

Software Support Document - Help

Product Information	
Product Name	SDS(Seldex Design Solution)
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1. Introduction

1. SDS(Seldex Desing Solution) is the online version of the **Easy Digital Album** software, designed for professional photographers and considered one of the best tools for creating digital albums. Built on the core principles of Easy Digital Album, **SDS** offers photographers a powerful and intuitive platform for album design.

Through our partnership with the developers of the application, we at SELDEX provide you with a simple, powerful, and free way to design a wide range of products. As our customer, you can easily create albums, wall art, prints, and more, and send them directly to our production lab. The application is user-friendly, easy to learn, and simple to use. Helpful tooltips are available throughout the menus, commands, and messages, making the entire process even smoother.

Important: Safari has known issues with drag-and-drop and other features in this app. Until Apple fixes these quirks, please use a proper browser such as **Chrome, Firefox or Edge** for the best experience.

1.1 Interface

1.2 SDS is organized into two main screens, each designed to streamline your workflow. The key functions of each screen are described below.

1.3 The first screen you see when opening the application is the **"Products"** screen. From this screen, you can create and manage your albums, create Wall Art products and Prints, and design the album cover.

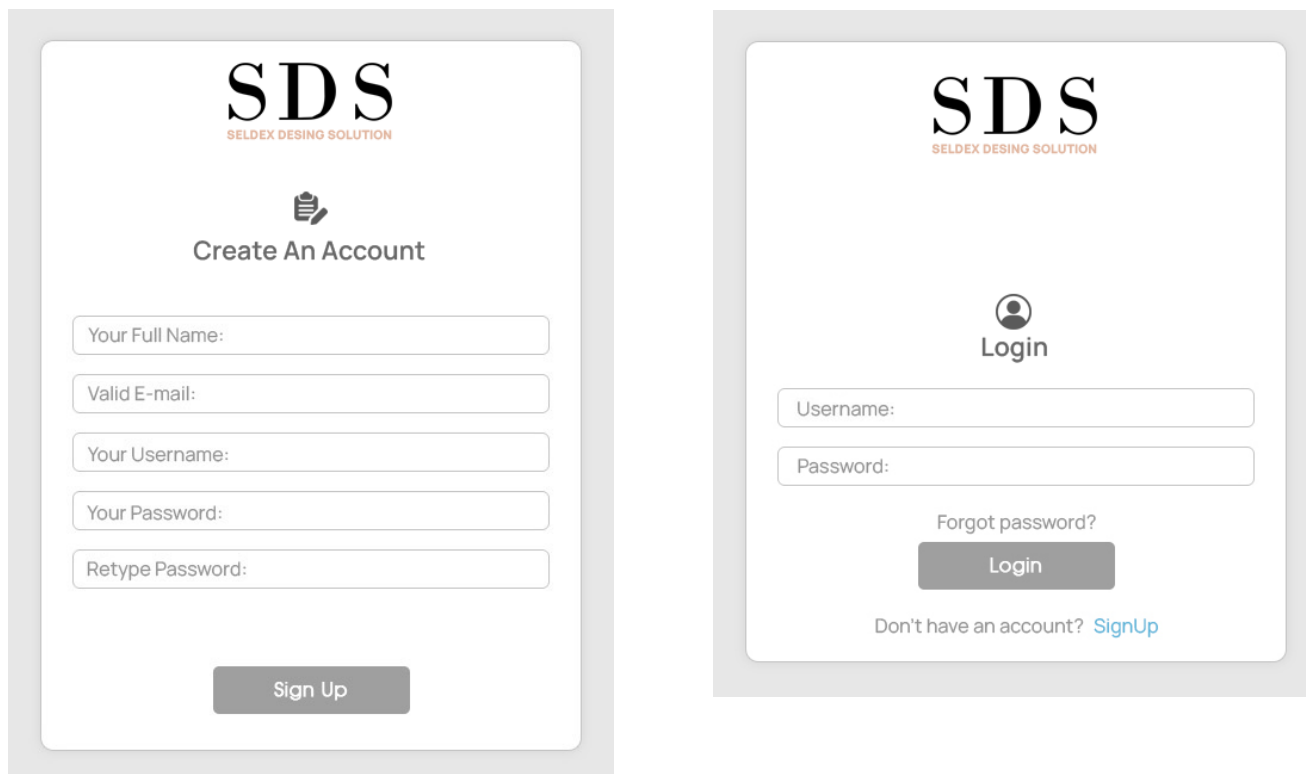
The screenshot displays the SDS web application interface. At the top, there's a header with a 'Help Center' icon, the 'SDS' logo, and a user profile icon labeled 'AvStelios'. The main content area is divided into two sections. The top section, titled 'Create New Product', features a 'Studio Reference' input field and a 'Units' dropdown set to 'inches'. Below this, there are several categories of products: Albums (Boutique Book, Lifestyle Book, Portrait Book, Journal, Guest Book, Lite Book, Luxe Album), Wall Art (Framed Prints, Arch Frames, Hand Torn Prints, Montage Frames, Canvas, Framed Canvas), Prints (Prints, Hipster Packs), and Frame Mounts (Frame Mounts). At the bottom of this section, there are dropdowns for 'Orientation' (set to 'square') and 'Size' (set to '12 x 12 inches'), a 'Spreads' input field (set to '20'), and a 'Background Color' selector. A 'Create Product' button is located at the bottom right of this section. The bottom section, titled 'Existing Products', contains a table with the following data:

Album Name	Type	Size	Spreads	Created	Actions
Kate-John	FMOUNTS	8 x 10 inches	3	4/18/2026	[Delete] [Edit] [Duplicate] [Share]
Helen-Charlie	ARCH	16 x 20 inches	1	4/18/2026	[Delete] [Edit] [Duplicate] [Share]
Natalie-Paul	JOURNAL	8 x 8 inches	30	3/3/2026	[Delete] [Edit] [Duplicate] [Share]

2.0 Register & Login in the App

2.1 Accessing the App

To start designing your products, you first need to create an account and sign in to the App. Your account allows you to save your designs and access the App whenever you need.



The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the SDS app interface. The left screenshot is the 'Create An Account' screen, featuring the SDS logo at the top, a document icon, and five input fields: 'Your Full Name:', 'Valid E-mail:', 'Your Username:', 'Your Password:', and 'Retype Password:'. A 'Sign Up' button is at the bottom. The right screenshot is the 'Login' screen, featuring the SDS logo, a person icon, and two input fields: 'Username:' and 'Password:'. It includes a 'Forgot password?' link, a 'Login' button, and a 'Don't have an account? [SignUp](#)' link at the bottom.

2.2 Create a new Account:

The first time you access the App, you will be asked to create a new account. Enter your **Full Name**, a valid **Email address**, a **Username**, and a **Password**. Once your account has been created, we recommend storing your login details in a safe place. You will use your username and password each time you sign in to the App to design your products.

