

PDF solution comparison

Power PDF Standard and Advanced 1 and 2 versions

Executive summary

Features	Power PDF Standard 1	Power PDF Advanced 1	Power PDF Standard 2	Power PDF Advanced 2	
Compatibility					
Microsoft Office style ribbon user interface to minimise learning curve and maximise productivity	•	•	•	•	Improved
Microsoft Windows 10 touch-enabled device support with "Touch Mode" option			•	•	New
Compatible with Microsoft Windows 7, 8, 8.1, 10	•	•	•	•	
Compatible with Microsoft Office 2010 and 2013	•	•	•	•	
Compatible with Microsoft Office 2016			•	•	New
Integrated create and convert add-ons for Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and Internet Explorer	•	•	•	•	Improved
Right-mouse shortcuts for Windows Explorer and Internet Explorer	•	•	•	•	
Support for viewing and annotating PDF within Internet Explorer	•	•	•	•	Improved
PDF Create add-ons in Firefox and Chrome			•	•	New
Supports OpenText eDOCS, HP WorkSite, Livelink, OpenText Enterprise Connect, NetDocuments, Worldox, EMC Documentum, Xerox DocuShare, Therefore, HP Trim, Office 365 and SharePoint Document Management Systems (DMS)		•		•	Improved
Supports Dropbox, Evernote, Box, Google Drive and Microsoft OneDrive cloud storage services	•	•	•	•	Improved
Supports LexisNexis CaseMap		•		•	
Supports a subset of JavaScript	•	•	•	•	
Support for movies and audio embedded in a PDF	•	•	•	•	
Support for Microsoft Silverlight	•	•	•	•	
Support for limited set of 3D content embedded in a PDF	•	•	•	•	
Support for viewing the latest Adobe PDF portfolio animations and graphics	•	•	•	•	Improved

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PDF/A compliance checking for the full range of PDF/A-1, PDF/A-2 and PDF/A-3 levels		•		•	
Online Help to ensure users have access to the latest information	•	•	•	•	
PDF creation					
Create PDF documents from any application that prints	•	•	•	•	
Create PDF documents directly from your scanner	•	•	•	•	
One-click professional scanning with auto find-and-mark technology. Automatically find words in the scanned document	•	•	•	•	
Proofread text recognition results automatically after scanning and review and correct suspected errors			•	•	New
Support for WIA, TWAIN and ISIS scanners	•	•	•	•	
One-step PDF creation from Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint	•	•	•	•	
Create and send PDF-to-email attachment with Microsoft Outlook	•	•	•	•	
One-step PDF creation and archive of Microsoft Outlook and Lotus Notes emails	•	•	•	•	
One-step PDF creation from web pages from Internet Explorer	•	•	•	•	Improved
One-step PDF creation from web pages from Firefox and Chrome			•	•	New
Retain hyperlinks embedded in web pages when converting to PDF			•	•	New
Batch create PDF from multiple files and file types	•	•	•	•	
Watched folder processing to automate routine PDF and TIFF creation tasks from a wide range of formats		•		•	
Create a single PDF document by merging multiple files	•	•	•	•	
Support for creating PDF Version 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7 files	•	•	•	•	
Create ISO-standard PDF/A files (PDF/A-1, PDF/A-2 and PDF/A-3 levels)	•	•	•	•	
Create and send PDF portfolios	•	•	•	•	
Create PDF-MRC high compression colour PDF image files (up to 8 times smaller)	•	•	•	•	
Create Assistant desktop utility	•	•	•	•	
Customisable PDF creation profiles	•	•	•	•	
Merge PDF image files with PDF text files	•	•	•	•	
Insert pre-made and custom watermarks at creation	•	•	•	•	

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Apply security settings at creation	•	•	•	•
Add custom headers & footers to PDF documents (page numbering)	•	•	•	•
Adjust compression levels for smaller files	•	•	•	•
Preserve hyperlinks and metadata, add bookmarks and comments from Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint	•	•	•	•
PDF security and signing				
Add passwords with 128-bit and 256-bit AES secure encryption and permission controls to PDF files	•	•	•	•
Create and apply self-sign digital signatures	•	•	•	•
Microsoft Crypto API/3rd party digital signature compatibility	•	•	•	•
Add, manage, view and navigate document digital signatures	•	•	•	•
Drag and drop security profiles to quickly and easily secure documents	•	•	•	•
Support for FileOpen-protected documents (digital rights management)		•		•
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		•		•
DMS password retention		•		•
Redact text and graphics from PDF files		•		•
Apply redaction text properties including colour, redaction codes and custom overlay text		•		•
Inspect document to remove comments and metadata (private data)	•	•	•	•
Organise and manage a library of security profiles	•	•	•	•
Organise and manage a library of digital signatures	•	•	•	•
Organise and manage a library of PDF security envelopes	•	•	•	•
PDF conversion				
Convert PDF to Word (.doc, .docx)	•	•	•	•
Convert PDF to Excel workbooks and worksheets (.xls, .xlsx)	•	•	•	•
Convert multipage PDF table or spreadsheet into a single Microsoft Excel document	•	•	•	•
Convert PDF to PowerPoint (.pptx)	•	•	•	•
Convert PDF to WordPerfect (.wpd)	•	•	•	•

