

InDesign optimization



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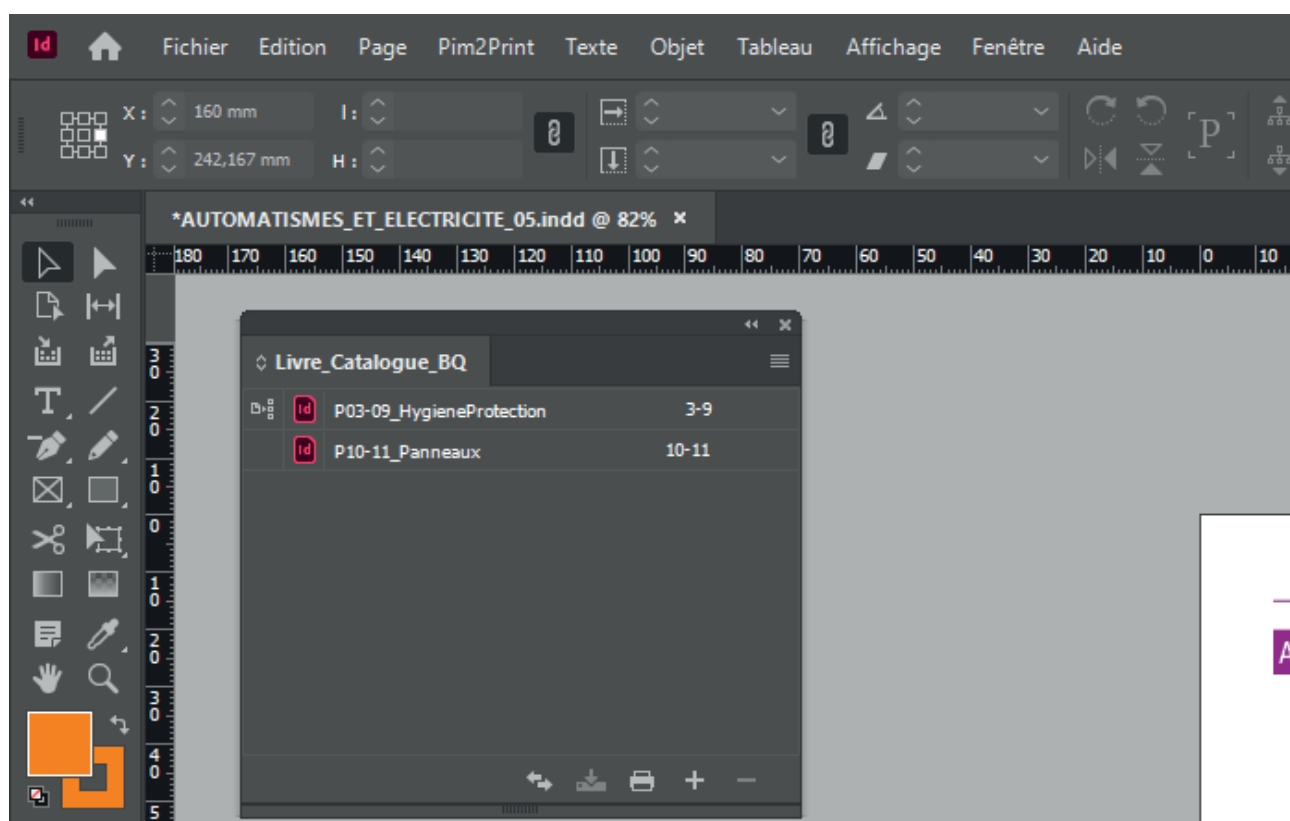
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1 - Fewer pages and files, more speed!

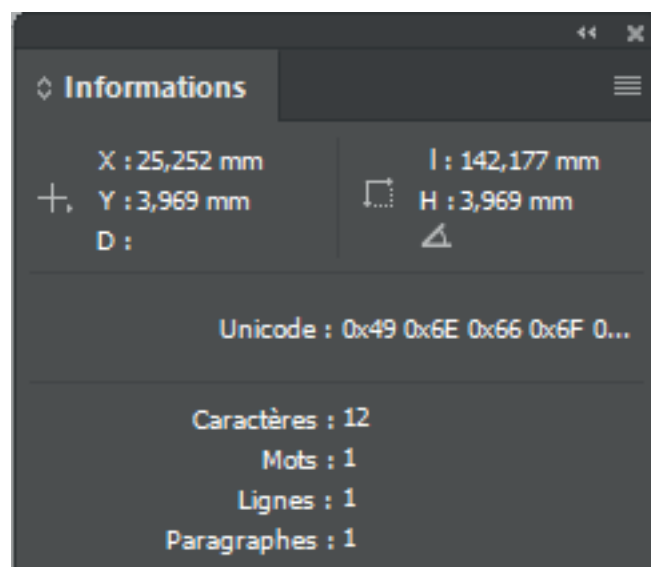
- ▶ Favor InDesign files with **few pages** (50/60 pages maximum) and create **several files** for the same catalog.
- ▶ Use the **Book** function to group all of your files.
- ▶ Easycatalog can be used directly from a **Book**. This allows content updates to be made directly from the **Book** panel on all of your files.
- ▶ Don't be left with more than **two InDesign files** open simultaneously. Force yourself to save as regularly as possible and to keep only the file you are working on open.



