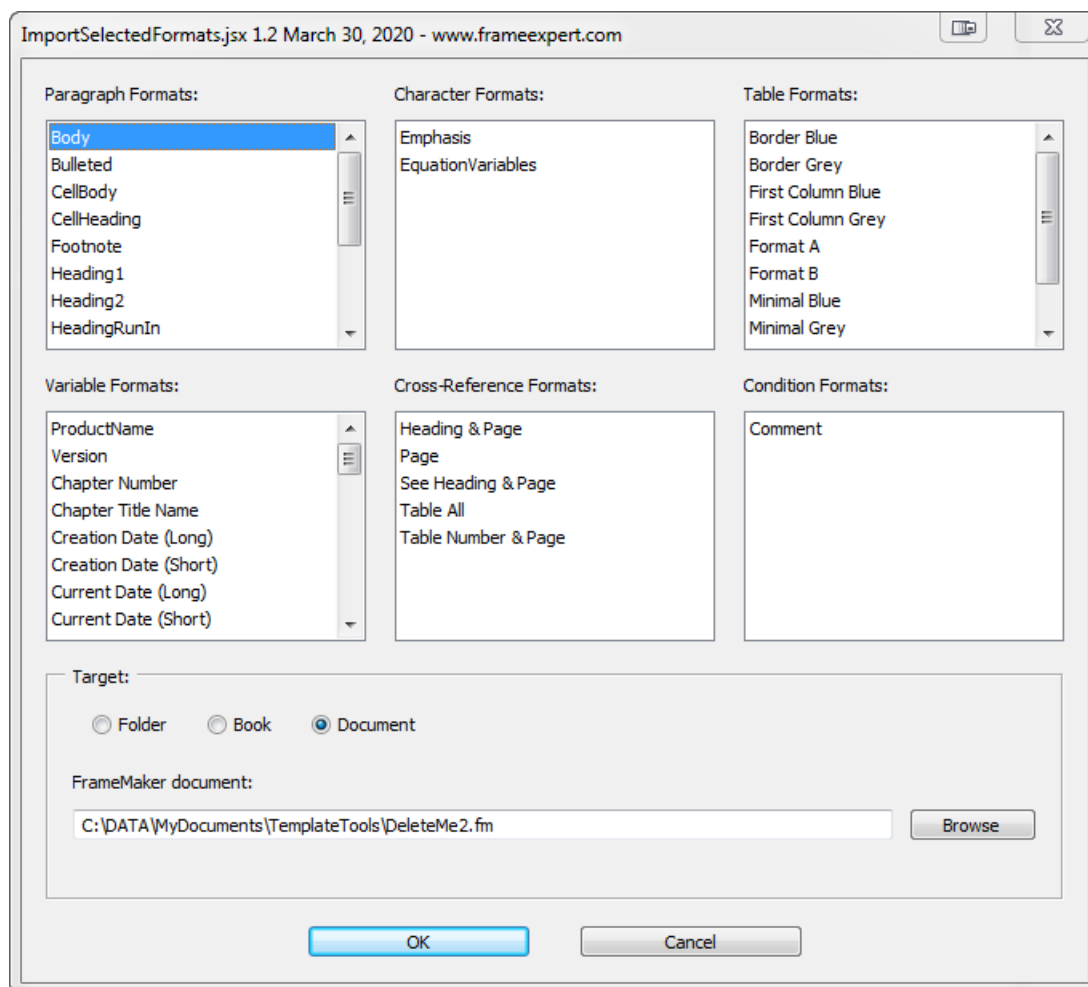


# ImportSelectedFormats 1.2 by Carmen Publishing Inc.

## Introduction

ImportSelectedFormats is an ExtendScript script that allows you to selectively import Paragraph, Character, Table, Variable, Cross-Reference, and Condition formats from the active document into other documents and books.

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## Installing ImportSelectedFormats

