

Adobe® Acrobat® 8 Product Line

Overview

To get their jobs done, knowledge workers in engineering, legal, sales & marketing, finance, human resources, IT and other professions need access to high-value information. Often, that information is obtained through shared documents, forms, 3D designs, spreadsheets, and presentations; in meetings; or through other means. As a result, ad-hoc collaboration among knowledge workers both inside and outside an organization is essential to gathering the information needed to get the job done. But there are many boundaries to collaboration and data sharing, such as security concerns and differing applications and computer platforms. New features and functionality in the Adobe® Acrobat® 8 software product line make it easier than ever for knowledge workers to reliably and more securely collaborate and share data. Also new to the Acrobat 8 product line is access to real-time collaboration capabilities. Simply by clicking the 'Start Meeting' button in all of the Acrobat 8 products and Adobe Reader® 8 software, users can take advantage of Adobe Acrobat Connect software for real-time meetings over the Web.

The Acrobat 8 product line helps users initiate, manage, and organize ad-hoc collaboration by creating and sharing content-rich documents; combining multiple files into a single, polished Adobe PDF document; managing and organizing feedback to expedite document collaboration; collecting and exchanging high-value information; and controlling document access with confidence.

The Acrobat 8 product line has been strengthened to help meet industry-specific requirements regarding information sharing. New tools allow users to permanently remove sensitive text, images, metadata, and other information in an Adobe PDF document. Converting complex, large-format documents into Adobe PDF is significantly faster, and industry-specific markup tools have been enhanced for easier use. New shared reviews streamline collaboration. Review initiators can enable users of free Adobe Reader 8 software to participate in shared reviews using intuitive Acrobat commenting tools. Collecting data from Adobe PDF forms is easy, as Adobe Reader 8 users can now electronically fill out, digitally sign, and locally save an electronic form and its data (when those capabilities have been enabled in Acrobat 8 Professional software and Acrobat 3D, Version 8.) And an enhanced interface lets users quickly choose the task or tool they need so they can get the job done even faster.

The Acrobat 8 product line consists of Adobe Acrobat 8 Professional; Adobe Acrobat 8 Standard; Adobe Acrobat Elements; Adobe Acrobat 3D, Version 8; and Adobe Reader 8. For a feature comparison table of the entire Acrobat 8 product line, please turn to the last page of this document.

Acrobat 8 Professional

Primary benefits & users—Acrobat 8 Professional includes a comprehensive set of tools for working with Adobe PDF. New and enhanced features make it easier than ever for workgroups and individuals in enterprises and industries such as Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) and legal to collaborate more efficiently and more securely share critical data. With high-value Adobe PDF document workflows, enterprises can help improve productivity, reduce costs, and speed development of products and services.

Key features—Take advantage of interface enhancements, including new customizable toolbars and a new Getting Started screen that visually directs users to the most-often used tasks and help sections. Easily convert documents created in the widest array of authoring programs, including Microsoft Office



applications, Microsoft Project, Microsoft Access, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Microsoft Visio, and Autodesk® AutoCAD® into Adobe PDF files. AutoCAD files can now be converted to Adobe PDF significantly faster and shared with any user of free Adobe Reader software for review and commenting. Users can group related but separate documents together in a single Adobe PDF package, which makes it easier to add, extract, search, and browse only those files that are needed while also keeping digital signatures and security settings intact. Comments added to a document in a shared review are automatically stored on virtually any file server, Web server, network directory, Microsoft SharePoint workspace or WebDAV server. Reviewers can view and respond to comments as soon as the comments are available, which helps reduce redundancies and speed the review process. Turn on intuitive Acrobat review and commenting tools in Adobe Reader 8, enabling users of the free software to add comments to Adobe PDF files. Adobe Reader 8 users can also fill out, digitally sign, and locally save Adobe PDF forms when enabled in Acrobat 8 Professional. Automatically add interactive form fields to static Adobe PDF and Microsoft Office files. Aggregate forms automatically into an Adobe PDF package and export the data to a spreadsheet. Easily remove sensitive information, including metadata, from Adobe PDF documents.

Acrobat 8 Standard

Primary benefits & users—Adobe Acrobat 8 Standard (Windows® operating system only) enables business users to reliably create, combine, and control more secure Adobe PDF documents for easy distribution and collaboration. Combine files in different formats from multiple applications, such as spreadsheets, presentations, e-mail, and Web pages into a single, polished Adobe PDF document. Help protect sensitive information with passwords and permissions and conduct collaborative document reviews by e-mail or server.

Key features—Users can now select portions of files to be included in a combined Adobe PDF document. Arrange source files to be combined in a single Adobe PDF document in any order, regardless of type, dimensions, or orientation. Quickly combine entire folders containing various types of documents into one Adobe PDF file. Select from multiple file-size and quality settings to optimize a combined Adobe PDF file for its intended output. Convert and bind multiple Adobe PDF and source files into a searchable, sortable Adobe PDF package, from which a recipient can easily extract and save individual Adobe PDF documents as needed. Participate in shared reviews, viewing and responding to other reviewers' comments as the review progresses—limiting conflicting feedback and enhancing collaboration. Track which reviewers have contributed feedback. Compile comments into a single document with one-button ease and sort by author, date, or page. Convert e-mail from Microsoft Outlook and IBM® Lotus Notes into Adobe PDF. Automatically convert message folders from Outlook or Lotus Notes into Adobe PDF packages, keeping messages in separate files for easy browsing and sorting. Save Adobe PDF documents as Microsoft Word documents, retaining layout, fonts, and formatting, to facilitate easy re-use of content.

