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# Adobe® Acrobat® Reader 4.0

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## Using Acrobat Reader

The Acrobat Reader allows anyone to view, navigate, and print documents in the Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF).

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## Opening PDF documents

The creator of a PDF document can set the document to open in a variety of ways. For example, a document might open to a particular page number, at a particular magnification, or with the bookmarks or thumbnails visible.

If a document is set to open in Full Screen view, the tool bar, menu bar, and window controls are not visible. You can exit Full Screen view by pressing Escape, if your preferences are set this way, or by pressing Ctrl+L (Microsoft Windows® and UNIX®) or Command+L (Mac OS). For more on this view, see [Reading documents in Full Screen view](#).

## To open a PDF document:

Do one of the following:

- Click the Open button , or choose File > Open. In the Open dialog box, select the filename, and click Open. PDF documents usually have the extension .pdf.
- Choose the document's filename from the File menu. The menu lists the four PDF documents you last opened.
- Double-click the file icon in your file system.

**Note:** *In Mac OS, you may not be able to open a PDF document created in Windows by double-clicking the icon. If double-clicking the icon in Mac OS does not open the document, use File > Open in Acrobat Reader to open the document, close the document, and try again. After you've used the Open command once on the document, you'll be able to open the document next time by double-clicking.*

In Acrobat Reader 4.0, you can view and print PDF documents that contain Japanese, Korean, Traditional Chinese, and Simplified Chinese text if you use the appropriate language kit at installation.

To display a list of all Acrobat Reader command-line options (UNIX), start the Acrobat Reader product with the -help option. For example:

```
acroread -help
```

## Viewing PDF documents on the Web

You can view PDF documents that are on the World Wide Web or an intranet using a Web browser. Every document on the Web is identified by a unique address called a Uniform Resource Locator (URL). When a PDF document is stored on the Web, you can click a URL link to it to open the document in your Web browser.

## Reading PDF documents in a Web browser

PDF documents can display in Web browsers compatible with Netscape® Navigator® 4.0 (or later) or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 (or later). The necessary plug-ins are automatically installed when you install Acrobat Reader. For information on getting your browser ready, see [Installing the Web browser plug-in](#). (If pages of your PDF document appear blank when viewed in a Web browser, you may be using an early version of a Web server. Try saving the PDF file locally, and viewing it using Acrobat Reader.)

When you view a PDF document in a Web browser, all of the Acrobat Reader tools are available in the browser. In Windows, you can click the two small vertical lines (next to the Adobe icon at the left of the tool bar) to minimize or maximize the tool bar.

**Note:** Many keyboard commands are mapped to the Web browser rather than to Acrobat Reader, so some Acrobat Reader keyboard shortcuts may not be available in the browser window.

## Opening a PDF file embedded as an OLE object in another file

You can read PDF documents that have been incorporated into other documents created by any OLE (Object Linking and Embedding) 1.0 or OLE 2.0 container application such as Microsoft Word, Excel®, or PowerPoint®.

### To view an embedded PDF file:

- 1 Open the document into which the PDF document has been embedded.
- 2 Double-click the Acrobat icon in the document. Acrobat Reader launches and displays the activated PDF document.

**Note:** You cannot make changes or save while in Acrobat Reader.

## Printing PDF documents

You can print and view PDF documents from Acrobat Reader.

### To print a PDF document:

- 1 Use File > Page Setup to set general printing options. The available options will vary with different printers and drivers. See your printer driver documentation for details.

- 2 Click the Print button , or choose File > Print. Specify the printer, page range, number of copies, and other options, and click OK. Most of the options are the same as they are for other applications, but note the following:
- Selected Pages Or Selected Graphic (Windows) or Selected Thumbnails/ Graphic (Mac OS) prints only the pages or page area you selected before opening the Print dialog box.
  - Page From/To prints a range of pages. In Windows, if the Use Logical Page Numbers option is selected in General preferences, you can enter page-position numbers in parentheses to print those pages. For example, if the first page of a document is numbered "iii", you can enter (1) to print that page.
  - Annotations prints annotation graphics on the pages. The annotations are printed as closed, even if they are open on the pages online.
  - Fit To Page scales pages up or down (and if necessary rotates them) to fit the paper size currently installed in your printer. This is not available in most other applications.
  - Print As Image (Windows) prints the pages as bitmap images. (In Mac OS, this is set in the Print Method pop-up menu.) You may want to print pages as images if they have too many fonts to print as PostScript- or if the pages use non-embedded Asian fonts not available on your system.
  - Print Method, in Windows, specifies which level of PostScript to generate for the pages. Choose the level of PostScript appropriate for your printer. In Mac



OS, this specifies whether to print using PostScript (without selecting level) or to print pages as bitmap images.

- Force Language Level 3 (Mac OS) prints the pages using LanguageLevel 3 PostScript. Select this option if you're printing PostScript to a file rather than to a printer and you want to use LanguageLevel 3 PostScript. (When you send PDF to a printer, let the printer driver specify what level of PostScript to use.) This is available only when you choose PostScript in the Print Method pop-up menu; if you choose PostScript in the menu and do not select this option, Level 2 PostScript is used.
- Download Asian Fonts downloads Asian fonts to a PostScript printer. Select this option if you want to print a PDF document with Asian fonts but do not have the fonts installed on the printer and do not have the fonts embedded in the document. (Embedded fonts are downloaded whether or not this option is selected.) You can use this option with a PostScript Level 2 or higher printer, or a Level 1 printer that supports Type 0 font extensions.

**Note:** *Some fonts cannot be downloaded to a printer, either because the font is a bitmap or because embedding of the font is restricted in that document. In these cases, a substitute font is used for printing, and the printed output may not match the screen display exactly.*



If Download Asian Fonts is not selected, the PDF document prints correctly only if the referenced fonts are installed on the printer. If the fonts are not on the printer but the printer has similar fonts, the printer substitutes the similar fonts. If there are no suitable fonts on the printer, Courier is used for the text.

