Thank you for purchasing our extension for Adobe Illustrator. The „Get Shape Area Panel“ is a very useful extension that allows you to quickly gather the area sizes of paths, compound paths and groups containing paths.

It does fully integrate with Adobe Illustrator from CC 2014 on and is an unobstuctive asset to work with on a daily basis. Background-color and font-color will adapt to your selected application-color. The panel snaps to your workspace items as any other original panel from Adobe.

You can choose to use the panel in **manual mode** which means you have to update the panel manually after selecting an object using the refresh-icon (🔄). Or you can install the AiHostAdapter-plugin that comes with the extension and was extracted to the desktop on your system. With the plugin you set the panel to **auto-update-mode** which means it refreshes on its own whenever you select an object. This might be helpful if you have a lot of areas to work with.

**Installation**

**Panel Installation**

If you have purchased this extension from the Adobe Exchange website it should already be installed on your system through the Creative Cloud app. If it has not installed yet, go to your Adobe Exchange „My Exchange“ page and click on „Sync Extensions“ on the upper left.

If you purchased it from another source, you can use the provided installers.

On **Mac**: GetShapeAreasPanel.dmg
On **Win**: GetShapeAreasPanel.exe

Follow the on-screen instructions from the installer application to integrate the panel with Illustrator.

**Plugin Installation**

The extension saved the plugin as „AiHostAdapterPlugin.zip“ to your desktop on your system:

On **Mac**: /Users/<User Name>/Desktop/GetShapeAreaPanel/
On **Win**: C:\Users\<User Name>\Desktop\GetShapeAreaPanel\

Extract the ZIP-file and copy „AiHostAdapter.aip“ from the win or mac folder to Illustrator’s plugin folder:

On **Mac**: /Applications/Adobe Illustrator CC 201x/Plug-Ins
On **Win**: C:\Program Files(x86)\Adobe\AdobeIllustrator CC 201x\Plug-Ins
Usage

Panel Usage
If Illustrator was running during the installation process, you need to close and re-open Adobe Illustrator. Otherwise just open Adobe Illustrator as usual.
You can activate the panel by clicking on „Window -> Extensions -> Get Shape Areas“.
The panel will now show on your workspace. You can drag it to anywhere in your workspace or attach it to existing panels or panes.

If you chose to use the panel manually, you can now select any path, compound or group* and click on the refresh icon (```) in the panel. The values will now update.
If you installed the AiHostAdapter.aip plugin, you can simply select any path, compound* or group* and the value will update automatically.

Known Issues
1. Compounds that have cutouts will be wrongly calculated. If you need to get exact results, you have to decompose the compound shape and measure them separately, than deduct the inner paths’ results from the outer path’s result. This will most likely be fixed in the next update.

Example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>8</th>
<th>results in 1.27 cm²</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>results in 1.08 cm²</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>:</td>
<td>results in 0.19 cm²</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>is really 1.08 - 0.19 = 0.99 cm²</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2. When entering text into an text-area, the panel will show an error message during entering text or selecting text. This will most likely be fixed in the next update.

3. When selecting compound paths or groups, the panel might show a wrong number of selected elements. We are still trying to figure out when Illustrator decides to deduct a path instead of adding it to the count.

Feedback and Requests
We are happy to hear from you. Positive feedback, constructive criticism or feature requests can be send to: support@marschland-media.de

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