Foxit Reader Deployment and Configuration

For Windows

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Welcome to Foxit Reader (MSI) -- your right choice to view and print PDF documents!

Foxit Reader (MSI) is developed on the basis of Foxit Reader (EXE) , but it extends the usability and performance of viewing and editing of Foxit Reader (EXE). This User Manual introduces the deployment and configuration of Foxit Reader. Please follow the instructions below for details.

About Foxit Reader (MSI)

Foxit Reader (MSI) Overview

Foxit Reader (MSI), hereafter referred to as Foxit Reader, is a PDF document viewer and printer. It launches quickly and is easy to install. Just run "Foxit Reader Setup.msi" and then follow the installation guides to complete installation.

Foxit Reader enables users to create, edit and secure reliable PDF documents quickly, easily and economically. In addition to the basic PDF viewing functions, Foxit Reader also includes various advanced features, such as RMS Protection, GPO Control, and XML Control.

Installing Foxit Reader

Windows System Requirements

Foxit Reader runs successfully on the following systems. If your computer does not meet these requirements, you may not be able to use Foxit Reader.

Operating Systems

- Windows 7
- Windows 8
- Windows 10
- Microsoft Office® 2007 or later version (required for some PDF creation features)
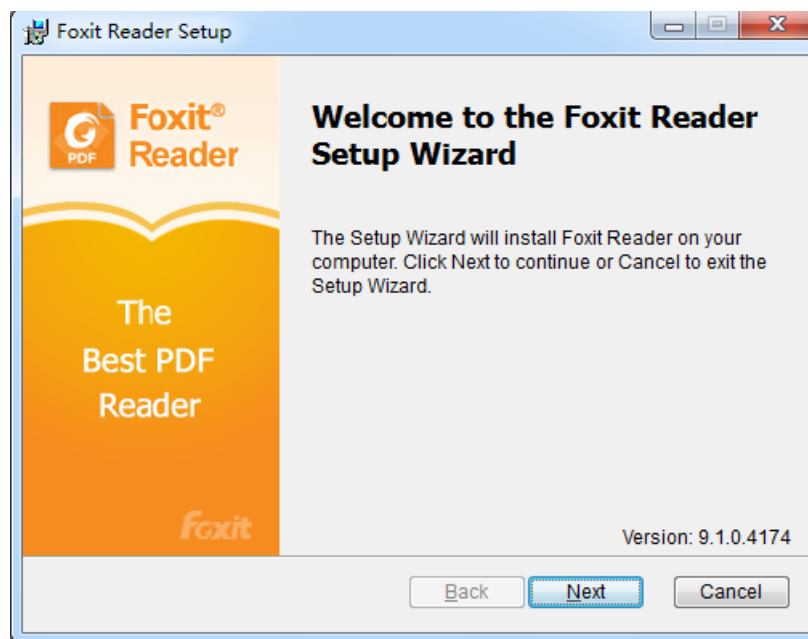- Verified as Citrix Ready® with Citrix XenApp® 7.13

Recommended Minimum Hardware for Better Performance

- 1.3 GHz or faster processor
- 512 MB RAM (Recommended: 1 GB RAM or greater)
- 1 GB of available hard drive space
- 1024*768 screen resolution

How to Install?

➢ Double-click the installation file and you will see the Install Wizard pop up. Click **Next** to continue.

➢ In order to install Foxit Reader on your system, you are required to accept the terms and conditions of Foxit's License Agreement. Please read the Agreement carefully and then check **I accept the terms in the License Agreement** and click **Next** to continue. If you cannot accept it, please click **Cancel** to exit the installation.

➢ Choose one of the setup types as needed:

    A. **Typical** –installs all features by default but requires more disk space.

    B. **Custom**—allows users to choose the features to be installed.
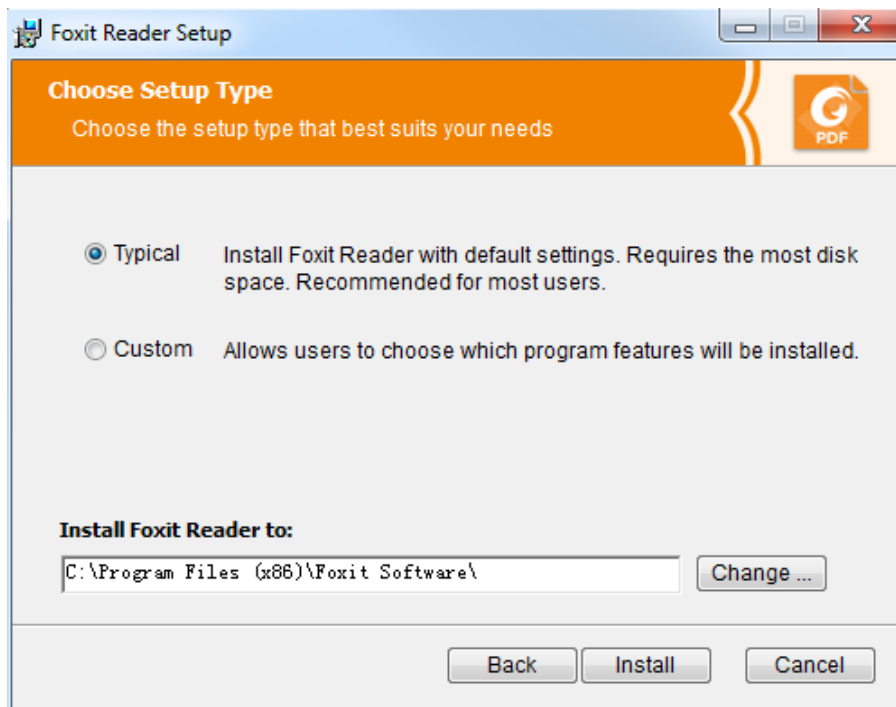
➢ For **Typical** setup, just click **Install**. For **Custom** setup, do the following:

A) Click **Browse** to change the installation directory of the PDF Viewer plug-in.

B) Click **Disk Usage** to check the disk space available for the selected features.