If you have a PostScript Level 1 printer that does not support Type 0 font extensions, or if Download Asian Fonts does not produce the results you want, print the PDF document as a bitmap image. Printing a document as an image may take longer than using a substituted printer font.

- Use Printer Halftone Screens prints halftones using the printer's halftone screens. If you do not select this option, the halftones are printed using halftone information from the PDF file.

**Note:** *If Use Printer Halftone Screens is not selected, and if the halftone information sent to the printer from the PDF file is not appropriate for that printer, the screens may produce “muddy” images.*

## Printing PDF documents from the command line (UNIX)

Besides printing directly from within Reader by choosing File > Print, you can print PDF files from the command line. To print the file *sample.pdf* to the default printer, type the following:

```
% cat sample.pdf | acroread -toPostScript | lp
```

**Note:** If a PDF file has been secured with an Open password or does not allow printing, you will not be able to print from the command line.

You can use options to control your print job from the command line. Options available to Reader are the following.

**To create a LanguageLevel 2 PostScript file:**

```
-level2
```

**To print a PDF file to a differently named PostScript file:**

```
-pairs <pdf filename> <PostScript filename>
```

For example, to print *sample.pdf* to *test.ps*, you would use the following syntax:

```
acroread -toPostScript -pairs sample.pdf test.ps
```

**To use the printer's default halftone screens instead of custom halftone screens included in the file:**

```
-printerhalftones
```

## Printing and viewing PDF documents containing Asian fonts

If you are working on an operating system that does not have support for Asian languages, in order to enable the viewing and printing of PDF files that contain Asian language text, you will need to separately download and install one or more of the Asian language font packs that are available on the Adobe Web site ([www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)). Fonts are available for Chinese Traditional, Chinese Simplified, Japanese, and Korean languages.

## Setting preferences

Preferences are settings that modify the performance, interface, and behavior of an application. For the most part, the preference settings of Acrobat Reader determine the view of a document on-screen for your copy of Reader. Some of these settings can be overridden for a particular PDF document by a document author.

In UNIX, you can define resources in the `.Xdefaults` file. See [Customizing resources for your personal use \(UNIX\)](#) for information. You can also give Acrobat Reader access to more fonts systemwide or for individual users. See [Giving Acrobat Reader access to fonts \(UNIX\)](#) for information.

## To set preferences:

Choose File > Preferences, and then choose the type of preference you want to change:

- General preferences define a default page layout, a default magnification level, a color management system, and other basic options. For more information, see [Setting a default view](#).
- Annotations preferences specify a font and point size for viewing note text. For more information, see [Setting annotation preferences](#).
- Full Screen preferences determine how a document appears and behaves in Full Screen view. For more information, see [Setting Full Screen preferences](#).
- Weblink preferences determine the behavior of information display for Weblinks and provide a way to choose which browser to launch when activating a Weblink. For more information, see [Choosing a Web browser for Weblinks](#).

Other Acrobat Reader plug-ins may add new preference items to this list. See the plug-in's documentation for information.

## Customizing resources for your personal use (UNIX)

When Acrobat Reader starts, it searches for resources in the standard X Window System resource file (`~/.Xdefaults`). It uses all resources it finds to determine the proper setup. If it finds a resource more than once, it uses the last value found. By editing the resource file, you can customize Acrobat Reader. For your changes to take effect, you must restart your windowing system.

The following sections describe some general Acrobat Reader resources that you can change in the `.Xdefaults` file:

- [Plug-in location \(UNIX\)](#).
- [Starting multiple Acrobat viewers \(UNIX\)](#).
- [Fonts for bookmarks \(UNIX\)](#).

### Plug-in location (UNIX)

When Acrobat Reader starts, it searches for plug-ins in the directory `$ACRO_INSTALL_DIR/$ACRO_CONFIG/plug_ins`. You can specify a new default directory by changing the `*systemPlugInPath` label. The `*systemPlugInPath` label specifies the location of the plug-ins used by all users of Acrobat Reader:

```
*systemPlugInPath /net/Acrobat/Sun_OS4/doc_dept/  
plug-ins
```

You can specify your own plug-ins when starting Reader. By default, Acrobat Reader searches for personal plug-ins in the \$HOME/plug\_ins directory. You can specify a new default directory for personal plug-ins by changing the \*userPlugInPath label. For example:

```
userPlugInPath $HOME/Acrobat/plug_ins
```

## Starting multiple Acrobat viewers (UNIX)

If you want to open a new Reader program every time you open a PDF file, set the \*userFrontEndProgram resource to FALSE. By default, the \*userFrontEndProgram is set to TRUE, meaning that the Reader program that is already opened is used to display the new PDF file.

## Fonts for bookmarks (UNIX)

If you want to change the default font size used for bookmarks, you can change the value of \*bookmarkFontSize. The font size is expressed in points. If you want to change the font family, you can change the value of \*bookmarkFontName. For example:

```
*bookmarkFontSize 10
```

```
*bookmarkFontName Courier
```

## Giving Acrobat Reader access to fonts (UNIX)

If a font is referenced in a PDF file, but not embedded, and Acrobat Reader finds that font on the system opening the file, Acrobat Reader will use the font on the system to display the text. You can give Reader access to your installed Type 1 fonts by setting the PSRESOURCEPATH variable in the viewer launch script or in your user configuration file. Editing the launch script, usually done by a system administrator, gives all users who access that copy of the viewer access to the fonts. Editing your user configuration file gives you access to the fonts.

