



Adobe® Acrobat® and PDF

Essential tools for e-government



Make the Move to E-government

Standardize on Adobe Acrobat and PDF

Government agencies are under pressure to move the business of government online so they can better serve citizens, industry, and others in government. This is no small feat given the number of paper-based processes in place today and government's unique challenge of protecting privacy and providing access to all constituents, including citizens with disabilities. Adobe Acrobat software and PDF provide a powerful framework that helps you replace paper-based processes with electronic documents and improve your organization's efficiency across a range of government processes.

PDF, a standard for reliable delivery of documents and forms online, has been embraced by government and commercial organizations worldwide. 66.3% of nonprofit organization and government Web sites include PDF content, and more than 18 million PDF files are available to the public on the Internet. Half a billion PDF forms have been downloaded from the IRS Web site alone. And it's no wonder—a PDF file looks exactly like the original document, with all the formatting, fonts, and images intact. Furthermore, Adobe Acrobat Reader® software—which lets anyone read and print PDF files across a broad range of hardware and software, including mobile devices—ships with nearly every PC sold worldwide.

The ubiquity of PDF and Acrobat Reader makes the transition to online government processes easier, but reliable document delivery is only the beginning of the benefits you'll realize. A PDF file can be thought of as a container for digital services that travels with a document wherever it goes. Capabilities such as interactive forms, e-signatures, password security, electronic comments, searchable content, and database and workflow integration that leverages standards like XML make PDF a flexible standard that interoperates easily with electronic work processes.

PDF files support the entire life cycle of electronic documents and forms, and Acrobat and PDF together provide an effective framework for managing electronic content throughout your agency:

- Distribute official documents reliably and securely.
- Streamline U.S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
- Streamline electronic submissions.
- Implement easy-to-use electronic forms (eForms).
- Archive content in PDF.
- Efficiently exchange documents with government colleagues.



