

NEW FEATURE HISTORY Adobe Acrobat 8, Acrobat 9, Acrobat X

| Feature Area | Acrobat 8 New Features | Acrobat 9 New Features | Acrobat X New Features |
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| User Interface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menu-driven user interface with task buttons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wizards for Forms Creation and Document Comparison | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New easier-to-user Panels-based interface gets novices up to speed quickly • Welcome Page for quick access to common functions • Access frequently used tools quickly and easily with the customizable Quick Tools area |
| Combine Documents to PDF Binders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine multiple files formats to a single PDF • Set document order • Granularly select page ranges of source files • Create Bookmarks to each file • Adjust file compression for resulting PDF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine additional content types including email messages, scans, selections and web content |
| Portfolios² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine multiple files and file formats into a single Adobe PDF package (predecessor to Portfolios) • Maintain security settings and digital signatures of the original files • Search PDF files in the Package • Seamlessly compress documents using ZIP compression | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine files into a PDF Portfolio using professionally designed Portfolio layouts for closing binders • Organize files in folders • Preview of PDF, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, TIFF, JPEG and other file types¹ • Search non-PDF documents in a Portfolio¹ • Sort by date, number or text • Direct editing of fields including file name | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlined Portfolio creation process • Five new, rich interactive layout types • Easily import custom themes and layouts • Import backgrounds, tile background and set opacity • Re-order files using Drag and Drop • Preview thumbnails for all pages of PDF files • Automatically embed thumbnails for non-PDF documents for cross-platform display • Preview live web content • Stream video into Portfolio to reduce file size • Embed fonts for the Portfolio layout |
| Forms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatically recognize existing form fields in static Adobe PDF forms and convert them to interactive, fillable fields. • Compile forms emailed back to you into a PDF Package • Collect form data via email • Includes LiveCycle Designer 8 (Pro only) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reader-enable forms with Acrobat Standard • More accurate form recognition. • Find form fields on scanned documents • Easier form authoring which allows you to "Stamp" form fields on documents • Collect form data on Acrobat.com, SharePoint or a network folder, or via email • Form Tracker lets you know who has completed and returned forms, and who hasn't • Includes LiveCycle Designer 8.2 (Pro only) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved form recognition features • New Panels-based access to forms tools • Ability to connect to a new form data collecting point to repair form distribution workflows • Includes LiveCycle Designer ES2 version 9² |

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| SharePoint Integration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not available | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not available | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New SharePoint menu available when files are checked out from a SharePoint workspace Check-in, Prepare Document properties |
| Comment and Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage shared reviews allowing multiple people to add comments to the same document at the same time using a network folder Enable Adobe Reader 7.0 or 8 users to save, fill out, and digitally sign Adobe PDF forms² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Acrobat.com, SharePoint or a Network folder to host Shared Reviews Set Review deadlines Enhanced Typewriter tool allows you to set font, size, color and style | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Reviews Panel uses less screen space so you can view more of your document Directly search comments text via Comments Panel Easily access favorite stamps Integrate Commenting as part of an Action² |
| Bates Numbering² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply Bates Numbers to PDF documents Shrink documents which have inadequate margin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select folders to Bates stamp Stamp and copy to new destination Rename files using prefix or suffix Rename files to Bates Range (e.g. 000100-000112) Convert Word, Excel files, etc. inside a PDF Portfolio to PDF and Bates stamp | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bates Number as part of an Action (Pro only) which allows for unique production workflows such as Redact, Remove Metadata, Bates Number, etc. |
| Document Splitting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Split documents by file size, number of pages or top-level bookmarks Set prefix or suffix for split documents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimized algorithm more accurately splits by file size |
| Metadata Removal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find and remove hidden information, including metadata, annotations, attachments, form fields, layers, and bookmarks, and permanently delete the information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze metadata in a granular fashion using the Examine Document panel Use Batch Processing (Pro only) to remove metadata from multiple documents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Sanitize option offers one-step military grade document cleanup Remove metadata as part of an Action (Pro only) |
| Document Comparison² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unchanged from Acrobat 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completely rewritten comparison engine Document Comparison panel allows you to easily set highlight colors, and focus in on what want to compare/ignore including images, headers and footers, etc. Compare all changes in documents including text, images, moved pages, etc. Summarize changes as annotations to documents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare documents with more than 250 pages New Text-only compare feature Speed improvements |
| Email Archiving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatically archive e-mail from Microsoft Outlook or convert e-mail in Lotus Notes to Adobe PDF (Windows only) into a PDF Package Search PDFs within the email archive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archive to a PDF Portfolio Search both PDF and non-PDF content¹ Filter results to narrow searches Retain additional metadata from email | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for Microsoft Office Outlook 10 |