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Convert PDF to XPS (.xps)	•	•	•	•	
Convert XPS to PDF	•	•	•	•	
Convert PDF files without running Microsoft applications	•	•	•	•	
Auto-detects scanned (image) PDF files and offers to convert them to searchable PDF files	•	•	•	•	
Convert scanned (image) PDF files to searchable PDF files (text over image)	•	•	•	•	
Convert scanned (image) PDF files to editable PDF files and other formats	•	•	•	•	
Convert scanned colour (image) PDF files to compressed MRC-PDF files (average 8x smaller)	•	•	•	•	
Proofread and correct text after OCR conversion to searchable PDF			•	•	New
Batch conversion of PDF files to target formats (Convert Assistant)	•	•	•	•	
Batch conversion of PDF files into a single document (Convert Assistant)	•	•	•	•	
Batch convert to single page TIFF files		•		•	
Batch conversion of TIFF files to image-only or searchable PDFs and PDF conversion to TIFF		•		•	
Superior conversion accuracy with OmniPage OCR engine	•	•	•	•	
Convert Assistant desktop utility	•	•	•	•	
Retains columns, tables, images and graphics (.doc, .docx, .wpd)	•	•	•	•	
Retains linked text flow of columns within a document (.doc, .docx, .wpd)	•	•	•	•	
Retains headers and footers (.doc, .docx, .wpd)	•	•	•	•	
Legal pleading conversion with stamp and line numbering options (Convert Assistant)	•	•	•	•	
Retains number formats in Excel (currency, percentage, etc.)	•	•	•	•	
Retains hyperlinks (.doc, .docx, .wpd, .xls, .xlsx)	•	•	•	•	
Extract tables from a PDF file and place into Excel or Word	•	•	•	•	
Convert a select area of a page using OCR and convert to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, WordPerfect – for scanned (image) PDF files as well as text-based PDF files	•	•	•	•	
Convert and save PDF to audio file (.mp3)	•	•	•	•	

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PDF editing and assembly					
Edit your PDF files like in a word processor using the Advanced Editor	•	•	•	•	
Manage pages in a document (reorder, 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 lets you see all your document pages in a floating dialog box to make the most of your screen real estate	•	•	•	•	
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		•		•	
Add, manage, view and navigate document bookmark	•	•	•	•	
Create a table of contents from bookmarks	•	•	•	•	
Add, manage, view and navigate document destinations	•	•	•	•	
Support for XMP (Extensible Metadata Platform) metadata in the document			•	•	New
Edit, cut, copy and paste text	•	•	•	•	
Move, resize, rotate, flip, order, group, set transparency, cut, copy and paste graphics and images	•	•	•	•	
Document splitting by page range, blank page, page contents, bookmarks or file size	•	•	•	•	
Extraction by page range, blank page, page contents or bookmarks	•	•	•	•	
Maintain document links and bookmarking when replacing pages in a document	•	•	•	•	
Manage document layers. Turn on/off, show/hide and lock/unlock layers in PDF files created by programs such as AutoCAD, Microsoft Visio and Microsoft Project. Select, re-order, delete or merge layers, view and modify properties of layers and even control layers for printing	•	•	•	•	
PDF Optimizer for reduced file sizes	•	•	•	•	
Reduce the file size of one or a batch of PDF files	•	•	•	•	
Custom actions for bookmarks or hyperlinks (open a file, play a sound, go to a web page, etc.)	•	•	•	•	
Attach application files or sounds to a PDF	•	•	•	•	

