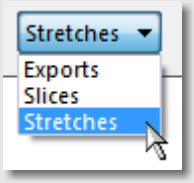
How to make a Stretchy Text Panel or Button in not that many steps.

1. Write some text . You can use a text line, text column or text area. You can format this text at any time later.

   TIP: make the text the **shortest** it is likely to be, stretchy objects expand much better than they contract.

2. With the Selector tool , select your text and, in the Names dialog , give it a name, e.g. **stretchText**, so it displays in the **Names applied** area.

3. In the Name Gallery, Name gallery select **stretchText** and, from the droplist at the top, select **Stretches**.



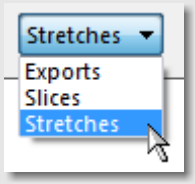
4. Draw a rounded rectangle around your text . This could be a button or an outline around a paragraph.

5. Put it behind your text .

6. Convert to editable shapes .

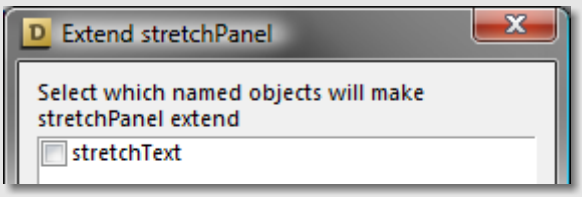
7. In the Names dialog, name the panel, i.e. **stretchPanel**.

8. In the Name Gallery, Name gallery select **stretchPanel** and, from the droplist at the top, select **Stretches**.



9. Still in the Name Gallery, locate **stretchPanel** and click the arrow to the right of it:

   This opens up the **Extend** dialog, followed by the name of the object that will make it extend:



   Check the box for **stretchText**.

   TIP: select both the text and the shape and **Group** . This is not essential but simply makes it easier to move your stretchy text panel / button.

All done. If you now add some text to your panel/button, the underlying shape will expand with it. Go forth and stretch!