C) Check the options you want to install and click **Next** to continue.
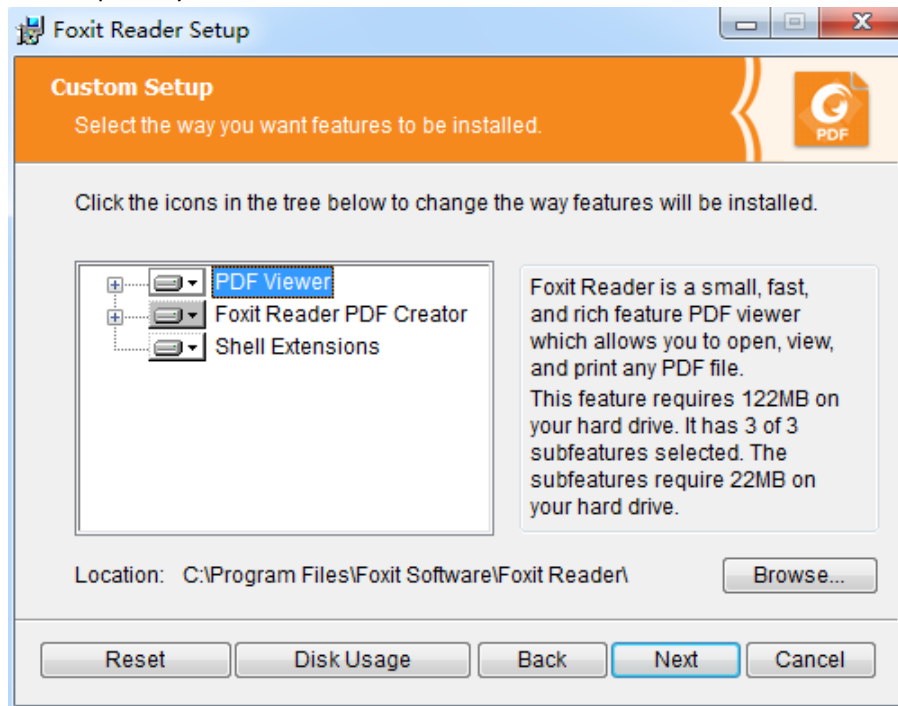
D) Select the additional tasks you would like to perform while installing Foxit Reader, click **Next** and then **Install** to begin the installation.
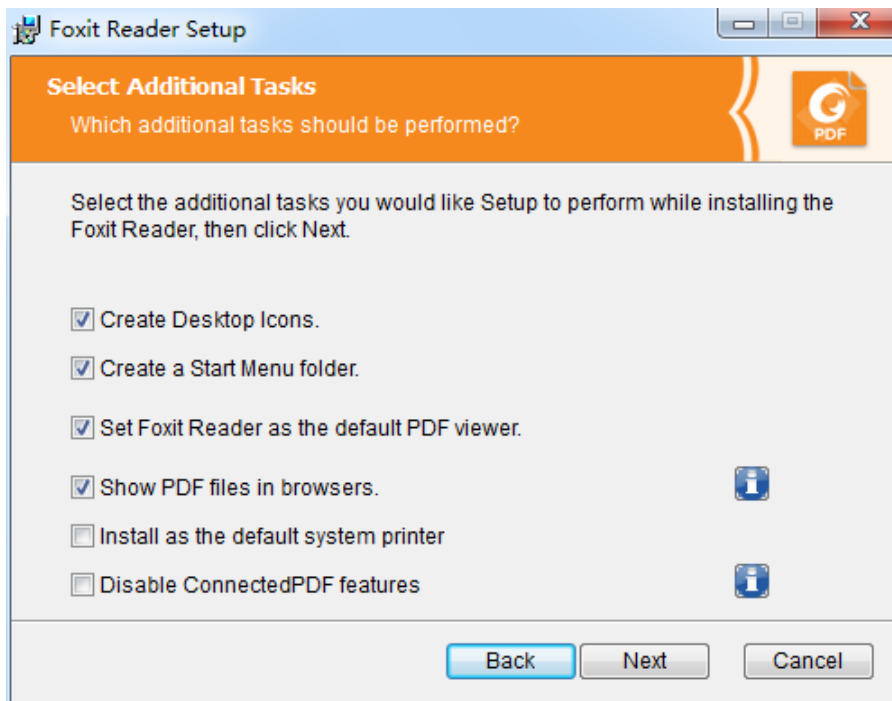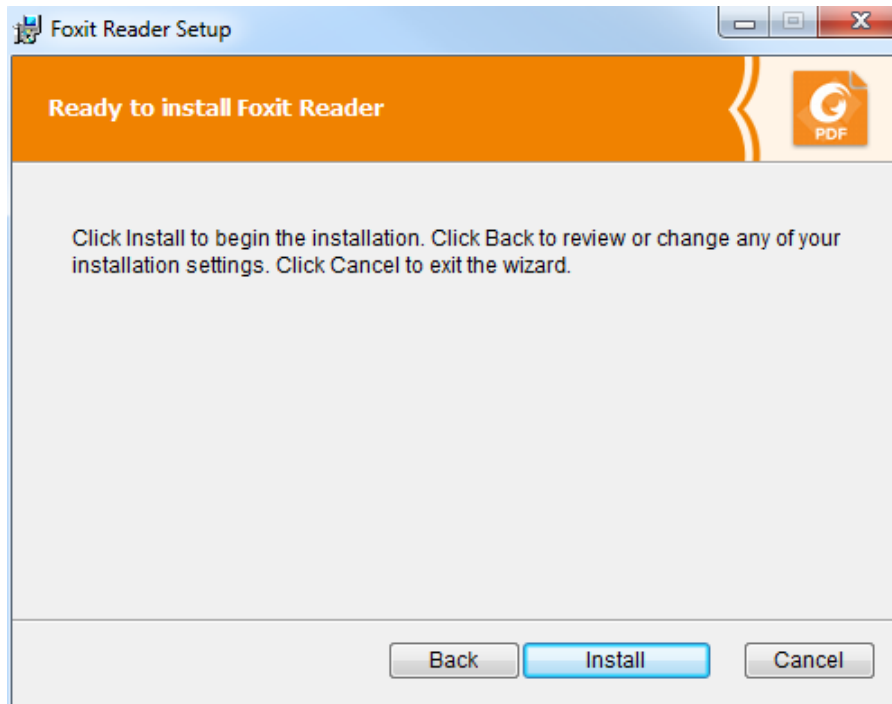
➢ Finally, a message will appear to inform you the successful installation. Click **Finish** to complete the installation.

Command-line Installation

You can also use the command-line to install the application:

msiexec /Option <Required Parameter> [Optional Parameter] [PROPERTY=PropertyValue]

For detailed information on msiexec.exe options, required parameters, and optional parameters, type "msiexec" on the command line or visit Microsoft TechNet help center.

Public Properties of the Foxit Reader MSI installation package.

Foxit Reader installation properties supplement the standard MSI public properties to give administrators greater control over the installation of the application.

For the complete list of standard public properties please refer to:
http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-gb/library/aa370905(VS.85).aspx

The Foxit Reader properties are:

ADDLOCAL   <list of features> The value of the ADDLOCAL property is a comma delimited list of features which the installation of Foxit Reader will make available locally. Foxit Reader installer defines the following features:

FX_PDFVIEWER - Foxit PDF Viewer and its components;

FX_FIREFOXPLUGIN - Plugin which is used for opening PDF files in Mozilla Firefox, Opera, Safari, and Chrome browsers. This feature requires FX_PDFVIEWER feature to be installed.

FX_EALS - Module which is used for displaying Eastern Asian Languages. Eastern Asian Languages can't be displayed properly without it. This feature requires FX_PDFVIEWER feature to be installed.

FX_SPELLCHECK - Spell check tool which is used for finding any misspelled words in typewriter or form filler mode and suggesting the correct spellings. This feature requires FX_PDFVIEWER feature to be installed.

FX_SE - Plugins for Windows Explorer and Windows shell. These extensions allow viewing PDF thumbnails in Windows Explorer, previewing PDF files in Windows 7 and Office 2007. This feature requires FX_PDFVIEWER feature to be installed.

FX_CREATOR - Foxit Reader Creator installs a virtual printer on your system. You can use Creator to convert any printable documents into high-quality PDFs conveniently and efficiently. This feature requires FX_PDFVIEWER to be installed.

FX_CONVERTEXT - Shell extension which is used for converting PDF or combining supported files from right click menu. This feature requires FX_CREATOR to be installed.

FX_CREATORWORDADDIN - MS word toolbar add-in to create PDFs by just one click. This feature requires FX_CREATOR to be

installed.

FX_CREATOREXCELADDIN - MS Excel toolbar add-in to create PDFs by just one click. This feature requires FX_CREATOR to be installed.

FX_CREATORPPTADDIN - MS PPT toolbar add-in to create PDFs by just one click. This feature requires FX_CREATOR to be installed.

FX_CONNECTEDPDF - ConnectedPDF plugin which is used to create, share, protect, and track ConnectedPDF documents.

