

PROTO DESK LAUNCH DOSSIER

DocuMonster Studio Editor 0.8.0

A Windows 3.11 inspired layout lab for the browser-native creative desktop.

DocuMonster enters a quasi-operating-system era with ProtoDesk Orbit. This release introduces a polished menubar, autosave, and a true layout inspector that keeps your spreads fluid while remaining production ready.

Use the new Edit menu to mix single, double, or triple column grids inside a single spread. Add text or image frames, then choose whether they float alongside the story or overlay for poster-style compositions.

Versioning is now meaningful: the core editor is DocuMonster 0.8.0, bundled inside ProtoDesk Orbit v0.9.0—the codename for our browser-based creative desktop.

Guides, crop marks, and proofing toggles remain one click away. Save layouts locally or export press-ready PDFs straight from the Export menu.

“Design for print, proof in the browser, and ship without leaving ProtoDesk.”

— DOCUMONSTER TEAM

Release Highlights

- Persistent rulers in centimetres and inches for accurate placement.
- Frame inspector for millimetre-perfect positioning.
- Autosave with local storage plus JSON import/export.
- Mirrored gutter toggles, bleed proofing, and Ugra/Fogra colour bars.

Set an image URL from the inspector.

ProtoDesk shells the editor with a familiar Windows 3.11 style surface.



LAYOUT WORKSHOP

Dynamic columns & intelligent flow

Mix content structures per page for editorial rhythm.

Switch between one, two, and three column sets inside the same spread. Each block remains editable—type directly into place and DocuMonster will keep track for autosave.

Frame wrap controls let imagery ride alongside the story or float freely for poster art. Overlay frames honour millimetre coordinates; floats behave like magazine callouts.

Columns are contenteditable, so you can prototype copy or import drafted HTML snippets without leaving ProtoDesk.

Workflow Tips

Mix floats with overlay quotes for striking emphasis. Use the inspector to dial in the exact millimetre offsets while the rulers confirm alignment.

Activate mirrored gutters when you are prepping signatures, then disable them for single-sided reports.

Autosave keeps your progress safe between sessions—reload later with the File → Load Autosave command.

Add frames from the Edit menu, then select them to tune wrap, size, and coordinates with the inspector.

Workshop Series

Set an image URL from the inspector.

Overlay frames support pixel-perfect placement alongside ruler guides.



EXPORT & DELIVERY

Bleed, trim, and PDF flows

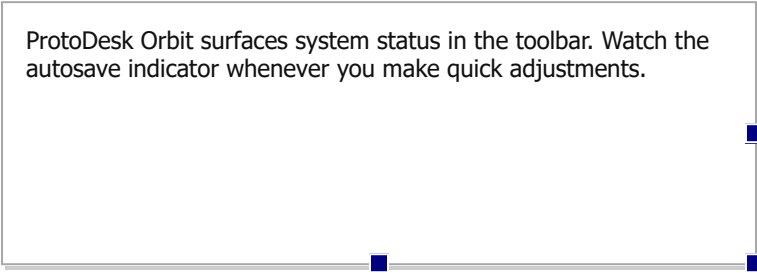
Control print outputs directly from the Export menu.

The Export menu collects bleed and trim print commands. Choose Print with Bleed for press-ready spreads or Print Trimmed for quick previews without crop marks.

Mirrored gutters are a single toggle away when you need perfect im-position, and the printshop grid offers extra confidence for production checks.

Use Save As to download a JSON snapshot of this publication. Share with collaborators or re-import to continue editing. Autosave keeps a local copy even if you forget.

The rulers and inspector stay active while printing, so you can verify alignment before hitting Export.



Production Stack

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SYSTEM MANIFEST

Browser-based Windows-like studio

The ProtoDesk initiative blurs the line between OS shell and creative suite.

DocuMonster now ships with ProtoDesk Orbit, our browser-first desktop metaphor. The menubar mirrors Ami Pro on Windows 3.11, while the editing core stays modern and responsive.

This manifest tracks everything bundled in v0.9.0: rulers, menu commands, frame inspector, autosave, and more. Use it as a base template for your own newsroom workflows.

Included Modules

- DocuMonster Editor 0.8.0 (column engine, frames, PDF export).
- ProtoDesk shell v0.9.0 (menubar, status HUD, OS release card).
- Colour labs with Standard & Ugra/Fogra presets.
- Layout workshop library with editable spreads.



ProtoDesk Release Card

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