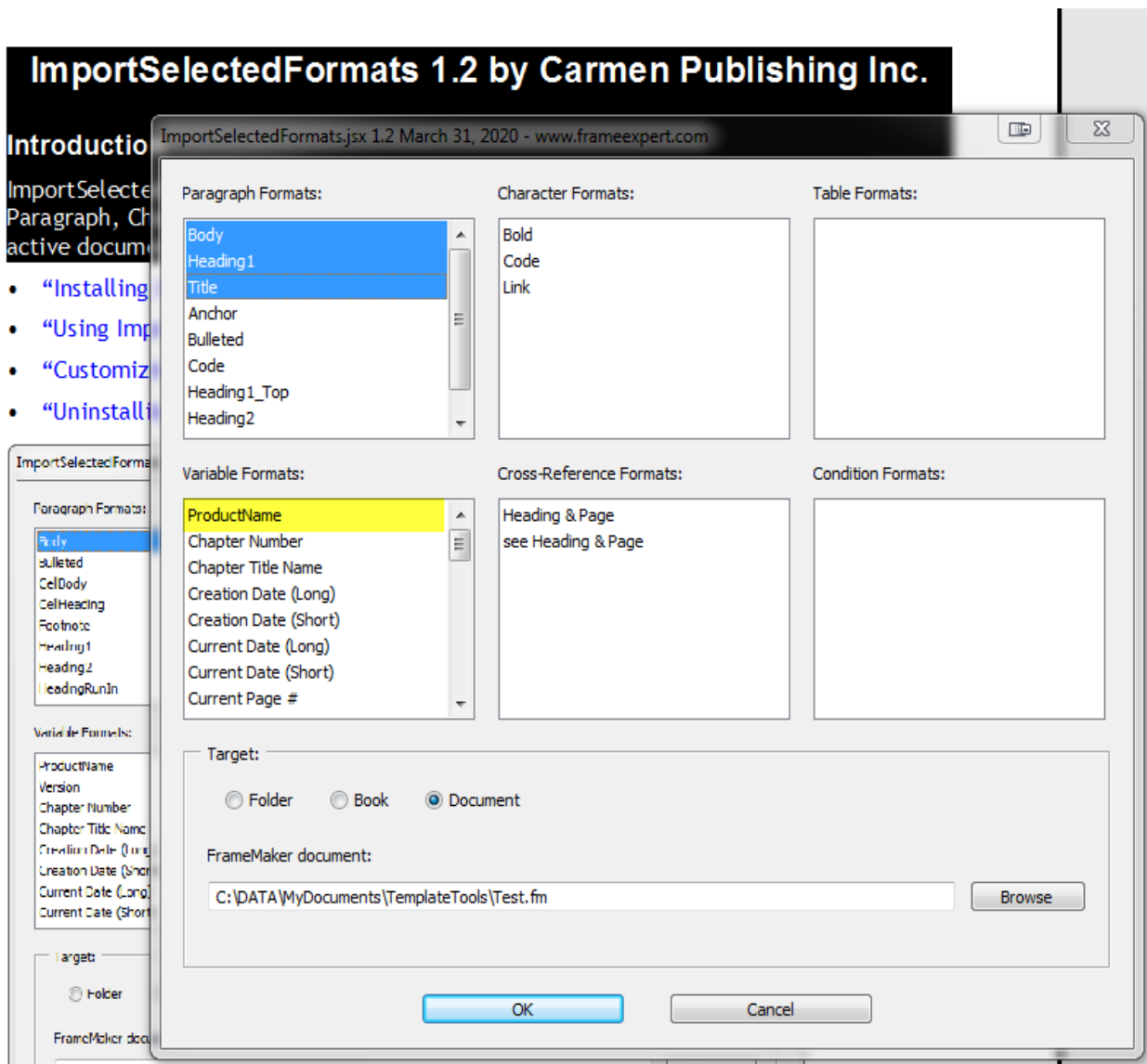
ImportSelectedFormats works with Windows FrameMaker 10 and higher.

Back up all of the ImportSelectedFormats files before installing the script. Navigate to the `C:\Users\<UserName>\AppData\Roaming\Adobe\FrameMaker\<VersionNumber>\startup`

folder on your hard drive, where <UserName> is your user name, and <VersionNumber> is the number of the FrameMaker version that you are using. If the **startup** folder does not exist, create it. Copy all of the \*ImportSelectedFormats\* files to the **startup** folder. Restart FrameMaker and ImportSelectedFormats will be ready to use.

## Using ImportSelectedFormats

Using ImportSelectedFormats is simple process. Open or create a FrameMaker document and update any desired Paragraph, Character, Table, Variable, Cross-Reference, and Condition formats. To make the import process easier for Paragraph formats, add an example of each Paragraph format in consecutive paragraphs on one of the document's pages. Select the paragraphs that have the formats applied, right-click and select **Import Select Formats**. The dialog box as shown in the screenshot below will appear.



