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System Requirements

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Windows 98SE/ME/NT4/2000/XP/Server 2003
[Abode Acrobat Reader](#) installed to view generated PDF files

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3. You will be prompted to specify the name of the PDF file to be created.

Settings for PDF Creation

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PDF Page Setup

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1. Open Microsoft Excel
2. Open a .XLS document
3. Select from main menu "File"->"Print"
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6. Click "OK"
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4. Select Printer "AcroPDF"
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4. Click the "Apply Settings" button. Close the supporting tool.
5. Back to AutoCAD. In the frame "Drawing Orientation", select "Portrait" or "Landscape".
6. Finally, click "OK" to plot to a PDF file.

Internet Explorer:

1. Start your web browser (Here, we take Microsoft Internet Explorer as an example)
2. Open a website or stay on a web page
3. Select from main menu "File"->"Print"
4. Select Printer "AcroPDF"
5. If you need to adjust PDF generation options, click the "Property" button on the right
6. Click "OK"
7. A dialog will pop up, assign the folder and file name of the PDF document to be generated

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Installation

Why my printer cannot work after installation ?

Please reboot your computer, and then both your printer and the **AcroPDF** will work without confliction.

How to remove AcroPDF from my computer ?

Sometimes users may delete the software files directly from their Program Files folder, instead of uninstalling from their Control Panel->Add/Remove Programs and this will cause problems such as leaving unwanted files in your system. We have released an automatic removal tool for AcroPDF. Download this tool, and you will have the software completely removed from your computer. <http://www.acropdf.com/uninstal.exe>

I received "Printer settings could not be saved. Operation not supported" when I try to share the printer. Whys?

On Windows 2000, Windows XP and especially Windows Server 2003, when users try to share "AcroPDF" printer for other computers in the same network, you will probably encounter the error message "Printer settings could not be saved. Operation not supported". This is caused by inappropriate group policy setting of your computer.

The problem can easily be solved by modifying the Group Policy of your computer. Read the following articles published on Microsoft website, and you will make it.

[Solving the problem](#)

[Technical aspect behind the problem](#)

If you still cannot solve the problem, verify if you have in your login administrator privilege. Also, look if the computer with the printer is the server of your Network . If all was set properly, you'll need to know your Domain Properties.

Frequently Asked Questions

Using AcroPDF

How can I remove the extra line at the bottom of a created PDF file ?

AcroPDF is free for personal and non-commercial use, but you must purchase the product, if you wish to remove the extra line at the bottom of PDF pages.

Why certain fonts in my PDF document are missing or distorted into another type of fonts ?

Make sure that you have embedded all the fonts that have been used in your original document. The problem often happens when Eastern European or Asian characters are presented in your original document or web pages.

Can I output PDF file to a specific path and specify the filename without prompting ?

AcroPDF features Automatic Output for PDF files. You may check "Enable PDF Automatic Output" and specify the path i.e. the folder name. The name of the created PDF file is always the same with the title of the printing job. If the printing job has no title, then the file name will be the name of the Windows application which sent the job to the "AcroPDF" printer.

How to define customer paper size ?

When you are to confirm a printing job, please click the button "**Property**", and then click the button "**Printing Preferences**" of **AcroPDF**, you will be able to switch from "**Defined Paper Size**" to "**Custom Paper Size**". You may enter the height and width of your custom paper in inch, in millimeter and in point/pixel.

Does AcroPDF support compression? I wish to reduce PDF file size.

The compression is automatically performed when generating PDF files. However, if you wish to reduce PDF file size more, please lower the resolution of your document to 300 dpi or even less.

Can I use the software on a web server ?

AcroPDF supports Intranet Print Server, Terminal Server and Farm Environment. The recommended operating systems for servers are Microsoft Windows 2000 Server, Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server, Microsoft Windows 2000 Datacenter, Microsoft Windows 2000 Terminal Server, Microsoft Windows Server 2003, Microsoft Windows Advanced Server 2003.

Does AcroPDF supports Unicode, Eastern European and Asian languages ?

Certainly yes. However, you should embed fonts that are required in your original document appropriately into your PDF document. If not, all you will get is blank or a series of question marks.

Does AcroPDF supports Press quality standard PDF ?

Please set resolution of your document to 600 dpi or 1200 dpi. According to certain standards, 1200 dpi with images of 300+ dpi should be Press Quality.

Developer SDK and Programming Interface

Developer License enables developers to distribute a special version of their product with all their applications without paying any royalties and is for integration and royalty-free distribution of developers' applications. The applications can be for in-house use or external distribution without limitations. Web servers based applications developed with AcroPDF drivers running on one server require one developer license of AcroPDF.

Here "special version" means the entire set of the core drivers that presents all the functionalities of the full driver excluding any user interface and installs itself and then works completely silently. This special version will only work with the licensed developer's application.

This license is given on a per company basis, non-withstanding the number of developers or applications the licensee has.

