

One of the lesser known features of InDesign is the ability to place web content on a page and you'll see this is pretty easy. To begin, open the Acme catalog.idml file in InDesign. Switch to your browser and navigate to the URL that you created in the previous lesson. Click the Share button and select Copy Embed Code. Go back to InDesign and choose Object > Insert HTML. Paste in the embed code that is on the clipboard. Change the width to 460 and the height to 280. This is the size of the opening on the page in InDesign. Click OK. Wait a few moments until the frame snaps to the correct size. There we go. Drag the frame into place.

A placeholder graphic that represents the HTML page may or may not appear in the frame. You won't actually see the webpage until you export the document. Choose File > Save and save the file as an INDD file. Then choose File > Export HTML5 with in5. Click browse and then create a new folder called in5_output somewhere that you can find it again later. Then click open. The rest of the settings here depend largely on what you're creating, and how you want it to be viewed. For now, just change the Text Rendering to SVG and choose Web for the Output. Then click OK. When in5 is finished, click Open and Default Browser. Your browser will launch, the HTML created by in5 will be loaded and you'll see the document. Click on the model and then you'll find that you can interact with it using your mouse. That's it. That's all it takes to output an InDesign document with web content using in5. Keep in mind that unlike the image sequence method, this method requires that the viewer have internet access to view and interact with the model.