



# QUICK GUIDE

Foxit PDF Reader  
For Windows

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# Use Foxit PDF Reader

## Install and Uninstall

You can easily install Foxit PDF Reader by double-clicking the downloaded setup file and doing the following operations according to the prompts.

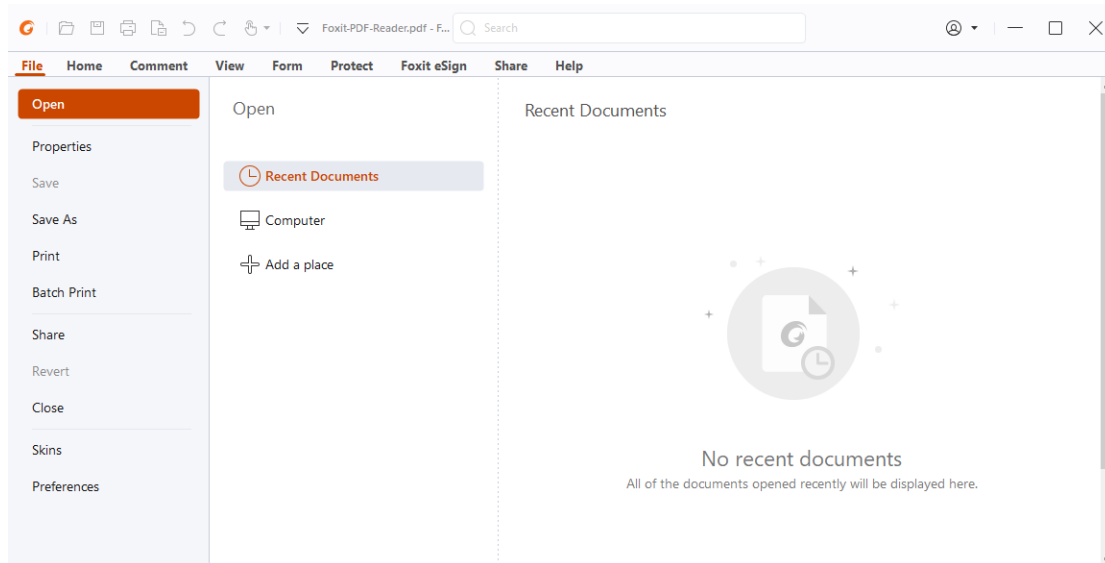
Alternatively, you can also install Foxit PDF Reader by command-line. Please refer to the [User Manual of Foxit PDF Reader](#) for details.

When you need to uninstall Foxit PDF Reader, please do one of the following:

- For Windows 10, click **Start** > the **Foxit PDF Reader** folder > right-click **Foxit PDF Reader** and choose **Uninstall**. For Windows 11, right-click **Foxit PDF Reader** in the app list after clicking **Start**, and then choose **Uninstall**.
- Uninstall from **Control Panel**. Go to **Control Panel**, choose **Programs** > **Programs and Features** > select **Foxit PDF Reader** and click **Uninstall/Change**. (*Tip: To open Control Panel, type "Control Panel" in the search box on the taskbar and select **Control Panel** from the results.*)
- For Windows 10, click **Start** > **Settings** > **Apps** > **Apps & features** > **Foxit PDF Reader** > **Uninstall**. For Windows 11, choose **Start** > **Settings** > **Apps** > **Installed Apps**, then click  beside Foxit PDF Reader and choose **Uninstall**.
- Double click the unins000.exe under Foxit PDF Reader installation directory Drive name:\...\Foxit Software\Foxit PDF Reader\.

## Open, Close, and Save

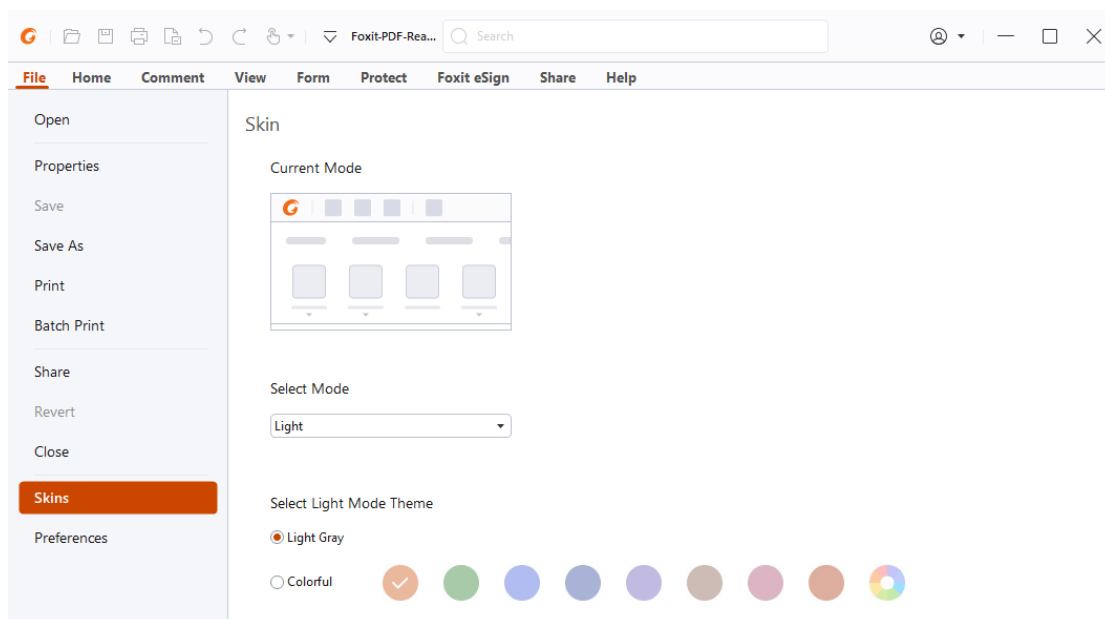
After launching the Foxit PDF Reader application, you can open, close, and save PDFs by clicking the **File** tab and the selecting the corresponding options.





## Customizing the Work Area

### Change the Skin

Foxit PDF Reader provides three modes (**Light**, **Dark**, and **System**) that allow you to customize the look (skin) of the software. To change the skin, choose **File > Skins**, and then select the desired options from the **Select Mode** drop-down list. If you choose **System**, the skin automatically switches to the **Light** or **Dark** mode according to the default app mode (Light or Dark) set in your Windows system. When you are in the Light Mode, you can check **Colorful** in the **Select Light Mode Theme** group to specify the theme color for your application.



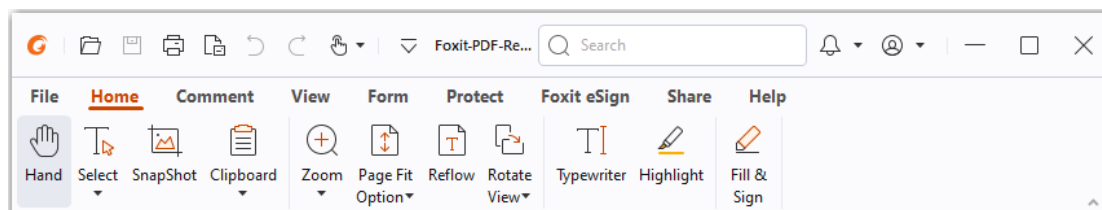
## Switch to Touch Mode

Touch mode makes it easier to use Foxit PDF Reader on touch devices. In touch mode, the toolbar buttons, commands, and panels shift apart slightly for easier selection with your fingers. To switch to touch mode, please click  on the Quick Access Toolbar, and choose **Touch Mode**. While in touch mode, you can click  and choose **Mouse Mode** to return to the mouse mode.