INSTALLLOCATION	Specifies the folder where products will be installed.
MAKEDEFAULT	Default value of "1", Foxit Reader will be set as default application for opening PDF files.
VIEW_IN_BROWSER	Default value of "1", Foxit Reader will be configured to open PDF files inside browsers.
DESKTOP_SHORTCUT	Default value of "1", installer will place a shortcut for the installed application on Desktop.
STARTMENU_SHORTCUT	Default value of "1", installer will create program menu group for installed application and its components.
SETDEFAULTPRINTER	Default value of "1", installer will install Foxit Reader Printer as the system default printer.
LAUNCHCHECKDEFAULT	Default value of "1", Foxit Reader will check if the Reader is the default reader when it's launched.
CLEAN	Executes with the command /uninstall, removing all of Reader's registry data and related files with the value of "1". (Note: This is a command for uninstallation.)
AUTO_UPDATE	Do not download or install updates automatically with the value of "0"; Automatically download updates, but let users choose when to install them with the value of "1"; Automatically install updates with the value of "2".
REMOVENEWVERSION	Forces an installation to overwrite the higher version of Foxit Reader with the value of "1".
REMOVEGAREADER	Forces to uninstall Foxit Reader (Desktop Version).
CPDF_DISABLE	Disables the ConnectedPDF features by setting the value to "1".
NOTINSTALLUPDATE	Does not install updates by setting the value to "1". This will

prevent Foxit Reader from being updated from within the software.

INTERNET_DISABLE   Disables all features that require Internet connection by setting the value to "1".

READ_MODE   Opens PDF file in Read Mode by default in web browsers by setting the value to "1".

DISABLE_UNINSTALL_SURVEY   Stops the Uninstall Survey after uninstallation by setting the value to "1".

KEYCODE   Activates the application by key code.

EMBEDDED_PDF_INOFFICE   With the value of "1", opens embedded PDF files in Microsoft Office with Foxit Reader if Acrobat and Foxit PhantomPDF is not installed.

Command-line Examples:

1. Silently install the application (no user interaction) to folder "C:\Program Files\Foxit Software":

    msiexec /i "Foxit Reader.msi" /quiet INSTALLLOCATION="C:\Program Files\ Foxit Software "

2. Install Foxit PDF Viewer only:

    msiexec /i "Foxit Reader.msi" /quiet ADDLOCAL="FX_PDFVIEWER"

3. Force an installation to overwrite the same or higher version of Foxit Reader:

    msiexec /i "Foxit Reader.msi" REMOVENEWVERSION="1"

4. Remove registry and user data when performing silent uninstallation:

    msiexec /x "Foxit Reader.msi" /quiet CLEAN="1"

5. Install the application without ConnectedPDF related features and services:

    msiexec /i "Foxit Reader.msi" ADDLOCAL=ALL, ADVERTISE="FX_CONNECTEDPDF"

6. Activate the application by key code:

    msiexec /i "Foxit Reader.msi" KEYCODE="your key code"

Deployment and Configuration

Using Group Policy

What is Group Policy?

Group Policy (GPO), a feature of the Microsoft <u>Windows NT</u> family of <u>operating systems</u>, is a set of rules that control the working environment of user accounts and computer accounts. It offers the centralized management and configuration of operating systems, applications, and users' settings in an <u>Active Directory</u> environment.

Group Policy can configure most system settings, save power by utilizing smart power settings, give individual users more control over their machines with administrator privileges and increase system security.

Group Policy in part controls what users can and cannot do on a certain program to accomplish the goal of central management of a group of applications. Users can configure Foxit Reader easily through Group Policy. Please refer to the instructions below for details.

Personal Computer Setting

Foxit Reader offers two types of group policy template: .adm and .admx. Different types are compatible with different operation systems, but have the same settings. The template of .adm file type is compatible with Windows XP and later, while .admx is compatible with Server 2008, Server 2012, Windows 7 and later.

Set Template Preference

For .adm file, follow the steps as below:
- Please click **Start** > **Run** or use the shortcut key Windows + R and type gpedit.msc to open **Local Group Policy Editor**.
- Right-click the management template and choose **Add/Remove Templates** in the context menu. In the opened dialogue box, add the group policy template of Foxit Reader (Foxit Reader.adm). The Foxit Reader template will appear in the left navigation pane and you can set its template preferences.
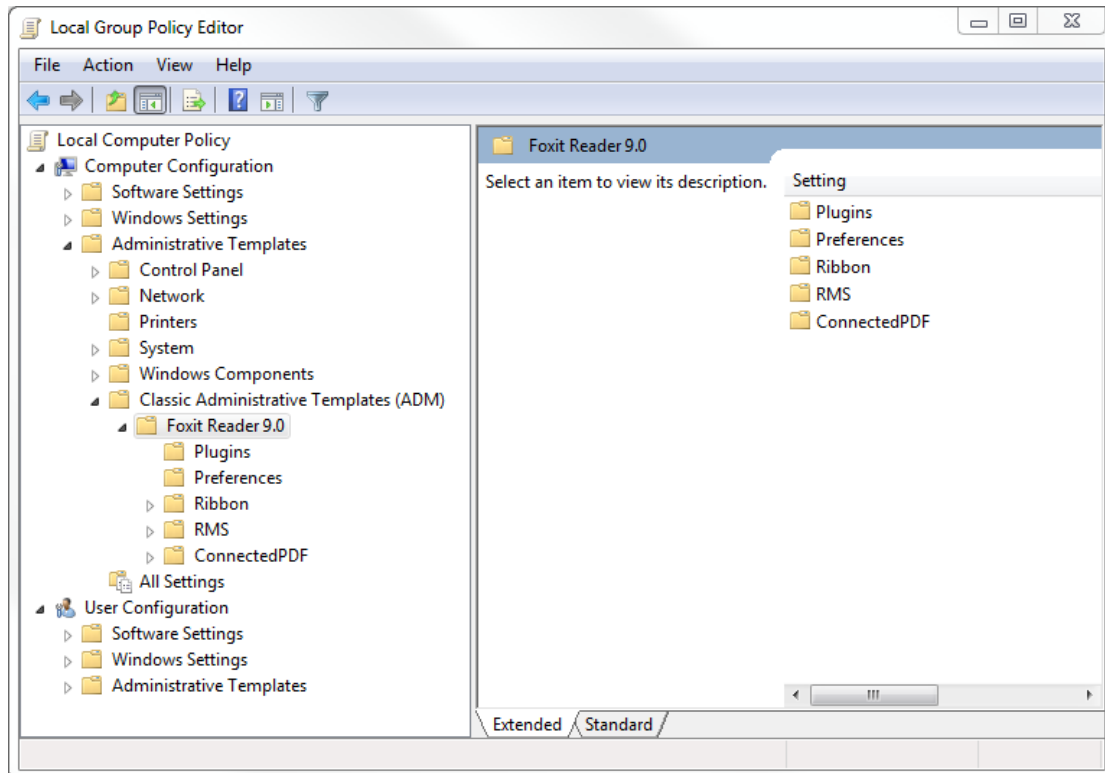
For .admx file, put the .admx file in C:\Windows\PolicyDefinitions and do the setting. The .admx file should be used in combination with an .adml file. And the .adml file should be put in C:\Windows\PolicyDefinitions\language. For example, if in the English OS, the .adml file should be put in C:\Windows\PolicyDefinitions\en_us.

