

Adobe Acrobat Pro and Acrobat Pro 2020 product comparison

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(perpetual)



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Manage and interact with PDFs.		
View, interact with, and comment on PDF content from your computer, mobile device, or web browser.	o	•
Access a list of documents you need to view, review, or sign along with detailed information about the task.		•
Get alerts across devices when others review or sign documents—or request actions from you.		•
Store, manage, and share files online with instant access to recently viewed files across devices.	o	•
Access, edit, and store PDFs in your Box, Dropbox, Google Drive, and Microsoft OneDrive accounts.	o	•
Open multiple PDFs in a single window with tabbed viewing.	•	•
Compare two versions of a PDF to review all differences.	•	•
Manage all your work from the Home view—your single place to organize, manage, or search for all your PDFs.	•	•
Create and protect PDFs.		
Create PDFs using your computer, mobile device, or web browser.	o	•
Create high-quality, protected PDFs in Microsoft 365 for Mac and Microsoft 365 online apps.		•
Create, combine, and convert PDF files from your SharePoint or OneDrive toolbar.		•
Turn Adobe Photoshop (PSD), Illustrator (AI), or InDesign (INDD) files into PDFs from your desktop or mobile device.		•
Create PDFs from any application that prints.	•	•
Convert documents and images to PDFs.	•	•
Create, protect, and send PDFs in popular Microsoft 365 desktop apps for Windows.	•	•
Combine multiple documents and file types into one PDF file.	•	•
Convert web pages to interactive PDFs, complete with links.	•	•
Prevent others from copying, editing, or printing sensitive information in PDFs.	•	•
Create password-protected PDFs.	•	•
Convert or validate PDFs for compliance with ISO standards like PDF/A or PDF/X.	•	•
Create and validate PDFs to meet accessibility standards for people with disabilities.	•	•
Prepare PDFs consistently with guided actions.	•	•
Redact to permanently remove visibly sensitive information in PDFs.	•	•
Edit and convert PDFs.		
Convert PDFs to other file formats from your computer, mobile device, or web browser.	o	•
Edit text and images, and organize pages in a PDF on iPhone, iPad, Android tablet, or Chromebook with Android support.		•
Edit text and images in a PDF with full-page paragraph reflow.	•	•
Convert PDFs to editable Microsoft Word, Excel, or PowerPoint files with formatting accuracy.	•	•
Convert PDFs to JPEG, TIFF, or PNG image formats.	•	•
Insert, delete, and organize pages in a PDF.	•	•
Create numbered or bulleted lists without reformatting.	•	•
Turn scanned paper documents into instantly searchable, editable PDFs with fonts that match the original.	•	•
Add audio, video, and interactive objects to your PDFs.	•	•
Preflight and prepare files for high-end print production.	•	•
Use preflight libraries to get customized sets of profiles, checks, and corrections.	•	•
Add Bates numbering to legal documents.	•	•
Send documents for e-signature.		
Unlimited transactions—Sign and collect unlimited legally binding signatures and track responses in real time.		•
Bulk send—Send one agreement for multiple people to sign.		•
Self-serve web forms—Post PDFs and documents to your website that customers can instantly fill, sign, and submit.		•
Customized branding—Customize signature requests with your own branding.		•
Administration—Manage users and settings.		•
Collect payments—Collect signatures from customers with an option to collect payments with Braintree (where available), in a single transaction.		•
Comment on and share PDFs.		
Share PDF links so others can view, comment on, or sign, and get notified when the recipients take action.		•
Turn paper or Word files into fillable PDF forms.	•	•
Fill, sign, and send forms faster using data from your autofill collection on your computer or mobile device.	•	•
Collect group feedback in one PDF file online with no reviewer login required.		•
Comment on PDFs with a full suite of markup tools, including text editing, highlighting, and sticky notes.	•	•
Host SharePoint-based reviews on Microsoft 365 sites from Windows or macOS.	•	•
Review and comment in Microsoft Teams.		•
Deploy and manage across the organization.		
Use a web console to add, remove, reassign, and track licenses; manage users and groups; and set up multiple admin roles.		•
Deploy Acrobat Pro, Standard, and Acrobat Reader products and updates from your local server with the Adobe Update Server Setup Tool (AUSST), and deploy automatically with Remote Update Manager (RUM).	•	•
Use virtualization tools with support for serialized or named user licensing for Citrix XenApp, Citrix XenDesktop, VMware Horizon, Microsoft App-V, and Microsoft Windows Terminal Server (WTS).	•	•
Safeguard systems and data with application security and sandboxing technology.	•	•
Customize features and settings with the Acrobat Customization Wizard and Acrobat Enterprise Toolkit.	•	•
Deploy and update with Microsoft SCCM/SCUP and Apple Remote Desktop.	•	•

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