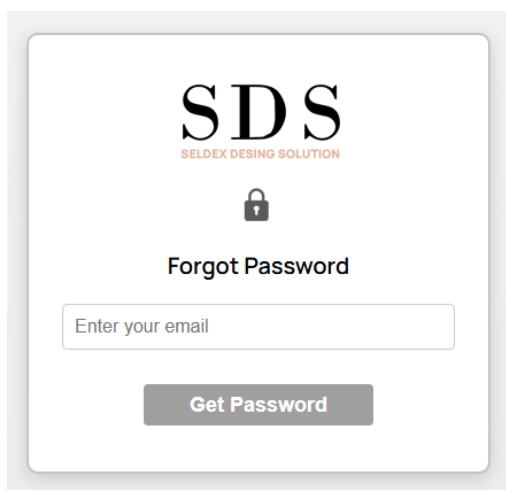
For your convenience, the App can remember your username and password after your first successful sign-in, so you won't need to enter them every time you access the App.

Note: Make sure you use an email address that you can access, as it may be required for account recovery in case you forget your password.

2.3 Login to the App

After creating your account, you can access the App by entering your **Username** and **Password** in the Login form. Enter your details and click Login to continue. If you have already logged in before, your login details may be remembered, allowing you to access the App faster.

Note: If you cannot remember your password, click Forgot Password to create a new one.



The image shows a screenshot of the 'Forgot Password' screen in the SDS app. It features the SDS logo at the top, a padlock icon, and the title 'Forgot Password'. Below the title is an input field labeled 'Enter your email' and a 'Get Password' button at the bottom.

2.4 Forgot Password

If you have forgotten your password, click the Forgot Password link on the Login page. Enter the email address associated with your account and follow the instructions sent to your email. After creating a new password, you can return to the Login page and access the App using your updated details.

3.0 Product Creation Screen

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Create New Product

Studio Reference: Units:

inches

Albums

Boutique Book

Lifestyle Book

Portrait Book

Journal

Guest Book

Lite Book

Luxe Album

Wall Art

Framed Prints

Arch Frames

Hand Torn Prints

Montage Frames

Canvas

Framed Canvas

Prints

Prints

Hipster Packs

Frame Mounts

Frame Mounts

Orientation:

square

Size:

12 x 12 inches

Spreads:

20

Background Color:

Create Product

3.1 How to create a new Product:

Select the type of product you want to create by clicking one of the buttons labeled with the product type, such as Album, Wall Art, or Print. Next, choose the orientation and size by selecting one of the predefined options.

If you are creating an album, you can also specify the number of spreads and set the background color for all spreads. Please note that the selected background color will apply to the entire album. When you are ready, click **Create Product**. Your product will be saved, and you will automatically enter the design workspace, where you can begin creating your layouts.

3.2 Existing Products

In the Existing Products tab, located at the bottom of the Products page, you can view all the products you have created. Here, you can see details such as the **product type, size, number of spreads** (for albums), and other useful information.

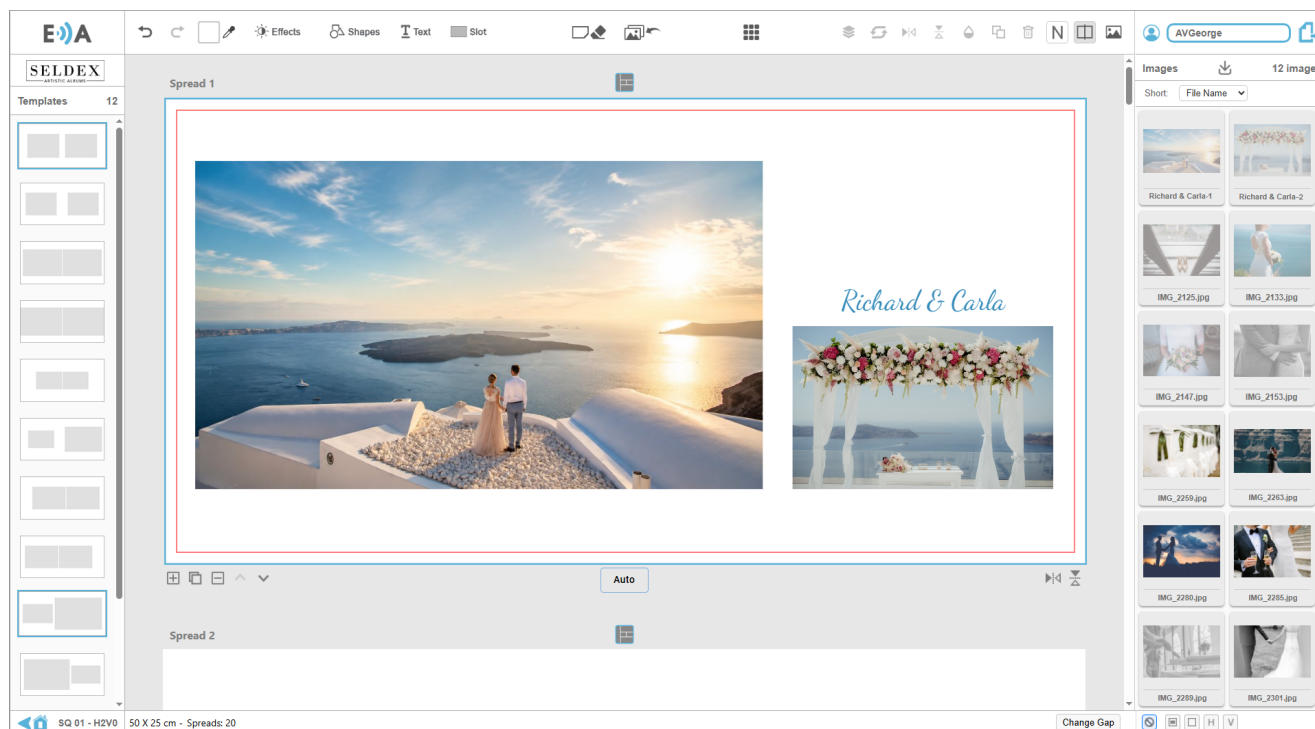
From the buttons on the right side of the panel, you can:

- 3.2.1**
-  Open an existing product
 -  Create a copy (available for albums only)
 -  Design the cover for the selected album, as well as the slipcase (when available)
 -  Delete the product by clicking the trash-can icon

Existing Products

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4.0 Spread Creation Screen



4.1 How to create your product Spreads

On the **Page Creation** screen, you can design and export your album spreads, as well as other products, for printing.

4.2 Import your Images

The first step is to import the images you want to include in your album. To do this, click the  **Import Images** button located in the upper-right corner of the screen. Once the import is complete, you can begin creating your spreads. Please note that the maximum number of images allowed per import is **200**.

4.3 Image Filters

After importing your images, the **Image Filters**  at the bottom of the image panel, allow you to filter your images.

By clicking the filter buttons, you can display only specific images in the panel, such as:

- **Horizontal** images
- **Vertical** images
- Images that have already **been used** in a spread
- Images that have **not been used**

You can also remove all filters to view **all images** in the panel.

4.4 Rotate-Delete Images

You can rotate an image in the list either left or right by clicking the corresponding buttons that appear when you hover your mouse over the image. If you wish to remove an image from the list, simply click the Delete button that appears in the same way. To delete many images at once select them, with the **Shift** key pressed and press the **Delete** button on your keyboard.

4.5 Sorting of Images

The sorting option allows you to organize your images according to **Date Taken**, **Filename**, or **Size**. Use **Sort by Date Taken** when images from the same event have been captured by two or more photographers. This option will arrange all images according to the time they were taken, allowing photos from different photographers to appear in the correct chronological order.

