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Design & Objects

Using the Nudge Tool

The **Nudge tool** defines horizontal and vertical increments to move selected object(s) actioned by the arrow keys on your keyboard.

There are three methods of defining the nudge increment in FTDesign:

- **Pre-defined** - select the nudge increment from the pre-defined options
- **Custom** - enter a custom vertical and horizontal nudge increment.
- **Difference between selected objects** - set the nudge increments to the horizontal and vertical difference between two selected objects (shown only when two objects are selected).

To set the nudge increment:

- Click the **Nudge tool** button or select **Nudge** from the **Tools** menu.
- Either select a value from the **Pre-defined value** menu, or enter a value in the **Horizontal** and **Vertical** text boxes.
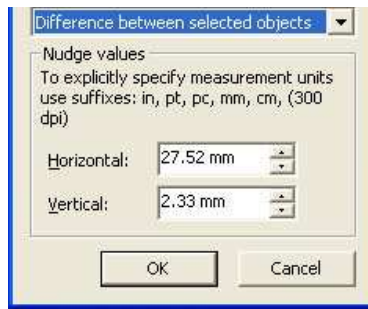- Click the **OK** button.

Once the nudge increment is defined, use the arrow keys on the keyboard to move selected objects one increment per press, in that direction.

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Difference between Selected Objects automatically calculates and sets the nudge increment to the difference between two selected objects. This is handy if you want to create uniform space between text objects or lines.

To set the nudge distance to the difference between two selected objects:

- Select **two** objects on your form, either by clicking each of them while holding down the **SHIFT** key or by drawing a marquee around the objects.
- Click the **Nudge tool** button or select **Nudge** from the **Tools** menu.
- Select **Difference between selected objects** from the **Pre-defined values** menu. The **Horizontal** and **Vertical** nudge values will be automatically calculated, as shown in the **Nudge value** box.
- Click the **OK** button.

Once the nudge increment is defined, you can use the arrow keys on the keyboard to move selected objects one increment per press, in that direction.

Example: Use Difference between selected objects nudge option to create quantity columns that are equal in width.

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