Wrap Text Around Objects InDesign CS6

You can wrap text around any object, including text frames, imported images, and objects you draw in InDesign. When you apply a text wrap to an object, InDesign creates a boundary around the object that repels text. The object that text wraps around is called the wrap object. Text wrap is also referred to as runaround text.

Keep in mind that text wrap options apply to the object being wrapped, not the text itself. Any change to the wrap boundary will remain if you move the wrap object near a different text frame.

Related Links
- For a video tutorial on using text wrap, see www.adobe.com/go/lrvid4280_id.
- InDesign Magazine provides the article Take Control of Text Wrap.
- Original article in full helpx.adobe.com/indesign/using/text-wrap.html

Wrap text around simple objects
1. To display the Text Wrap panel, choose Window > Text Wrap.
2. Using the Selection tool or Direct Selection tool, select the object you want to wrap text around.
3. In the Text Wrap panel, click the desired wrap shape:

Wrap Around Bounding Box
Creates a rectangular wrap whose width and height are determined by the bounding box of the selected object, including any offset distances you specify.

Wrap Around Object Shape
Also known as contour wrapping, creates a text wrap boundary that is the same shape as the frame you've selected (plus or minus any offset distances you specify).

Wrap Around Bounding Box setting (left) compared to Wrap Around Object Shape setting (right)
**Jump Object**  
Keeps text from appearing in any available space to the right or left of the frame.

**Jump To Next Column**  
Forces the surrounding paragraph to the top of the next column or text frame.

4. From the Wrap To menu, specify whether the wrap is applied to a specific side (such as the right side or largest area) or towards or away from the spine. (If you don’t see the Wrap To menu, choose Show Options from the Text Wrap panel menu.)

*Option available only if you selected Wrap Around Bounding Box/ Wrap Around Object Shape.*

5. Specify offset values. Positive values move the wrap away from the frame; negative values move the wrap within the frame.

If you can't get the text to wrap around an image, make sure that Ignore Text Wrap isn't selected for the text frame that doesn't wrap. Also, if Text Wrap Only Affects Text Beneath is selected in Composition preferences, make sure that the text frame is beneath the wrap object.

Text frames inside a group aren't affected by a text wrap you apply to the group.

**Change the shape of a text wrap**

Using the Direct Selection tool, select an object that has a text wrap applied to it. If the text wrap boundary is the same shape as the object, the boundary is superimposed on the object.

Do any of the following:

- To uniformly change the distance between the text and wrap object, specify offset values in the Text Wrap panel.

- To edit the text wrap boundary, use the Pen tool and Direct Selection tool.