2- Close the resource-hungry panels

- ▶ Some InDesign panels continuously calculate a lot of information and show it to you instantly.
- ▶ The **Information** panel which generates a large amount of data instantly (number of characters, file location, color, etc.)

This can be helpful, but generating this information uses up your computer's RAM and slows down Indesign. Use the Info panel only when necessary.

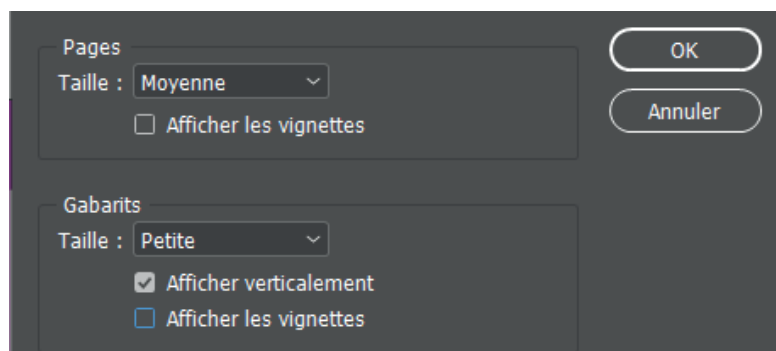


- ▶ The **CC Libraries** panel can also be opened. Leave it closed especially if you are using shared libraries.

Tip: create a personalized workspace with the minimum of reduced panels
(Window> Workspace> New Workspace)

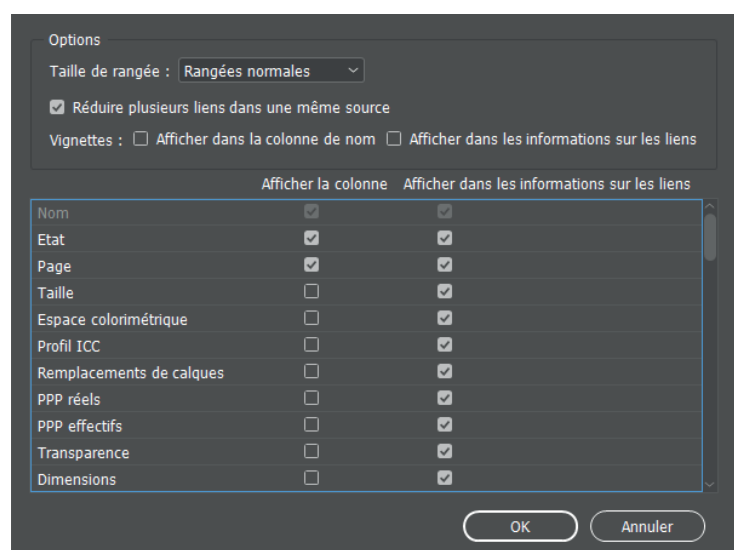
3- Panel display options

- ▶ While some panels can only be opened occasionally, others are essential for the layout work in InDesign.
- ▶ The **Pages** panel generates a thumbnail of the live page preview with each edit.
You can choose not to display them by going to the **Pages** panel Menu> Panel Options... And by unchecking both Show boxes, thumbnails (one for pages, one for templates.) InDesign will be more efficient.



- ▶ The **Links** panel isn't the most memory-intensive, but it can become so if you customize the display in the column in Panel Options.

Keep only the State and Page options to start. You can also choose not to show the thumbnail in the name column to still gain some responsiveness.