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| Redaction² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanently delete sensitive information, including specific text or illustrations, with redaction tools Search for text to redact Review Redactions using the Comments panel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redact using a word list Find and redact Social Security numbers, email addresses, etc., using pattern-based redaction Redact entire pages or page ranges Batch Apply redactions Automatically rename redacted documents (e.g. document_redacted.pdf) Word List Redaction available in Batch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Redaction annotation color and stroke to customize preview of Redaction marks Repeat redaction across pages to easily remove headers, footers and other consistently placed text or images Right-click to apply exemption codes Apply multiple exemption codes to a redaction mark Choose part of pattern you wish to redact such as first <i>N</i> characters, last <i>N</i> characters, etc. |
| Content Reuse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save Adobe PDF files to Microsoft Word (.doc) while retaining layout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save Adobe PDF files to Microsoft Word (.doc) while retaining flowing text for easier editing Export many PDFs to Word using Export Multiple files option Open Table in Spreadsheet contextual menu opens basic tabular information in Excel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completely new Save As Microsoft Word function offers outstanding fidelity and editability Export PDF to editable Excel files while retaining column widths, text styling and cell color Save files as .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx Retain rich formatting and headers & footers and page numbers when exporting to Word Automatically OCR files before exporting to Word or Excel Select and export part of PDF page to Word or Excel in Acrobat or internet Explorer or Firefox |
| PDF Creation and Conversion of Office Formats | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faster PDF Creation from Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Create PDF/A compliant documents Word: Convert Bookmarks to PDF Bookmarks Word: Retain paragraph numbering in PDF Bookmarks Excel: Convert Entire Workbook option PowerPoint: Convert speaker notes to PDF Notes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excel: Fit entire Worksheet to single page option Word, Excel and PowerPoint: Embed video and convert to Flash video in the PDF (Pro Extended only) PowerPoint: Use the Adobe Presenter plug-in to convert slide decks to PDF complete with animation, narration and quizzes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of Microsoft Office 2010 applications including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, Project and Visio Word, Excel, PowerPoint: New Embed Flash button allows you to embed and preview Flash (SWF) in Office documents² Support for AutoCAD 2010² Adobe Presenter supports Office 2010 |
| Web Capture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unchanged from Acrobat 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New web capture engine more accurately converts web sites to PDF Select and convert portions of web pages in Internet Explorer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New PDFMaker for Mozilla Firefox More accurate web site conversion |
| Headers, Footers and Watermarks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save backgrounds, watermarks, headers, and footers settings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply backgrounds, watermarks, headers and footers to multiple files using Apply Multiple | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply backgrounds, watermarks, headers and footers using Actions (Pro only) |

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| OCR and Scanning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New OCR engine 32 OCR languages available. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ClearScan OCR option offers better looking output that prints faster OCR accuracy improvements 42 languages supported Scanning presets for B&W, Grayscale and Color Scan to a PDF Portfolio Scan to multiple PDF documents in batch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved OCR accuracy (up to 40% better on poor quality documents) Correct underlying OCR text layer New Adaptive Compression separately optimizes Color/Gray and Black areas to reduce file size dramatically Append to an existing PDF when using a Scanning Preset |
| Search | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search individual PDF documents Search across a directory of PDF documents Create a full-text index of a directory of documents Embed a full-text index in a single PDF or PDF Package | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed a full-text index in a PDF Portfolio Search non-PDF documents in a PDF Portfolio | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save Search Results to PDF reports which include search excerpts and hyperlinks to original documents Save Search Results to CSV for analysis in a spreadsheet or database |
| Security | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Security Policies to apply password or certificate security consistently | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 256-bit encryption of documents Import and export security settings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Password Strength meter encourages the use of stronger passwords |
| Automation² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batch Sequences in Acrobat Pro to run multiple operations across files Rename and Optimize files at export Convert supported file types to PDF as part of a sequence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save time and standardize processes by automating routine, multistep tasks in a guided Action Actions can wait for user-driven input such as adding comments or redacting text Choose from several starting points such as a file open in Acrobat, a selection of files, a folder, a scanning process or prompt the user to combine several documents Ability to share Actions between users Double-click to install Actions Use a simple Wizard-like interface to run Actions Extend Actions with JavaScript |
| Multimedia² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed movies and sounds in documents and play using operating system player defaults | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play Flash content natively with no external player needed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed Flash files using PDF Makers for Word, Excel and PowerPoint |
| Deployment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easily customize the Acrobat MSI package on Windows using the Adobe Acrobat 8 Customization Wizard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easily customize the Acrobat MSI package on Windows using the Adobe Acrobat 9 Customization Wizard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easily customize the Acrobat MSI package on Windows using the Adobe Acrobat 10 Customization Wizard Support for SCUP/SCCM/WSUS New Macintosh standard PKG file installer |

1. Dependent on having either Microsoft Office 2007, Office 2010 or Windows Vista or Windows 7 Operating System.
2. Acrobat Pro only