Use the other sorting options according to your needs:

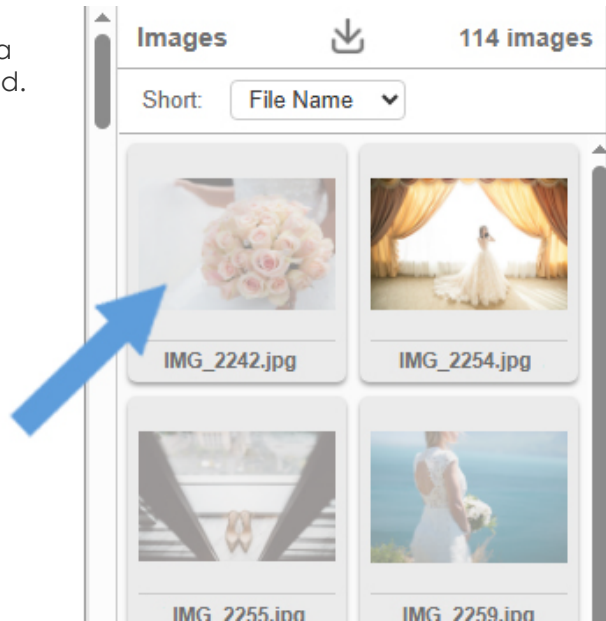
Filename: Sorts images alphabetically according to their file name.

Size: Sorts images according to their file size.

4.6. Marking Used Images

When you drag an image-or multiple images-onto a page, the selected images will appear slightly faded. This allows you to easily identify which images have already been used while creating your spreads.

To further manage your workflow, you can use the filter buttons at the bottom of the image panel to display only the images that have been used or those that have not yet been added to a spread.



4.7 Spread Function Buttons

At the top and bottom of each spread, there is a series of function buttons. From left to right, their functionalities are as follows:



Load Similar layouts – Allows you to switch to another layout with the same image number



Add Spread – Adds a new spread to your album



Delete Spread – Removes the selected spread from the album



Duplicate Spread – Creates an exact duplicate of the selected spread



Move Up – Moves the spread one position up in the sequence



Move Down – Moves the spread one position down in the sequence



Flip Horizontal – Flips the direction of the spread in a horizontal layout



Flip Vertical – Flips the direction of the spread in a vertical layout



Manual Mode – Switches the spread creation from automatic to manual, allowing you to add or remove images without automatically changing the layout

4.8 Top Bar Function Buttons

At the top of the application, you will find several buttons related to images and elements that can be added to a spread. Below is a description of their functions, listed from left to right:



Undo – Reverts the last action



Redo – Reapplies the last undone action



Effects

Effects Palette – Opens the palette to add borders, shadows, and other effects



Shapes

Shapes Palette – Opens the palette to add shapes



Text

Add Text – Adds text to the spread and opens the text options palette



Slot

Add Slot – Inserts an empty slot into the spread



Clear Spreads

Clear Spreads - Clear all spreads from images, backgrounds, colors, e.t.c



Auto Fill Spreads

Auto Fill Spreads - Fills all spreads with images automatically



Page Manager

Page Manager – Opens the Page Manager, allowing you to reorder and manage your spreads.



Change Layer Order – Adjusts the stacking order of elements, front to back



Swap Images – Swaps the positions of two selected images(Shortcut: **S key**)



Flip Horizontal – Flips the selected image horizontally



Flip Vertical – Flips the selected image vertically



Change Opacity – Adjusts the opacity of one or more images simultaneously



Duplicate Item – Creates a duplicate of the selected item



Delete Items – Removes one or more selected items



Numbers on Slots – Displays or hides the numbers on the slots



Crease Line – Displays the crease line at the center of the spread



Add Background – Adds a background to the spread and opens its options



Color Palette with Eyedropper – Allows you to assign color to various elements, including

6.0 Creating the Album Spreads

Once the images for your album have been imported, you can move on to the enjoyable and creative process of designing your spreads. The automatic spread creation feature of **SDS** makes this process both easy and exciting.

To create a spread, select the images you want from the image list and drag them onto the first page. A spread will be generated automatically, with each image placed correctly—horizontal images remain horizontal, and vertical images remain vertical.

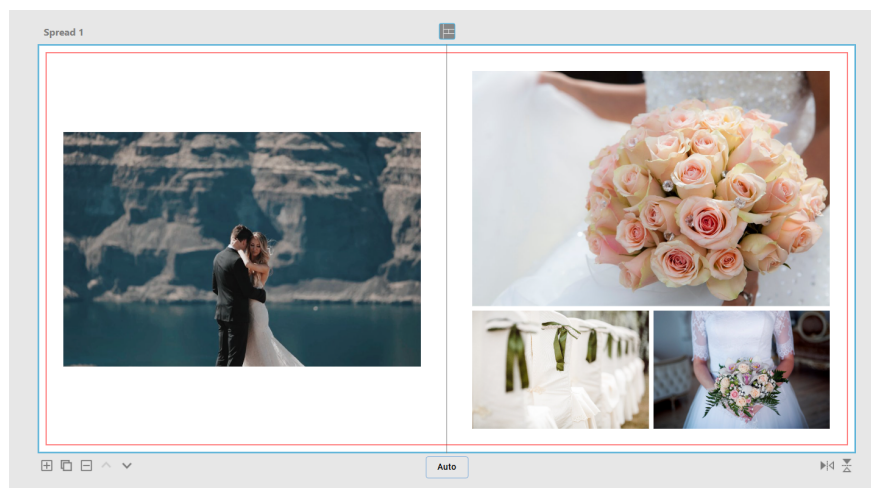
At the same time, several alternative layout options will appear in the Templates list, allowing you to choose a different layout, if the initial option does not meet your needs.

6.1 Auto and Manual Layout Options

Our App provides two layout modes that allow you to create your spreads according to your preferred workflow: **Auto Layout** and **Manual Layout**. The Auto Layout and Manual Layout options apply to all spreads in the album.

6.2 Auto Layout

The Auto Layout option automatically places your images into the available slots of the selected layout. This option is ideal when you want to quickly create a professional-looking spread without manually adjusting each image. The App will arrange your images according to the selected tem-



AUTO LAYOUT

6.3 Manual Layout

The Manual Layout option gives you full control over the images placed on the spread. When Manual Layout is enabled, you can move, resize, and adjust images freely to create your own custom arrangement.

Use Manual Layout when you want to:

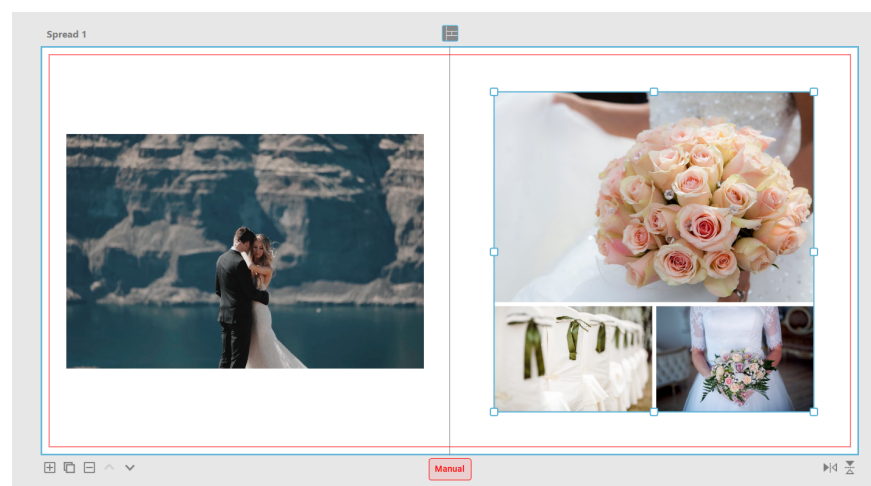
- Change the position of images.