4- Leave the default display settings

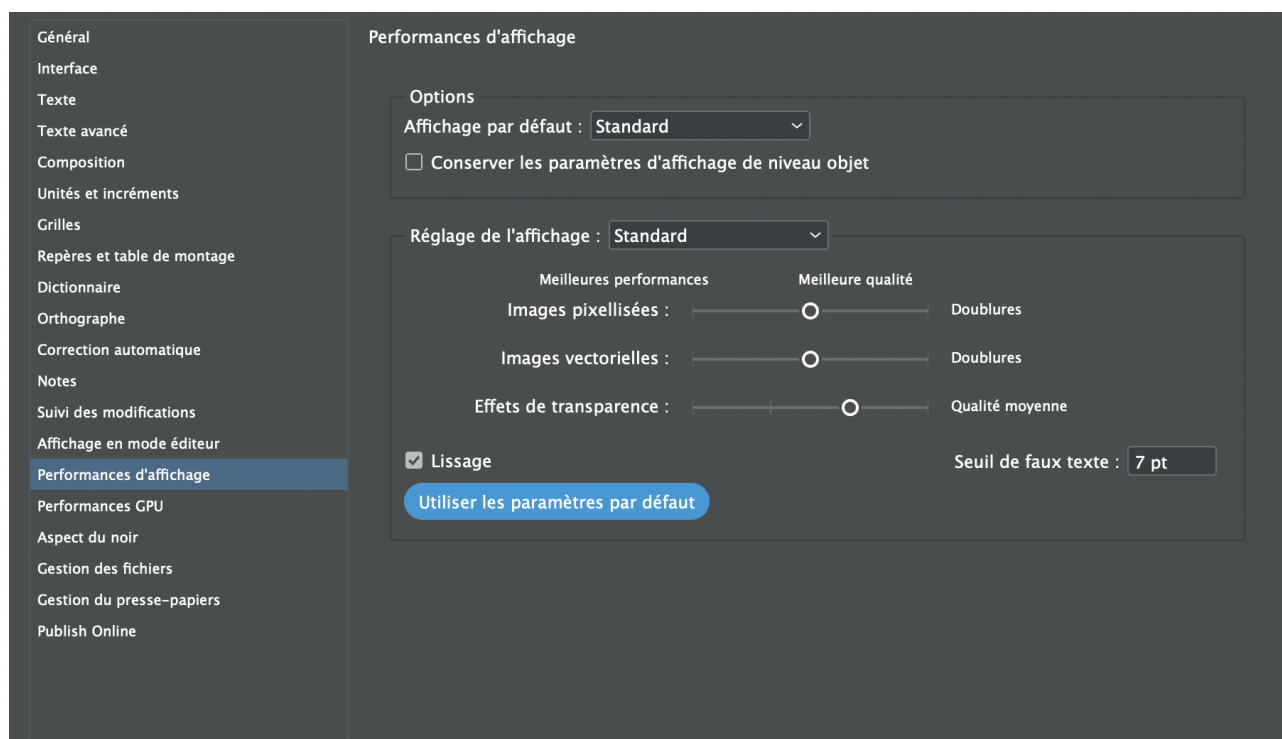
► There is often a temptation to increase the visual quality of the previews of our images when they are imported into the InDesign document.

This is a convenience that can unfortunately become a source of slowness for your computer!

In **InDesign preferences**, reset display performance to default settings to get the best InDesign.

Standard view is recommended, but you can optionally choose Fast view for better performance.

Be careful though, you will no longer see any preview of your images, but a gray rectangle instead. It does not affect the different exports.



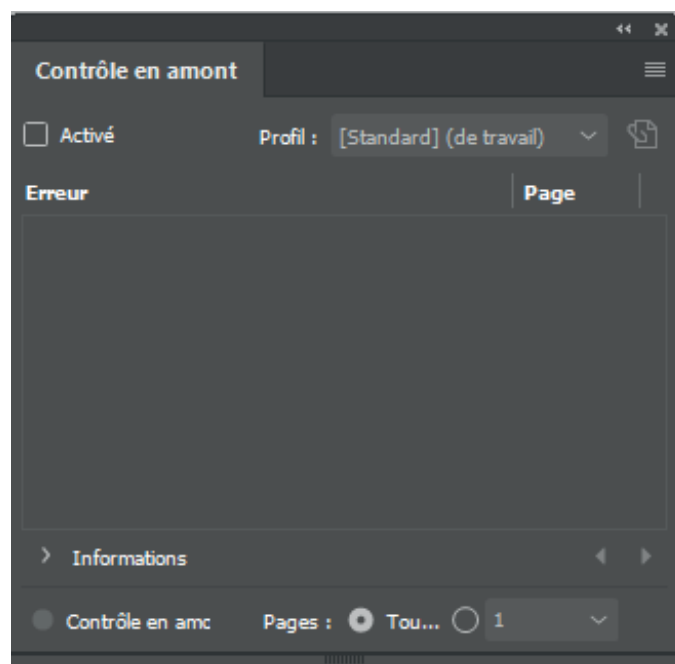
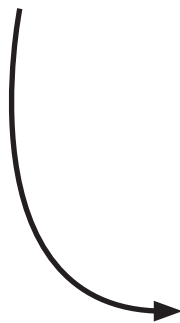
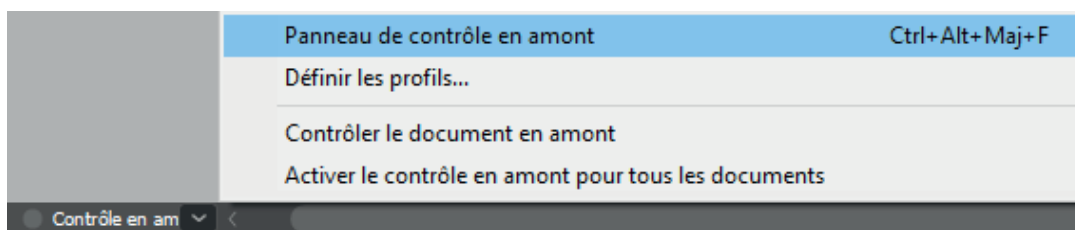
5- Turn off preflighting

- ▶ Preflight checks your document to make sure there are no issues. It checks a number of parameters, including excess text and missing or changed links.

This verification is done live, as you add elements to your layout or make changes within your pages.

On long documents or on low-power computers, this causes significant slowdowns.

Turn off preflighting **while you work**. Activate it only when checking your finalized file.



6- Complete checklist

Below is a list of things to check for optimizing InDesign. (French version)