## Customizing the Ribbon

### Ribbon Toolbar

Foxit PDF Reader supports the ribbon toolbar where different commands are located under each tab for easier access. You can browse through tabs, like Home, Comment, View, Form, and check the commands you need (shown below).



The Ribbon is designed to help you find the commands in an easy and convenient way. Foxit PDF Reader gives you the capability to personalize and customize the Ribbon in the way you want. With this feature, you can customize the default Ribbon, and create custom tabs or groups with your preferred commands.

To customize the Ribbon, right click the Ribbon, choose **Customize the Ribbon** from the context menu to bring out the **Customize Tools** dialog box, and then follow the steps below.

### Create a new tab

To create a new tab, please do one of the following:

- Select the tab which you want to add the new tab after, and then click **New Tab**.
- (Alternatively) Right click the tab which you want to add the new tab after, and then choose **New Tab** from the context menu.

### **Add a new group to a tab**

To add a new group to a tab, do one of the following:

- Select the tab that you want to add the group to, and then click **New Group**.
- (Alternatively) Right click the tab that you want to add the group to, and then choose **New Group** from the context menu.

### **Rename a tab or group**

- Select the tab or group that you want to rename, and then click **Rename**.
- (Alternatively) Right click the tab or group to be renamed, and choose **Rename** from the context menu.
- In the **Rename** dialog box, input the new name and click **OK**.

### **Add commands to a group**

- Select the group which you want to add a command under.
- Choose the category that the command is under and then the desired command from the **Choose command from** list.
- Click **Add** to add the selected command to the desired group.



### **Remove a tab, group or command**

To remove a tab, group, or command, do one of the following:

- Select the tab, group, or command to be removed, and click **Remove**.
- (Alternatively) Right click the tab, group, or command to be removed, and select **Delete** from the context menu.

### **Reorder the tabs or groups**

To reorder the tabs or groups, do one of the following:

- Select the tab or group you want to reorder, then click the **Up**  or **Down**  arrow to move accordingly.
- (Alternatively) Right click the tab or group you want to reorder, and then select **Move Item Up** or **Move Item Down** to move accordingly.

### **Reset the Ribbon**

- Click **Reset** in the **Customize Tools** dialog box to reset the Ribbon to the default settings.

## Import a customized Ribbon

- Click **Import**.
- In the **Open** dialog box, select the Ribbon customization file (.xml file), and click **Open**.

**Note:** After importing a Ribbon customization file, you will lose all the arrangements you customized previously. If you want to revert to the previously customized Ribbon, it is recommended to export the customized Ribbon before importing a new one.

## Export a customized Ribbon

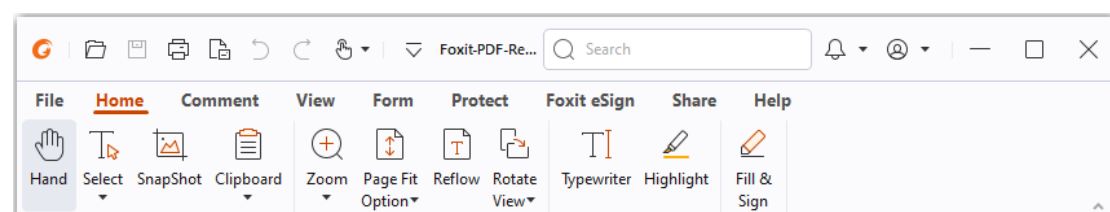
- Click **Export**.
- In the **Save As** dialog box, specify the file name and path, and then click **Save**.

### Note:

1. After customization, you need to click **OK** in the **Customize Ribbon** tab to save and apply your changes to the Ribbon.
2. To help you distinguish a default tab or group from the customized selections, the custom tabs or groups in the **Customize the Ribbon** list are tabbed with “(Custom)” after the name (like this: ☒ **New Tab (Custom)** ), but without the word “(Custom)” on the Ribbon.
3. The commands in the default group under a default tab are displayed in grey, and they cannot be renamed, reordered, or removed.
4. You cannot remove default tabs in Foxit PDF Reader.

## Find Commands

### See All the Commands



Click the buttons under different tabs to switch between different commands. Also, the tip appears when you move mouse over each command. For instance, the **Home** tab provides

the most frequently-used commands for the basic navigation and interaction with PDF files. You can use **Hand** command to move around the content, **Select Text and Image** command to select text and image, **Select Annotation** command to select annotations, **Zoom** commands to zoom in/out pages, and much more.

## Search and Find Commands

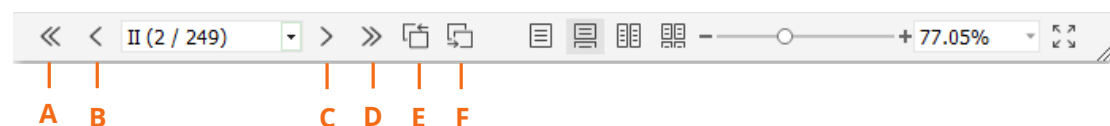
The Search field on the title bar (sits at the top of the window) enables you to search commands, text or online help based on the keywords you specified. To quickly find a command, click in the Search field (or press **Alt + Q**), and input the command name. Then from the drop-down menu, you can select the command from the **Actions** group to activate the desired feature. You can also find the commands that you have searched and used recently from the **Recently Used** group in the drop-down menu to re-activate the corresponding features with ease.

## Read


After getting acquainted with the workspace and the basic commands, you can start the journey of PDF reading. You can reach a specific page easily, adjust the view of a document, read pure texts by text viewer command, view documents while listening to them, reflow a PDF to view it in a single column, and more. Foxit PDF Reader also allows users to view PDF portfolios.

## Navigate to a Specific Page

- Click the **First Page**, **Last Page**, **Previous Page** and **Next Page** in the status bar to view your PDF file. You can also input the specific page number to go to that page. The **Previous View** lets you return to the previous view and **Next View** goes to the next view.

