

DISTRIBUTING OBJECTS

In addition to the improved alignment controls on the Align palette, there are also new distribution options.

Objectives

After this exercise you will be able to:



- » Distribute objects

Required knowledge to perform this exercise:

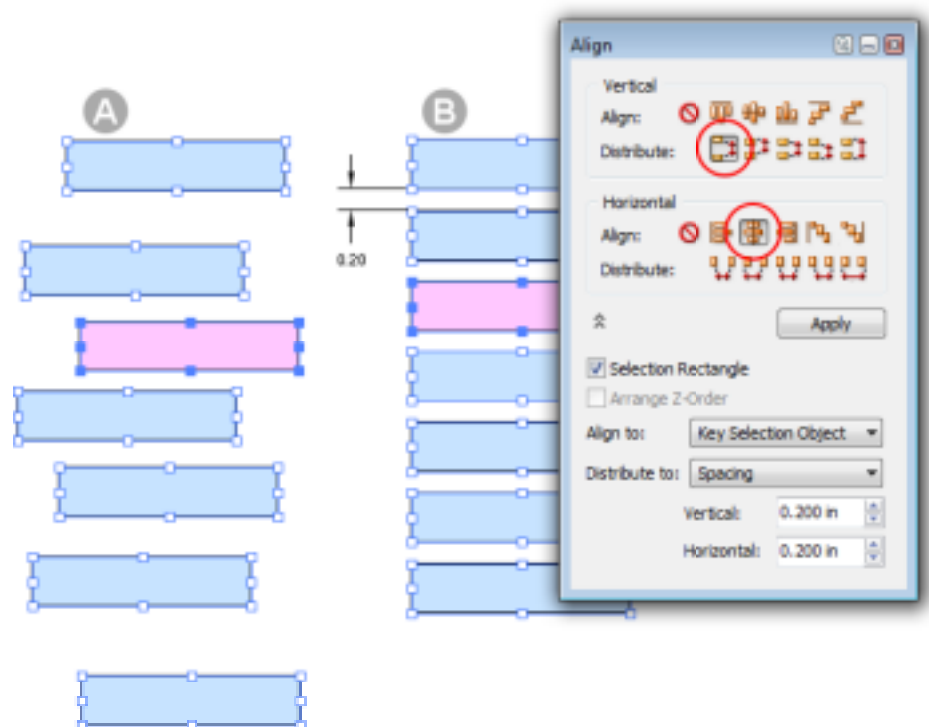
- » Align objects
- » Open palettes

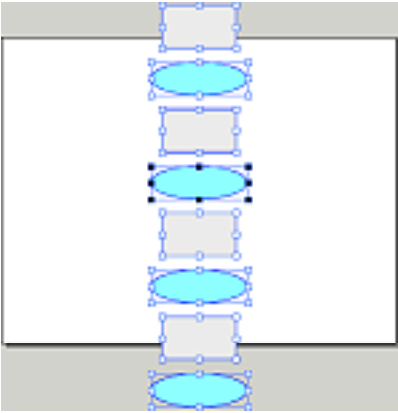
STEP 1: DISTRIBUTE OBJECTS

Now let's learn how to distribute objects using Canvas 11's improved Align palette. When distributing objects, Canvas 11 spreads them out over a specified area and equalizes the space between the key points. In addition, Canvas places all objects relative to the option selected in the Distribute to menu.

Using the Key Selection Object, we will show how to distribute objects based on spacing. In image [A] on the right, all the objects are selected and the pink rectangle is the key selection object. On the Align palette, click the first distribution icon for Vertical spacing . Then for the Horizontal alignment, click the align center icon .

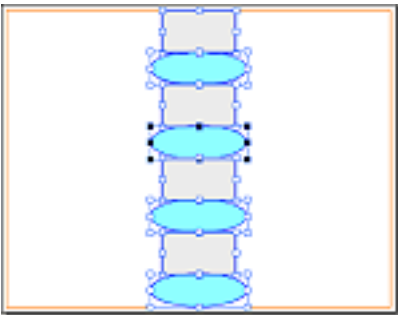
Open the Distribute to menu and select Spacing. For the spacing, we'll enter 0.20 in for both Vertical and Horizontal. Then click Apply to see the result [B].





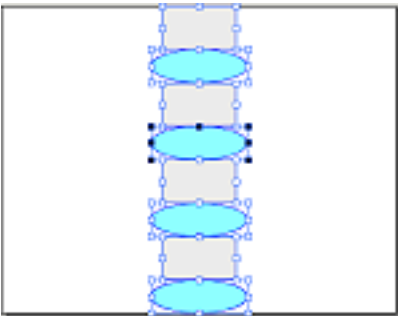
Selection Bounds:

Distributes all the objects over the area defined by current selection bounds. Key selection object may move.



Printable Area:

Aligns all objects with the edge of printable area. If no printable area is defined, the entire document is selected.



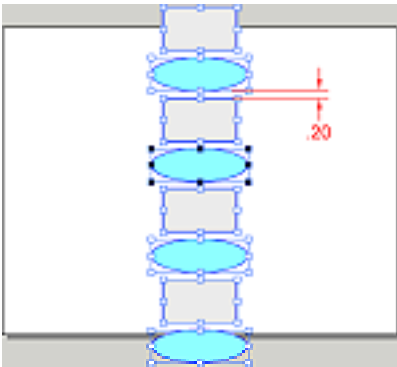
Document:

Distributes all objects over the entire area of the document. Key selection object may move.



Fixed Amount:

Distributes all objects over a fixed distance. Key selection object doesn't move and remaining objects are positioned accordingly within that distance. Enter the amount in the Horizontal and Vertical fields below the Distribute to menu.



Spacing:

Distributes all objects so the distance between each object is the amount indicated in the Vertical and Horizontal fields below the Distribute to menu. The key selection object doesn't move and the remaining objects are positioned accordingly. The amount of spacing may be a negative number.

Selection Rectangle:

Select this option to ignore the stroke of the objects when aligning or distributing objects. Deselect the option to use the outside edge of objects' strokes.

Arrange Z-Order:

This option is most applicable to distribute. When you select Arrange Z-Order, the command Arrange > Bring to Front is performed on each object. In the end, the objects are stacked on the top of each other in the same order in which they were distributed.

If you select a horizontal distribution method, the Arrange Z-Order checkbox is available.

