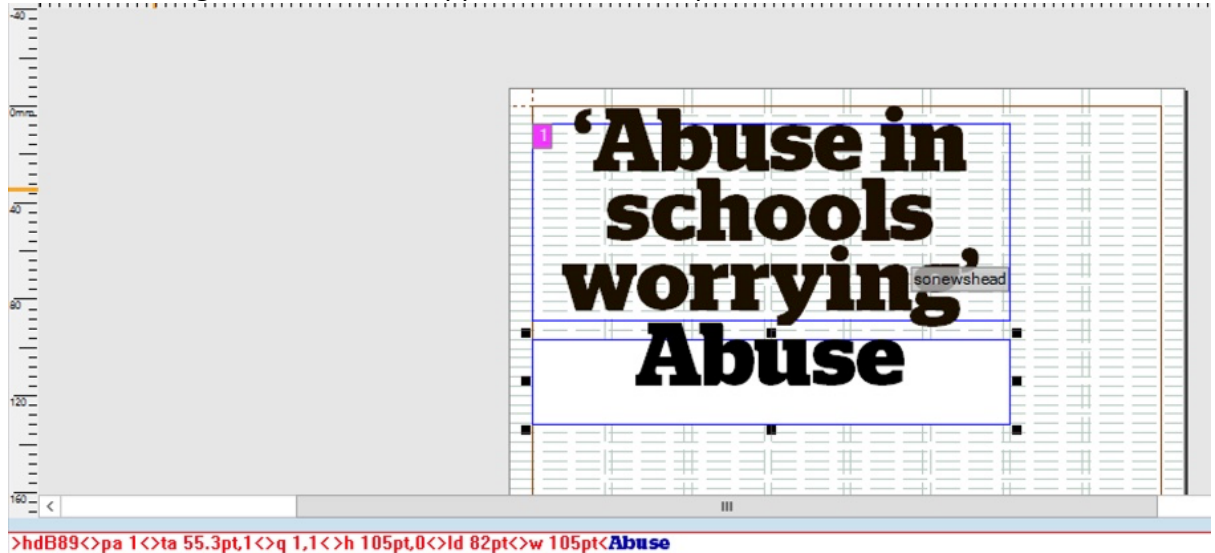


How to convert text to an image:

There are a few ways of converting text to an image. The method I use goes as follows:

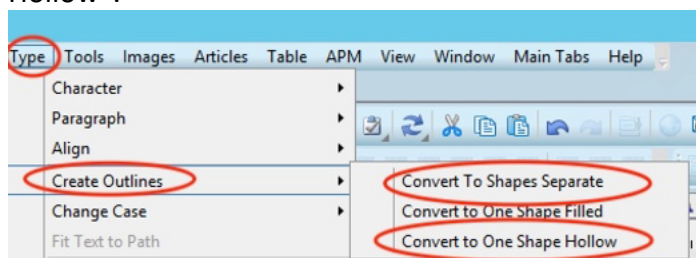
- 1) Take the word in the headline that you wish to turn into an image and copy it – along with the coding that controls its appearance – in a separate headline box..



- 2) Select that element – ie, not in text editing mode.



- 3) Then go to the type menu and select the “create outlines” option. There are two options that will work. “Convert to Shapes Separate” and “Convert to One Shape Hollow”.



- 4) Each of these does exactly what it says on the tin. If you choose a “single hollow shape”, the entire word will accept an image (just drag and drop from scanned images). If you convert each letter into a separate space, then each letter will accept an image.
- 5) Which works better? Depends what sort of image you have. In the case of last night’s fire image – probably converting each letter to a separate space and then sliding the images in the individual letters for maximum effect.
- 6) Top – done using word as a single hollow space. Bottom does as individual letters:



- 7) Note you can use effects like drop shadows and the like on this kind of text – but, it pays to use a keyline around the letters (0.3pt hairline) just to keep the whole thing together.

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