See **Set Plugins** as an example for other options are configured in the same fashion.
- Choose **Foxit Reader 9.0** > **Plugins.**
- Double-click **Remove Plugins** to open the dialog box.
  - Select **Enabled**, check the submenus to be removed in the **Options**, and click **OK** or **Apply**. The corresponding submenu items will then be removed from Foxit Reader.

  Note: If you select all the submenus in the **Options** and confirm the configuration, all of the submenus will be removed.
  - If you select **Disabled** or **Not Configured**, no changes will be applied to Foxit Reader.
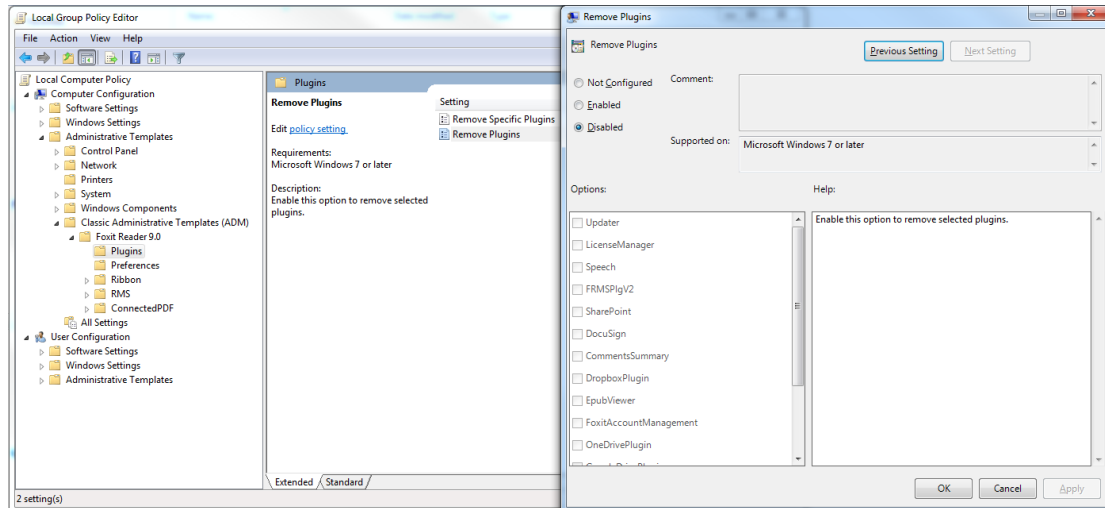
Note: Group Policy setting includes computer configuration and user configuration. Computer configuration takes precedence over user configuration. The application will use the computer configuration if both the computer and user configure a specific function at the same time.

GPO Deployment (for Server)