- Adjust the size of individual images.

- Create a more personalized spread design.

- Make detailed adjustments to the automatically created layout.

Note: If you want to manually move images on a spread, make sure that Manual Layout is selected.



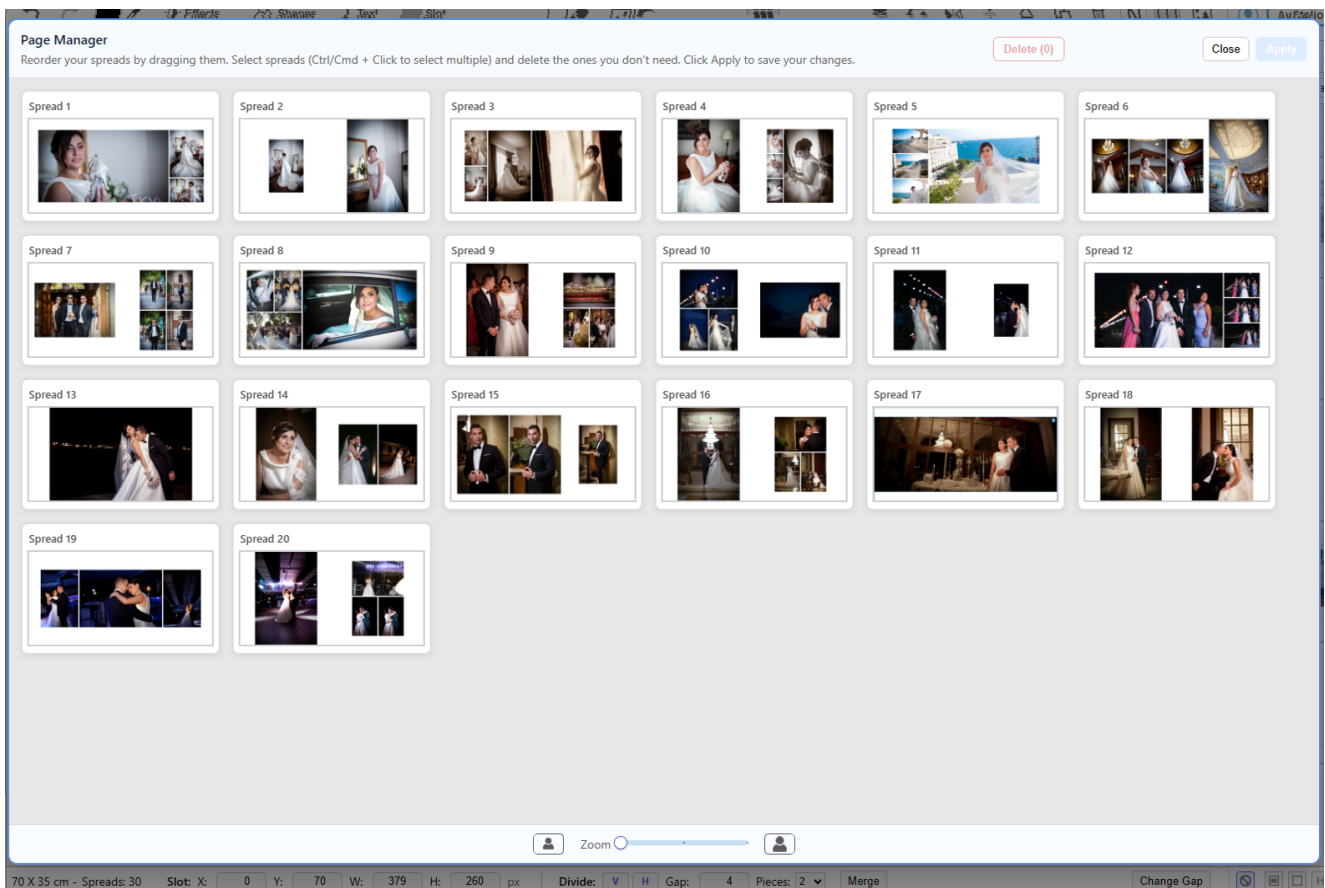
MANUAL LAYOUT

7.0 Using the Page Manager

The **Page Manager** provides a quick and convenient way to organize your album. It displays an overview of all the spreads in your project, allowing you to easily manage the structure of your album.

Using the Page Manager, you can **drag and rearrange spreads**, change their order, and delete unwanted spreads. This makes managing large albums faster, easier, and more efficient.

The Page Manager is especially useful when working on albums with many spreads, as it allows you to quickly review the entire project and make changes to the album structure without opening each spread individually.



7.1 Options

1. Reorder your spreads by **dragging them**
2. Select spreads **Ctrl/Cmd + Click** to select multiple
3. Click the **Delete button** to delete spreads
4. Click the **Apply button** to Apply the changes and close the Page Manager

8.0 Albums vs Other Products

SDS allows you to design both albums and a variety of single-page products, such as Canvas, Arch Frames, Montage Frames. While the design process is similar, there are some important differences.

ALBUMS

Albums are made up of multiple spreads (pages). When designing an album, you work across a sequence of spreads, and you can:

- Add or reorder spreads
- Apply layouts to each spread
- Maintain a consistent design across the entire album

ALBUMS

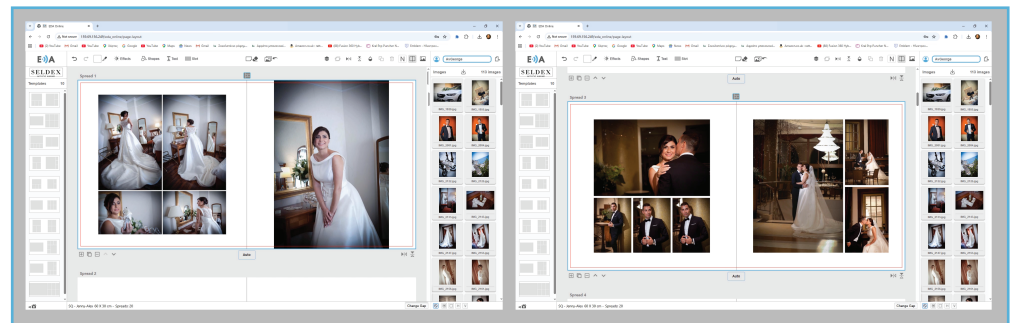
Spread 1

Spread 2

Spread 3

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- Multiple pages
- Full sequence design



OTHER PRODUCTS

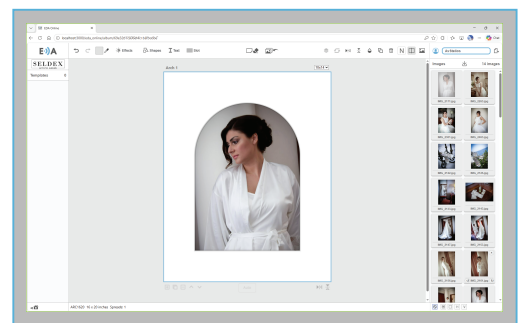
Single Layout

- One design only
- No spreads

Other Products (Canvas, Montage Frames, Arch Frames, etc.)

