Multistate objects:
One page item, many versions

You can use the Object States panel in InDesign CS5 to create multiple versions, or *states*, of an object on a page. Only one state is visible on the page at a time. For example, you can create a slide show that lets the user view each image in an exported SWF file. When you print the file or export it to PDF, only the active state appears.

Step 2: Viewers of the SWF file need a way to change the state of the object. New actions in InDesign® CS5 make it easy to create interactive buttons that navigate inside any multistate object on the spread.
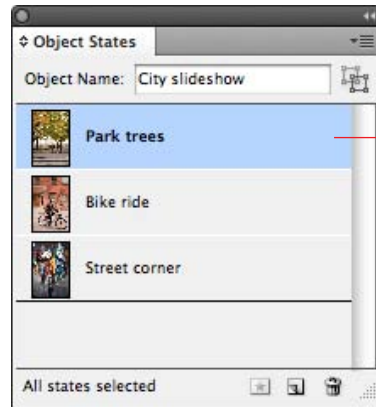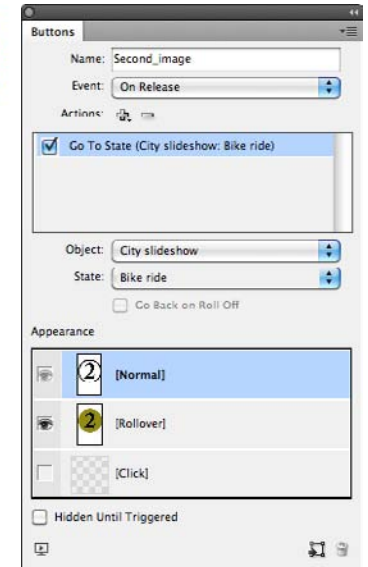
Each state is a separate object or group of objects.

Step 1: To create a SWF slide show, stack separate images on top of one another, select them all, and click the Convert Selection To Multi-State Object button.

Step 3: To make the multistate object interactive, export it as a SWF file. You can then import the SWF into an InDesign document and export it as a PDF file. If you are using Acrobat 9 or later, you can view the change in images by clicking the buttons to the right.