Create GPO Management

- If you already have an Active Directory domain and organizational unit configured, please skip to "Apply the Foxit Template" section.
- Choose **Start** > **Administration Tools** > open "Active Directory Users and Computers" > right-click the field "wx.com" > choose **New** > **Organization Unit** in the right-click menu.
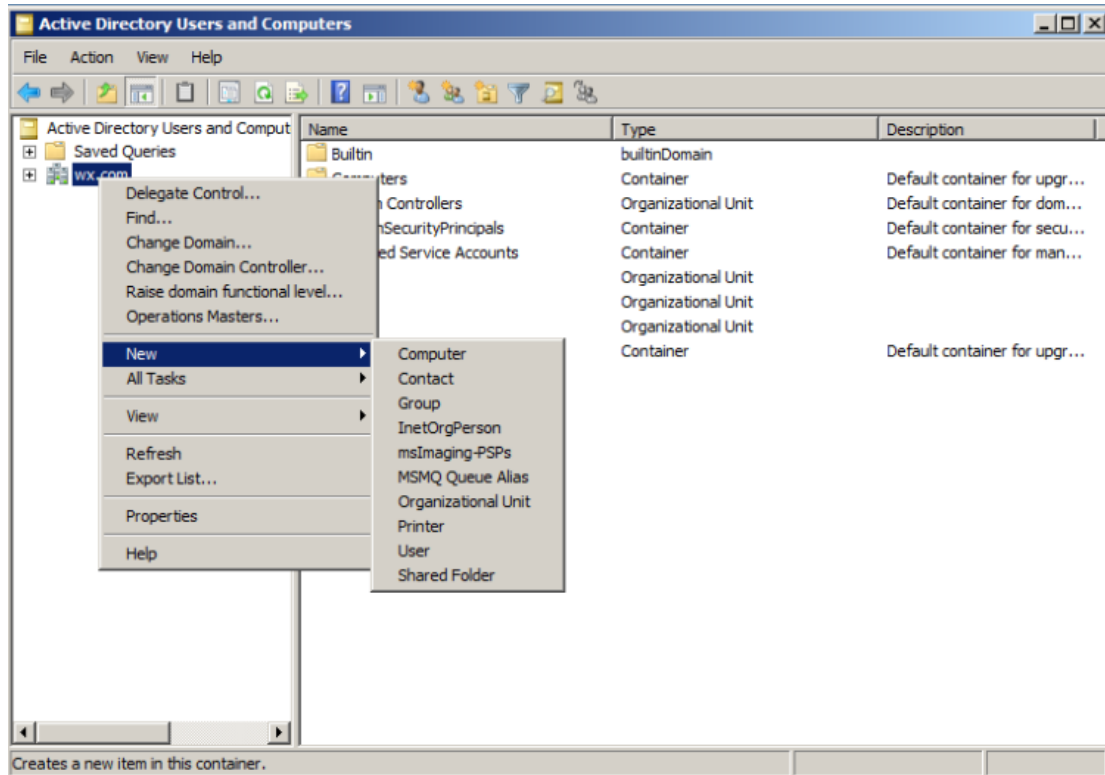
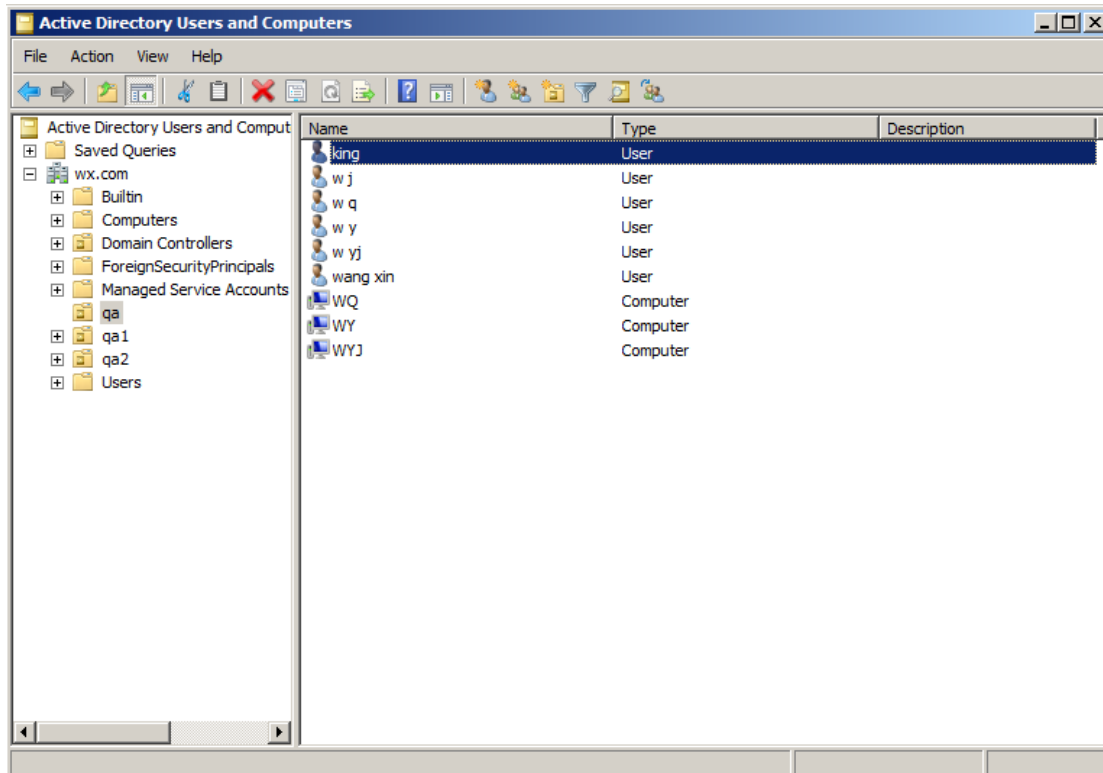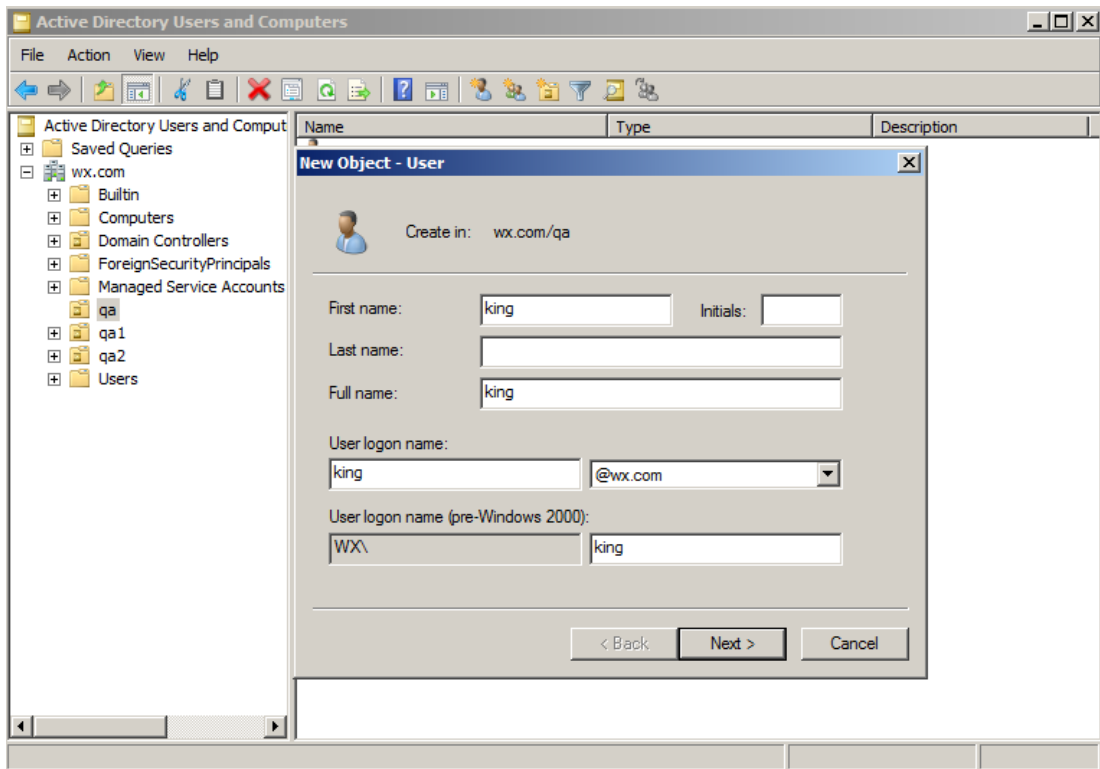- In the opened **New Object-Organization Unit** dialogue box, type the unit name (For this example, we have named the unit "qa") and click **OK**.
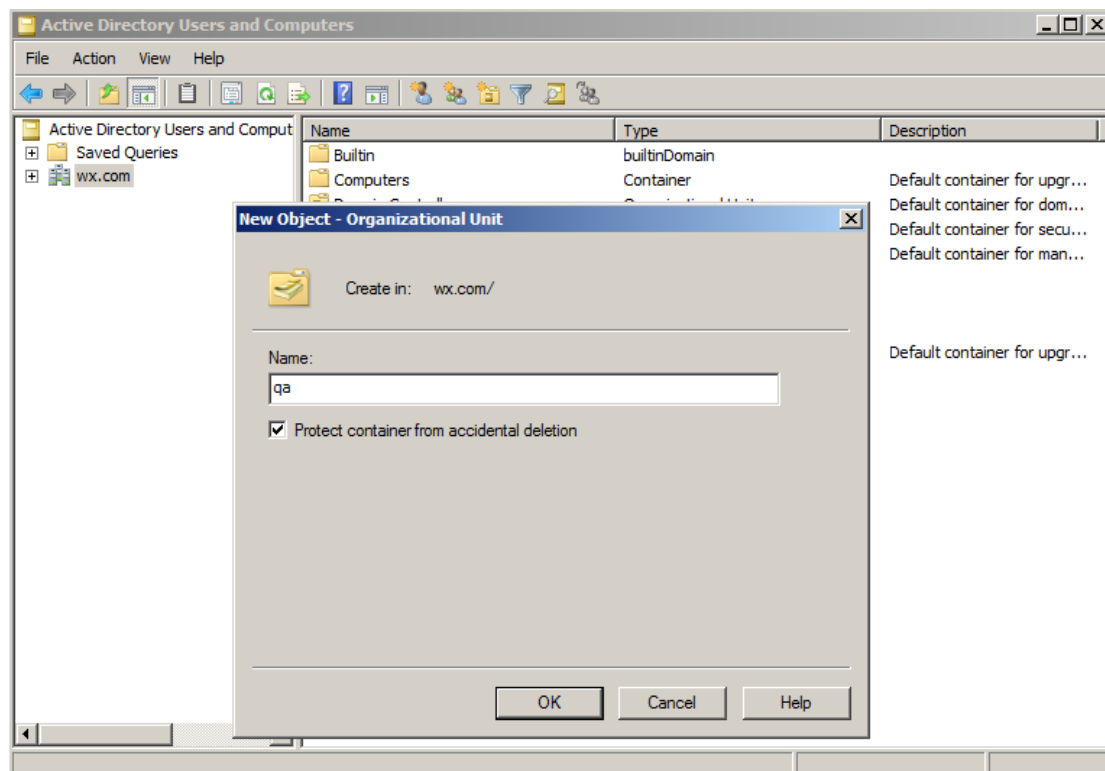
- Right click the created organization unit "qa" and choose **New** > **User** in the right-click menu.

For this example, we have named the user "King".