These products consist of a single layout. When designing them:

- You work on one design at a time
- There are no spreads or page sequences
- The layout is created based on the selected size and format
- Some products, such as **Prints**, may contain multiple individual print areas within the same layout.



Despite these differences, the core design tools remain the same. You create your product, import your images, create your layout(s), and export them for print and production. You can still use drag-and-drop, automatic layouts, templates, and manual adjustments to create your design quickly and easily.

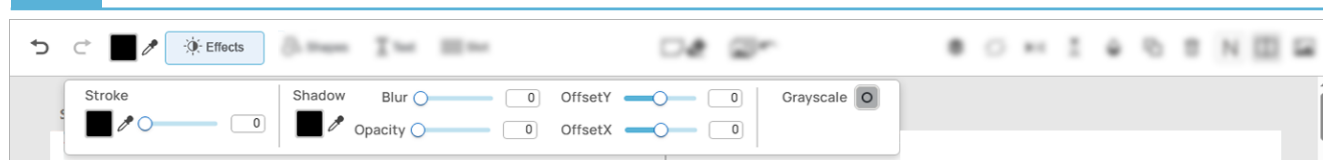
Please Note

In every product you create in SDS, the necessary templates are loaded automatically, when an image/es is dragged on a page. However, for the following products — **Prints**, **Frame Mounts**, and **Hipsters** — you don't need to do that, the layouts are populated with slots automatically.

When you create your product and open the Spread Creation screen, the number of **Prints**, **Hipsters**, or **Frame Mounts** you defined during product setup will already be available in the app and populated with slots automatically.

You simply need to drag the image you want on each layout.

9.0 Adding Effects to Items



9.1 How the Effects palette works

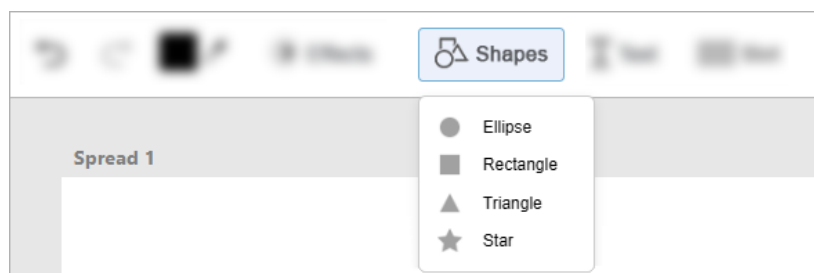
To add effects to an image, click the **Effects** button. The Effects palette will appear, allowing you to apply one or more effects—such as **Stroke** and **Shadow**, or convert the image to **Black and White**—to one or multiple images at once. Any effect you add can be removed at any time, as the process is completely **non-destructive**.

When applying effects to **Text**, only **Stroke** and **Shadow** are available.

For **Shapes**, the only available effect is **Shadow**.

With **right click** on an image you **copy its effects** and with right click you paste them to other images. To close the Effects palette, simply click the **Effects** button again.

