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Working with The Text

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Creating a text frame

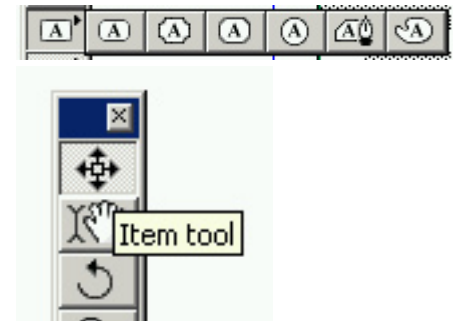
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Text can be placed in a text frame or a shape, however, you don't have to get the a frame tool or a shape tool to draw the text frame. Do it with the Text tool. Select the Text tool and drag on the page where you want the text box. That's all that is to it.



QuarkXpress

You are constantly switching tools to do very basic task, such as putting text on the page. You must first select one of the seven text box tools, draw the box then switch to the Content tool so you can place the text inside.



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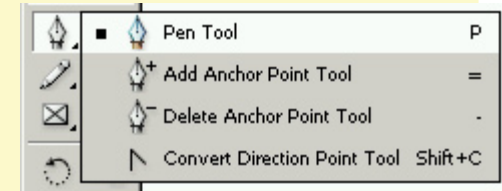
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Drawing an irregular shape to place text or an image inside the shape OR draw a curvy line for text on a path. ALL with one tool, the Pen Tool.

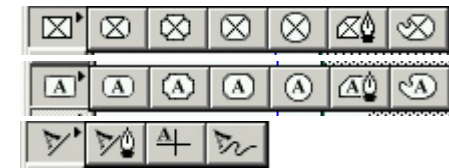
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When you want to draw an irregular shape (i.e. not the traditional rectangle, ellipse or polygon) OR a smooth curvy line you simply use the Pen Tool as you have used in Adobe Photoshop or Adobe Illustrator. So its only one tool, the Pen Tool.



QuarkXpress

When you want to draw an irregular shape, you must decide if text will be going inside the object OR if an image will be going inside the shape. You have several tools to select from. Then if you want the text on a path you select another tool.



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Notice how three basic shapes identify the Frame Tool instead of seven different ones for the Picture Box Tool.