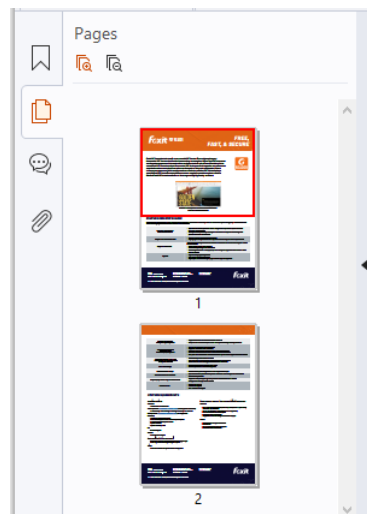





A: First Page   B: Previous Page   C: Next Page   D: Last Page   E: Previous View   F: Next View

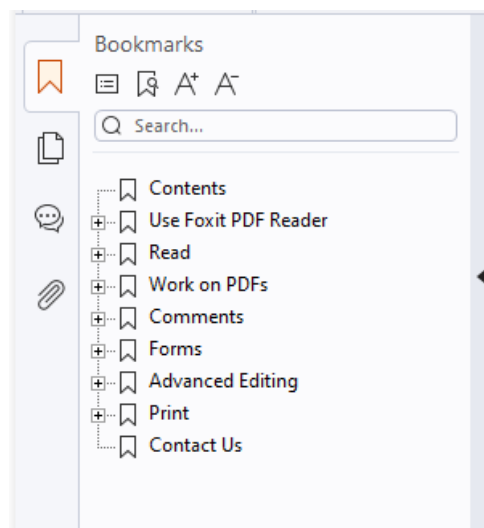
- To jump to a page using the page thumbnails, click the **Page Thumbnails** button  on the left Navigation pane and click its thumbnail. To move to another location on the current page, drag and move the red box in the thumbnail. To resize a page thumbnail, right-click on the thumbnail and choose **Enlarge Page Thumbnails** /



**Reduce Page Thumbnails**, or use CTRL + mouse wheel scroll.



- To jump to a topic using bookmarks, click the **Bookmark** button  on the left Navigation pane. And then click the bookmark or right-click the bookmark and choose **Go to Bookmark**. Click the plus (+) or minus (-) sign to expand or collapse the bookmark contents. To collapse all bookmarks, right-click any bookmark (or click the **Options** menu  ) in the Bookmarks panel and select **Expand/Collapse All Bookmarks**. When no bookmarks are expanded in the Bookmarks panel, you can right-click any bookmark (or click the **Options** menu  ) and select **Expand/Collapse All Bookmarks** to expand all bookmarks.



## View Documents

### Single-tab Reading and Multi-tab Reading

Single-tab reading mode allows you to open PDF files in multiple windows. This is ideal if you need to read your PDFs side by side. To enable single-tab reading, go to **File > Preferences > Documents**, check the **Always open files in a new window** option in the **Open Settings** group, and click **OK** to apply the setting.

Multi-tab reading mode enables users to open multiple PDF files in different tabs in the same window. To enable multi-tab reading, go to **File > Preferences > Documents**, uncheck the **Always open files in a new window** option in the **Open Settings** group, and click **OK** to apply the setting. In multi-tab reading mode, you can drag and drop a file tab outside of the existing window to create a new window and view the PDF file in that individual window. To recombine the file tab to the main interface, click on the file tab and then drag and drop it in reverse to the main interface. While reading in multi-tab mode, you can switch between different file tabs using **Ctrl + Tab** or mouse scrolling. To toggle through file tabs by mouse scrolling, please make sure that you have checked the **Quickly switch between tabs by using mouse wheel** option in the **Tab Bar** group in **Preferences > General**.

### Read Multiple PDF Files in the Parallel View

The parallel view allows you to read two or more PDF files side-by-side (either horizontally or vertically) in the same window. When reading PDF files in the parallel view, you can view, annotate, or modify each PDF file independently. However, the Read Mode and Full Screen Mode operations are simultaneously applied to PDF files that are currently active in all tab groups. To create the parallel view, right-click on the file tab of the PDF document that you want to move to a new tab group, and choose **New Horizontal Tab Group** or **New Vertical Tab Group** to display the file in a horizontal or vertical parallel view respectively. While in the parallel view, you can switch between file tabs within the same tab group in the same way as you read PDFs in multi-tabs. Foxit PDF Reader will return to the normal view when you close all the other PDF files to leave only one tab group opened or relaunch the application.

### Switch between Different View Modes

You can view documents with text only, or view them in Read mode, Full Screen, Reverse View, Reflow mode, and Night Mode.

## Using Foxit Text Viewer

With **Text Viewer** under the **View** tab, you can work on all PDF documents in pure text view mode. It allows you to easily reuse the text scattered among images and tables, and acts like Notepad.

## View PDF Document in Reflow Mode

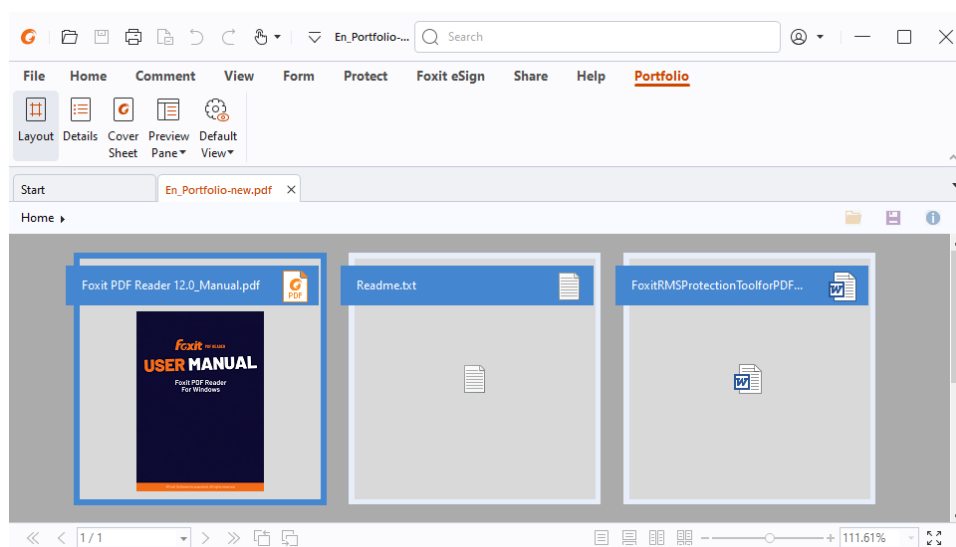
Click **Reflow** in the **View** or **Home** tab to reflow a PDF document and temporarily present it as a single column that is the width of the document pane. The Reflow Mode allows you to easily read PDF document when it is magnified on a standard monitor, without scrolling horizontally to read the text.

## View PDF Document in Night Mode


The Night Mode in Foxit PDF Reader allows you to invert black and white to reduce eye strain in low light conditions. Click **Night Mode** in the **View** tab to enable or disable the Night Mode.

## View PDF Portfolios

PDF portfolios are a combination of files with different formats such as Word Office files, text documents and Excel files. Foxit PDF Reader supports viewing and printing PDF portfolios, as well as searching keywords in the portfolio.



*A Sample PDF Portfolio*

- Download a Sample PDF portfolio (preferably with files in different formats).
- Open it in Foxit PDF Reader by right clicking and selecting **Open with Foxit PDF Reader**.
- While previewing a PDF portfolio, you can select the commands in the **Portfolio** context tab to change the view mode or specify how to display the preview pane. In Layout or Details view mode, click a file to preview it in the Preview Pane in Foxit PDF Reader, or double-click a file (or select a file and click **Open File in Native Application** from the context menu or **Open** button  on the portfolio toolbar) to open it in its native application.
- To search keywords in PDFs in a portfolio, click in the Search field on the title bar, and choose **Advanced Search**. Then specify keywords and search options as desired in the **Search** panel.

## Adjust the View of Documents

Foxit PDF Reader provides multiple commands that help you adjust the view of your PDF documents. Choose **Zoom** or **Page Fit Option** in the **Home** tab to zoom pages at a preset level or fit pages based on window/page size respectively. Use the **Rotate View** command in the **Home** or **View** tab to adjust the orientation of pages. Select Single Page, Continuous, Facing, Continuous Facing, Separate Cover Page, or Split button in the **View** tab to change the page display mode. You can also right-click on the content and choose the desired options from the context menu to adjust the view of documents.