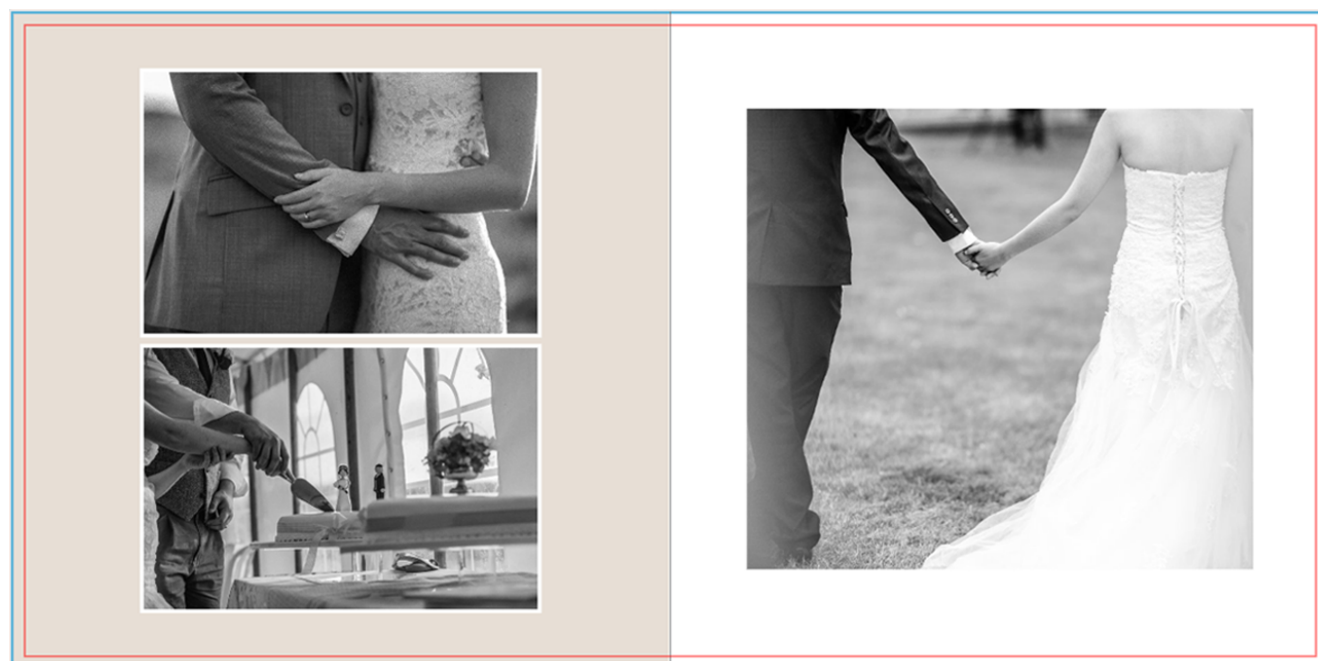
10.0 Adding Shapes



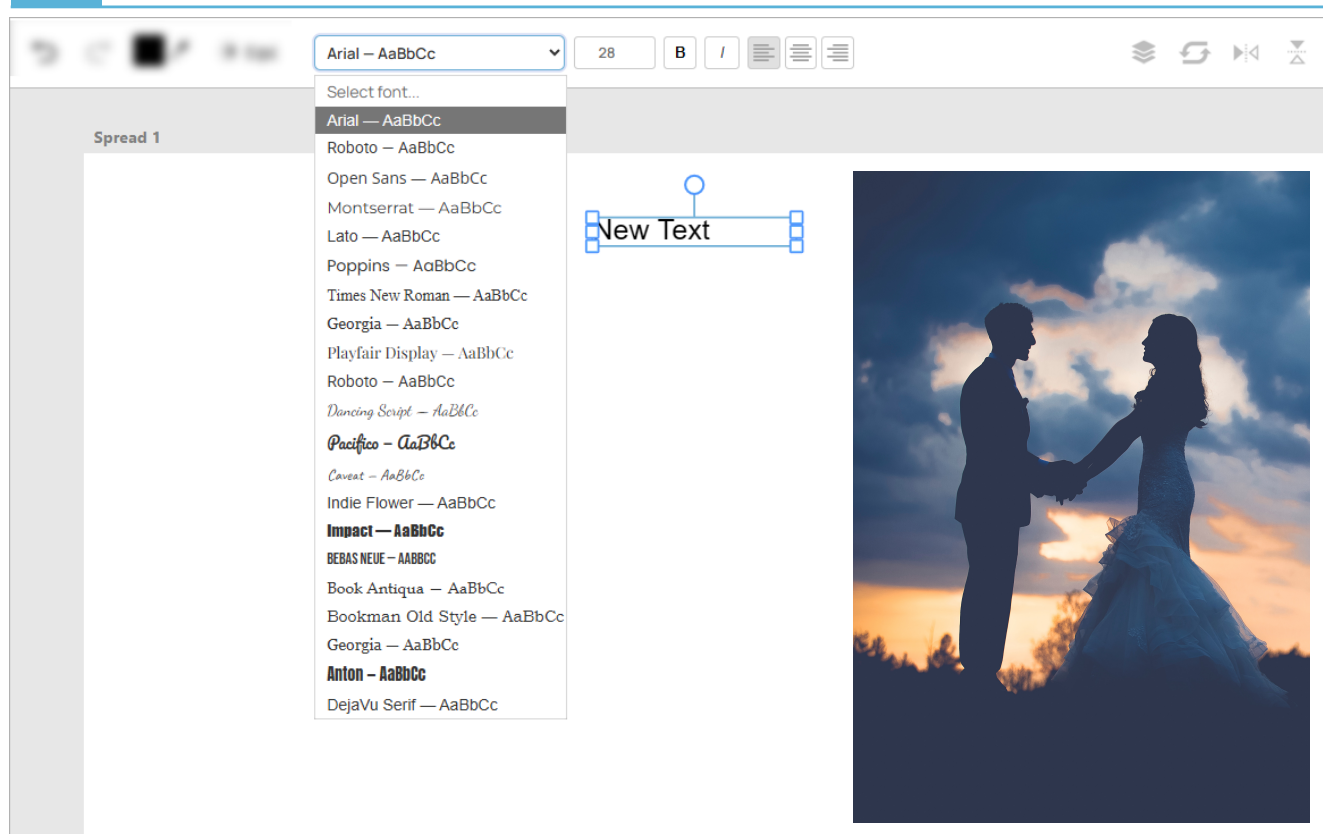
10.1 How the Shapes palette works

In addition to images, **SDS** allows you to add decorative Shapes to a layout. There are four available shapes: **Rectangle**, **Triangle**, **Ellipse** and **Star**.

By incorporating shapes, you can give your spread a completely new style. For example, in the image below, the effect was achieved by adding one rectangular shape, with a light yellow color, to the half part of the page on the left.



10.0 Adding Text



10.1 How the Text palette works

To add text to a layout, click the **Text** button. A new text box, named **New Text**, will be added. Double-click inside the text box to type your content, either on a single line or multiple lines.

The program includes several fonts in various styles, so you will easily find the one that suits your needs.

Once your text is entered, you can adjust the **font size**, apply **Bold** or **Italic** styles, and align the text to the **Left**, **Right**, or **Center** of the frame.

When moving the text, dynamic **alignment lines** appear, helping you position it accurately in relation to the images or anywhere else on your layout.

11.0 Create Your Own Templates

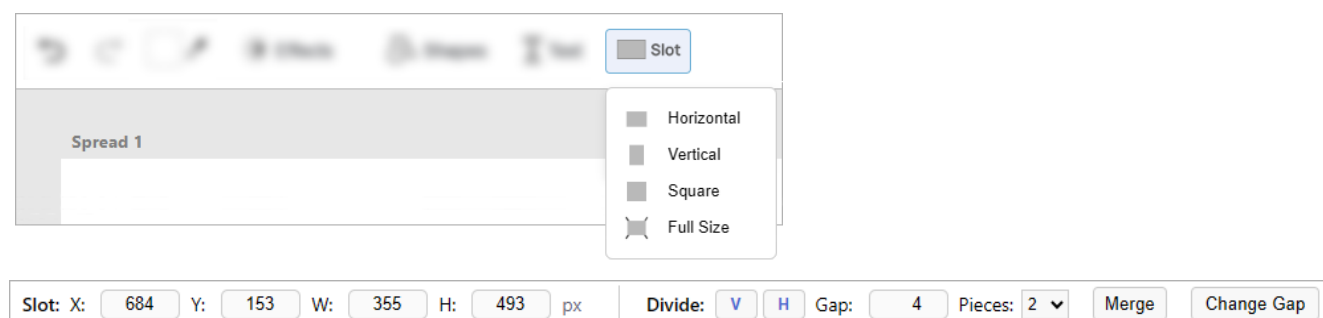
11.1 Creating or Modifying Templates

In addition to the hundreds of templates available in the program, you can easily create your own or modify an existing one by adding one or more images.

To create a new template, click the **Slot** button in the program bar. A **Slot** will be added to the layout, and you can drag its edges to adjust its size as needed.

Next, use the **Divide** option in the bottom bar to divide the frame into equal sections. If desired, you can use the **Merge** option to combine some sections.

You can also use the **Change Gap** button, introduced in version 1.3 of the app, to adjust the spacing between slots in your layouts at any time. Please note that this option is available **only for album** layouts. Finally, drag the images you want into the frames to design your own custom layout.



12.0 Auto Fill Spreads



12.1 Automatically Fill All Spreads

The **Auto Fill Spreads** button allows you to fill all album spreads with images using a single click. It is located on the top toolbar of the application, in the center of the screen, so it is immediately visible and easily accessible.

The **Automatic Spread Fill feature** creates the layout of an entire album in just a few seconds. Each time you use it, the result will be different, as the selection of Templates is performed randomly. The final result also depends on the options you define in the **Automatic Fill** settings form.

When the images you have imported into the album are **not sufficient** for the automatic fill process, the application will notify you with a relevant message.

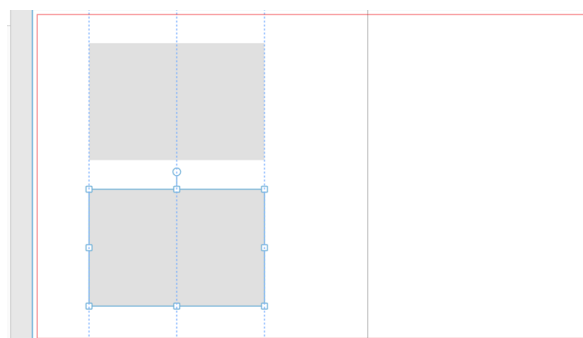
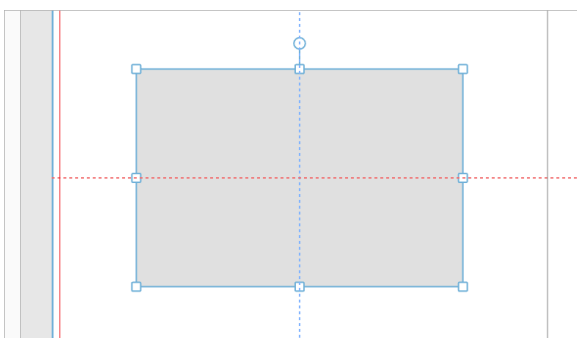
In this case, you will need to **import additional images** or **remove one or more spreads** in order for the process to continue.

