

BatchX 2.5

Batch processing with Adobe InDesign

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1. Overview

With BatchX it is possible to apply actions like pdf creation to multiple documents in one step. Actions can also be combined to actions lists, which let you create multiple PDF files with different settings for each layout document.

2. System requirements

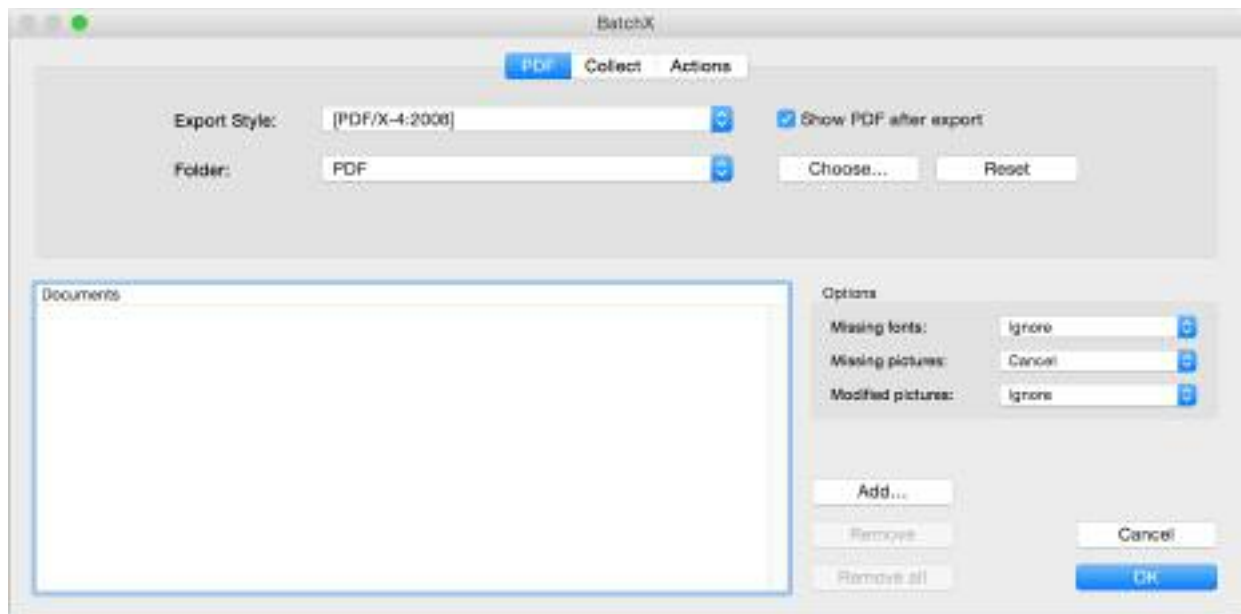
- Mac OS X 10.6-10.10
- Adobe InDesign CS 6/CC 2014/CC 2015

3. Installation

For installation of BatchX you have to copy “BatchX.InDesignPlugin” to the Plug-ins folder of Adobe InDesign and to restart the application.

4. The BatchX dialog

By choosing „File/BatchX...” the BatchX dialog appears. That dialog consist of a panel for the functions „PDF”, „Collect“ and “Actions” together with a list for documents to be processed and options common for all functions.



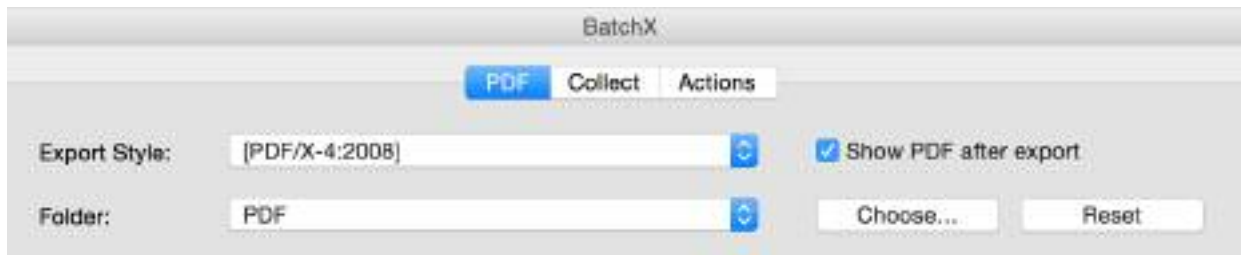
The BatchX dialog

4.1 Documents and Options

The list of documents to be processed can be changed by “Add...”, “Remove” and by drag and drop from Finder.

The options let you specify, whether processing should be cancelled in case of missing fonts or pictures. It is also possible to update modified pictures automatically.

4.2 PDF



PDF Erzeugung

The panel “PDF” provides the following options:

- Export style: PDF export style
- Folder: Target folder for the PDF output, document folder if empty
- Show after export: Show pdf file after export

4.3 Collect



PDF Erzeugung

„Collect“ collects the components of an InDesign document like pictures and fonts into a folder. The following options are available:

- Documents: The document is also copied
- Pictures: Picture files are copied to a subfolder „Bilder“
- Fonts: Fonts are copied to a subfolder „Schriften“
- Subfolder: Per document there will be a subfolder with the document name

4.4 Actions



Actions

Actions like “PDF creation” or “Collect” can be combined to so called action lists. So it is possible to create multiple pdf files with different quality in one step. Actions are controlled by „plist” files in the folder „~/Library/Application Support/BatchX” and can be edited by pressing „Edit...”.

- Sample action file for PDF creation

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<plist version="1.0">
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Action</key>
    <string>PDF</string>
    <key>Style</key>
    <string>[PDF/X-3:2002]</string>
    <key>Folder</key>
    <string></string>
    <key>Show</key>
    <string>1</string>
  </dict>
</array>
</plist>
```

An action file contains an array of actions controlled by key/string pairs.