- Click **Start** > **Programs** > **Administration Tools** > open the **Group Policy Management**

Console and right-click the created organization unit "qa" and choose **Create a GPO in this domain, and Link it here**.
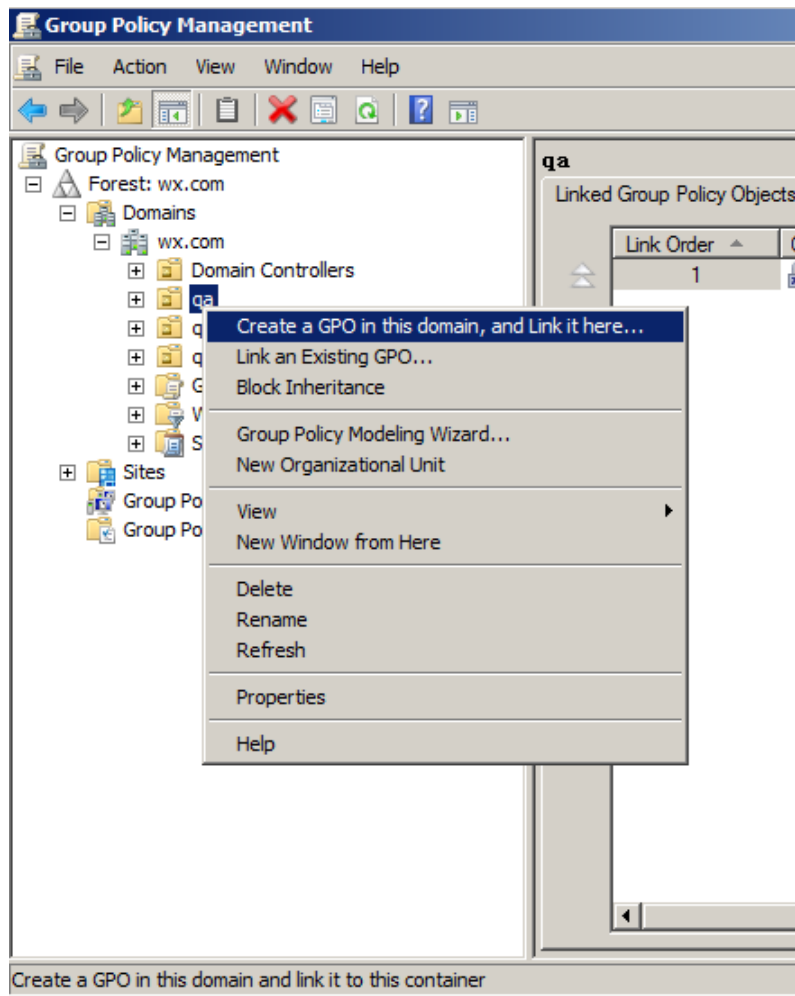
If you cannot find the Group Policy Management in Administration Tools, please install the application package GPMC.MSI. You can download the package by clicking the link http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=21895.

Apply the Foxit Template
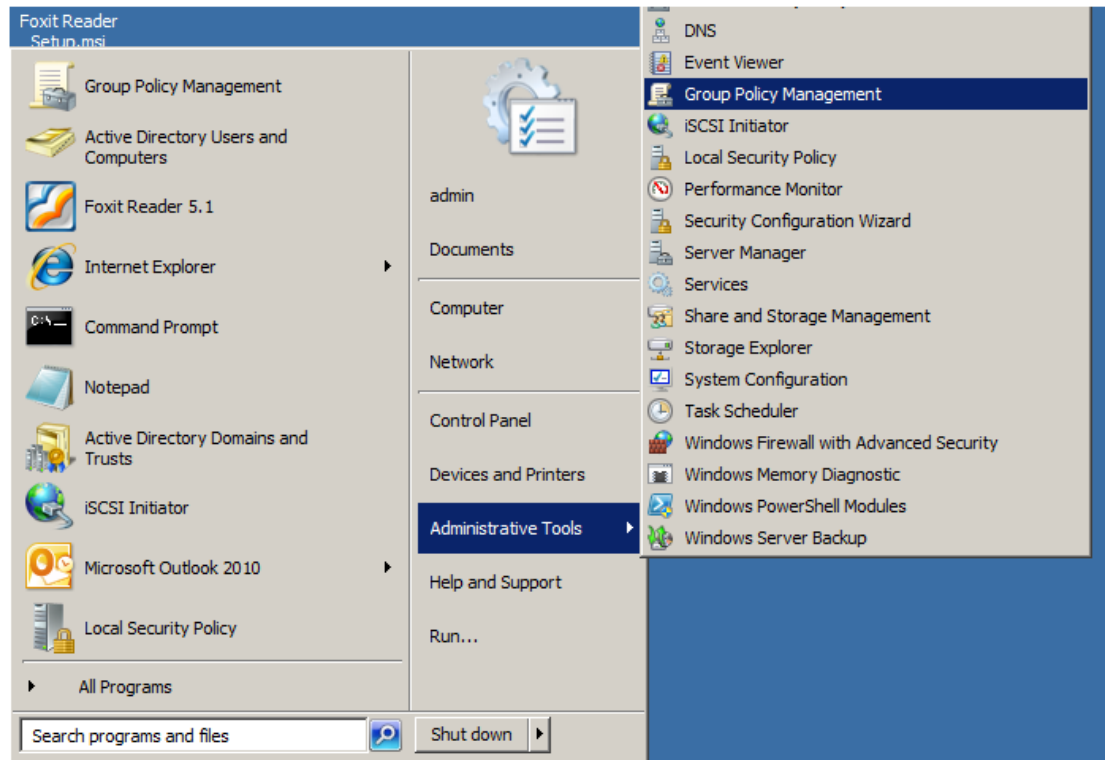
- Type the GPO name in the **New GPO** dialogue box and click **OK**.
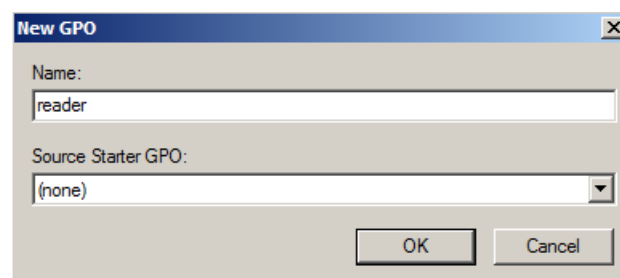
- Right-click the new GPO and choose **Edit** in the right-click menu to open **Group Policy Editor**.
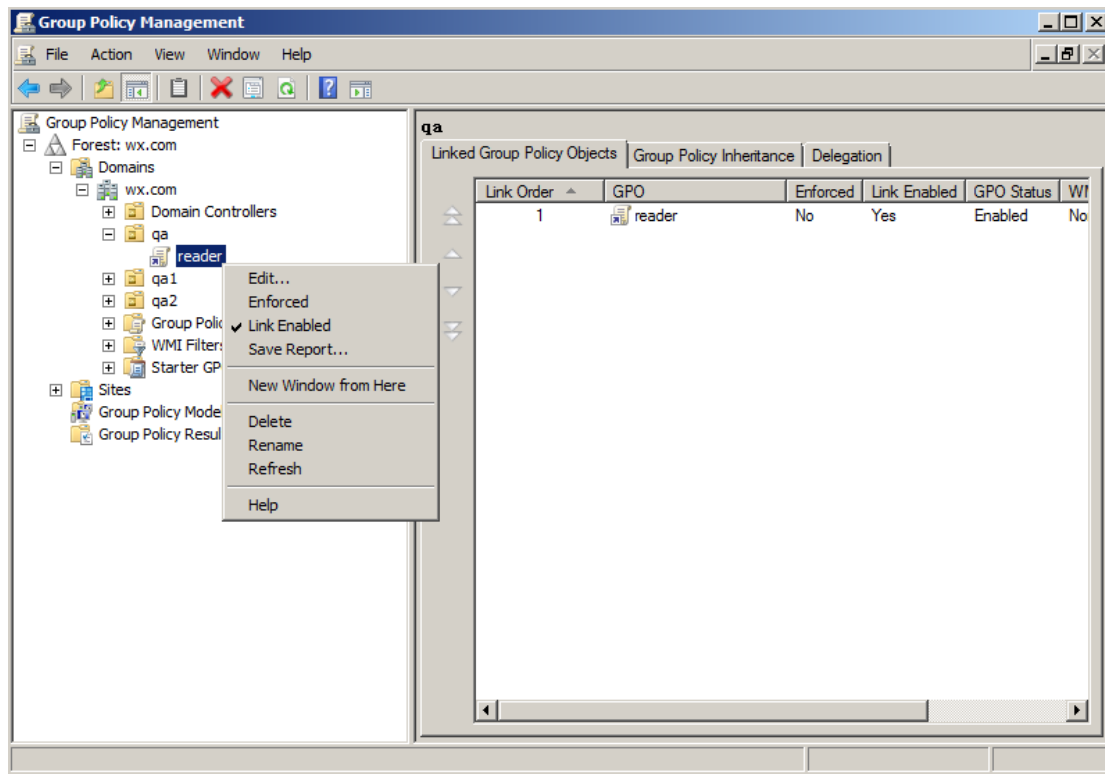
- Right-click the **Template Management** and choose **Add/Remove Templates** to add Foxit Reader.adm. Please refer to Set Template Preference.
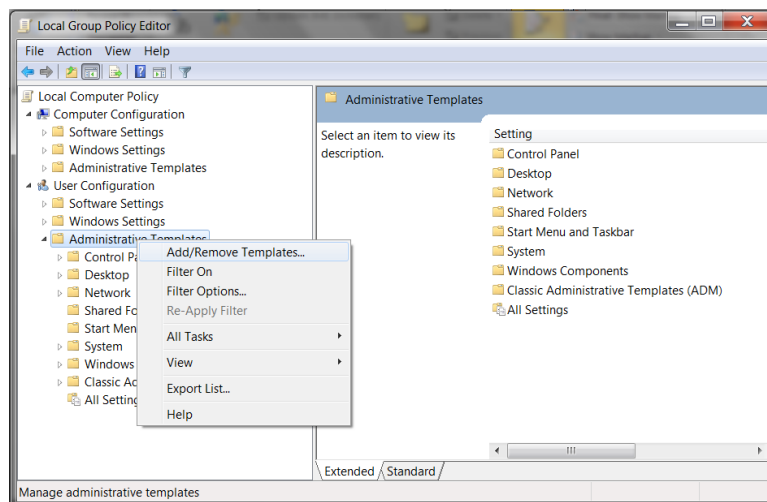
- For configuring options, please refer to Example: Set Plugins.