The PSRESOURCEPATH variable looks for UNIX PostScript Resource (.upr) files in the location at which you point it. The .upr files are created when Type1 fonts are installed. If you have installed Adobe Illustrator® or Adobe Photoshop®, the PSRESOURCEPATH is already set for the individual and Reader will find it.

### To give access to fonts systemwide:

- 1 Open Acrobat4/bin/acroread in a text editor.
- 2 Enter the following command:  

```
# PSRESOURCEPATH=<font_location>::
```
- 3 Restart Acrobat Reader.

### To give an individual access to fonts:

- 1 Open your user configuration file in a text editor.
- 2 Set the PSRESOURCEPATH environment variable:

```
# PSRESOURCEPATH=<font_location>::
```

3 Restart Acrobat Reader.

## Magnifying and reducing the page view

The minimum and maximum zoom levels available depend on the current page size.

If you magnify a page to a size larger than the window, use the hand tool  to move the page around so that you can view all the areas on it. Moving a PDF page with the hand tool is like moving a piece of paper on a desk with your hand.

### To increase magnification:

Do one of the following:

- Select the zoom-in tool , and click the page.
- Select the zoom-in tool, and drag to draw a rectangle, called a marquee, around the area to magnify.
- Click the Magnification button  in the status bar, and choose a magnification level.

### To decrease magnification:

Do one of the following:

- Select the zoom-out tool , and click the page.
- Select the zoom-out tool, and drag to draw a marquee the size you want the reduced page to be.
- Click the Magnification button  in the status bar, and choose a magnification level.

**Note:** When the zoom-in tool is selected, you can press *Ctrl* (Windows and UNIX) or *Option* (Mac OS) while clicking or dragging to zoom out instead of in. When the zoom-out tool is selected, press *Ctrl* or *Option* to zoom in.

### To change the magnification level using a thumbnail:

Position the pointer over the lower right corner of the red page-view box in the thumbnail until the pointer changes to a double arrow . Then drag the corner of the box to reduce or expand the view of the page.

### To resize a page to fit the window:

Do one of the following:

- To resize the page to fit entirely in the window, click the Fit in Window button , or choose *View > Fit in Window*.
- To resize the page to fit the width of the window, click the Fit Width button , or choose *View > Fit Width*. Part of the page may be out of view.
- To resize the page so that its text and graphics fit the width of the window, choose *View > Fit Visible*. Part of the page may be out of view.

### To return a page to its actual size:

Click the Actual Size button , or choose View > Actual Size. The actual size for a PDF page is typically 100%, but the document creator may have set it to another magnification level.

### Setting the page layout

You can use three page layouts when viewing PDF documents:

- Single Page layout displays one page in the document pane at a time.
- Continuous layout arranges the pages in a continuous vertical column.
- Continuous - Facing layout arranges the pages side by side. This configuration accommodates a two-page spread display and multiple-page viewing in the window. If a document has more than two pages, the first page is displayed on the right to ensure proper display of two-page spreads.

In Single Page layout, the Edit > Select All command selects all text on the current page. In Continuous and Continuous - Facing layouts, it selects all text in the PDF document.

### To set page layout:

Do one of the following:

- Click the Page Layout button  in the status bar, and choose a page layout.
- Choose Single Page, Continuous, or Continuous - Facing from the View menu.

 *To see two-page spreads most efficiently, use the Continuous - Facing page layout, and choose View > Fit Width.*

## Setting a default view

You can set a default viewing magnification, a default page layout, and other viewing defaults in the General Preferences dialog box. These settings apply to any document that has been set to open in the default view.

In UNIX, the first time you open Acrobat Reader, a preferences file named .acrorc is created in your \$HOME directory. If you have opened an earlier version of Acrobat Reader at any time prior to opening the 4.0 version, you should delete \$HOME/.acrorc before starting Acrobat Reader 4.0. A new .acrorc file will be created with the recommended Acrobat Reader 4.0 settings when you start Acrobat Reader 4.0.

## To set a default view:

Choose File > Preferences > General. Define a default page layout, a default magnification level, a color management system, and other basic options, and click OK:

- Default Page Layout sets a page layout used for scrolling when you first open a document. You can display pages one at a time as you scroll, continuously one above the next, or continuously side by side.
- Page Units specifies a unit of measure for displaying page size in the status bar and in the Crop dialog box.
- Substitution Fonts specifies multiple master fonts that Acrobat Reader uses to substitute for Type 1 and TrueType fonts not available on your computer. If PDF documents do not print because of insufficient printer memory, choose Sans from the Substitution Fonts pop-up menu. If you change this setting, the change takes effect the next time you start Windows or Mac OS.
- Application Language sets a language for the Acrobat Reader user interface. The pop-up menu shows the languages you installed with Acrobat Reader. If you choose a different language, the change takes effect the next time you start the application.
- Use Greek Text Below displays text below the designated point size as gray lines (or *greeked text*) to speed display time.

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- Smooth Text And Images smooths the edges of text and monochrome images to minimize the contrast between the background and the text or image. This sometimes improves the quality of the display on-screen, especially with larger text sizes.
  - Display Large Images displays images larger than 128K. If you do not select this option, a gray box appears in place of a large image. Selecting this option can slow down paging through a document.
  - Display Page To Edge prints PDF documents to the edge of the pages. If you do not select this option, pages from PDF documents are printed with a white border, as defined by the printer driver.
  - Use Logical Page Numbers allows you to set page numbering in a PDF document using the Document > Number Pages command. You typically do this when you want PDF page numbering to match the numbering printed on the pages. A page's number, followed by the page position in parentheses, appears in the status bar and in the Go To Page, Delete Pages, and Print dialog boxes. For example, if the first page in a document is numbered "i", it might appear as "i(1 of 10)". If this option is not selected, Acrobat ignores page numbering information in documents and numbers pages using arabic numbers starting at 1.
  - Default Zoom sets the magnification level for PDF documents when they are first opened. This affects only documents that have Default set for their magnification in Document Info > Open.

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- Max “Fit Visible” sets the maximum magnification level for the Fit Visible view and for viewing articles.
  - Color chooses a color management system for interpreting color accurately across devices.
  - Allow Background Downloading allows a PDF document to continue downloading from the Web, even after the first requested page displays on-screen in a Netscape Navigator-compatible browser. If you do not select this option, only the requested page downloads to your computer, and other pages are downloaded as you request them.

**Note:** *You will get unexpected results from the Go Back command in your Web browser if you do not select this option. For example, if you link to another document from a partially downloaded PDF document and then want to return to that document by using Go Back, you return to the first page of the PDF document, even if you were not on the first page. This option should alleviate most cases of unexpected Go Back behavior in your Web browser.*

- Display Splash Screen At Startup shows the splash screen each time Acrobat Reader is started.
- Display Open Dialog At Startup shows the Open dialog box each time Acrobat Reader is started.
- Open Cross-Doc Links In Same Window opens linked PDF documents and views in one window to minimize the number of windows open in Acrobat Reader. If you do not select this option, a new window is opened for each new

Go To View link. If a linked document is open when a Go To View link to it from another document is activated, the document remains open in a separate window.

**Note:** *To override this setting, either selected or deselected, you can press Ctrl (Windows) or Option (Mac OS) when clicking a link.*

- Use Page Cache places the next page in a buffer even before you view the page in Acrobat Reader. This reduces the amount of time it takes to page through a document.
- Allow File Open Links warns you of security risks when you open a file in another application from a link in a PDF document and gives you a chance to cancel the operation. If this option is not selected, links to files in other applications are disabled.
- Web Browser Integration (Windows) displays PDF documents in your Web browser when viewing PDF documents on the Web. If you do not select this option, the documents display in Acrobat Reader as a helper application to the Web browser. See [Viewing PDF documents on the Web](#) for more information.
- Skip Editing Warnings disables warning boxes when you delete notes, links, pages, thumbnails, bookmarks, and other items in PDF documents.

## Reading documents in Full Screen view

In Full Screen view, PDF pages fill the entire screen; the menu bar, command bar, tool bar, status bar, and window controls are hidden. A document creator can set a PDF document to open in Full Screen view, or you can set the view for yourself. Full Screen view is often used for presentations, sometimes with automatic page advancement and transitions.

The pointer remains active in Full Screen view so that you can click links and open notes. You can use keyboard shortcuts for navigational and magnification commands, even though the menus and tool bar are not visible. You can also set preferences to define how Full Screen view appears on your system.

### To read a document in Full Screen view:

Choose View > Full Screen. Press Return or the Down or Right Arrow key to page through the document. Press Shift-Return or the Up or Left Arrow key to page backwards through the document.

**Note:** *If you're using Mac OS and have two monitors installed, the Full Screen view of a page appears on only one screen. To page through the document, click the screen displaying the page in Full Screen mode.*

### To exit Full Screen view:

Press the Escape key, if your Full Screen preferences are defined this way, or press Ctrl+L (Windows and UNIX) or Command+L (Mac OS).

## Setting Full Screen preferences

Choose File > Preferences > Full Screen to set the characteristics of the Full Screen view. These settings apply to any document you open in Full Screen view and that does not have its own Full Screen settings.

The default settings are usually acceptable and do not need to be changed.

### To set preferences for Full Screen view:

1 Choose File > Preferences > Full Screen.

2 Select the navigation options:

- Advance Every specifies whether to advance automatically from page to page every set number of seconds. You can page through a document using mouse or keyboard commands even if automatic paging is selected.
- Advance On Any Click lets you page through a PDF document by clicking the mouse. If this is not selected, you can page through a document by pressing Return, Shift-Return (to go backwards), or the arrow keys.
- Loop After Last Page lets you page through a PDF document continuously, returning to the first page after the last. This option is typically used for setting up kiosk displays.
- Escape Key Exits lets you exit Full Screen view by pressing the Escape key. If this is not selected, you can exit by pressing Ctrl+L (Windows and UNIX) or Command+L (Mac OS).

### 3 Choose the appearance options:

- Background Color specifies the window's background color. If you choose Custom, the system color palette is displayed. See your computer's user guide for instructions on setting a custom color.
- Default Transition specifies the transition effect to display when you switch pages in Full Screen view.
- Mouse Cursor specifies whether to show or hide the cursor in Full Screen view.
- Zoom To (*Mac OS*) selects a monitor to use for Full Screen view when two monitors are installed. You can choose Main (for the monitor with the menu bar), Largest Intersection (for the monitor that displays the largest portion of the document), Deepest (for the monitor with the most colors), Widest (for the monitor with the greatest horizontal resolution), Tallest (for the monitor with the greatest vertical resolution), or Largest Area (for the monitor with the most pixels).

### 4 Click OK.

## Choosing a Web browser for Weblinks

When you click a Weblink in a PDF document, the default browser opens for you to view the linked document. Before this happens, however, you have to identify the default browser to Acrobat Reader. You can also choose to show or hide the Web browser button and link information and status.

- 1 Choose File > Preferences > Weblink.
- 2 From the menu, choose whether to display link information below the pointer when the pointer is over a Weblink. You can display a URL for a Weblink always, never, or only when you press Ctrl (Windows and UNIX) or Option (Mac OS) while pointing on the link.
- 3 Set the following options for displaying Web information:
  - Show Toolbar Button shows the Web Browser button  in the command bar. You can click this button to open the Web browser from Acrobat Reader.
  - Show Progress Dialog displays status information such as how much data is being downloaded when you click a Weblink.
- 4 Click Browse (Windows and UNIX) or Select (Mac OS), locate the Web browser you want to use, and click Open.
- 5 Choose the connection type that matches your browser. If your browser is not listed, choose the Standard connection type.
- 6 Click OK.

## Displaying information about a document

The Document Info submenu of the File menu contains commands that display information about a document.

### To display document information:

Choose File > Document Info, and then choose a type of document info:

- General displays basic creation information about the PDF document. For more information, see [Getting General information about a document](#).
- Fonts displays font usage information. For more information, see [Getting information about fonts used in a document](#).
- Security displays the document's security settings. For more information, see [Getting information about security settings](#).

## Getting General information about a document

The General Info dialog box provides title, subject, author, and keyword information if it has been provided. It also displays attributes set by Acrobat, PDFWriter, or Distiller® in this dialog box:

- Creator indicates the program that created the original document (if known).
- Producer indicates the application or driver that produced the PDF document.
- Created indicates the date and time the document was created.

- Modified indicates the date and time the document was last modified.
- Optimized indicates whether the file has been optimized. (Optimized files can be downloaded one page at a time from a Web server.)
- File Size indicates the size of the PDF file.

**Note:** *The title is the document's title, not necessarily the filename (unless the title and filename are identical). The title and filename appear in the title bar in the document window.*

## Getting information about fonts used in a document

The Font Information dialog box lists the original font used in the original document, font type, font encoding, and the font used in Reader to display the original font. Only the fonts encountered in the document so far are listed. To see a list of all fonts used in the entire document, click the List All Fonts button.

You can use the Font Information dialog box to see what fonts were used in the original document and whether the same fonts are being used as you view it. If substitute fonts are being used and you aren't satisfied with their appearance, you may want to install the original fonts on your system or ask the document creator to recreate the document with the original fonts embedded in it.

While Acrobat Reader creates a substitute font in Mac OS, the pointer appears as a spinning letter a.

## Getting information about security settings

The Security Information dialog box lists the security settings that have been assigned to the selected PDF file.

A PDF document author can choose to restrict access to a file by requiring an open password or by restricting the use of certain tools and commands. If a file requires an open password, you must enter the password to view the file. When a file has restricted access, any restricted tools and menu items are dimmed.

## Paging through a document

Acrobat Reader provides buttons, keyboard shortcuts, and menu commands for paging through PDF documents.

### To go to another page:

Do one of the following:

- To go to the next page, click the Next Page button ► in the command bar or status bar, press the Right Arrow key, press Ctrl (Windows) or Option (Mac OS) and the Down Arrow key, or choose Document > Next Page.
- To go to the previous page, click the Previous Page button ◀ in the command bar or status bar, press the Left Arrow key, press Ctrl (Windows) or Option (Mac OS) and the Up Arrow key, or choose Document > Previous Page.
- To move down one line, press the Down Arrow key.

- To move up one line, press the Up Arrow key.

**Note:** *The Down and Up Arrow keys move you one line at a time when you are not in Fit in Window view. In Single page mode, these keys move you one page at a time if the entire page fits in the window.*

- To move down one screenful, press Page Down or Return.
- To move up one screenful, press Page Up or Shift+Return.
- To go to the first page, click the First Page button  in the command bar or status bar, press the Home key, or choose Document > First Page.
- To go to the last page, click the Last Page button  in the command bar or the status bar, press the End key, or choose Document > Last Page.

### To jump to a page by its number:

Do one of the following:

- Select the current page number in the status bar, type the page number to jump to, and press Return.

If the Use Logical Page Numbers option is selected in General preferences, and if your document's page numbers are different from the page position in the PDF file, the page position appears in parentheses in the status bar. For example, if a first page is numbered "iii," the numbering might appear as "iii(1 of 10)". You can double-click inside the parentheses, edit the page-position number, and press Return to go to that page.

- Choose Document > Go To Page, type the page number, and click OK.

If the Use Logical Page Numbers option is selected in General preferences, and your document's page numbers are different from the page position in the PDF file, you can enter the page-position number in parentheses in Go To Page to go to that page.

- Drag the vertical scroll bar until the number of the page you want to jump to is displayed.

### **To retrace your viewing path:**

Do one or more of the following:

- To retrace your path within a PDF document, click the Go to Previous View button  in the command bar, or choose Document > Go Back for each step back. Or click the Go to Next View button , or choose Document > Go Forward for each step forward.
- To retrace your viewing path through other PDF documents, choose Document > Go Back Doc for each step back or Document > Go Forward Doc for each step forward. Or hold down Shift, and click the Go Back or Go Forward button. This command opens the other PDF documents if the documents are closed.

## Browsing with thumbnails

A thumbnail is a miniature view of each document page, which you can display in the overview area. You can use a thumbnail to jump quickly to a page and to adjust the view of the current page.

### To browse with a thumbnail:

- 1 Show the Thumbnails palette. You may need to choose Window > Show Thumbnails to open the palette or click the Thumbnails tab to bring the palette to the front of its group.
- 2 Do one of the following:
  - To jump to another page, double-click the page's thumbnail.
  - To display another part of the current page, position the pointer over the edge of the page-view box in the page's thumbnail until the pointer changes to a hand tool . Then drag the box to move the view area.

**Note:** *If thumbnails appear as gray boxes in the overview area, the document author did not create them for you. You can still use the thumbnails without the miniature views or you can ask the document author to create them for you.*

## Browsing with bookmarks

Bookmarks can mark parts of a document for quick access, link to page views in other documents, link to the Web, play a movie or sound, enter an article, or reset or submit a form.

### To browse with a bookmark:

- 1 Show the Bookmarks palette. You may need to choose Window > Show Bookmarks to open the palette or click the Bookmarks tab to bring the palette to the front of its group.
- 2 To jump to a topic using its bookmark, click the bookmark's icon or text in the palette.

**Note:** *Clicking a bookmark might perform an action, such as playing a movie, instead of taking you to another location. It depends on how the bookmark was defined.*

The bookmark for the part of the document currently showing is boldfaced.

Bookmarks can be subordinate to other bookmarks in their hierarchy; a higher-level bookmark in this relationship is the parent, and a lower-level bookmark is the child. You can collapse a parent bookmark in the palette to hide all its children. When a parent bookmark is collapsed, it has a plus sign (Windows) or a triangle (Mac OS) next to it. If the bookmark you want to click is hidden in a collapsed parent, click the plus sign or triangle next to the parent to show it.

## Following links

Links can connect parts of a document, jump to other PDF documents, open another application file, go to a location on the Web, play a movie or sound, enter an article, hide or show an annotation, import form data, or reset or submit a form.

### To follow a link:

- 1 Select the hand tool , a zoom tool, or a selection tool.
- 2 Position the pointer over the linked area on the page until the pointer changes to a hand with a pointing finger . (The hand has a plus sign in it if the link points to the Web.) Then click the link.

**Note:** Clicking a link might perform an action, such as playing a movie, instead of taking you to another location. It depends on how the link was defined.

You can press Shift while pointing on a linked area to use the tool instead of activating the link. For example, you might press Shift and point on a link with the text selection tool to select and edit the link's text.

**Note:** A Web browser must be chosen in your Weblink preferences to follow a Weblink. See [Choosing a Web browser for Weblinks](#) for more information.

## Retracing your steps

You can retrace your viewing path through a document or a series of documents.

### To retrace your viewing path:

Do one or more of the following:

- To retrace your path within a PDF document, click the Go To Previous View button  in the command bar, or choose Document > Go Back for each step back. Or click the Go To Next View button , or choose Document > Go Forward for each step forward.
- To retrace your viewing path through other PDF documents, choose Document > Go Back Doc for each step back or Document > Go Forward Doc for each step forward. Or hold down Shift, and click the Go Back or Go Forward button. This command opens the other PDF documents if the documents are closed.

## Reading articles

Articles connect related parts of a document by creating a reading path through the document. Articles are usually created to make reading documents with multi-column magazine articles easier.

## To read an article:

1 Do one of the following:

- Show the Articles palette. Then double-click the article's icon in the palette to start reading at the beginning of the article.
- Select the hand tool . Then click in the article to start reading it at that point, or press Ctrl (Windows and UNIX) or Option (Mac OS) and click anywhere in the article to start reading at the beginning.

2 The pointer changes to the follow article pointer . Navigate through the article:

- To go to the next page in the article, press Return or click.
- To go to the previous page, press Shift-Return, or press Shift and click.
- To go to the beginning of the article, press Ctrl (Windows) or Option (Mac OS) and click.
- To exit the article before reaching the end, press Shift-Ctrl (Windows and UNIX) or Shift-Option (Mac OS) and click.

3 When you reach the end of the article, the pointer changes to the end article pointer . Press Return or click to return to the view displayed before you starting reading the article.

## Finding words

You can use the Find command to find a complete word or part of a word in the current PDF document. Acrobat Reader looks for the word by reading every word on every page in the file, including text in form fields.

### To find a word using the Find command:

- 1 Click the Find button , or choose Edit > Find.
- 2 Enter the text to find in the text box.
- 3 Select search options if necessary:
  - Match Whole Word Only finds only occurrences of the complete word you enter in the text box. For example, if you search for the word *stick*, the words *tick* and *sticky* will not be highlighted.
  - Match Case finds only words that contain exactly the same capitalization you enter in the text box.
  - Find Backwards starts the search from the current page and goes backwards through the document.
- 4 Click Find. Acrobat Reader finds the next occurrence of the word.

### To find the next occurrence of the word:

Do one of the following:

- Choose Edit > Find Again.

- Reopen the Find dialog box, and click Find Again. (The word must already be in the Find text box.)

## Reviewing annotations

The annotations feature of Adobe Acrobat 4.0 lets a user attach comments to an existing document. These comments can be in the form of notes, text, audio, stamps, files, graphic markups, and text markups. In Reader, you can open annotations and review their contents; you cannot edit the annotations, nor can you launch file attachments or play sound annotations. Notes do not print directly from the document that they annotate.

### To review notes:

Do one of the following:

- To open a note, double-click the note icon.
- To close a note, click the close box in the upper left corner of the note window. (If the note is selected, Mac OS users can also press Command+W.)

## Setting annotation preferences

You can set the font and point size for annotations.

### To set preferences for annotations:

- 1 Choose File > Preferences > Annotations.

- 2 Select a font style from the Font menu.
- 3 Enter a number for the Font Size or choose a size from the pop-up menu.
- 4 Click OK.

## Playing movies or sounds

Windows and Mac OS viewers can play movies and sounds added to a PDF document. To play movies or sounds in Windows, your computer must have the appropriate sound and video boards installed, and Apple QuickTime 2.0 or later or the Microsoft Video for Windows software. In Mac OS, you need QuickTime 2.0 or later.

### To play a movie clip:

- 1 Select the hand tool .
- 2 Move the cursor over a movie. The cursor changes to a filmstrip.
- 3 Click to begin playing the clip.
- 4 Click again to stop playing, or press Escape.

**Note:** *Movies and sounds can also play in a document if specified as an action by a link, bookmark, form field, or page action.*

## Viewing documents with digital signatures

Acrobat Reader 4.0 allows you to view and print PDF documents with digital signatures; it does not allow you to validate digital signatures or digitally sign PDF documents. A digital signature may appear in a document as text, a graphic, or a handwritten facsimile.

Acrobat 4.0 offers full support for digital signatures (Windows).

## Filling out forms (Windows and Mac OS)

You can fill out forms in PDF documents in Acrobat Reader and submit them across the Web if you are viewing PDF documents in your Web browser window. Otherwise, print the form with the data from Reader.

### To fill out a form:

- 1 Select the hand tool .
- 2 Position the pointer inside a form field, and click. The I-beam pointer allows you to type text. The arrow pointer allows you to select a button, a check box, a radio button, or an item from a list.
- 3 After entering text or selecting an item, check box, or radio button, do one of the following:
  - Press Tab to accept the form field change and go to the next form field.

- Press Shift+Tab to accept the form field change and go to the previous form field.
- Press Enter (Windows) or Return (Mac OS) to accept the form field change and deselect the current form field.

In a multiline text form field, Enter or Return goes to the next line in the same form field. You can use Enter on the keypad to accept a change and deselect the current form field.

- Press Escape to reject the form field change and deselect the current form field.

Pressing Escape when you are in Full Screen mode causes you to exit Full Screen mode. Pressing Escape a second time rejects the form field change and deselects the current form field.

**4** Once you have filled in the appropriate form fields, click the Submit Form button, if one exists. The button may be named differently. Clicking this button sends the form data to a database across the Web or over your company intranet. This button only works if you are viewing the PDF document from inside a Web browser.

**Important:** *Saving to disk, either by exporting form data or saving the filled-in form, is available only in Acrobat.*

### **To clear a form in a browser window:**

Do one of the following:

- Select a Reset Form button, if one exists.
- Exit the Acrobat viewer without saving the file, and start again.

Clicking the Reload button or the Go Back button, or following a link in a World Wide Web browser window, does not clear a form.

**Important:** *There is no undo for this action.*

## Copying and pasting text and graphics to another application

You can select text or a graphic in a PDF document, copy it to the Clipboard, and paste it into a document in another application such as a word processor. You can also paste text into a PDF document note or into a bookmark.

Once the selected text or graphic is on the Clipboard, you can switch to another application and paste it into another document.

**Note:** *If a font copied from a PDF document is not available on the system displaying the copied text, the font cannot be preserved. A default font is substituted.*

### To select text and copy it to the clipboard:

- 1 Select the text select tool , and do one of the following:
  - To select a line of text, select the first letter of the sentence or phrase and drag to the last letter.

- To select multiple columns of text (horizontally), hold down Ctrl (Windows) or Option (Mac OS) as you drag across the width of the document.
- To select a column of text (vertically), hold down Ctrl+Alt (Windows) or Option+Command (Mac OS) as you drag the length of the document.
- To select all the text on the page, choose Edit > Select All. In Single Page mode, all the text on the current page is selected. In Continuous or Continuous - Facing mode, most of the text in the document is selected. When you release the mouse button, the selected text is highlighted. To deselect the text and start over, click anywhere outside the selected text.

The Select All command will not select all the text in the document. A workaround for this (Windows) is to use the Edit > Copy command.

**2** Choose Edit > Copy to copy the selected text to the Clipboard.

**3** To view the text, choose Window > Show Clipboard.

In Windows 95, the Clipboard Viewer is not installed by default, and you cannot use the Show Clipboard command until it is installed. To install the Clipboard Viewer, choose Start > Settings > Control Panel > Add/Remove Programs, and then click the Windows Setup tab. Double-click Accessories, check Clipboard Viewer, and click OK.

### **To copy graphics to the Clipboard:**

- 1** Select the graphics select tool . The cursor changes to the cross-hair icon.

- 2 Drag a rectangle around the graphic you want to copy. To deselect the graphic and start over, click anywhere outside the selected graphic.
- 3 Choose Edit > Copy to copy the graphic to the Clipboard.
- 4 To view the graphic, choose Window > Show Clipboard. The graphic is copied using the WMF (Windows), PICT (Mac OS), or XPIXMAP (UNIX) format. In UNIX, the graphic is pasted in the primary selection.

## Using PDF on the Web

PDF documents can be published on the World Wide Web and read in Web browsers or in Acrobat viewers used as helper applications with Web browsers. For more information, see [Web viewing scenarios](#), [Page-at-a-time downloading](#), and [Reading PDF on the Web](#).

## Web viewing scenarios

Here are four possible scenarios for viewing PDF on the Web:

- The browser supports PDF viewing, the PDF file is optimized, and the Web server supports page-at-a-time downloading (byte-serving), so the PDF file downloads a page at a time and displays in the Web browser window. This is the fastest scenario possible for viewing PDF documents on the Web.

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- The browser supports PDF viewing, but the PDF file is not optimized or the server does not support byte-serving, so the entire PDF file downloads to the machine with the browser and then appears within the browser window.
  - The browser supports PDF viewing, and PDF files are embedded in an HTML page. An ActiveX browser such as Internet Explorer supports navigating through the document. Netscape Navigator-compatible browsers can display the PDF document within an HTML page, but require a link to a full-window view for navigation.
  - Acrobat or Acrobat Reader is configured as a helper application for the browser, and the browser may support PDF viewing within the browser window. The entire PDF file downloads to the machine with the browser, and the Acrobat viewer launches as a separate application and displays the PDF document.

See also [Setting up Acrobat Reader as a helper application](#).

## Page-at-a-time downloading

With page-at-a-time downloading (byte-serving), the Web server sends only the requested page of information to the user, not the entire PDF document. As a reader of the PDF document, you do not have to do anything to make this happen; it is communicated in the background between Acrobat Reader and the Web server. If you want the entire PDF document to continue downloading in the background while you view the first page of requested information, be sure Allow Background Downloading is selected in the General preferences dialog box (default).

If your Web server does not support page-at-a-time downloading, you can use a CGI application to do it.

