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Microsoft Design Redliner Tool

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What is the Redliner Tool?

The Redliner Tool is an Adobe Extension that creates redlines for item sizes, positions, and spacing.
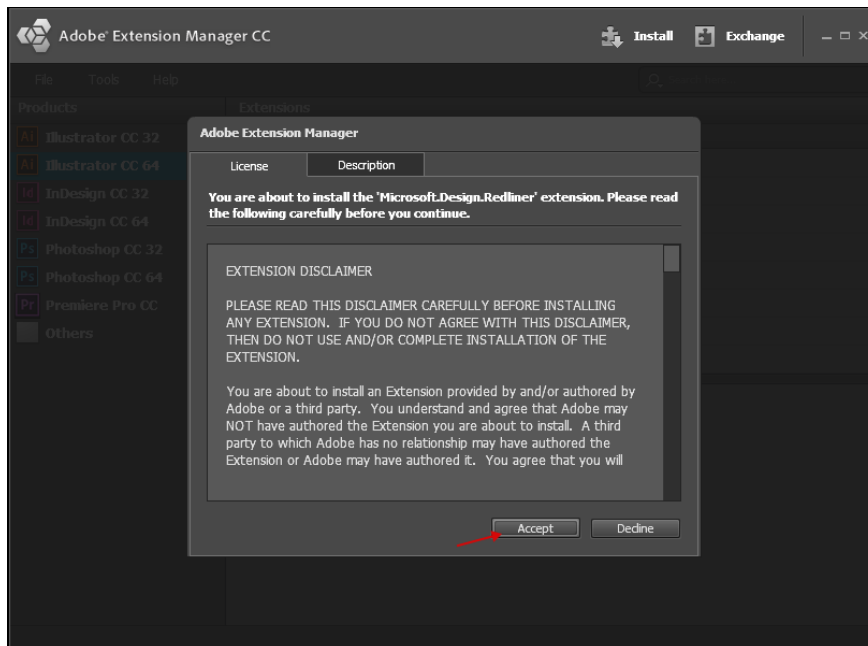
Installation requirements

The Redliner Tool requires the following software to be installed and up-to-date:

- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Adobe Illustrator CC 2014
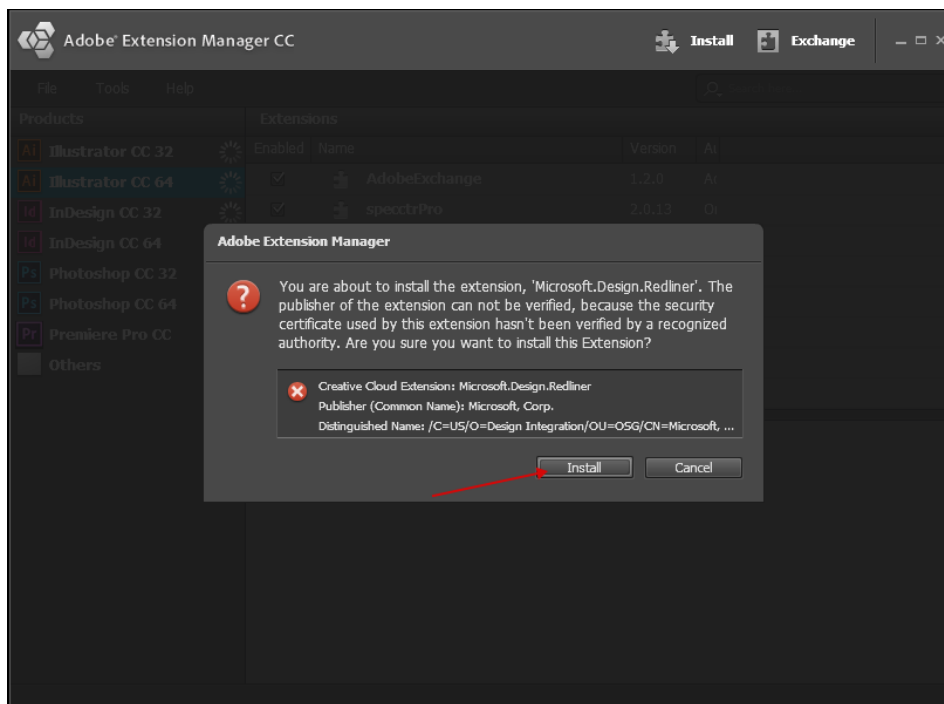- Adobe Extension Manager CC

Installation instructions

The panel is bundled as an Adobe Extension. To install it, use the Adobe Extension Manager CC edition. (NOTE: the Adobe CS6 Extension Manager may try to handle the panel. If this happens, you'll need to manually launch Adobe Extension Manager CC.)