GPO Items

The following table shows the deployable options and their functions in GPO to speed up your working process.

Items in GPO Template

Folder Path	Item	Description
Foxit Reader > Plugins	Remove Specific Plugins	Input the plugin name which needs to be removed. Only applications with .fpi extensions can be removed from Foxit Reader.
	Remove Plugins	Remove selected plugins.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	'About Foxit Reader' Dialog	Set the new contents in 'About Foxit Reader' dialog.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Advertisement	Change the settings of advertisement in right corner of the tab bar.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Application Language	Change the application language settings. This will change the setting item in **Preferences** > **Languages**.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Change The Link For User Manual	Enable this option to change the link of User Manual to the local link you want.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Default PDF Viewer	Set Foxit Reader as the default PDF viewer for 'System PDF Viewer' and 'Web Browser PDF Viewer'.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Disable Security Warning	Enable this option to disable the security warning when Foxit Reader is launched by a third-party application without a valid digital signature.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Disable the Automatically Update	Enable this option to disable the Automatically Update.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Enable Safe Reading Mode	Change the settings of Safe Reading Mode.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Features which require internet connection	Enable or disable all the features which require internet connection. This will change the corresponding setting in **Preferences** > **General**.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Filter Comments by the original author only	Enable this option to filter comments made by the original author only. Disable this option to filter comments made by all participants. This will change the corresponding setting in **Comment** > **Filter** window.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Forbid Checking of Default PDF Viewer	Hide the 'Set to Default PDF Reader' dialog when Foxit Reader isn't the default PDF viewer.

Foxit Reader > Preferences	Lock Read Mode in web browsers	Change the Read Mode setting in web browsers. This will change the corresponding setting in **Preferences** > **Documents** > **Open Settings**.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Notification Messages	Enable this option and choose how to deal with the different notification messages. If you unchecked all the options, the notification messages will never be shown. This will change the corresponding setting in **Preferences** > **General**.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Program Name	Change the program's name. The default is 'Foxit Reader'.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Protected View	Enable this option to turn on protected view in order to protect your computers from being harmed by files originated from potentially unsafe locations. This will change the setting in **Preferences** > **Security** > **Protected View**.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Require password to use signatures	Enable this option to require users to set a password for the signature while creating a new signature. This will change the setting of 'Require password to use this signature' in **PDF Sign** > **Create Signature** > **Options**.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Remove 'Registration'	Forbid 'Registration' dialog and remove 'Registration' item from 'Help' tab.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Share the PDF file that caused crash	Enable this option to always share the PDF file that caused crash. This will change the corresponding setting of 'Share the PDF file that caused this crash' option in Crash Report.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Start Page	Change the settings of Start Page.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Status Bar	Change the settings of Status Bar.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	Trusted Applications	Enable this option and input the name of the trusted application in the list. The listed application will be adding in the Trusted Apps in **Preferences** > **Trust Manager** settings.
Foxit Reader > Preferences	User Experience Improvement	Change the settings for anonymous data collection. This will change the corresponding setting in **Preferences** > **General**.
Foxit Reader > Ribbon		Hide the selected button items in Ribbon Mode.

| Foxit Reader > RMS > Preferences	Add 'protected' to the name of encrypted files	Append "(protected)" to the end of the file name of encrypted files.
Foxit Reader > RMS > Preferences	Encrypt Metadata	Encrypt document metadata. This disables the setting in 'Preferences > RMS Setting'.
Foxit Reader > RMS > Preferences	Microsoft IRM Protection	Enable this option to choose Microsoft IRM Protection Version for document encryption. If not defined, Microsoft IRM Protection Version 2 (PPDF) is used.
Foxit Reader > RMS > Preferences	RMS Interoperability	If you enable this option, all the encrypted PDFs will conform to Microsoft IRM Protection for PDF Specification and hence be able to be decrypted by other RMS Viewer.
Foxit Reader > RMS > Preferences	Save As	Turn on the Save As feature for RMS protected files.
Foxit Reader > ConnectedPDF	Disable ConnectedPDF features	Enable this setting to disable all ConnectedPDF features.
Foxit Reader > ConnectedPDF	Default ConnectedPDF server	Set the default ConnectedPDF server. The end users can use this server URL to connect to their enterprise ConnectedPDF server.
Foxit Reader > ConnectedPDF > Preferences	Automatically convert Office files to Connected when converting to PDF via Office add-in	Enable this option to forbid the application automatically convert Office files to ConnectedPDF format when converting to PDF files.
Foxit Reader > ConnectedPDF > Preferences	Automatically save PDF files in ConnectedPDF format (including those created from plugins) only when signed in	Enable this option to forbid the application automatically save PDF files in ConnectedPDF format.
Foxit Reader > ConnectedPDF > Preferences	Allow usage date to be used in ConnectedPDF features	Enable this option to disable allowing usage data to be used in ConnectedPDF features.

Using XML Editor

Besides GPO Configuration, users can also configure Foxit Reader with XML Configuration. XML configuration takes precedence over GPO configuration. The application will use the XML configuration if the XML, GPO and Customization Tool configure a specific function at the same time.

The XML file in Reader's folder (C:\Program Files (x86)\Foxit Software\Foxit Reader\ProfStore) can be configured with XML Editor. The configurable items of XML file are the same with GPO, please refer to GPO Items for details.

