QuarkXPress™ 2027

Competitor Comparison



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HOW TO READ THE TABLES

- **Yes** — Available
- **Partial or beta** — Limited, or still in beta
- **No** — Not available
- **Not confirmed** — Could not be verified
- **Not applicable** — Does not apply

AI Features

Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Prompt-based Text Generation	Yes	Yes	No
Title Suggestions	Yes	Partial — inferred title generation	No
Text Summarization	Yes	Beta	No
Text Rephrasing	Yes	Yes	No
Grammar Correction	Yes	Beta — English only	No
Language Translation	Yes	Not confirmed	No
Tone of Voice	Yes	Yes	No
Edit text with a prompt	Yes	Beta	No
AI Font Pairing	Yes	Partial — Match font / auto style	No

AI Features

Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Image Generation from Text	No	Yes	Yes — Canva premium
Generative Image Expansion	No	Yes	Yes — Canva premium
Generative Fill / Prompt-based Image Editing	No	Beta	Yes — Canva premium

Page Layout

Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Large-format / large-page layouts	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Text Stroke	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Table Break Across Pages	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✗ No
Layers	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Multiple layouts in the same project	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — Alternate Layouts	✗ No direct equivalent
Cloner	✓ Yes	✗ No dedicated equivalent	✗ No dedicated equivalent
Open / convert PDF into editable document content	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Paste / convert content as native objects	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Image Grid	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes

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Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Paragraph Border & Shading	Yes	Yes	Yes — Paragraph Decorations
Document Font Loading	Yes	Yes	Yes
Resolve Missing Fonts	Yes	Yes	Yes — Font Manager
Automatic Font Activation	Yes	Yes — Adobe Fonts	Yes
Custom Keyboard Shortcuts	Yes	Yes	Yes
Variable Page Size	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edit Parent / Master Pages	Yes	Yes	Yes
Span / Split Column Paragraphs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Duplicate Page	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
IDML Import	Yes	Yes	Yes
Export to IDML	Yes	Yes	No
Native INDD Import	No	Native format	Yes
Footnotes & Endnotes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Auto Grow / Shrink Text Frames	Yes	Yes	No
Table Styles / Formats	Yes	Yes	Yes
OpenType Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes
Variable Fonts	Yes	Yes	Yes
East Asian / CJK Publishing Support	Yes	Yes	Partial

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Indic / Complex-script Publishing Support	Yes	Yes	No
Object / Layers Browser	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object Naming in Layers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Table of Contents	Yes	Yes	Yes
Index	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paragraph / Line-break Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes
InDesign-compatible Shortcut Preset	Yes	Native	No
Bookmarks	Yes	Yes	Yes
Find / Change in Footnotes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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AppleScript / Apple Events Scripting	Yes	Yes	No — Macro/JS system
JavaScript / JS Scripting	Yes	Yes	Beta — JavaScript
In-app Scripting / Automation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Footnotes Span Across Columns	Yes	Yes	Yes
Track Changes / Redlining	Yes	Yes	No — basic document history only
Editorial Notes	Yes	Yes	Partial — preflight comments
Story Editor	Yes	Yes	Not confirmed
Text / Content Variables	Yes	Yes	Yes — Fields
Picture Variables	Yes	No direct equivalent	No direct equivalent

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Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Books / Book Management	Yes	Yes	Yes
Convert Book to ePub	Yes	Yes	Partial
Convert Book to Project	Yes	No direct equivalent	No direct equivalent
Cross References	Yes	Yes	Yes
Right-to-Left Text Composition (Arabic / Hebrew)	Yes	Yes	No
Dedicated RTL Controls	Yes	Yes	No
Hunspell / Spell Check Support	Yes	Yes	Yes
Live Spell Check	Yes	Yes	Yes
History / Undo Panel	No dedicated palette	Yes	Yes

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Subject Detection for Text Wrap	No dedicated AI wrap	Yes	Not confirmed
HSB Color Values	Yes	Yes	No — HSL instead
Layout Bleed	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glyph Browser / Palette	Yes	Yes	Yes
Auto-flow Text	Yes	Yes	Yes
Item / Object Styles	Yes	Yes	Yes
Copy Object Formatting	Yes	Yes	Yes
Copy Text Formatting	Yes	Yes	Yes
Long-document Publishing	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Dedicated Font Management UI	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — Font Manager
Google Fonts Management in App	✓ Yes	✗ No direct Google Fonts manager confirmed	✗ No direct Google Fonts manager confirmed
Smart Hyperlinks / Auto-link URLs and Paths	✓ Yes	◑ Partial — URL conversion	✗ No
Page / Document Grids	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Text Box Grids	✓ Yes	◑ Partial — Asian frame grids	◑ Partial — frame baseline grids
Custom URI Schemes / URL Formats	✓ Yes	? Not confirmed	? Not confirmed
Project-specific Font Collections	✓ Yes	◑ Partial — beta	◑ Partial — Canva Brand Kits
Find / Change Preset Import & Export	✓ Yes	◑ Partial	✗ No
GREP Find / Change	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes

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Manage Fonts Directly in Application	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — Font Manager
Paste Into / Paste Inside	✓ Yes, enhanced	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — Paste Inside
Color Groups / Grouped Swatches	✓ Yes, new	✓ Yes	◑ Partial — swatch palettes
Continued Numbering Across Sections	✓ Yes, enhanced	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — book numbering controls
Expanded Bullet Styles	✓ Yes, new Circle & Dash	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Simulate / Preview Paper Color	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes

Graphics, Illustrations and Other Elements

Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Export Tagged PDF	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
PDF/A Export	✓ Yes	✗ No — native PDF/A export	✗ No — no PDF/A export option
PDF Import with ArtBox / Bounding Box	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — PDF import
Merge / Boolean Shapes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Color Font Support (SBIX / COLR / SVG)	✓ Yes	◑ Partial — OpenType SVG	◑ Partial — SVG/COLR
ICC-based Color Management	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
HEIC / HEIF / WebP Image Support	✗ No / verify 2027	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Export JPEG / PNG / TIFF	✓ Yes	◑ Partial — JPEG / PNG	✓ Yes
Auto Naming of Colors	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	? Not confirmed

Graphics, Illustrations and Other Elements

Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
SVG Import	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Stock / Online Image Library Access	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — Adobe Stock	✓ Yes — Stock panel
Local Image Library Support	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — Assets panel
Non-destructive Image Editing	✓ Yes	◑ Partial — native clipping / masking	✓ Yes
On-canvas Picture / Resource Status	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — on-frame link badge	✓ Yes — Resource Manager
Search by Content in Local Image Libraries	✓ Yes	◑ Partial — metadata search	◑ Partial — asset-name search
Picture / Resource Links Panel	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Search Filters in Picture Links	✓ Yes	? Not confirmed	◑ Partial — type filter and metadata sorting
Generate QR Code	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes

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Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Math Equation Editor	✓ Yes — MathML + LaTeX	✓ Yes	✗ No native equation editor confirmed
Scene / Flattened Asset Decomposition	✗ No dedicated equivalent	✗ No dedicated equivalent	✓ Yes — Decompose Layer

Web Publications

Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Responsive / Adaptive Layout Authoring	✓ Yes — Flex Layout	✗ No — Uses Liquid / Alternate	? Not confirmed as HTML5 responsive authoring
Flex Page Builder / Prebuilt Responsive Sections	✓ Yes	✗ No direct equivalent confirmed	✗ No direct equivalent confirmed
HTML5 Package Export	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✗ No
Publish Interactive Documents Online	✓ Yes / HTML5 Publications	✓ Yes — Publish Online	✗ No direct equivalent confirmed
ePub Export	✓ Yes — fixed/reflow	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Custom HTML Embedding	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — Insert/Edit HTML	✗ No
Hyperlinks in Digital Layouts	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Convert / Repurpose Print Content for Digital	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — export workflows
Local Preview of HTML5 Output	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — local browser preview	✗ No

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Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Offline HTML5 Publication Package	Yes	No	No
Content-based TOC in Reflow ePub	Yes	Yes	Yes — EPUB primary TOC
Native HTML Drop Shadows	Yes	No	No
Tables as Anchors in Digital Output	Yes	Yes — anchored objects	Not confirmed

Licensing & Compatibility

Feature	QuarkXPress 2027	Adobe InDesign 21.6 + beta · reviewed November 2026	Affinity November 2026
Perpetual License / Ownership Option	✓ Yes	✗ No	– N/A — core app is free
Subscription Option	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — required	✓ Yes — optional Canva premium for AI
Free Full Desktop App	✗ No	✗ No — trial only	✓ Yes
AI Included with Core / Eligible Plan	✓ Yes for eligible Quark plans	✓ Yes — plan / credit limits	AI requires Canva premium
In-app / Central License Management	✓ Yes	✓ Yes — Adobe account / Admin Console	Via Canva account
Certified for Windows 11	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Certified for macOS Golden Gate	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes