

PDF solution comparison

Power PDF Advanced vs.
Adobe Acrobat Standard DC
and Adobe Acrobat Pro DC

Features	Adobe Acrobat Standard DC*	Adobe Acrobat Pro DC*	Power PDF Advanced
Compatibility Features			
Microsoft Office style ribbon user interface to minimise learning curve and maximise productivity			•
Compatible with Microsoft Windows® 7, 8, 8.1, 10	•	•	•
Compatible with Microsoft® Office 2013, 2010 and 2007	•	•	•
Customisable Quick Access Toolbar with shortcuts to the features and capabilities for each user	•	•	•
Toolbar or/and menu shortcuts for Microsoft Word, Excel®, PowerPoint®	•	•	•
Right-mouse shortcut for Windows Explorer	•	•	•
Supports OpenText eDOCS, Enterprise Connect, OnBase, HP WorkSite, Livelink, NetDocuments, Worldox GX3, Documentum, Xerox DocuShare, Therefore, Microsoft Office 365 and SharePoint Document Management Systems (DMS)	•	•	•
Supports LexisNexis® CaseMap® case management software	•	•	•
Verify accessibility of PDF documents		•	•
PDF/A compliance checking for PDF/A-1a, -1b, -2a, -2b and -2u		•	•
PDF/A compliance checking at latest PDF/A-3 levels		•	•
Access your documents stored in cloud based services such as Evernote® and Dropbox®	No Evernote	No Evernote	•
Open and save your PDF files to popular cloud storage services such as Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, Box and more, using the Nuance Cloud Connector			•
Support for Citrix®, Windows Terminal Services and Microsoft App-V	•	•	•
API capabilities (Programming interface)	•	•	•
Configuration tools for customisable network install	•	•	•

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Features	Adobe Acrobat Standard DC*	Adobe Acrobat Pro DC*	Power PDF Advanced
Install in Reader mode to enforce compliance and help control best practices and regulatory mandates (Customization Kit)			•
Disable plugins (Customization Kit)	•	•	•
Install selected connectors only (Customization Kit)			•
Online Help to ensure users have access to the latest information	•	•	•
PDF Creation Features			
Create PDF files from virtually all PC applications	•	•	•
Create Assistant desktop utility or similar			•
Create PDF documents directly from your scanner	•	•	•
One-click professional scanning with auto find-and-mark technology			•
One-step PDF creation from Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint	•	•	•
Create PDF and automatically send as email attachment from Word, Excel and PowerPoint	•	•	•
Archive Microsoft Outlook or Lotus Notes emails and email folders as PDF files	•	•	•
Create and attach files to email as PDF from inside Microsoft Outlook	•	•	•
One-step PDF creation of web pages from within Internet Explorer	•	•	•
Automatically create PDFs from multiple files	•	•	•
Automatically merge multiple files into a single PDF document	•	•	•
Watched Folder processing to automate routine PDF and TIFF creation tasks from a wide range of formats			•
Create bookmarks from file names when merging multiple files into a single PDF document	•	•	•
Create and send PDF packages	•	•	•
Create and send PDF Portfolios		•	•
Create ISO-standard PDF/A-1b files optimised for archiving	•	•	•
PDF/A creation at latest PDF/A-2 and PDF/A-3 levels	•	•	•
Create black and white (grayscale) PDF files from coloured originals	•	•	•
Support for PDF version 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7	•	•	•
Create PDF-MRC high-compression colour PDF image files (up to 8 times smaller)	•	•	•
Preserve hyperlinks and metadata, add bookmarks and comments from Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint	•	•	•
Overlay document pages into one PDF	•	•	•
Instant PDF Profiles – Create PDFs with predefined or custom settings	•	•	•
Insert pre-made and custom watermarks at PDF creation	•	•	•

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Features	Adobe Acrobat Standard DC*	Adobe Acrobat Pro DC*	Power PDF Advanced
Control PDF compression and resolution	•	•	•
Merge PDF image files with normal PDF (with fonts) files	•	•	•
Add custom headers & footers to PDF documents (Page numbering)	•	•	•
Create tagged PDF files	•	•	•
PDF Security Features			
Add passwords with 40-bit, 128-bit and 256-bit secure encryption and permission controls to PDF files	•	•	•
Add digital signatures to PDF files	•	•	•
Inspect document to remove comments and metadata (private data)	•	•	•
Drag and drop security profiles to quickly and easily secure documents			•
Support for FileOpen®-protected documents (Digital Rights Management)	Requires an add-on	Requires an add-on	•
View protected PDF files and apply protection to PDF documents using Microsoft Active Directory Rights Management Services (AD RMS)			•
Enable server side protection to be applied to PDF documents stored on SharePoint 2007/2010/2013 using AD RMS			•
Make selected document annotations such as text boxes, stamps, markups etc. or filled form fields fixed and permanent, preventing unwanted changes (flattening)		Only form fields and layers	•
Send multiple files in their original formats in an encrypted PDF envelope	•	•	•
Permanently remove text and images from PDF files (Redaction)		•	•
Add redaction text properties including colour, redaction codes and custom overlay text		•	•
PDF Conversion Features			
Convert PDF documents into formatted Microsoft Word documents (.doc, .docx, .rft)	•	•	•
Convert PDF forms into fillable Microsoft Word forms			•
Superior conversion accuracy with OmniPage®	Other OCR	Other OCR	•
Automatically selects OCR language when converting multi-language documents			•
Batch conversion of PDF files to single page TIFF files		•	•
Batch conversion of PDF files to target formats		•	•
Thumbnail preview of PDF document pages			•
Specify page(s) and range of pages to convert			•
Retain layout and column flow	•	•	•
Convert Assistant desktop utility or similar			•
Retains PDF headers and footers in Microsoft Word	•	•	•
Converts PDF to Microsoft Excel worksheets and workbooks (.xls, .xlsx)	Only .xlsx workbooks	Only .xlsx workbooks	•

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Converts multi-page PDF files with tables into a single Excel worksheet	•	•	•
Converts PDF to Corel® WordPerfect® (.wpd)			•
Converts PDF to PowerPoint 2007, 2010, 2013 (.pptx)		•	•
Retains hyperlinks (.doc, .docx, .wpd, .xls, .xlsx)	Only for .doc, .docx	Only for .doc, .docx	•
Converts scanned (image) PDF files to Microsoft Word, Excel and Corel WordPerfect files	No WordPerfect	No WordPerfect	•
Converts scanned (image) PDF files to searchable PDF files (image over text)	•	•	•
Converts scanned (image) PDF files to compressed MRC-PDF files (average 8x smaller)	•	•	•
Converts PDF to XPS (.xps)			•
Converts XPS to PDF	•	•	•
Extract tables from a PDF file and place into Excel or Word	•	•	•
Convert a selected area of a page using OCR and convert to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, WordPerfect—for scanned (Image) PDF files as well as normal PDF files			•
Reads out text via RealSpeak® text-to-speech (TTS) module	Uses voices installed on the system	Uses voices installed on the system	•
Save text in PDF files as audio files			•
PDF Viewing, Editing and Collaboration Features			
PDF document viewing	•	•	•
View and navigate page thumbnails	•	•	•
Preview PDF email attachments in Microsoft Outlook 2007, 2010, 2013	•	•	•
Open PDF files created from Microsoft Office without having to save them first	•	•	•
Instant access to frequently used PDF files with favourites menu	•	•	•
View and manage PDF packages	•	•	•
View and manage PDF Portfolios	•	•	•
Manage pages in a document (Reorder, New, Insert, Extract, Crop, Rotate and Delete pages)	•	•	•
Assemble documents in document assembly view (Insert, Extract, Replace, Delete, Split, Renumber, Manage Headers/Footers, Drag and drop pages)	•	•	•
Tabbed document previews of all document pages to easily select which pages to insert into the target document			•
Batch process multiple documents at a time with varied commands (Insert, Extract and Delete pages, Apply watermarks and stamps, Search and Redact, Remove document elements and Print)		•	•
Create custom batch sequence workflows and apply them as watched folder commands			•
Side-by-side document comparisons (PDF to PDF and PDF to Word version review)		PDF to PDF only	•

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Features	Adobe Acrobat Standard DC*	Adobe Acrobat Pro DC*	Power PDF Advanced
Open files directly from a DMS via the Document Comparison's "Browse" buttons	•	•	•
Save, track and open revisions within a PDF document			•
PDF page editing (cut, copy, paste, re-order, delete)	•	•	•
PDF Optimizer for reduced file sizes	Basic	•	•
Send a PDF file to a fax machine via email			•
Print with Comments mode for efficient comments review	•	•	•
Migrate comments from one PDF file to another for ease of collaboration and review	•	•	•
Familiar comment and markup tools (highlight, text tool, typewriter, text underline, call-outs, cross-out, stamps)	•	•	•
Automatically populate comments with highlighted and annotated text	•	•	•
Active Markup tool to precisely indicate comments such as insert, replace or remove text	•	•	•
Drawing (Comment) tools including Lines, Rectangles, Pencil, Oval, Polygon and Cloud	•	•	•
Grids, Snap to Grids and custom drawing guides	•	•	•
Create notes in PDF files by speaking using Dragon Notes			•
Create new stamps from selected page elements	Only from objects	Only from objects	•
Apply stamps to one or all pages	Only to one page at a time	Only to one page at a time	•
Spell-checking in comments and form fields	•	•	•
Add, manage, view and navigate document digital signatures	•	•	•
Organise and manage a library of clip art			•
Organise and manage a library of watermarks	•	•	•
Organise and manage a library of security profiles	•	•	•
Organise and manage a library of stamps	•	•	•
Organise and manage a library of security envelopes			•
Custom actions for bookmarks or hyperlinks (Open a file, Play a sound, Go to a web page, etc.)	•	•	•
Maintain document links and bookmarking when replacing pages in a document	•	•	•
Document splitting or extraction by file size, page range, blank page, page contents and bookmarks	Less options	Less options	•
Limit file open and save locations to certain folders only			•
Manage document layers. Turn on/off, show/hide and lock/unlock layers. Select and merge layers, view and modify properties of layers and even control layers for printing	No merge	•	•
Move, resize, rotate, flip, order, group, set transparency, cut, copy and paste graphics and images	•	•	•
Advanced search and indexing for documents, text within a document, comments and bookmarks	Basic indexing	•	•

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iFilter utility for SharePoint for indexing and rapidly finding PDFs on SharePoint 2007/2010/2013			•
Edit your PDF files like in a word processor using the Advanced Editor			•
Pattern Search — Perform intelligent Looks Like Search™ to quickly find content, like dates, email addresses, credit card or phone numbers, via an alphanumeric pattern rather than exact text. Choose from predefined patterns or create patterns.		Only via redaction tool; No pattern creation	•
Automatically highlight, cross-out, underline or redact search results		Only redaction	•
Edit text in PDF files	•	•	•
Edit tags in PDF files		•	•
Add, manage, view and navigate document bookmarks and comments	•	•	•
Create a table of contents from bookmarks			•
Insert hyperlinks	•	•	•
Measuring tool for distance, perimeter and area measuring	•	•	•
Attach application files or sounds to a PDF	•	•	•
Embed movie, Flash®, Silverlight®, 3D content or sound files into a PDF		No Silverlight	•
Imposition tool for booklet printing in multiple copies	Simple booklets only	Simple booklets only	•
Fix non-critical PDF/A compliance problems with the compliance checker or via the Save As PDF/A command		•	•
Batch TIFF converter utility			•
Apply Bates stamping on one or a set of documents		•	•
Support for network scanning and eCopy ShareScan® with monitored Scan Inboxes			•
PDF Forms Features			
Automatic conversion of a PDF into a fillable PDF form	•	•	•
Create forms from scratch or edit forms	•	•	•
Draw and edit form controls (text fields, buttons, drop-down lists, checkboxes and radio buttons)	•	•	•
Create digital signature fields on forms	•	•	•
Support for dynamic, XML-based forms	•	•	•
Import and export form data	•	•	•
Custom actions on form objects (Import form data, Play a sound, Open a file, Open a web page, etc.)	•	•	•
JavaScript support	•	•	•
Set tab orders of form fields	•	•	•

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