

What is PDF format?

Portable Document Format (PDF) is the file standard for the electronic exchange of documents. PDF ensures your printed or viewed file retains the formatting that you intended. The PDF format is also useful if you intend to use commercial printing methods.

Important

- **To view a PDF file**, download and install the free Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer from [Adobe Systems](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobatstd/main.html).

[Save as PDF format in an Office program](http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word-help/save-as-pdf-HA010064992.aspx?CTT=3)

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- **To create PDF files**, you will need to download and install an application to create the files. There are many free and inexpensive programs available, including online conversion websites. The following is a list of PDF software applications:

Adobe

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobatstd/main.html>

Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC or Mac)

BLC Technologies

<http://www.gohtm.com>

Web-based converter. Vendor emails PDF back to you. (For PC or Mac)

Create Adobe PDF Online

<https://createpdf.adobe.com/index.pl/>

Web-based converter. Vendor emails PDF back to you. (For PC or Mac)

CutePDF

<http://www.cutepdf.com>

Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

Go2PDF

<http://www.go2pdf.com>

Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

Pdf995

<http://site4.pdf995.com>

Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

PDFcreator

<http://docupub.com>

Web-based converter. View PDF or emails PDF to you. (For PC or Mac)

Win2PDF

<http://www.win2pdf.com/>

Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

Zeon Corporation

<http://www.pdfwizard.com/>

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