## Reading Accessibility

The reading accessibility feature in the **View** tab helps users read PDFs easily. The **Marquee**, **Magnifier** and **Loupe** commands in the **Assistant** group help you view the PDF clearer. The **Read** command reads the content in a PDF aloud, including the text in comments and alternate text descriptions for images and fillable fields. The **AutoScroll** command provides automatic scrolling features to help you easily scan through long PDF files. You can also use single-key accelerators to select some commands or perform actions. For more information about single-key shortcuts, please refer to [User Manual of Foxit PDF Reader](#).

## Work on PDFs

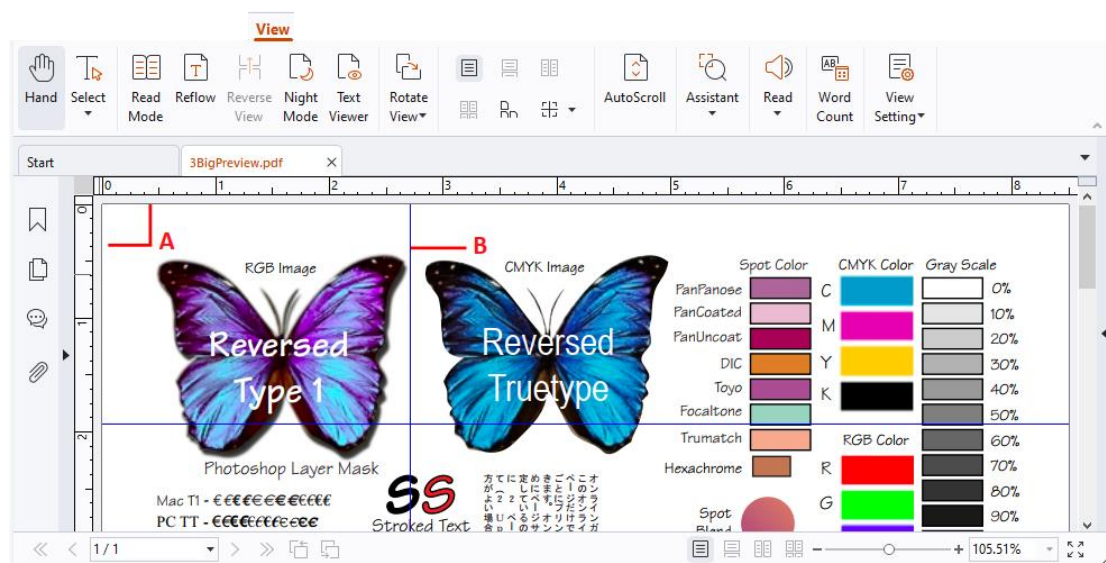
Foxit PDF Reader not only provides the function to read PDFs, but also offers the ability to work on PDFs as well. Foxit PDF Reader can perform tasks such as copying text or images to other applications, undoing and redoing previous actions, aligning and positioning contents on the page, searching text, pattern or index, sharing and signing PDF documents.

## Copy Texts, Images, Pages

- Foxit PDF Reader allows you to copy and paste text with the formatting maintained, which includes font, font style, font size, font color, and other text editing features. Once you have selected the text with the **Select Text and Image** command, you can copy text by doing one of the following, and paste the selected text on Clipboard to another application.
  - Right-click the selected text > choose **Copy**.
  - Press shortcut key Ctrl + C.
- You can use the **Select Text and Image** command to select and copy an image, or use the SnapShot command to copy images to the clipboard.

## Rulers, Guides, Line Weights and Measurements

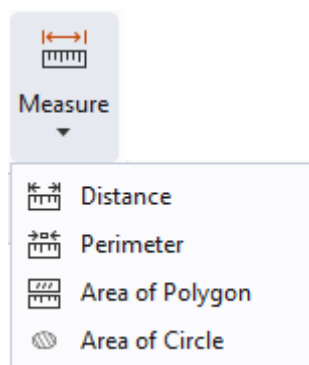
- Foxit PDF Reader provides horizontal and vertical **Rulers** and **Guides** under the **View** tab to help you align and position texts, graphics, or other objects on the page. They can also be used to check their size and the margins of your documents.





A. Rulers B. Guides

- By default, Foxit PDF Reader displays lines with the weights defined in the PDF file. You can uncheck **Line Weights** in **View > View Setting > Page Display** list to turn off the Line Weights view (i.e. to apply a constant stroke width (1 pixel) to lines, regardless of zoom) to make the drawing more readable.
- The **Measure** commands under the **Comment** tab enable you to measure distances, perimeters, and areas of objects in PDF documents. When you select a measurement tool, the **Format** panel will be called out and displayed on the right side of the document pane, which enables you to calibrate the scale ratio and specify settings

related to measurement rulers and results. While measuring objects, you can choose the Snap tools in the **Format** panel to snap to a particular point along an object for more accurate measurement results. When measurement completes, choose **Export** in the **Format** panel to export the measurement information.



## Undo and Redo

Foxit PDF Reader allows you to undo and redo previous actions with the Undo button  and the Redo button . You can undo as well as redo any editing that you have done in PDF documents, which includes commenting and changes made to the document.


## Read PDF Articles


PDF articles are optional electronic threads defined by the PDF author, which lead readers through the PDF contents presented in multiple columns and across a series of pages. If you are reading a PDF file that contains articles, you can choose **View > View Setting > Navigation Panels > Articles** to open the **Articles** panel and view the articles. In the **Articles** panel, select an article, and choose **Read Article** from the context menu or **Options** list to read the selected article.

## Search in PDFs

Foxit PDF Reader allows you to run searches to easily find text in PDF files. You can go to **File > Preferences > Search** to specify search preferences.

- To quickly find text in the current PDF file, click in the Search field on the title bar and click on the **Show matching text results** box in the drop-down menu (or press the shortcut keys **Ctrl + F**) to open the “Search” window, which appears in the top-right corner of the document area. Then type text in the Find box and press **Enter** to find text in the document.

**Tip:** Click the cog  icon in the Find box to set the search criteria as needed. Click the **Previous** and **Next** buttons in the window to navigate through the text results.

- To do the advanced searching, click in the Search field on the title bar and choose **Advanced Search** from the drop-down menu to open the **Search** panel. You can search for a string or pattern in a single PDF file, multiple PDF files under a specified folder, all PDF files that are currently opened in the application, PDFs in a PDF portfolio, or a PDF index. When the search finishes, all occurrences will be listed in a tree view. This will allow you to quickly preview the context and jump to specific locations. You can also save the search results as a CSV or PDF file for further reference.
- To search and highlight text in a specified color, choose **Comment > Search & Highlight** (or choose **Search & Highlight** after you click in the Search field on the title bar). Search the text strings or patterns as needed in the **Search** panel. When the search completes, check the instances that you want to highlight, and click the **Highlight** icon . By default, the search instances will be highlighted in yellow. If you need to change the highlight color, change it from the appearance properties of the Highlight Text tool and set the properties as default. The color will be applied when you perform a new search & highlight.