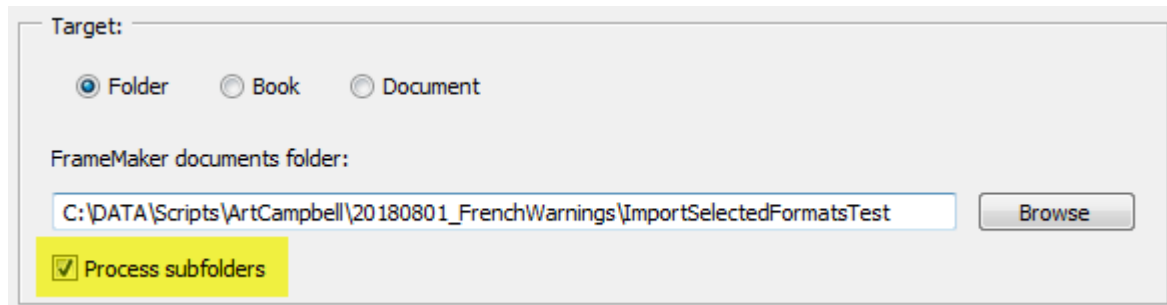
The Paragraph formats of the selected paragraphs will be highlighted at the top of the Paragraph Formats field in the dialog box. The rest of the Paragraph formats in the

document are listed below the select formats. To select or deselect formats in any list, press the Control key and click on formats.

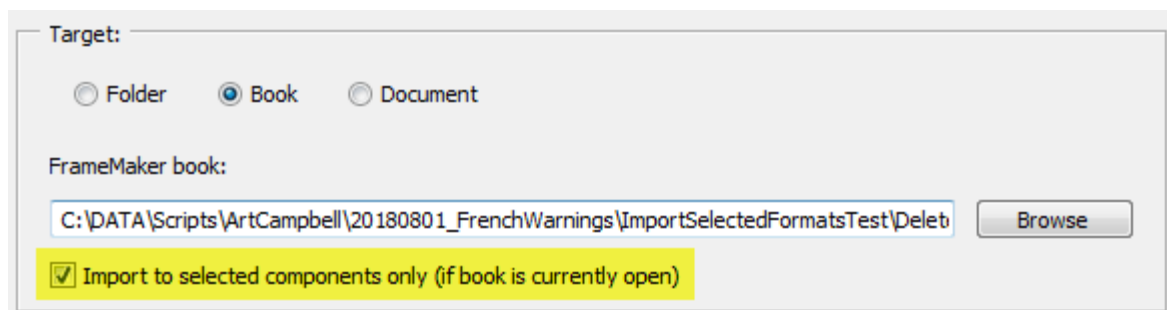
You can selectively import User or System Variable formats. User Variables formats are listed above System Variable formats in the Variable Formats list (see yellow highlighting in the screenshot above).

In the Target area of the dialog box, select the target type (Folder, Book, or Document) and use the Browse button to navigate to the desired target.

If you choose Folder as the target, you can optionally process all of the documents in subfolders of the selected folder as well.



If you choose Book as the target, you have the option of only processing selected components in the book. Note that this option will only work for a book that is currently open in FrameMaker. If the target book is not open, all components will be processed.



**WARNING:** ImportSelectedFormats can update a huge number of documents when processing a book or folder (and optional subfolders). There are no warnings when you click OK and there is no undo to the command. It is recommended that you back up your files before using ImportSelectedFormats.

## Customizing the ImportSelectedFormats Interface

You can localize and change the labels in the ImportSelectedFormats dialog box. You do this by editing the CP\_ImportSelectedFormats.cfg file that is in the startup folder. This is an XML file that controls the content of dialog box. The labels for each part of the dialog box are controlled by each “label” attribute value in the XML file. Follow these guidelines when changing the value of any of the label attributes:

- Make a backup copy of the file before you edit it. If you make any mistakes when you edit the file, you can restore the original file.
- Edit the file in a text editor, not in a program like FrameMaker or Word.

- Only change the content between the double-quotes of the label attribute value. Do not remove or modify the double-quotes.
- Do not modify any other attribute or element in the document.
- Save the document after you edit it.

## Uninstalling ImportSelectedFormats

Navigate to the

C:\Users\**<UserName>**\AppData\Roaming\Adobe\FrameMaker\**<VersionNumber>**\startup

folder on your hard drive, where **<UserName>** is your user name, and **<VersionNumber>** is the number of the FrameMaker version that you are using. Remove all of the ImportSelectedFormats\* files from the startup folder.

### For More Information

To purchase ImportSelectedFormats and other useful ExtendScript and FrameScript scripts, see [www.frameexpert.com/store](http://www.frameexpert.com/store) or email [rick@frameexpert.com](mailto:rick@frameexpert.com).