

Portable Document Format

The *Portable Document Format* (**PDF**) is a [file format](#) for storing [documents](#) on a [computer](#). [Adobe](#) created it in 1993 to make it easier to exchange documents. PDF is often used to make documents print-ready. PDF documents can have stylised text and images in them.

The document is stored in such a way that the content does not change the way it looks on different screens, computers and printers as can happen with other file formats.

PDF is an [open standard](#) that was officially published on July 1, 2008 by the [ISO](#).

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