## Work on 3D content in PDFs

Foxit PDF Reader supports a variety of 3D file formats including U3D (Universal 3D), PRC (Product Representation Compact), and glTF (GL Transmission Format). You can view, navigate, measure, and comment on 3D content in PDF documents. The Model Tree, the 3D toolbar, and the right-click menu of 3D content can help you work on 3D content easily. You can show/hide parts of a 3D model, set different visual effects, rotate/spin/pan/zoom a 3D model, add comments/measurements to a part of a 3D model, and more.

When you open a 3D PDF and enable the 3D model, the 3D toolbar appears above the upper-left corner of the 3D canvas (an area where the 3D model appears). In the lower-left corner of the canvas shows the 3D axes (X-axis, Y-axis, and Z-axis) that indicate the current orientation of the 3D model in the scene. **Note:** If the 3D model is not enabled (or activated) after you open the PDF, only a 2D preview image of the 3D model is displayed in the canvas.

**Tip:** For most 3D-related tools and options, you can find them from the context menu after right-clicking the 3D model.

## Sign PDFs

Foxit PDF Reader provides robust, secure and quick signature features, including legally-binding eSignatures (available in certain language builds), ink signatures and digital signature.

## **Foxit eSign (Available in Certain Language Builds)**

Foxit PDF Reader integrates with Foxit eSign, a legally-binding electronic signature service. With a licensed account, you can perform an eSign workflow not only on the Foxit eSign website using a web browser but also within Foxit PDF Reader directly, which allows you to edit your documents and collect signatures with complete ease.

With Foxit eSign in Foxit PDF Reader, after logging in with a licensed account, you can create your own signatures and electronically sign documents by placing the signatures on PDF pages, which is as easy as signing a paper document with a pen. You can also quickly initiate an eSign process to collect signatures from multiple people.

To create your own signature and sign the document, do the following:

1. Open the document you want to sign.
2. (Optional) Use the tools in the **Foxit eSign** tab to add text or symbols to fill your PDF as needed.
3. Click the **+** sign on the signature palette in the **Foxit eSign** tab (or click **Manage Signatures** in the **Foxit eSign** tab and click **Add** in the pop-up **Manage Signatures** dialog box) to create a signature. To sign a PDF, select your created signature on the signature palette, place it in the desired location, and then apply the signature.
4. (Optional) In the **Manage Signatures** dialog box, you can create, edit, and delete the created signatures, and set a signature as default.


To initiate an eSign process, click **Request Signature** in the **Foxit eSign** tab and then complete the process as needed. To simplify your workflow for high-volume signing needs, you can also choose **Send in Bulk** in the **Foxit eSign** tab to send a document for signature to bulk users, or choose **Create Online Form** in the **Foxit eSign** tab to generate an online form with a unique signing link that can be distributed to users or embedded in websites/applications to collect eSignatures. (*Tip: Bulk eSignature and Online Form features are available in Foxit eSign Pro and Enterprise only.*)

## **Quick PDF Sign**

Quick PDF Sign enables you to create your self-signed signatures (ink signatures) and add the signatures to the page directly. You don't need to create different signatures for different roles. With the **Fill & Sign** function, you can create your own signature and sign the document.

Choose **Fill & Sign** in the **Home/Protect** tab, and the **Fill & Sign** context tab appears on the ribbon. To create a signature, do one of the following: 1) click **+** on the signature



palette; 2) click  on the lower right corner of the signature palette and choose **Create Signature**; 3) click **Manage Signatures** and choose **Add** in the pop-up **Manage Signatures** dialog box. To sign a PDF, select your signature on the signature palette, place it on a desired position, and then apply the signature.

## Add Digital Signatures

- Choose **Protect > Sign & Certify > Place Signature**.
- Press and hold the mouse button down, and then drag the cursor to draw a signature.
- In the **Sign Document** dialog box, choose a digital ID from a drop-down menu. If you can't find the specified digital ID, you will need to get a certificate from the third-party provider or create a customized digital ID.
- (Optional) To create a customized digital ID, choose **New ID** from drop-down menu, and specify the options. For company-wide deployment, IT managers can also use the [SignITMgr tool](#) to configure which digital ID file is allowed to sign PDF files by users across an organization. When configured completely, users can only use the specified digital ID(s) to sign PDF files, and will not be allowed to create a new ID.
- Choose an appearance type from the menu. You can create a new style as desired, the steps are as follows:
  - ✧ Choose **Create** from the **Appearance Type** menu.
  - ✧ In the **Configure Signature Style** dialog box, input the title, configure the graphic, text and logo of the signature, and then click **OK**.
- (Optional) To add the digital signature at the same position on multiple pages of the currently opened PDF file, specify the page range in the **Page Range** group. You can also choose **Even pages only** or **Odd pages only** from the **Subset** drop-down list to apply the digital signature at the same position on the even pages or odd pages in the specified range.
- To sign the currently opened PDF file, click **Sign** to sign and save the file. To sign multiple PDF files, click **Apply to Multiple Files** to add the PDF files and specify the output options, and then click **Sign Immediately**.

Tip: When you choose a password protected digital ID to sign PDF files, you will be required to input the password when applying the signature.

## Add a Time Stamp to Digital Signatures and Documents

Time stamps are used to specify the date and time you signed a document. A trusted time stamp proves that the contents of your PDFs existed at a point-in-time and have not changed since then. Foxit PDF Reader allows you to add a trusted time stamp to digital signatures or documents.

Before adding a time stamp to digital signatures or documents, you need to configure a default time stamp server. Go to **File > Preferences > Time Stamp Servers**, and set a default time stamp server. You can then sign the document by placing the digital signature, or by clicking **Protect > Time Stamp Document** to add a time stamp signature to the document. You need to add the time stamp server into the trusted certificate list so the signature properties will display the date/time of the time stamp server when the document was signed.

## Share PDFs

Foxit PDF Reader is integrated with ECM systems, cloud services, OneNote, and Evernote, which help you better manage and share PDFs.

## Integration with ECM Systems and Cloud Services

Foxit PDF Reader has integrated with popular ECM systems (including SharePoint, Epona DMSforLegal, and Alfresco) and cloud services (including OneDrive – Personal, OneDrive for Business, Box, Dropbox, and Google Drive), which allows you to seamlessly open, modify, and save PDFs in your ECM servers or cloud services directly from within the application.

To open a PDF file from your ECM system or cloud service, please choose **File > Open > Add a place** > ECM or cloud service that you want to connect to. After signing in with your account, you can open a PDF from the server and modify it in Foxit PDF Reader. For a PDF file that is opened and checked out from an ECM system, click **Check In** to check in and save it back to your ECM account. For a PDF file that is opened from a cloud service, choose **File > Save/Save As** to save it after modification.

Tips:

1. OneDrive for Business is only available in the activated Foxit PDF Reader (MSI package).
2. Before using Foxit PDF Reader to open PDFs on Epona DMSforLegal, you are required to install Epona DMSforLegal client in your system if you haven't.

## Send to Evernote

Directly send PDF documents to Evernote as an attachment.

- Prerequisites – You will need to have an Evernote account and install Evernote on your computer.
- Open a PDF file to edit.
- Choose **Share > Evernote**.
- If you haven't signed in to Evernote on the client-side, input the account credential to

log in. When you successfully log in to Evernote, the PDF document will be sent to Evernote automatically, and you will get a message from Evernote when the import completes.

