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**PDF Converter 4**  
**Professional**

Quick Reference Guide



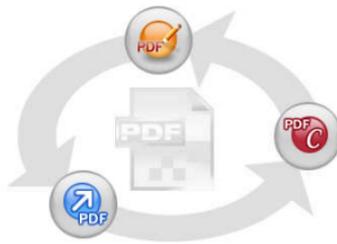
## Why are PDF files popular?

The Portable Document Format has become a de-facto standard for document exchange across platforms and computing environments. More than 200 million PDF documents are posted on the World Wide Web. Key benefits that have driven this popularity are:

- Integrity: PDF files look like the original documents they were created from. They conserve their appearance after sharing - regardless of platform, operating system or local settings on each computer or device.
- File size: In many cases, PDF files can be more compact than their source documents - ideal for file transfer.
- Security: PDF files can be digitally signed and password protected to prevent unauthorized changes.
- Sharing: While the basic document content can be frozen, commenting and mark-up tools allow collective authoring and document review.

## What PDF Professional does for you

ScanSoft® PDF Converter Professional 4 from Nuance Communications Inc., offers the full circle of functionality for handling PDF files. It can open PDF files from versions 1.3 to 1.6 for viewing, editing, annotation and re-assembly. It can create PDF files from versions 1.3 to 1.6 (PDF/A format is also supported). It can unlock PDF files for repurposing in other applications.



This professional product has three parts for creating, editing and unlocking PDF files. These are all installed and activated with a single procedure.

## Create PDF Files

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ScanSoft® PDF Create! 4 lets you create PDF files from a wide range of file types. The Print dialog box in your print-capable applications will offer a printer named ScanSoft PDF Create!

The PDF Create! Assistant lets you compile a list of files generated by different applications. Each file can be converted to a separate PDF file, or they can be combined into a single file. When working in Microsoft® Word™, Excel® or PowerPoint you can call on the program to create a PDF file directly from your current document. When converting from Microsoft Word, hyperlinks and comments can be transferred and you can set bookmarks to be generated from the structure of the Word document. Files can be protected by passwords and can include watermarks. Compression and font settings give you control over PDF file size and appearance.

## Edit PDF Files

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ScanSoft PDF Converter Professional gives you extensive control over your PDF files through an easy-to-use browsing and reading interface. You can edit pages and documents, annotate and review them, adjust document security, sign your documents and more. PDF documents can be compiled from different sources and pages can be rearranged. The program delivers a powerful document management system: use it to create archives from related documents to index and search them later.

## Export PDF Files

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The ScanSoft® PDF Converter 4 lets you unlock PDF files to edit them as Microsoft® Word™, Microsoft® Excel®, Corel® WordPerfect™, and generic RTF files. It also lets you open PDF files directly from these applications, edit them and save them in the appropriate file type. It converts PDF files up to and including version 1.6. Encrypted PDF files can be opened if the required password is provided. The program offers four types of conversions: standard documents, legal documents, forms and spreadsheets.

# Installation and Activation

Please remove any previous version of PDF Converter Professional before the installation. You should have administrator rights on the computer to install and activate the program. You need web access for activation.

## 1. Insert the CD-ROM in your CD-ROM drive

The installation program will start automatically. If it does not, locate your CD-ROM drive in Microsoft® Windows® Explorer and double-click the converter's setup.exe file. Select a language for installation. The InstallShield® Wizard will appear.

(If you have downloaded the converter from the Nuance web site, double-click its setup.exe file.)

## 2. License and Serial Number

You must accept the license agreement in order to proceed. You must enter a serial number. You will find this on the CD sleeve or on the Nuance web site at the download location. Be sure to keep the serial number in a safe place; it is fully checked only during product activation and is also needed for any re-installations.

## 3. Location and Setup Type

The installer offers a default location for the program. Accept it or define a different one. Select Complete or Custom Setup. Choose Custom to accept or decline installation of the PDF unlocking component. Choose Custom also to enable or disable the integration of PDF Converter and PDF Create! in other programs. By default, all the programs offered in the PDF Converter Professional Integration panels of the InstallShield Wizard will be enabled. (You can change integration settings later by choosing the program under Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel and clicking Change and then Repair.)

## 4. Click Finish

Registration runs at the end of installation. Select Register Online to establish a connection to the Nuance web site. We provide an easy electronic form that can be completed in a few moments. When the form is filled, click Submit. If you decide not to register or to be reminded later, you

can go to <http://www.nuance.com> to register online any time later. Click on Support and from the main support screen choose Register in the left-hand column. For a statement on the use of your registration data, please see Nuance's Privacy Policy.

## 5. Activate

You will be invited to activate the product at the end of installation. Please ensure that web access is available. Provided your serial number is found at its storage location and has been correctly entered, no user interaction is required and no personal information is transmitted. If you do not activate the product at installation time, you will be invited to do this each time you invoke the program. PDF Converter Professional can be launched only five times without activation. We recommend Automatic Activation. If you choose Manual Activation, you have to activate both PDF Converter and PDF Converter Professional separately.