The product is distributed as DLL and EXE files working silently. Installation is handled by a silent installer automatically. All that is need is to copy the redistributable DLLs as well as the silent installer program in any directory and then load the silent installer from your applications or scripts.

More information will be found on AcroPDF Systems web site,

<http://www.acropdf.com/developer.html>

Printer Development

For software developer who develops an application that uses AcroPDF, it should be clarified that AcroPDF works as a normal printer, and you may control the output using standard Win32 API. if you want to specify the destination file path and file name, all you need to do is to use the Microsoft DOCINFO structure and the StartDoc function. Set the IpszOutput field of the DOCINFO structure to the fully qualified path name of the file, and then pass the DOCINFO structure to the Win32 StartDoc function. In this way, each file can be created using a unique name.

You can control the paper size, orientation, resolution, printing job title, and other settings using the Win32 API and the DEVMODE structure as defined in the Microsoft SDK and Microsoft DDK (Printer Chapter).

Microsoft Knowledgebase article Q167345 describing how to change printer settings using the Win32 API will be useful to you,

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;Q167345>

Developer License

What is offered in a Developer License?

Software Developer's Kit (SDK)

Silent installation program Available for licensed developer

Core driver Available for licensed developer

Printer driver universal installer Available for licensed developer

AcroPDF SDK Manual

How to Purchase a Developer License

The developer license is non-refundable. You should evaluate AcroPDF thoroughly and read SDK Manual carefully before you decides to purchase a developer's license.

Purchase Developer License with Share-It!

<http://www.acropdf.com/developer.html>

If you have any question, feel free to contact AcroPDF Systems sales@acropdf.com .

Development Interface

PDF Automatic Output

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

AutomaticOutput

Type: DWORD

Function: Enable or disable Automatic Output feature

Value: 0 Disable Automatic Output (Default)

1 Enable automatic output with confirmation when destination file already exists

2 Disable automatic output while keeping the setting of no confirmation when

overwriting

3 Enable automatic output with overwriting without confirmation

AutomaticOutput

Type: DWORD

Function: Specify the absolute path for generating PDF files by using Automatic Output

feature

Value: C:\DOC2PDF (for example)

PDF Summery Information

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

Author

Title

Subject

Keywords

Type: String

Function: Control the summery information of the PDF document to be generated

PDF Password Protection

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

UserPassword

OwnerPassword

Type: String

Function: Add password protection for accessing and modifying the PDF document to be generated

PDF Orientation

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

Orientation

Type: DWORD

Function: Control PDF document orientation

Value: 1 Portrait (Default)

2 Landscape

PDF Resolution

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

Resolution

Type: DWORD

Function: Control PDF document resolution

Value: 0 72 dpi

1 144 dpi

2 288 dpi

3 300 dpi (Default)

4 600 dpi

5 1200 dpi

6 2400 dpi

7 2540 dpi (maximum resolution)

PDF Image Quality

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

PrintingQuality

Type: DWORD

Function: Control PDF document resolution

Value: 1 Worst

128 Better

255 Best

PDF Compatibility

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

Compatibility

Type: DWORD

Function: Control PDF document compatibility

Value: 0 PDF 1.3 Standard (Acrobat 4.x)

1 PDF 1.4 Standard (Acrobat 5.x)

2 PDF 1.5 Standard (Acrobat 6.x)

PDF Paper Size

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

PaperHeight

PaperWidth

Type: DWORD

Function: Control PDF document paper size in millimeters

PDF Paper Type

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

PaperType

Type: DWORD

Function: Control the paper type of PDF document by using the predefined template

Value: 0 Not predefined

1 Predefined

Letter 215.9"x279.4"

Legal 215.9"x355.6"

Executive 184.1"x266.7"

Ledger 355.6"x215.9"

Tabloid 279.4"x431.8"

Screen 254"x190.5"

A3 297"x420"

A4 210"x297"

A5 148"x210"

PDF Paper Size Measuring Unit

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

Unit

Type: DWORD

Function: Set the paper size of PDF document using different measures

Value: 0 In Pixels / Points

1 In Millimeters

2 In Inch

AcroPDF Driver Information

Registry Hive Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\AcroPDF\AcroPDF

Registry Key Value:

ProductName

Version

Type: String

Function: AcroPDF Information

AcroPDF Systems

AcroPDF Systems was founded in 1995 by Michael Duc and Pierre Gilles devoting itself in the development of printer drivers. The company has developed laser printer and ink-jet printer drivers for international corporations such as Lexmark, Hewlett-Packard, IBM etc. In 2001, AcroPDF Systems marched into desktop publishing industry, jointly developed custom systems for small and medium-size companies in France.

AcroPDF is short for Acro-People-Design-Fashion. Today, AcroPDF Systems provides solutions for desktop publishing and paperless automation.

Our goal is to help individuals and businesses deliver information more efficiently and effectively.

For help on our products technical support, send e-mail to support@acropdf.com

For sales inquiries, send e-mail to sales@acropdf.com

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