1. Double-click the Redliner.zxp file. The Adobe Extension Manager CC launches.

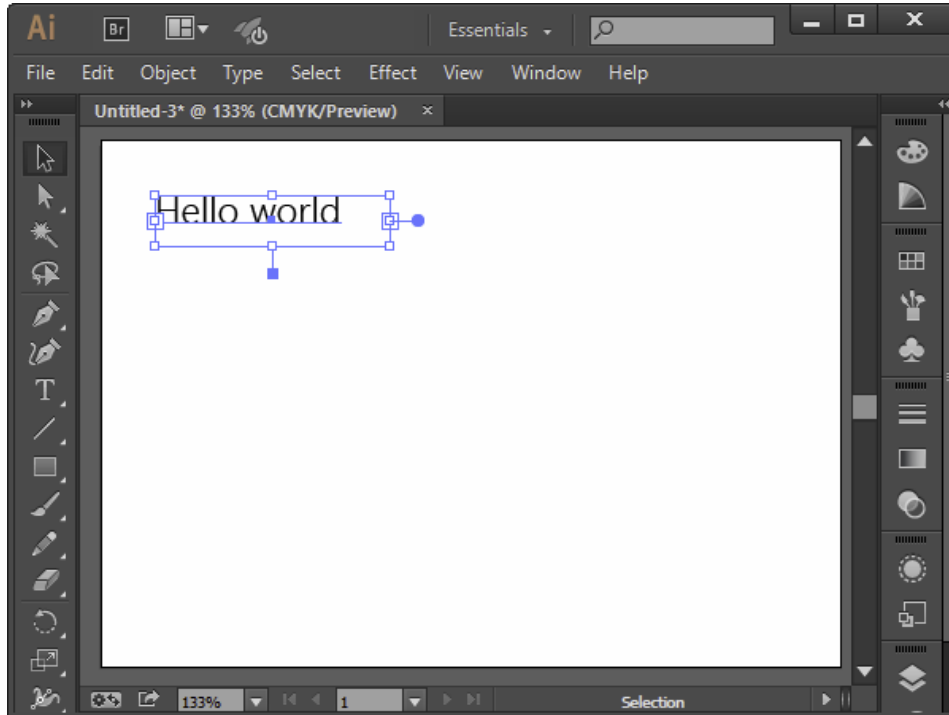2. Accept the Adobe Extension Manager License agreement.


3. Click Install.

4. If Adobe Illustrator was open during the installation, restart it.

How to use the Redliner Tool

1. Open the redliner panel from the main menu: Menu → Window (Alt-W) → Extension → Redliner

2. Have an active document open in Adobe Illustrator.

3. Select and item and use the redliner panel:

Feature	Description
Redline color	The color to use when generating redlines.
Mode	By default, values will render in fixed pixels. Select % to render percentage-based values. When in % mode, percentage is based on the art board size.
Position	Generate position redlines for the selected item in one of the three ways.
Bounds	Generate bounds redlines for the selected item in one of three ways: top left, bottom right, or overlay.
Horizontal sizing	Generate horizontal size redlines for the selected item in one of three positions: above the item, in the middle of the item, or below the item.
Horizontal label alignment	Specify whether the horizontal size redline is above or below the horizontal line.
Vertical sizing	Generate vertical size redlines for the selected item in one of three positions: to the left of the item, in the middle of the item, or to the right of the item.
Vertical label alignment	Specify whether the vertical size redline is to the left or right of the horizontal line.
Horizontal spacing	Generate redlines for the horizontal space between items. You can choose from which edges to measure.
Horizontal spacing label position	Sets the horizontal spacing label position (top, middle, or bottom).
Vertical spacing	Generate redlines for the vertical space between items. You can choose from which edges to measure.
Vertical spacing label position	Sets the vertical spacing label position (left, middle, or right).
Text	 Render Text Details: Renders a box overlay. Converts the selected text item to Pseudo Loc. (Pseudo Loc alters the text with special characters for localization testing purposes. The Pseudo Loc feature doesn't undo the alteration—you have to Ctrl+Z to undo it.) Converts all text items to Pseudo Loc.

Known issues

- This tool doesn't support the light theme.
- This tool doesn't work in Adobe Illustrator CS.