Any earlier version of PDF Converter or PDF Create! or of a Docucom PDF printer driver should be removed before installing version 4. Keep the serial number of the earlier version, to retain the option of installing it on a different computer.

You will be allowed to re-install the program a reasonable number of times without having re-activation problems, because un-installation includes a de-activation step. The serial number is needed for re-installation and web access is needed for de-activation and re-activation.

## How to Get Help

This printed Quick Reference Guide accompanies the ScanSoft PDF Professional when it is supplied on a CD. This guide is also available in a PDF file on the CD and after installation in the program folder. It can also be accessed from the About panel. When the program is delivered electronically, this PDF document should be consulted. It is available at the download site.

ScanSoft PDF Converter Professional has a comprehensive HTML online Help system. Use the Help Menu to open it at its Introduction.



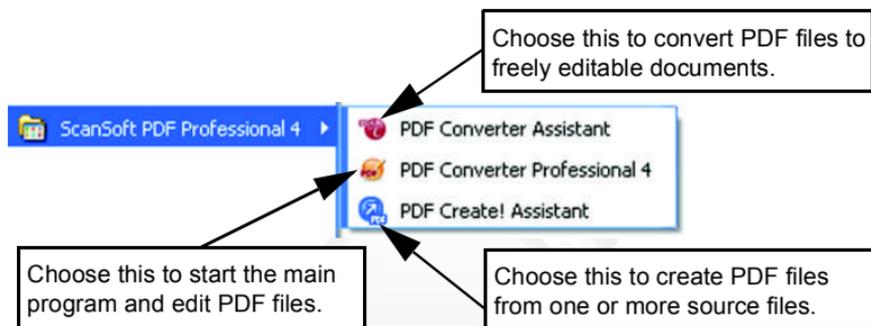
Press F1 to open Help: typically at the topic describing the currently open panel. Some dialog boxes have Help buttons.

A Release Notes file with latest information is available on the CD and in the program folder. The Nuance web site offers program information, with a regularly updated knowledge base and user forums.

Note: System requirements are presented on the product box and in online Help.

## Starting the Program

Choose ScanSoft PDF Professional 4 from the Windows Start Menu. This offers the following items:



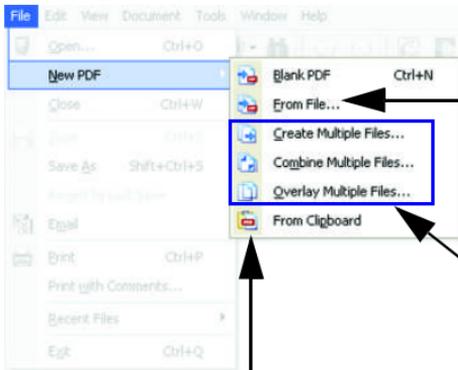
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# Create PDF Files

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## Create PDFs from PDF Professional

Click the PDF Create button  in the Main toolbar of PDF Professional, or select New PDF from the File menu. See the picture on the next page. You can create a blank PDF or choose From File... to select one or more files from an Open dialog box, even if they were created in different applications. The next three commands lead to the PDF Create! Assistant giving you full control over the creation process. You can also drag-and-drop files created in a print-capable application onto the PDF Converter Professional workspace. In this case the behavior is the same as when choosing From File... .



Multiple selection is possible, one PDF is created for each file using the existing settings from the ScanSoft PDF Create! Properties dialog box that you can access from File/Print.

These commands work through the Create Assistant where settings are made through profiles.

This makes one PDF file from the active clipboard contents.

## Create PDFs from Print dialogs

The Print dialog box appearing in your print-capable applications will include a PDF Create! printer. Load a file you want to make a PDF from, then select File/Print. Select ScanSoft PDF Create! as the name of your printer. Specify a page range and other settings as desired. One PDF file is created; the number of copies value is ignored. Click Properties to check or change PDF Create! settings. Click OK to start the creation. By default the Save As dialog appears, but you can give automated saving instructions under Properties/PDF Settings.

## Use the PDF Create! Assistant

The Assistant is called from the Windows Start menu. It lets you compile a list of files to be converted. These files may have been created in different applications. Choose to combine the files in the given order to create a single PDF file or have each file converted separately. Files can also be overlaid for the conversion. The Assistant lets you use profiles to control the PDF creation. Profiles contain a group of settings designed for a particular outcome. The program includes six profiles; you can create more for your own needs.