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Fix PDF/A compliance problems with the compliance checker or via the Save As PDF/A command		•		•	
Bates stamping with advanced formatting and page positioning		•		•	
PDF review and collaboration					
Perform intelligent Looks Like Search™ to quickly find content, like phone numbers, email addresses and Social Security numbers, via an alphanumeric pattern rather than exact text. Choose from predefined patterns or create your own patterns	•	•	•	•	
Automatically highlight, cross-out, underline or redact search results for faster, easier PDF review and editing	Except for redaction	•	Except for redaction	•	
Preview PDF email attachments in Microsoft Outlook	•	•	•	•	
Instant access to frequently used PDF files and online PDF Files (URLs) with favourites menu	•	•	•	•	
Side-by-side document comparison (PDF to PDF and PDF to Word)	•	•	•	•	
Open files directly from a DMS via the document comparison's "Browse" buttons		•		•	
Open and save files through the File menu to DMS		•		•	Improved
Open and save files through the File menu to popular cloud document storage services: Box, Dropbox, Evernote, Google Drive and Microsoft OneDrive	•	•	•	•	Improved
Save, track and open revisions within a PDF document	•	•	•	•	
Add, manage, view and navigate document comments	•	•	•	•	
Familiar comment and markup tools (notes, text boxes, typewriter, callouts, highlight, text underline, cross-out, stamps)	•	•	•	•	
Automatically populate comments with highlighted and annotated text	•	•	•	•	
Create notes in PDF files by speaking using Dragon Notes	•	•	•	•	
Create new stamps from selected page elements	•	•	•	•	
Select date and time formats for new dynamic stamps			•	•	New
Apply stamps to one or all pages	•	•	•	•	
Organise and manage a library of stamps	•	•	•	•	
Spellchecking for comments and form fields	•	•	•	•	
Migrate comments from one PDF file to another for ease of collaboration and review	•	•	•	•	

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Drawing (comment) tools including lines, arrow, rectangles, pencil, oval, polygon and cloud	•	•	•	•	
Measuring tool (with save as comment)	•	•	•	•	
Print with comments and form fields	•	•	•	•	
Organise and manage a library of watermarks	•	•	•	•	
Working with PDF files					
PDF viewing of all PDF types	•	•	•	•	
“Find a tool” search capability			•	•	New
Customisable Quick Access Toolbar with shortcuts to the features and capabilities for each user	•	•	•	•	Improved
Advanced search and indexing for documents, text within a document, comments and bookmarks	•	•	•	•	
Search results list and screen highlighting of found words in the document	•	•	•	•	Improved
iFilter utility for SharePoint for indexing and rapidly finding PDFs on SharePoint 2007/2010/2013		•		•	
Open PDF files created from Microsoft Office without having to save them first	•	•	•	•	
Limit file open and save locations to certain folders only	•	•	•	•	
Send a PDF file to a fax machine via email	•	•	•	•	
Support for network scanning and eCopy ShareScan with monitored Scan Inboxes		•		•	
Support for Nuance AutoStore workflows through AutoCapture tool panel				•	New
PDF forms					
Automatic conversion of a PDF file into a fillable PDF form	•	•	•	•	
Intelligent creation of check boxes and radio buttons	•	•	•	•	Improved
Support for Adobe dynamic forms (XFA)	•	•	•	•	Improved
Draw and edit form controls (text fields, buttons, drop down lists, check boxes and radio buttons)	•	•	•	•	
Edit text and object attributes (font, colour, line weight, display and print options)	•	•	•	•	
Digital signatures for forms	•	•	•	•	
Custom actions on form objects (import form data, play a sound, open a file, open a web page, etc.)	•	•	•	•	
Export form data from one or multiple filled in PDF forms	•	•	•	•	
Limited JavaScript support	•	•	•	•	
Set tab order for form fields	•	•	•	•	

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Accessibility					
Work with an accessible user interface	•	•	•	•	
Create tagged, accessible PDF files	•	•	•	•	Improved
Adjustable high-contrast mode for PDF documents			•	•	New
Edit PDF tags	•	•	•	•	Improved
Adjust or fully define reading order of document content using the Reading Order panel				•	New
Verify accessibility of PDF documents		•		•	
Read document aloud – Text-to-speech capability	•	•	•	•	
Deployment and customisation					
Support for Citrix and Remote Desktop Services (thin client deployment/use)		•		•	
Support for Microsoft Application Virtualization		•		•	
Installation Customization Kit to easily control the deployable options for each department		•		•	Improved
Read only mode to enforce compliance and help control best practices and regulatory mandates		•		•	
Install or disable plugins and application functions (Customization Kit)		•		•	Improved
Install selected DMS connectors only (Customization Kit)		•		•	
API capabilities (Programming interface)		•		•	

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