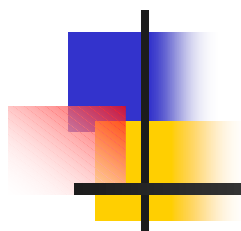


Adobe Acrobat for Genealogists



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- What is Adobe Acrobat
- Adobe Reader (read files from others)
- Standard Edition (create your own files)
- Typical output from applications
- Acrobat works well with the Internet
- Acrobat offers Portability & Content Control
- Used for input to printers
- Organize and Publish 100s of images
- Additional information about Acrobat



What is Adobe Acrobat

- Primarily a File Sharing Utility (like GEDCOM)
(email copies of printouts to others)
- Electronic capture of what you can print
- Will look exactly like printout (high quality)
- Industry standard electronic publishing format
(used extensively on Internet and CD-ROMs)
- Also preferred electronic format for most printers
(saves money, reduces quality problems)
- Allows capture of Internet information



Adobe Reader

- Formerly called Acrobat Reader
- Free program that allows viewing
(and printing of publications)
- Can not create files to share
- Commonly found on Internet
- Heavily used by most corporations
(distribution of publications electronically)
- Used for many genealogical CD-ROMs
(and growing usage on the Internet)



Adobe Acrobat – Standard Edition

- Standard Edition V6 - Street Cost is around \$270
- Allows creation of Acrobat files (PDF files)
- Professional Edition – Street Cost is around \$400 (not really needed by genealogists)
- Anything that you can print – you can capture as an electronic publication
- Also can capture entire web sites (vs. just what you print – have not used)
- Acrobat Distiller is tightly coupled with desktop publishing programs (Ventura, InDesign, Pagemaker)



Typical Output for Genealogists

- Register Reports and any other printed reports from any genealogy program
- Capture printouts of any word processing and desktop publishing programs
- Make very portable files from spreadsheets presentation programs, other software programs
- Capture web site printouts that can be saved electronically and forwarded to others
- Submit books to printers electronically
- Distribute multiple photographs and other source documents in form of source publication



Acrobat works well with Internet

- Most everything that can be printed – can also be saved electronically (have when site goes away)
- New capability to capture entire web sites (multiple printouts – have not tested)
- Capture emails and organize as source documents and forward to others
- Some web sites block printouts – Acrobat can capture more JAVA output (not all)
- Publish your Acrobat files on the Internet (far superior than HTML in output quality)



Acrobat offers Portability & Content Control

- Do not worry if other person has your genealogy program or word processing program
- Almost everyone has Adobe Reader (not everyone has your applications)
- Profile and setup of your application varies from receiving party (causes printout errors)
- Acrobat file is capture of output – not your source files (can not be plagiarized as much)
- Acrobat files can be view only, non-editable, password protected, encrypted, etc.



Used for input to printers

- Submit Acrobat files with all images included and save costs for scanning & halftones
- Almost all printers accept Acrobat files (in fact – now preferred by trade printers)
- Some printers also accept desktop publishing and word processing files
- Print-on-demand and Acrobat files allow high quality publication of 25 to 50 copies
- Same Acrobat files used for printer submission can be used CD-ROM and Internet publications



Organize and Publish 100s of images

- Ideal method to distribute a collection of photographs (with captions) to others
- Ideal method to distribute a collection of source documents with proper sources included
- Avoid having to type over and over in email the important information that goes with images
- Print-on-demand 50 softback books of 400 pages of source files for only \$10.00 per book - 2.5 cents / page
- Organize publication by family line (recommended) or by geography, document type (big choice)



Additional information about Acrobat

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