

4 WAYS TO CREATE PDF FILES

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Creating a PDF file is a great way to share your ideas and to make sure that they can't be altered, without leaving an electronic footprint. There are multiple ways to create a PDF file and all of them are fairly quick and easy.

If you want to know how to create PDF files, just follow these steps.

Method 1 – Creating a PDF from a Word Document on a PC

1. **Get PDF creation software.** There are many free PDF creation programs, including PDFCreator, PDF factory Pro, and PrimoPDF. You can find and download this software online.
 - 1.1. It's also likely that you already have PDF creation software on your computer, such as Adobe Acrobat (for making PDFs) and Adobe Reader (for reading PDFs). Search your computer for PDF creation software before you download anything.
2. **Open Microsoft Word.**
3. **Write the document.** Use Microsoft Word to write whatever document you'd eventually like to convert to a PDF. If you've already completed the document you'd like to convert, just open the document.
4. **Click "File."**
5. **Click "Print."**
6. **Choose your PDF printer.** Set the preferences for the PDF you'd like to create.
7. **Click "Print."** This won't actually print the document, but it will convert it to a PDF.

Method 2 – Creating a PDF from a Word Document on a Mac

1. **Get PDF creation software.** There are many free PDF creation programs, including PDFCreator, PDF factory Pro, and PrimoPDF. You can find and download this software online. It's also likely that you already have PDF creation software on your computer, such as Adobe Acrobat (for making PDFs) and Adobe Reader (for reading PDFs). Search your computer for PDF creation software before you download anything.
2. **Open Microsoft Word.**
3. **Write the document.** Use Microsoft Word to write whatever document you'd eventually like to convert to a PDF. If you've already completed the document you'd like to convert, just open the document.
4. **Click "File."** It's the second option from the top left of the document.

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5. **Click "Print."** This is the second option from the bottom of the drop-down menu.
 - 5.1. Alternatively, you can select "Save As".
6. **Select "PDF."** It's the option on the bottom left of the Print menu. Click on the arrow.
 - 6.1. Alternatively, you can select "PDF" from the "Format" menu.
7. **Select "Save as PDF."** This will open a new window that will allow you to save the document.
8. **Name the document.**
9. **Select the folder where you'd like it to appear.** Select the folder by clicking on the arrows below the file name to open a list of options.
10. **Select "Save."** This will convert and save the document as a PDF.

Method 3 – Using an Online Converter on a PC or Mac

1. **Find a reliable online converter.** Browse the Internet to find a PDF converter that is free and effective. One reliable converter is printinpdf.com
2. **Click "Choose file" or "Browse."** Any converter will give the option of browsing through your files to choose the ones you'd like to convert.
3. **Select as many files as you want or can.** Most online converters will limit you to three files at once.
4. **Click "Convert to PDF."** Wait for the file to convert to a PDF. This can take a few minutes, especially if you have multiple files. When the process is finished, you will be told that your files are ready to be downloaded.
5. **Download your converted files.** Click on the files and wait for them to download.
6. **Save them to your computer.** You have finished creating the PDF files.

Method 4 – Using the Google Chrome browser

1. **Get the Google Chrome browser.**
2. **Type "data:text/html, <html contenteditable>" without the quotations marks in the URL bar.**
3. **Type and paste any text, but images will not work.**

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4. Format the text using the following commands:

- 4.1. Ctrl+ U = underline
- 4.2. Ctrl+ I = italics
- 4.3. Ctrl+ B = bold
- 4.4. Ctrl+ C = copy
- 4.5. Ctrl+ V = paste
- 4.6. Ctrl+ X =cut
- 4.7. Ctrl+ Z = undo
- 4.8. Ctrl+ Y = redo
- 4.9. Ctrl+ A = select all
- 4.10. Ctrl+ Shift+ Z = paste as plain text
- 4.11. Ctrl+ F = find
- 4.12. Ctrl+ P = print

5. Save. Print it. Select the printer as 'save as PDF'.