Acrobat Elements

Primary benefits & users—Adobe Acrobat Elements enables employees throughout an organization to easily and reliably create, control, and share more secure Adobe PDF documents. Facilitate document distribution and enhance document security with Adobe PDF. Acrobat Elements is a volume license product for PCs running Windows operating systems.

Key features—Create Adobe PDF documents with the touch of one button from Microsoft Office applications or create an Adobe PDF from any other application that prints. Select the optimal file size for Adobe PDF documents based on the intended use. Apply document permissions to help restrict who can print, save, copy or modify your Adobe PDF documents and help protect documents with passwords.

Acrobat 3D, Version 8

Primary benefits & users—Acrobat 3D, Version 8 software was developed for design engineering, technical publishing and creative professionals in manufacturing industries such as automotive, aerospace, and industrial machinery, as well as the AEC market. The software lets these users publish, share and collaborate on 3D design information from major CAD applications with virtually any computer user, enhancing efficient communication within extended design and manufacturing teams. The result can be improved accuracy and a reduction in design and manufacturing costs, effort, and time to market. Acrobat 3D, Version 8 features enhanced performance, more detailed information about 3D files, and more accurate conversions from CAD formats to Adobe PDF.

Key features—With Acrobat 3D, Version 8, professionals can easily convert 3D designs—from a wide variety of proprietary CAD formats—into cross-platform, more secure, reliable Adobe PDF files. When enabled by Acrobat 3D, Version 8, suppliers, partners, clients, and other extended team members can use the free Adobe Reader 8 software to review and add comments directly onto interactive 3D objects embedded within Adobe PDF files. Team members no longer need expensive specialty viewers to review and comment on 3D designs created in proprietary CAD applications. With the virtually ubiquitous Adobe Reader, more people than ever before can participate in the review and use of complex engineering documents. Users can now create even smaller Adobe PDF documents from CAD files while still maintaining the same level of accuracy contained within the original CAD file. Acrobat 3D, Version 8 reads and renders 3D content and converts CAD files to Adobe PDF significantly faster. Navigation tools have been enhanced, and a CAD file's Product Manufacturing Information (PMI) and other metadata is now available and easily viewed when the file is converted to Adobe PDF. Easily export data from Adobe PDF documents to industry-standard 3D formats, enabling manufacturers to send the data directly to manufacturing systems.

Adobe Reader 8

Primary benefits & users—Adobe Reader 8 software is free client software that enables users inside and outside the firewall to more securely interact with high-fidelity documents online or offline. Acrobat 8 Professional and Acrobat 3D, Version 8 enable users to automatically turn on familiar Acrobat tools for Adobe Reader 8 users included in Adobe PDF-based document processes. As a result, Adobe Reader 8 users can now participate in shared reviews and in e-mail-based reviews. Adobe Reader 8 users can also fill out, digitally sign, and locally save Adobe PDF forms (when enabled by Acrobat 8 Professional or Acrobat 3D, Version 8), which helps enterprises easily gather data from users inside and outside the organization.

Key features—Leveraging a more streamlined user interface, Adobe Reader 8 users can view, print, search and interact with Adobe PDF files that look just like the original documents, with all fonts, formatting, and colors intact. Adobe Reader 8 users—such as external clients, partners, and extended team members—can be included in document processes initiated by users of Acrobat 8 Professional and Acrobat 3D, Version 8. For specific Adobe PDF files, Adobe Reader 8 users then have access to the full range of Acrobat commenting tools, as well as the ability to digitally sign documents and save dynamic Adobe PDF form data to their local hard drive.

Acrobat 8 Product Line Features At A Glance	Adobe Reader 8	Acrobat Elements	Acrobat 8 Standard	Acrobat 8 Professional	Acrobat 3D, Version 8
View, print, and search Adobe PDF documents	X	X	X	X	X
Adobe Acrobat Connect 'Start Meeting' button	X		X	X	X
Create Adobe PDF documents from any application that prints, including one-button creation from Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint		X	X	X	X
Add 128-bit encryption and password protection to PDF documents		X	X	X	X
Create Adobe PDF documents with one-button ease from Microsoft Outlook, Internet Explorer, Access, and Publisher, and Lotus Notes (Windows only)			X	X	X
Combine multiple application files into a single Adobe PDF document			X	X	X
Conduct collaborative document reviews by e-mail or server			X	X	X
Unlock advanced features for Adobe Reader users, including commenting and mark-up tools, digital signatures, fill and save forms				X	X
Create Adobe PDF documents with one-button ease from AutoCAD, Microsoft Visio, and Project files (Windows only)				X	X
Preserve document layers in technical drawings from Visio and AutoCAD, and object data in Visio files (Windows only)				X	X
Create advanced Adobe PDF forms with included Adobe® LiveCycle™ Designer software (Windows only)				X	X
Create Adobe PDF documents of 3D designs from major CAD applications					X
Insert 3D CAD designs into Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and convert to Adobe PDF					X
Create rich, interactive documents: Add materials, create animations such as exploded views, edit lighting, and save as 3D object or 2D raster/vector image					X