## Send to OneNote

You can send your PDF document to OneNote quickly within Foxit PDF Reader after edits.

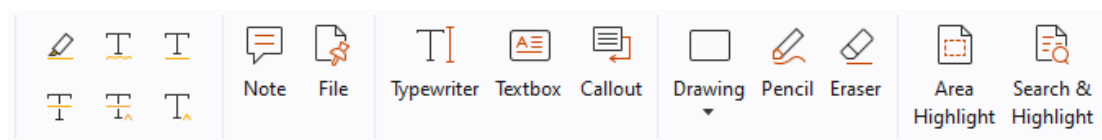
- Open and edits the document with Foxit PDF Reader.
- Save the changes and then click **Share > OneNote**.
- Select a section/page in your notebooks, and click **OK**.
- In the pop-up dialog box, choose **Attach File** or **Insert Printout** to insert your document to the selected section/page in OneNote.

## Comments

Comments are necessary in your study and work when reading documents. Foxit PDF Reader provides various groups of comment commands for you to make comments. Before adding comments, you can go to **File > Preferences > Commenting** to set comment preferences. You can also reply, delete, and move the comments with ease.







### Basic Commenting Commands

Foxit PDF Reader provides you with various commenting tools to add comments in PDF Documents. They are placed under the **Comment** tab. You can type a text message or add a line, circle, or other type of shape to make comments in PDFs. You can also edit, reply, delete, and move comments with ease. This function is quite helpful for your studies and work if you need to regularly make notes and annotations on PDF documents.



### Add Text Markups

You can use the Text Markup commands to indicate which text should be edited or noticed. Choose any of the following tools under the **Comment** tab, and drag to select the text that you want to mark up, or click on the document to specify the destination to insert text comment.

Button	Name	Description
	Highlight	To mark important passages of text with a fluorescent (usually) marker as a means of memory retention or for later reference.
	Squiggly Underline	To draw a squiggly line under.
	Underline	To draw a line under to indicate emphasis.
	Strikeout	To draw a line to cross out text, making others know the text is deleted.
	Replace Text	To draw a line to cross out text and provide a substitute for it.
	Insert Text	A proofreading symbol (^) used to indicate where something is to be inserted in a line.

## Pin Sticky Notes or Files

To add a note comment, select **Comment > Note**, and then specify the location in the document that you want to place the note. You can then type text in the pop-up note on the document pane (if the Comments panel is not opened) or in the text field associated with the note comment in the Comments panel.

To add a file as a comment, do the following:

- ✧ Choose **Comment > File**.
- ✧ Position the pointer to the place where you want to attach a file as a comment > click the selected position.
- ✧ In the **Open** dialog box, select the file you want to attach, and click **Open**.

**Note:** If you try to attach certain file formats (such as EXE), Foxit PDF Reader warns you that your attachment is denied because of your security settings.

- ✧ The File Attachment Icon  appears at the place you designated.

## Add Text Comments

Foxit PDF Reader provides **Typewriter**, **Textbox**, and **Callout** commands to help you add text comments to PDFs. The **Typewriter** command enables you to add text comments without text boxes. You can choose **Textbox** or **Callout** to add text comments with rectangle boxes or callouts outside the text.












To add text comments:

- ✧ Choose **Comment > Typewriter/Textbox/Callout**.
- ✧ Put the pointer on the area to type any text you want. Press **Enter** if you want to start a new line.
- ✧ If necessary, change the text style in the **Format** panel on the right of the document pane.
- ✧ To finish typing, click anywhere outside the text you have inputted.

## Drawing Markups


Drawing markups help you to make annotations with drawings, shapes, and text fields. You can use the Drawing markups to mark up a document with arrows, lines, squares, rectangles, circles, ellipses, polygons, polygon lines, clouds, etc.

### Drawing Markups

Button	Name	Description
	Arrow	To draw something, such as a directional symbol, that is similar to an arrow in form or function.
	Line	To mark with a line.
	Rectangle	To draw a four-sided plane figure with four right angles.
	Oval	To draw an oval shape.
	Polygon	To draw a closed plane figure bounded by three or more line segments.
	Polyline	To draw an open plane figure with three or more line segments.
	Pencil	To draw free-form shapes.
	Eraser	An implement, acts as a piece of rubber, used for erasing the pencil markups.
	Cloud	To draw cloudy shapes.
	Area Highlight	To highlight a specified area, such as a certain text range, an image and blank space.
	Search & Highlight	To mark the search results as a means of memory retention or for later reference. See also <a href="#">Search in PDFs</a> .

To add a comment with the Drawing markup, please follow the steps below:

- ✧ Select **Comment**, and then click the drawing command as needed.
- ✧ Drag the cursor across the area where you want to place the markup.

- ✧ (Optional) Input comments in the text field associated with the markup in the Comments panel. Or, if you haven't opened the Comments panel when adding the markup, double-click the markup (or click the **Edit note** icon  on the toolbar floating above the markup) to open the pop-up note to input comments.

Foxit PDF Reader lets you highlight specified areas, such as a certain text range, image, or blank space.



- ✧ To highlight an area, select **Comment > Area Highlight**, and then click and drag the mouse across the text range, image, or blank space that needs to be highlighted.
- ✧ The areas will be highlighted in yellow by default. To change the highlight color, right click the highlighted area, select **Properties**, and then choose a color as needed in the **Appearance** tab on the **Highlight Properties** dialog box. You can also click **other colors** to customize and apply desired colors to highlight the selected area. Foxit PDF Reader will automatically save the custom colors and have them shared by all the annotation commands.

Foxit PDF Reader adds PSI support for free-form annotation. You can use the Surface Pro Pen or Wacom Pen to add free-form annotations with PSI in PDFs. Detailed steps are as follows:

- (For Surface Pro users) Choose **Comment > Pencil**, and then add free-form annotations as desired with the Surface Pro Pen;
- (For Wacom tablet users) Connect your Wacom tablet to the computer, choose **Comment > Pencil**, and then add free-form annotations with the Wacom Pen.

## Stamp

Choose from a list of predefined stamps or create custom stamps for stamping a PDF. All the stamps that you import or create are listed in the Stamps Palette.

- Choose **Comment > Stamp**.
- In the Stamps Palette, select a stamp from the desired category – Standard Stamps, Sign Here or Dynamic Stamps.
- Alternatively, you can create an image on the clipboard as a stamp by selecting **Comment > Custom Stamp > Paste Clipboard Image as Stamp Tool**, or create a custom stamp by selecting **Comment > Custom Stamp > Create Custom Stamp** or **Create Custom Dynamic Stamp**.
- Specify  on the document page where you want to place the stamp, or  drag a rectangle on the document page to define the size and placement, and then the stamp will appear on the selected location.

- (Optional) If you want to apply a stamp on multiple pages, right click the stamp and choose **Place on Multiple Pages**. In the **Place on Multiple Pages** dialog box, specify the page range and click **OK** to apply.
- If you need to rotate the stamp after application, please follow the steps below:
  - ✧ Click the stamp and move the cursor over the handle at the top of the stamp.
  - ✧ When the rotate stamp icon appears, drag the cursor to rotate the stamp as desired.

## Shared Review & Email Review

Foxit PDF Reader allows you to easily join a PDF review, share the comments, and track reviews.

### Join a shared review

- Download the PDF file to be reviewed from your email application and open it with Foxit PDF Reader.
- If you open the PDF to be reviewed with Foxit PDF Reader for the first time, you need to complete your identity information first.
- Add comments as needed in PDF.
- Upon completion, click **Publish Comments** in the message bar (if notification message is enabled) or click **Share > Manage Shared Review > Publish Comments** to share your comments with other reviewers.
- Save the PDF by one of the following methods:
  - ✧ Choose **File > Save As** to save the shared PDF as a copy in your local disk. You can reopen this copy to continue review or send to other reviewers for further shared review.
  - ✧ Click **Menu** in the message bar and choose **Save as Archive Copy** (if notification message is enabled) or click **Share > Manage Shared Review > Save an Archive Copy** to save the PDF as a copy that is no longer connected to the shared review.

During the shared review, Foxit PDF Reader will automatically synchronize and display new comments every five minutes by default, and will notify you by flashing the Foxit PDF Reader icon in the taskbar whenever there are any new comments. You can also click on **Check for New Comments** in the message bar (if notification message is enabled) or click **Share > Manage Shared Review > Check for New Comments** to check for new comments manually. Or go to **File > Preferences > Reviewing > Automatically Check for New Comments** to specify the time interval for automatically checking the new comments in the specified time period.

### Join an email review

- Open the PDF to be reviewed from your email application.

- Add comments as needed in the PDF.
- Upon completion, click **Send Comments** in the message bar (if notification message is enabled) or choose **Share > Manage Email Review > Send Comments** to send the reviewed PDF back to the initiator via email.
- (If necessary) Choose **File > Save As** to save the PDF as a copy in your local disk.

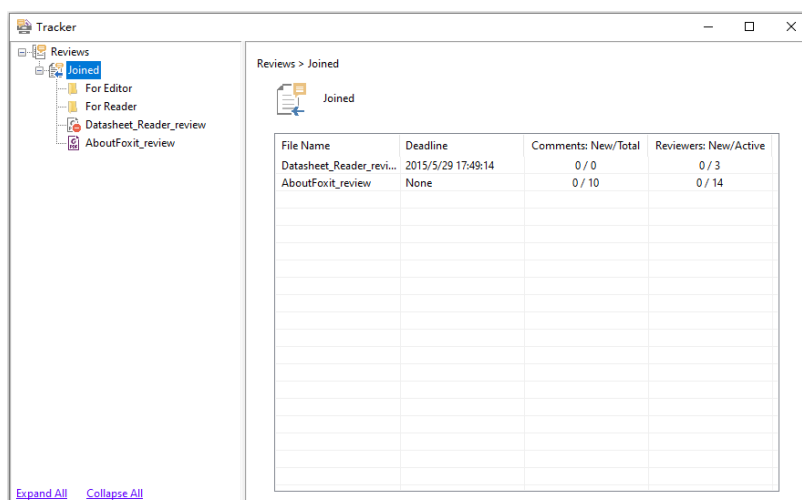
## Rejoin a review

- Reopen the PDF to be reviewed by one of the following methods:
  - ✧ Open the PDF copy directly if you have saved it in your local disk before.
  - ✧ Choose **Share > Tracker**, right click the PDF you want to review, and choose **Open** from the context menu.
  - ✧ Open it from your email application.
- Follow the same steps specified above to continue a shared review or an email review.

**Note:** To open the PDF to be reviewed from your email application with Foxit PDF Reader, you may need to install the email application that is configured to work with Foxit PDF Reader. Currently, Foxit PDF Reader supports the most popular email applications, including Microsoft Outlook, Gmail, Windows Mail, Yahoo Mail, and others. For email applications or webmail that do not work with Foxit PDF Reader, you can download the PDF first, and then open it for review from your local disk.

## Track Reviews

Foxit PDF Reader provides a tracker to help you track reviews easily. Choose **Share** > **Tracker** or **File** > **Share** > **Tracker** group > **Tracker**, and then you can view the file name, deadline, number of comments, and the list of reviewers for the shared reviews or email reviews you have joined. In the **Tracker** window, you can also categorize your currently joined reviews by folders. Just create new folders under the **Joined** group, and then send the reviews to your created folder by choosing the corresponding option from the context menu.





## Collaborate on Shared PDFs in Real-Time

For a PDF file that is shared via Link/Email using Foxit PDF Editor, Foxit PDF Reader users can join the online collaboration to add and reply to comments in real-time. The comments are synchronized among the initiator and reviewers automatically. During the collaboration, status changes about the shared PDF file can be pushed through the Notification panel. And users can check all the files and activities by choosing **Share > Shared Files**.

Note: An Internet connection and Foxit account signed-in are required to use this collaboration feature.

## Forms

PDF forms streamline the way you receive and submit information. Foxit PDF Reader allows you to fill in PDF forms, comment on forms, import & export form data and comments, and verify signatures on XFA forms.

### Fill in PDF Forms

Foxit PDF Reader supports *Interactive PDF Form* (Acro Form and [XFA Form](#)) and *Non-interactive PDF Form*. You can fill in interactive forms with the Hand command. For non-interactive PDF forms, you can use the tools in the **Fill & Sign** context tab (or the **Foxit eSign** tab) to add text or other symbols. When filling non-interactive PDF forms, use the field toolbar or resize handles to adjust the size of the added text or symbols to make them appropriately fit in the form fields.

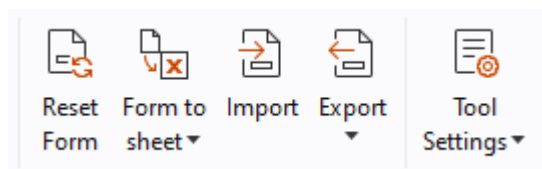
Foxit PDF Reader supports for the **auto-complete feature** which enables you to fill in PDF forms quickly and easily. It will store the history of your form inputs, and then suggest matches when you fill out other forms in the future. The matches will be displayed in a drop-down list. To enable auto-complete feature, please go to **File > Preferences > Forms**, and select **Basic** or **Advanced** from the **Auto-Complete** drop-down list. Check the **Remember numerical data** option to store numerical entries as well, otherwise, only text entries will be remembered.

### Comment on forms

You can comment on PDF forms, just like on any other PDFs. You can add comments only when the form creator has extended rights to the users. **See also** [Comments](#).

## Import & Export Form Data

Click **Import** or **Export** in the **Form** tab to import/export form data of your PDF file. However, this function will only work for PDF interactive forms. Foxit PDF Reader provides users with the **Reset Form** command to reset the form.



*Under Form tab*

To export the form data, please follow the steps below:

- Select **Form > Export > To File**;
- In the **Save As** dialog box, specify the save path, name the file to be exported, and choose the desired file format in the **Save as type** field.
- Click **Save** to save the file.