## Reading PDF on the Web

Each document or other resource on the Web is identified by a unique uniform resource locator (URL) address. Clicking a URL link to a PDF document on the Web can open the document identified by the URL in your Web browser for *inline viewing*, or in Acrobat Reader if Reader has been set up as a helper application for your browser. You can also read PDF files that have been embedded in HTML documents on the Web. For more information, see [Reading PDF in a Web browser](#), [Reading embedded PDF files](#), and [Setting up Acrobat Reader as a helper application](#).

## Reading PDF in a Web browser

PDF documents can display in Web browsers compatible with Netscape Navigator 3.0 (or later) or Internet Explorer 3.0 (or later). The necessary plug-ins are automatically installed when you install Acrobat Reader. For information on getting your browser ready, see [Setting up Acrobat Reader as a helper application](#). (For additional installation information, see [Installing the Web browser plug-in](#).)

When you view a PDF document in a Web browser, all of the Acrobat Reader tools are available in the browser. In Windows, you can click the two small vertical lines (next to the Adobe icon at the left of the toolbar) to minimize or maximize the toolbar.

**Note:** *Many keyboard commands are mapped to the Web browser rather than to Acrobat Reader, so some Acrobat Reader keyboard shortcuts may not be available in the browser window.*

## Visiting the Adobe Web site

Click the Adobe Web Site button to link directly to the Adobe Web site ([www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)). This page contains valuable information about new technology, links to Acrobat plug-ins, and more. On the Adobe Web site home page, you can click a country name in the Adobe Sites pop-up menu to choose a language for viewing the site. The exact information in the site may vary from one language version to another.

## Searching on the Web

Some Web search engines index PDF documents as well as HTML documents on Web servers. And some search engines support PDF search highlighting, although not all search engines that support PDF indexing support search highlighting.

If you visit a Web site that uses a search engine that indexes PDF documents, your search results list may include PDF documents. If the Web site uses a search engine that supports PDF search highlighting, and if you open one of the PDF documents in the search results list, the Highlight Next  and Highlight Previous  buttons activate on the Acrobat Reader tool bar in your Web browser. The search term is also highlighted in the document.

To go to the next search hit, click the Highlight Next button. To go to the previous hit, click the Highlight Previous button. These two commands jump across PDF documents, but not across HTML documents.

## Reading embedded PDF files

HTML pages can include embedded PDF documents. An embedded PDF document normally displays an image of the first page of the document in the HTML document. The PDF document can be configured by the HTML author to display, when clicked, in a separate window. The document displays in a browser window or in an Acrobat Reader window, depending on how you have configured your browser.



If an embedded PDF file is not configured to open in a separate window, you can interact with the file in a browser compatible with Internet Explorer, but not one compatible with Netscape Navigator. For example, links would not be active in a PDF file displayed embedded in HTML in Netscape Navigator, but they would be active in Internet Explorer.

## Setting up Acrobat Reader as a helper application

If your Web browser does not display PDF documents in the browser window, or if you prefer not to view PDF documents in the Web browser, you can set up Acrobat Reader as a helper application in your browser's preferences. Then, when you view a PDF document on the Web, Acrobat Reader will start and display the document. When Acrobat Reader works as a helper application, you cannot use page-at-a-time downloading, form submittal in a browser, or search highlighting on the Web, and you cannot view embedded PDF documents.

To set up your Web browser to recognize PDF files, you must define a MIME type and a file type. The file type should be pdf. The MIME type should be application/pdf. See your browser's documentation for information on configuring it.

If you are using Netscape Navigator 2.0 or later with Windows or Mac OS, and if you want to use Acrobat Reader as a helper application, rename the PDFViewer plug-in or delete it from the Netscape plug-in folder. The plug-in is named nppdf32.dll (Windows) or PDFViewer (Mac OS).

### To use Acrobat Reader as a helper application in Windows:

- 1 Choose File > Preferences > General.
- 2 Select Web Browser Integration and click OK.

**Note:** *This is not necessary in Mac OS.*

## Installing the Web browser plug-in

Browsers compatible with Netscape Navigator need the nppdf32.dll file (Windows) or PDFViewer plug-in (Mac OS) to display PDF. When you install Acrobat Reader, this plug-in is automatically installed in the Netscape plug-in folder, if you have Navigator on your system. If you install Navigator after installing Acrobat Reader, or if you're using another browser compatible with Navigator, you can install this plug-in yourself.

### To install the Web browser plug-in (Windows):

- 1 Open the Browser folder in the Acrobat Reader folder.
- 2 Copy the nppdf32.dll file to your Web browser's plug-ins folder.

### To install the Web browser plug-in (Mac OS):

- 1 Open the Web Browser Plug-in folder in the Acrobat Reader folder.
- 2 Copy the PDFViewer plug-in to your Web browser's plug-ins folder.

## To install the Web browser plug-in (UNIX):

Run `<installdir>/Browsers/netscape.`

## Calibrated color

The Portable Document Format allows for device-independent color (DIC) specifications. DIC allows creators of PDF documents to specify the colors of objects in page descriptions independent of the color characteristics of destination monitors or printers.

In a sense, each device speaks its own color language and it can't communicate that color very well to another device. What's needed is an interpreter, such as a color management system, that uses a device-independent color model as the color language by which all color information is referenced. The color model Acrobat Reader uses is called CIELAB, developed in 1976 by the Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage (International Committee on Illumination, or CIE). The CIE's standard for measuring color is based on how the human eye perceives it, not on the device that created it.



Images can be edited in a device-independent color space which is larger than the color space of the output device, such as a computer monitor, a TV screen, film, or a four-color press. Images can then be saved with profiles that contain information describing the characteristics of the source and output color devices.

This makes a color-managed workflow advantageous. The images become portable since they can be displayed on widely differing devices simply by tagging the images with different output profiles.



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