13.0 Dynamic Alignment Guides

SDS offers very easy image alignment through the use of **Dynamic Alignment Guides**. When you move or resize an image, or group of images the alignment guides will automatically appear.

This allows you to easily: Align images to the same height or width, Center images on a page, And create precise layouts with minimal effort. The **alignment guides** are also available in **Text** and **Shapes**.

The guides displayed in **red** indicate alignment to the **center of the page**, both vertically and horizontally. All other alignment guides are displayed in **blue**.



14.0 Background Settings

14.1 Adding Custom and Built-in Backgrounds

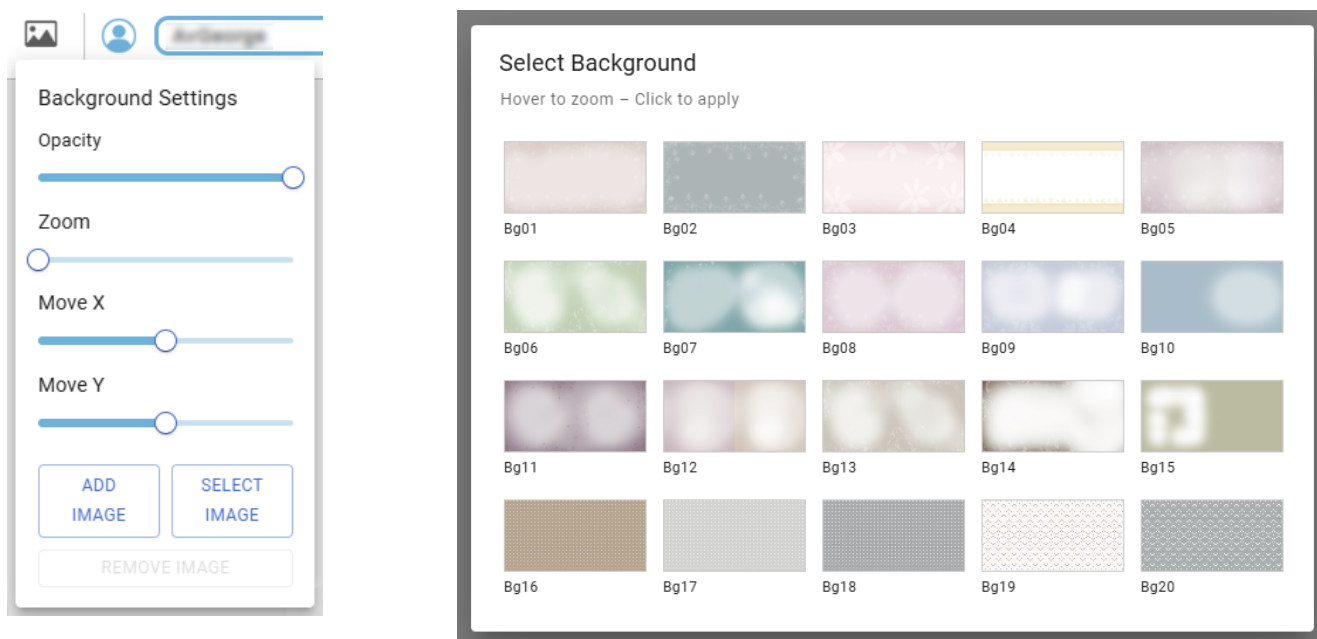
By clicking the Background Settings button, the Background palette appears, displaying the available background options.

By pressing the **ADD IMAGE** button, you can select a background image from your computer and apply it to a page. You can adjust the Opacity of the background, as well as the Zoom level and its position, using the Move X and Move Y controls.

In addition to adding your own background images, the program also includes a collection of built-in backgrounds. You can access them by clicking the **SELECT IMAGE** button. When pressed, the selection window shown below will appear.

Click on any background to apply it to a page.

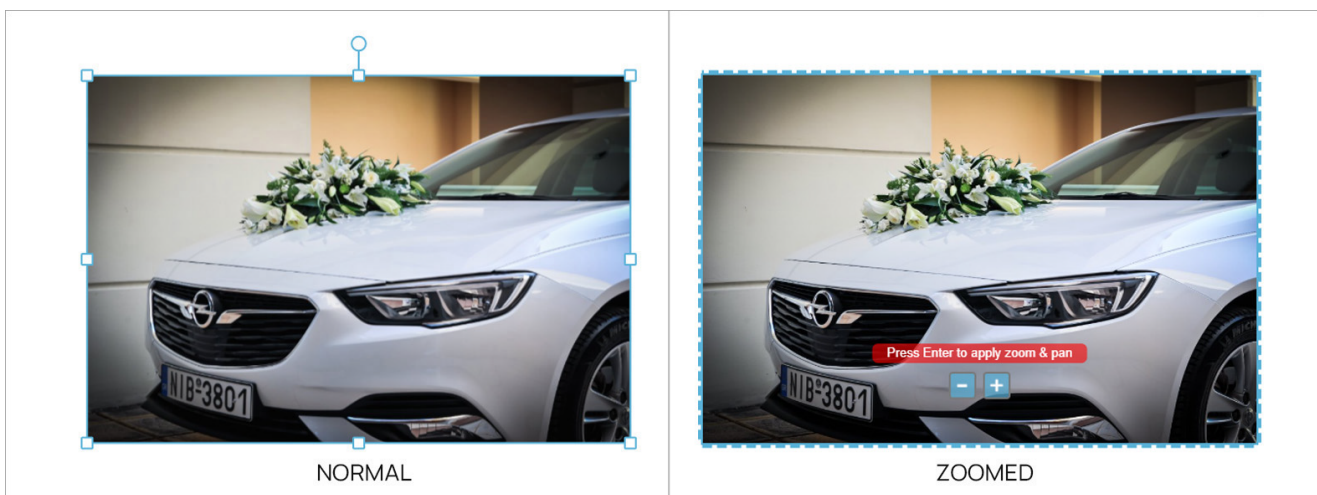
Finally, to remove a background, click the **REMOVE IMAGE** button located at the bottom of the palette.