To export the form data and append it to an existing file, please follow the steps below:

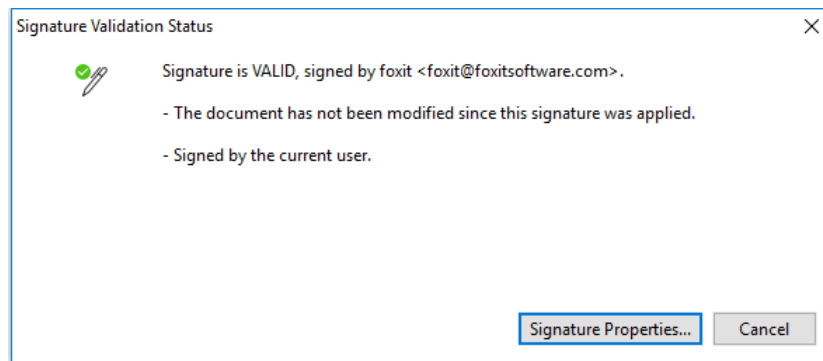
- Choose **Form > Form to sheet > Append to an Existing Sheet**.
- In the **Open** dialog box, select the CSV file, and then click **Open**.

To export multiple forms to a CSV file, please follow the steps below:

- Choose **Form > Form to sheet > Combine Forms to a Sheet**.
- Click **Add files** in the **Export multi-forms to a sheet** dialog box.
- In the **Open** dialog box, select the file to be combined and click **Open** to add it to the current form.
- Alternatively, you can check **Contain forms you closed recently** to call out the forms you recently opened, then remove the files you don't want to add, and leave the ones to be exported in the list.
- If you want to append the form(s) to an existing file, check **Append to an existing file** option.
- Click **Export** and save the CSV file in the desired path in the **Save As** dialog box.

## Verify Signatures on XFA Forms

Foxit PDF Reader allows you to verify the signature on XFA forms. Just click the signature on the PDF, and then you can check the signature validation status and properties in the pop-up windows.



## Print

### How to print PDF documents?

1. Make sure you have installed the printer successfully.
2. Choose **Print** from the **File** tab to print a single PDF document, or choose **Batch print** from the **File** tab and add multiple PDF documents to print them.
3. Specify the printer, print range, number of copies, and other options.
4. Click **OK** to print.

### Print a portion of a page

To print a portion of a page, you need to use the snapshot command.

- Select the snapshot command by choosing **Home > SnapShot**.
- Drag around the area you want to print.
- Right-click in the selected area > choose **Print**, and then refer to the **Print** dialog.

### Printing the Specified Pages or Sections

Foxit PDF Reader allows you to print pages or sections associated with bookmarks directly from the Bookmark panel. Steps are as follows:

- Choose **View > View Setting > Navigation Panels > Bookmarks** to open the Bookmark panel if it is hidden.
- In the Bookmark panel, click to select a bookmark, or press **Shift** or **Ctrl + Click** to select multiple bookmarks.
- Right click the selected bookmark, choose **Print Page (s)** to print the pages where the selected bookmarks (including child bookmarks) are, or choose **Print Section (s)** to print all the pages in the bookmarked sections (including child bookmarks).

- In the **Print** dialog box, specify the printer and other options as desired, and click **OK**.

**Note:** Bookmarks appear in a hierarchy, with parent bookmarks and child (dependent) bookmarks. If you print a parent bookmark, all page contents associated with the child bookmarks will also be printed.

## Print Optimization

Print Optimization allows you to optimize print jobs from a PCL driver, for features such as font substitution or scanning for vertical and horizontal rules. Foxit PDF Reader provides an option to auto-detect printers that support PCL optimization, to improve printing speed. To enable print optimization, please follow the steps below:

- Choose **File > Print** to open Print dialog.
- Click **Advanced** at the top of the **Print** dialog.
- In the **Advanced** dialog, do the following:
  - Select a printer from the Printers list, and click **Add** to add the selected printer to the PCL Drivers list.
  - Check one of the optimization options (**Use <PCL\_level> Driver for <PCL\_level> Printers** option) based on your printer driver level.
  - Click **OK**.

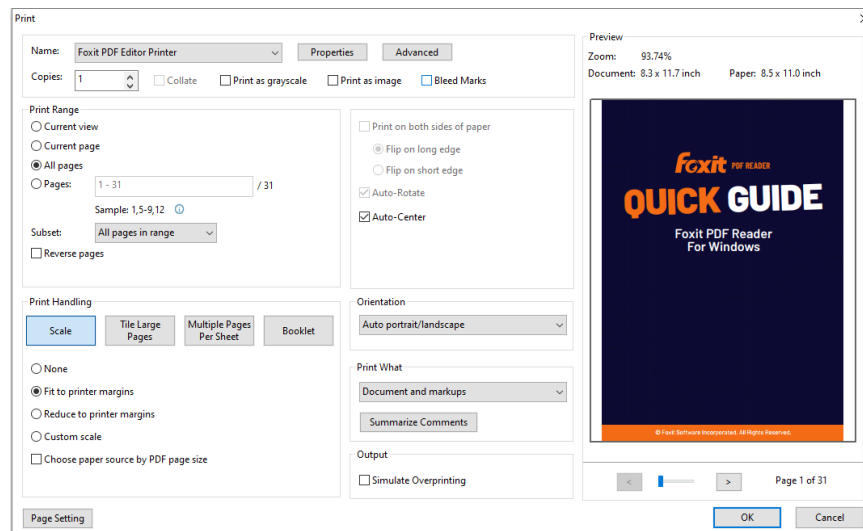
Then you can begin printing with the optimized driver. And you can also remove the printer from the PCL Drivers list if you are not satisfied with the printing results it delivers. Just select the driver to be removed from the PCL Drivers list, click **Remove** and then choose **OK** to confirm the operation.

Tip: To enable PCL print optimization, please make sure that the **Use GDI+ Output for all types of printer** option in printer preferences is unchecked. Otherwise, settings in printer preferences will prevail and GDI++ device will be used for printing for all types of printers.

## Print Dialog

The print dialog is the final step before printing. The **Print** dialog allows you to make a number of changes about how your document prints. Follow the step-by-step descriptions in the **Print** dialog box.

To open the **Print** dialog box, choose **File > Print** or right-click the tab and select **Print Current Tab** if using Multi-Tab browsing.




**The Print dialog box**

## Integration with ChatGPT (Available in Certain Language Builds)

Foxit PDF Reader's integration with ChatGPT takes advantage of AI-Generated Content (AIGC) to make end users more productive. It provides the following capabilities:

- Chat with AI Assistant – Use natural language processing (NLP) to provide users with detailed responses to their questions in real-time.
- Chat about Document – Analyze the document and answer user questions based on PDF content.
- Summarize Text/Document – Generate a concise and accurate summary of a given text input or a document. It analyzes the content of the text and identifies the most important information to include in the summary, using natural language processing and machine learning algorithms.
- Enhance writing of the text – Use machine learning to automatically paraphrase or rewrite text while maintaining its original meaning. This service is designed to help users generate new content from existing text, such as for content marketing, SEO, or simply to improve the clarity and readability of writing.
- Content Translation – Translate selected text or entire documents into corresponding languages.
- Spelling and Grammar Correction – Automatically detect and correct spelling and grammar errors in your content.
- Content Explanation – Provide concise explanations and definitions for selected text.

To access the AI services above, do any of the following:

- Click **Home > AI Assistant**.
- Click the  icon in the lower right corner of the application window.
- Select any text in your document and choose a tool from the floating toolbar to perform tasks.

**Tip:** You need to sign in with Foxit Account to use the AI services.

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