

Adobe® Acrobat®

version
4.0

At A Glance

The business user's tool for cross-platform document collaboration, forms processing, e-commerce and Web site development

Adobe Acrobat has always let business professionals easily create and distribute electronic publications that preserve the original document's look and feel. Acrobat 4.0 adds to that core capability a rich set of new security, annotation, and Web page capture tools. These new features extend Acrobat's usefulness beyond electronic publishing into cross-platform document collaboration, forms processing, e-commerce, and Web site development.

Unlike desktop productivity environments, such as Microsoft Office and Lotus Notes, Acrobat 4.0 delivers a comprehensive set of easy-to-use collaboration tools in one inexpensive, platform-agnostic program. Only with Acrobat 4.0 can you quickly create one file combining multiple elements from a variety of applications, then easily and securely distribute the file via e-mail, Lotus Notes, Internet, intranet, or extranet—without worrying about the operating system, applications, or fonts the intended recipients have.

New Security Features

With the addition of digital signature technology, Acrobat now offers the security infrastructure required to convert the handling of confidential or critical documents—such as human-resource forms or legal contracts—to more efficient, cost-effective PDF workflows. In addition, the digital signature framework enables you to securely integrate PDF documents (such as forms) into e-commerce applications.

Self-Sign Signatures—Acrobat's digital signature technology allows the author of a PDF file as well as key personnel to "sign" electronic documents with a uniquely encoded, encrypted algorithm.

Digital Signature Tool—Allows you to add to a document a text box that displays your signature information, including name, reason for signing the document, date and time it was signed. Digital Signature tool available in windows version.

Support for Plug-Ins—Third-party digital certificate plug-ins from Adobe partners can be seamlessly integrated into Acrobat, delivering additional security controls and capabilities.

More Ways to Annotate Documents

Digital signatures combined with annotation tools makes collaborating on Acrobat 4.0 documents secure and easy. Acrobat's annotation tools resemble their traditional counterparts—such as a pencil or a highlighting marker—which means making changes to a PDF is as intuitive as annotating a paper document.

Pencil Tool—Allows users to draw circles, rectangles, ellipses or other lines to emphasise a word, paragraph, graphic, or object.

Stamp—Acrobat 4.0 ships with a collection of PDF-formatted clip art stamps, such as "Confidential," "Authorized," "Draft," and "Final."

Highlight Text—Emphasise words, sentences, or paragraphs with Acrobat's highlighter.

Underline Text—Another way you can call attention to a word or sentence is to underline it.

Strikethrough Text—Allows you to draw a line through unwanted text.

Text Annotation—Lets you place a text box anywhere in a document.

File Annotation—Provides an easy way to attach a file within a PDF document.

Audio Annotation—With a desktop microphone, you can add audio comments to a PDF.



System Requirements***Windows**

- i486™, Pentium® Pro Processor-based personal computer (Pentium or Pentium Pro recommended)
- Microsoft Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows NT® 4.0
- 16 MB of RAM for Acrobat Reader
- 16 MB of RAM for Acrobat on Windows 95/Windows 98; 24 MB of RAM for Acrobat on Windows NT 4.0 (32 MB recommended)
- 32 MB of RAM for Paper Capture plug-in (64 MB recommended)
- 75 MB of available hard-disk space
- CD-ROM drive

Power Macintosh

- Power Macintosh
- Apple System Software version 7.5.3 or later for Acrobat
- Apple System Software version 7.1.2 for Acrobat Reader
- 6 MB of RAM for Acrobat (12 MB recommended)
- 16 MB of RAM for Distiller™ or the Paper Capture plug-in (32 MB recommended)
- 60 MB of available hard disk space
- CD-ROM drive

* System requirements are subject to change prior to the product shipping.

Expected Ship Date:

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Quickly Compare Documents

Acrobat lets you compare differing versions of the same documents in two ways:

Rollback to Signature—Track changes made to a document by literally “rolling” it back in time to see how it looked before the most recent changes and digital signature were added.

Compare Documents—Lets you compare two versions of the same file in thumbnail view and get a list of the differences between the two files, without the need for digital signatures.

Capture Web Pages Intact

The Web Capture tool lets you easily convert a Web page—or an entire site—into PDF format, maintaining all graphics, fonts, colours, and active hyperlinks. You can mark up Web pages via Acrobat’s new annotation tools or scale them for a closer look. And because PDF is based on Adobe PostScript, you can achieve reliable print results of Web pages. Web Capture currently available in windows version.

New Tools for Graphics Professionals

Acrobat 4.0 offers new creative and production-oriented tools for graphic artists, publication designers, and pre-press and printing professionals.

Support for Adobe PostScript 3—New features include improved image quality and robust printing capabilities.

TouchUp Text—Lets you make last-minute text edits to a PDF file.

TouchUp Object—Allows you to edit a graphic embedded in a PDF file by launching a user-specified OLE-compliant image editing or drawing program. Once you’ve made and saved the changes, the graphic in the PDF file is automatically updated.

One-click output optimisation—Acrobat 4.0 lets you optimise a PDF depending on the file’s target output device. Screen Optimised generates the simplest, lowest-resolution file for the most efficient electronic transfer; Print Optimised tailors the PDF for printing on a laser or inkjet device; and Press Optimised prepares the file for high-end output devices.

Printing, page sizing, and other enhancements—Acrobat also includes printing enhancements such as silent and reverse printing; selectable print areas; and n-up printing. Page size limits have been increased to 200 in. x 200 in. Acrobat now supports ICC color profiles, and advanced font support lets you seamlessly integrate TrueType fonts on both Windows and Macintosh platforms.

Enhanced Ease-of-Use Features

Improved conversion of Word documents—When converting Word documents, Acrobat can translate comments into Acrobat sticky notes; create hyperlinks from Word’s cross-references and table-of-content links; maintain page- and section-numbering, links to footnotes and end notes, and Web site hyperlinks; and convert Word heading styles into bookmarks.

Drag and drop file conversion—You can convert a graphic, spreadsheet, word processing, HTML, or other file into PDF just by dragging and dropping it onto the Acrobat icon.

Adobe PDFMaker—Lets you convert a Word, Excel, or PowerPoint file to PDF format from within the Microsoft applications.

Send Mail—Allows you to quickly attach a PDF file to an e-mail message.

Easily extract tables—By selecting the Table/Formatted Select Tool, you can copy and paste a table from a PDF file into a spreadsheet program.

New vertical toolbar—Makes it easy to access Acrobat’s new and enhanced features.