# Common errors icml to InDesign

versions tested: InDD CC, InDD CS6, InDD CS5.5

## cannot apply styles or make manual edits after placing icml

\*\*Translation:\*\*

This is likely because your icml file has not been "checked out" - this means that the incopy file is able to be edited by everyone, but restricts edits to what's already been marked up in the document.

To make manual edits and add images, you need to check out. When saving the file, InDD will ask you to check back in, say yes.

### solution

edit > incopy > checkout (Command+F9)

## when updating the linked icml file, the manual changes & images disappear

\*\*Translation\*\*

This will happen. Manual changes, like fixing widows or orphans, need to be left until the end when the editor has submitted the absolutely final file. For the first design draft, it's important to include images in the correct position in the content, however please note that they will need to be relinked in InDD when you have the final icml file.

### solution

Image frames will have a little crossed pencil icon, double click this to relink to the image.

For the last design, wait until you have the final icml file from the editor so that you can UNLINK your InDD document, finish manual edits and create a .pdf.

### new paragraph styles I created were no longer applied to the text when updating the icml file

\*\*Translation\*\*

The icml files contain markup in the form of headers, paragraphs, blockquotes, footnotes and tables. The editor's role is to assign this markup to the content (md file) before you receive the icml. If you notice there are some headers missing for instance, please inform the editor so he can fix the file. Note: In the case of the author name - which has a special class, you will have to create a paragraph style for author & apply it twice: in the first round and in the final updated InDD file. This should be the only instance of repeated paragraph styling.

### solution

Create the new paragraph styles necessary (ie author name), inform the editor of any un-marked headers, blockquotes etc, and wait for the final icml file.

### I was working on the InDD file and at some point couldn't make any more manual changes.

\*\*Translation\*\*

The cause of this issue is not clear, however it may be because of an idlk file.

InDesign Lockfile is generated by InDesign as soon as you open an InDD file, this is to prevent someone else opening the same file and making changes simultaneously. It's possible that while you're working on an InDD file, someone else opens it and somehow you are 'locked out'.

### solution

Move the idlk file to the trash.

## What do these InDD symbols mean?

globe+arrow: indicate anyone can edit in incopy

crossed pencil: indicates missing link to an image/text, equivalent to the ? icon that indicates missing links

## No styles are attributed to text after I place icml file

\*\*Translation\*\*

This shouldn't happen...

doesn't happen with InDD CC,

does happen with CS5.5

### solution

## when I place the icml, it all looks like default styling

\*\*Translation\*\*

InDesign should automatically create all the Paragraph and Character styles named in the .icml (based on what you had in the HTML, including class names for paragraphs and spans). But in a new InDesign doc, they won't look like anything, so you'll need to spend some time defining the style attributes in the InDesign document.

### solution

Check out the icml file and spend some time defining the style attributes in the paragraph styles panel.

## FAQ: Footnotes: some are long and flow over two pages, but the line above is not the same on both pages.

\*\*Translation\*\*

The inDD template file we provide you with shouldn't show this problem, but it just means the footnote style is only being applied to the first page of the footnote.

### solution

You will need to go Type > Document Footnote options >Layout > Rule above, select the continued footnote options. This means whenever there's a long footnote the same style applies over the page.

## FAQ: Why is there a tmp.icml file in the folder?

\*\*Translation\*\*

A TMP file is just a temporary file that's automatically created as you make a new file, you can safely ignore it.

## FAQ: There's an unassigned icml in my assignments panel, will this affect my workflow?

\*\*Translation\*\*

In InDesign, assignment files are containers for organizing collections of page items. For example, you might want to select all the items in a story (headline, byline, copy, graphics, and captions), and then assign them to one InCopy user. Adding those items to an assignment provides a convenient way for InCopy users to access only the content for which they are responsible. Only InDesign users can create assignment files; only InCopy users can open them.

You will not be assigning items with the HPToolkit Workflow, so it's safe to ignore.

### Solution

We aren't using an InCopy to InDesign workflow, so this will not affect your ability to work on the file. Ignore it. The crossed pencil means the file needs to be accessed via InCopy.