

# Selecting by attribute

Adjust the preferences for object and border colors, units of measure, and so on.

You can select objects according to their attributes.

Use a contextual menu to select the closest object or all objects with similar properties. You can also select objects of the same type and/or color.

1. Click the **Plate Builder Tool** button to start a Plate Builder session.
2. To access the contextual menu:
  - On a Mac client computer, hold down Control, and click an item in the Plate Builder window.
  - On a Windows-based client computer, right-click an item in the Plate Builder window.

The contextual menu appears. The menu items that are available depend on the type of item selected, its attributes, and its context.

3. Select one of the following menu items:
  - **Select all objects of the same type (text, images, paths, gradients)**
  - **Select similar objects**
  - **Select all objects added to the separation**
  - **Deselect all**—to clear the entire selection group
4. Press Control+Shift+click (Mac OS) or Shift+right-click (Windows) to display the contextual menu to add more objects.