To configure a XML file with XML Editor, please follow the steps below:

● Open the XML Editor.
● Click **Import** to import the XML file to be configured. Please ensure that the XML file you import is compatible with your currently-used version of Foxit Reader. If not, you should change the version number to the one of your currently-used application in the Version box (the version number should be 9.x.x).
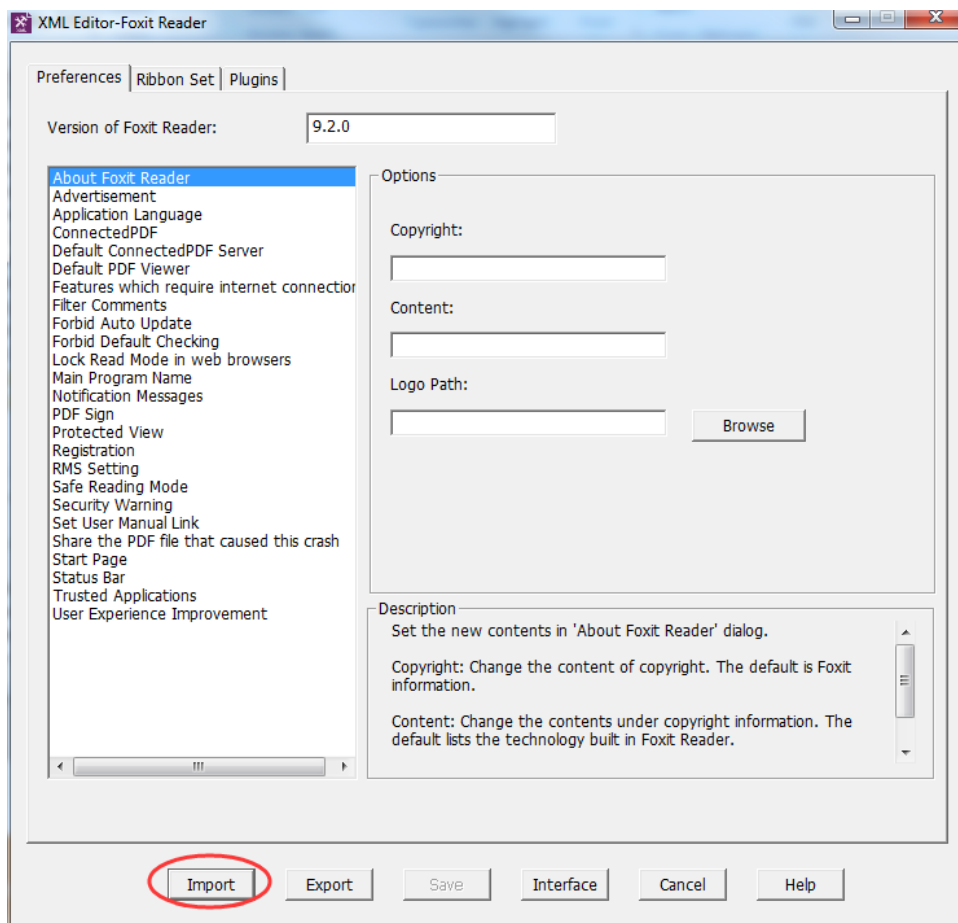
● Set the preferences in the corresponding menus. For example, choose **Preferences** Tab > click **Start Page** on the left panel > check **Hide Start Page** to remove the start page from

Foxit Reader.

- Click **Save** to save the configured XML file.

Note: (Alternatively) You can configure relevant items by XML Editor directly, then export and save the XML file in C:\Program Files (x86)\Foxit Software\Foxit Reader\ProfStore to replace the default XML file of Foxit Reader.
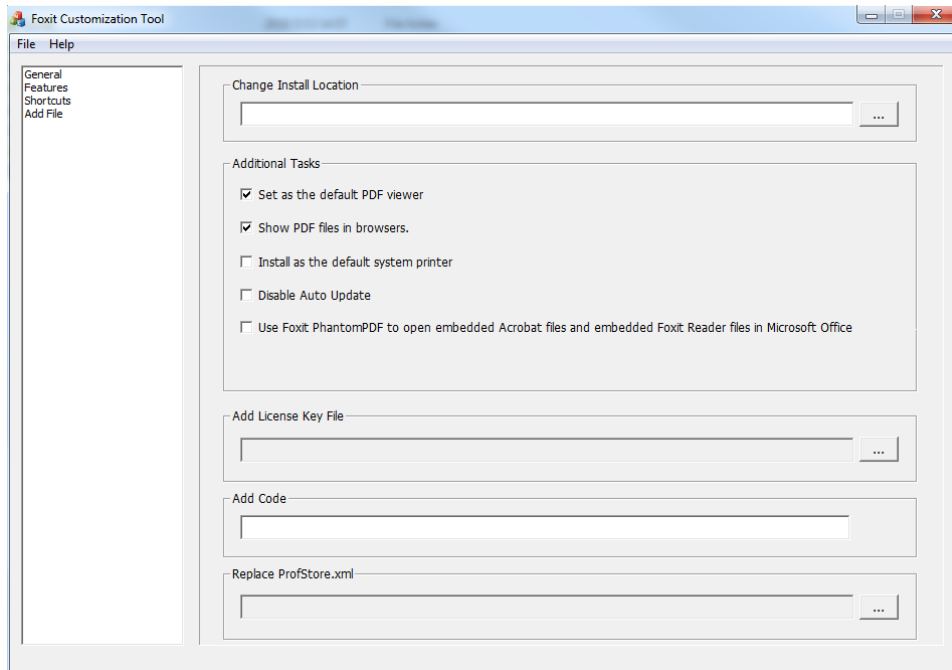
Using Foxit Customization Tool

You can use the Foxit Customization Tool to configure the installer prior to deployment for organizations or businesses. For example, you can license the product on a volume scale with the Foxit Customization Tool to prevent the need to register and personalize each copy of the installation.

To download the Foxit Customization Tool, please visit Foxit Knowledge Base at https://help.foxitsoftware.com/kb/generate-transform-mst-files-via-customization-wizard.php.

To configure Foxit Reader with the Foxit Customization Tool, please follow the steps below:

- Open the Foxit Customization Tool.
- Click **File** > **Open** to open the application (MSI file) that you want to customize.
- Open the following panels to customize the related settings in Foxit Reader.
  - ➢ **General**: Customize the default location and other common settings.
  - ➢ **Features**: Specify which features will be installed by default.
  - ➢ **Shortcuts**: Choose whether to create a specific shortcut.
  - ➢ **Add File**: Add your own files into the MSI package.
- Click **File** > **Save** to save the customization. The customized package will be saved as an MST file.
- Use the following command to apply the MST file during deployment:
  msiexec /i Setup.msi TRANSFORMS=Setup_FCT.mst

After saving the customized package as an MST file, you can still edit the customization, if necessary. Steps are as follow:

- Open the Foxit Customization Tool.
- Click **File** > **Open**.
- In the **Open** dialog box, select **Mst Files (*.mst)** option from the file type list, select the MST file, and click **Open**.
- Foxit Customization Tool will prompt you to select the original MSI file. Click **OK**, and select the original MSI file.
- Follow the steps in Configure Foxit Reader to configure the settings and save the customization.

Note:
1. The customized MST file needs to be deployed with the original MSI file. Please ensure that the MST file and MSI file are saved in the same folder.
2. Foxit Customization Tool is only available for Foxit Reader 7.3 and newer versions. To ensure successful customization, the version of the Foxit Customization Tool should be same as that of Foxit Reader.

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