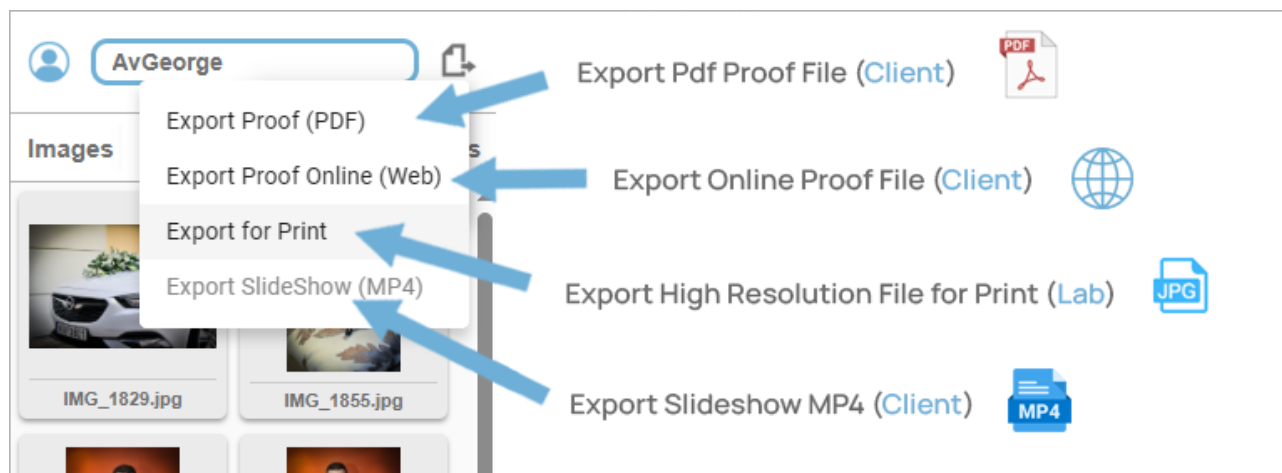
15.0 Apply ZOOM to images

15.1 Zooming and Moving an Image Inside Its Frame

To apply zoom to an image, first select it with the mouse and then **double-click** on it. A **dashed, thick selection** will start rotating around the selected image. Use the **+** and **-** buttons on the image, to zoom in the image and then move the image to the desired position within its frame. Once you are satisfied with the result, click outside the image frame to return to your layout or press the Enter key on your keyboard.



16.0 Exporting Layouts

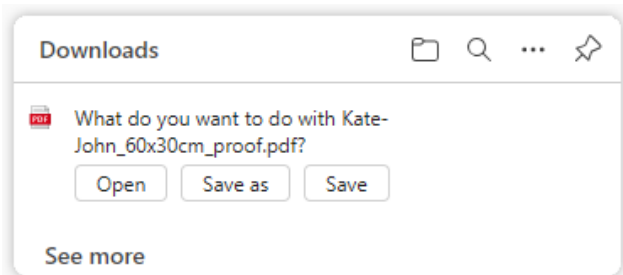


16.1 Exporting Layouts - Proof, Full Resolution Files & Slideshow

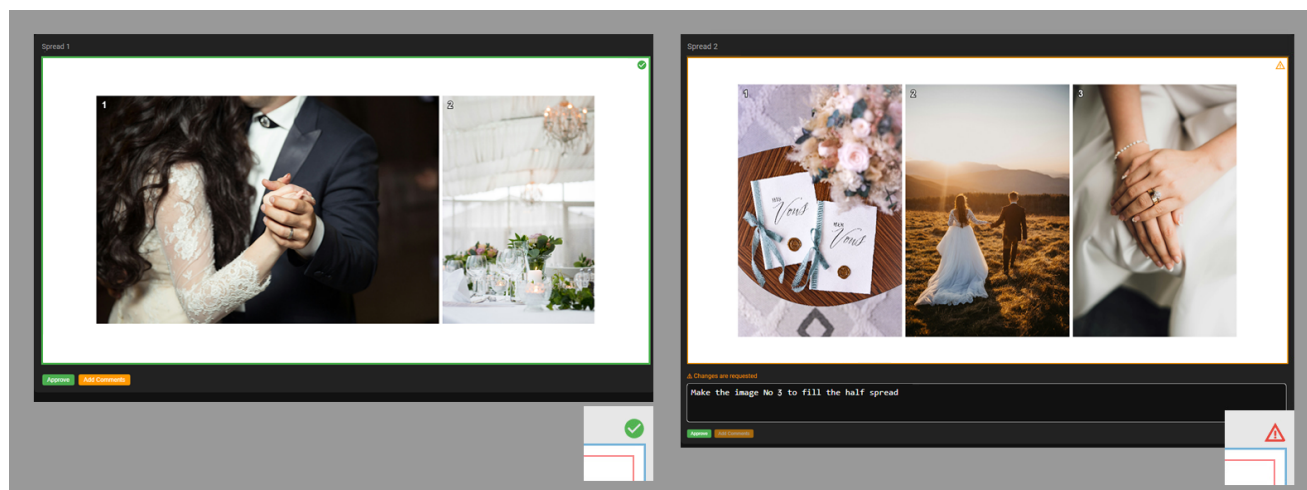
Once your design is complete, it needs to be exported from the program. For albums, the first step is to create a Proof or an **Online Proof** for client review. Any requested changes should be made before proceeding to production. Once the design has been approved and is ready, the layouts can be exported in high-resolution files for printing.

SDS supports all of these steps. After finishing your design, click the Export button located in the upper-right corner of the program above the image panel. You will then see several export options, depending on the product type. For albums, these include **Export Proof**, **Export Online Proof**, **Export for Print**, and **Export Slideshow MP4**.*

Export Proof For single-page products, the PDF will contain one page, while for albums it will include a page for each spread. After the PDF is generated, a message will appear prompting you to save the file to your desired location on your computer. You can export the proof as many times as you want.



Export Online Proof – This option **creates a web page** containing all the spreads of your album. You can send this link to your clients so they can review the design, approve the spreads, or leave correction comments under each one. Once your clients complete the review process, the spreads are automatically marked inside the program. Approved spreads and spreads that require changes are clearly indicated, allowing you to immediately see which ones need revisions. Please note that the **Online Proof** and **Slideshow** are available only for **album products**.*



Export for Print – When a product is ready for production, select this option. The file will be exported in high resolution, including all required details, and sent directly to our production lab.



Please note that an album can only be exported **1 time**. After the first export the **Export for Print option will be locked**.

***Export Slideshow MP4** – The Export Slideshow MP4 option allows you to create a slideshow with music, which you can save on your computer and share with your clients. The slideshow can be viewed on any device, including TV, computer, tablet, and mobile phone. To use this option, you must **first export the album for print** to our lab. Once the album has been exported for production, the Export Slideshow MP4 option will become available. When you select this option, a dialog window will appear. From there, you can enter the **names** of the couple, if you wish. If entered, the names will appear in white text on a black background on the first slide of the slideshow. From the same dialog, you can also select the music file you want to use for the slideshow. The music file is necessary in order for the slideshow to begin.

A screenshot of a dialog box titled "Type the couple's names and choose music". It contains a text input field with the placeholder "Couple's name (e.g. Johan & Mary)". Below the input field is a blue button labeled "Choose music file". Underneath the button, it says "No music selected". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: a grey "CANCEL" button and a red "EXPORT" button.

After confirming your selections, the export process will begin. First, the album pages are exported, and then the slideshow is generated. The duration of the music is automatically calculated in combination with the number of spreads, so that the slideshow fits the music seamlessly. The slideshow resolution that the app produces is **full HD 1920x1080 px**.

After the creation has finished, a message will come to you for you to click and download it. You can then sent it to your clients and they can watch this beautiful moment of their lives on any device they want. **Please note** that the Slideshow feature is available only for albums and not for other product types.

Thank you for choosing **SDS**!

We hope this guide has helped you understand the full capabilities of **SDS** and how to create beautiful, professional digital albums with ease. You can also visit our **Help Center**, where you will find video tutorials and answers to questions you may have.

SDS makes creating stunning digital albums easy and fun. Enjoy the process. Every page you design brings your story to your clients—beautifully and effortlessly.

Happy designing!

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