail throughout this course.

Grids are used by many designers and become even more important when you're creating designs that change as the width of the viewing surface changes also known as responsive design. InDesign's column guides and create guides features make this easy. You'll learn more about this in another movie. Of course, parent pages, formerly known as master pages are useful here for helping with grids, as well as adding static items to layouts.

The alternate layouts feature is useful for creating two or more layouts so that your design responds to changes in browser width and looks great on mobile devices.

CC libraries are a great place to keep all the bits and pieces that make up your organization's design system, such as logos, colors, styles, and more.

InDesign's layers panel is helpful for creating multiple versions of layouts and toggling them on and off. As well as naming elements to make them easier to locate, later, in complex layouts.

It's important to develop expertise in using paragraph, character, object, table, and cell styles. This is particularly useful for being able to start with a wireframe layout, and then later change the styles to transform it to a high fidelity layout. Similarly, assigning colors as swatches can be extremely useful for being able to make massive color changes late in the process. InDesign's interactivity and animation features along with in5's interactive widgets and build wizards allow you to quickly create interactive elements, such as menu systems, navigation buttons, animated elements, embed video, and more.

You'll want to learn more about all these features of InDesign and in5, in order to ramp up your UX design skills. Many of these features will be explained further in this course. Taken together, these features make InDesign a powerful tool for rapid prototyping and user experience design.