The screenshot shows the PDF Create! Assistant interface. At the top, there are five buttons: Add, Delete, Up, Down, and Clear. Callouts point to these buttons with the following descriptions:

- Remove selected files (points to Delete)
- Move selected files up or down (points to Up and Down)
- Remove all files from the list (points to Clear)

Below the buttons is a file list table:

Name	Size	Date Modified
PDF Converter Quick Reference...	736.78 KB	06/21/2006 16:33 Pt
sample sheet.doc	947.10 KB	06/22/2006 15:59 Pt
sample worksheet.xls	1.76 MB	06/22/2006 16:00 Pt
presentation.pps	864.22 KB	05/22/2006 10:01 A
cover.tif	2.8 MB	01/11/2005 11:22 A

Below the table is a text box: "Drag and drop input files onto this area, or use the Add button".

At the bottom of the interface, there are several options and buttons:

- Always on Top
- Assembly instruction\* (with links for Online Help and Supported File Types)
- Create a PDF for each input document (dropdown menu)
- Publishing Quality (dropdown menu)
- Send results as E-mail attachment only; If file exists: Query;
- Buttons: Overlay..., Profiles..., Saving...
- A large blue arrow button with a gear icon.

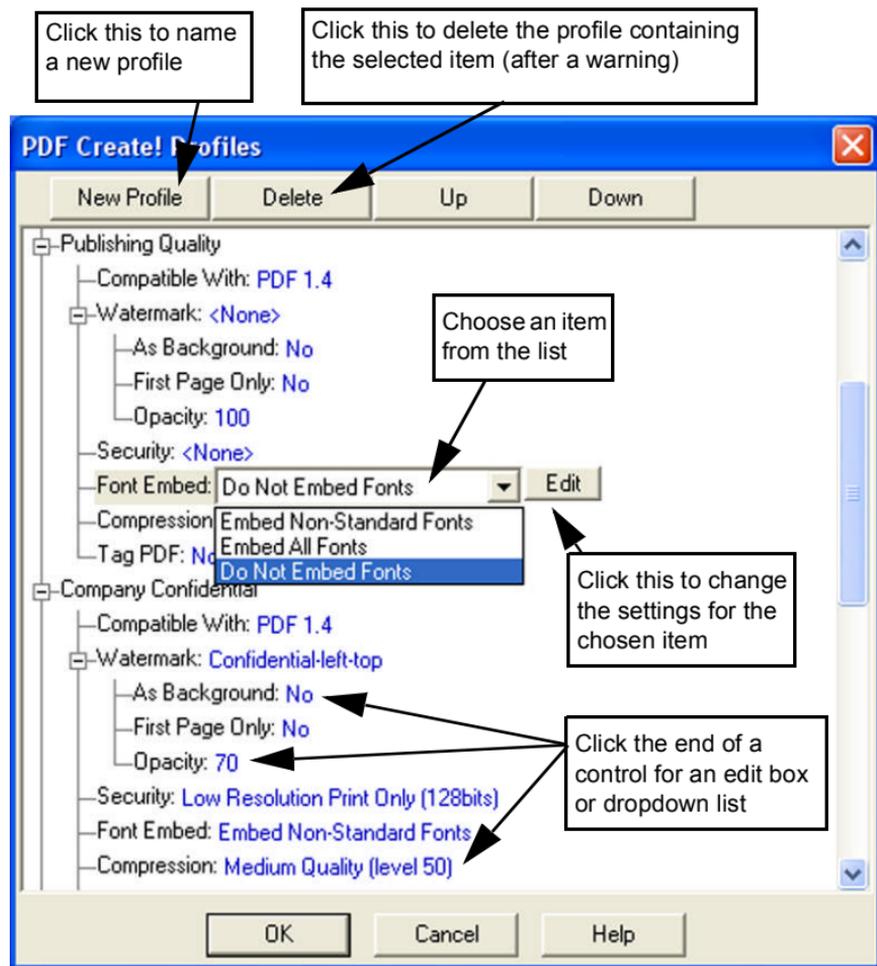
Callouts at the bottom explain these elements:

- Select a profile (points to Publishing Quality)
- This displays current saving settings (points to Send results as E-mail attachment...)
- Click to start PDF creation (points to the large blue arrow button)
- Click to change saving settings (points to Saving...)
- Change profile settings (points to Profiles...)

\* other assembly instructions are:

- Combine files into a single PDF (in the listed order)
- Overlay files (according to the current overlay options).

Click Profiles to change settings for your chosen profile, or to create a new profile.



Click OK to close the PDF Create Profiles dialog box.

Then press the Go button in the Assistant. The Print Info dialog box appears, listing the input and output files and showing the conversion status. Double-click any PDF name to view the created PDF.

## Create PDFs from Windows Explorer

Right click on a single file. The shortcut menu includes:



Choose a profile from the first item's sub menu. The current settings for that profile will be used for the PDF creation. Click Edit... to modify profile settings or create a new one before PDF creation. The second item shows the current saving instruction. Click on it to set a different instruction.

If you select a group of files and right click, the shortcut menu includes:



Choose the first option and then a profile to create one PDF from each selected file. To generate a single PDF, choose the second or third option, along with a profile. The last option displays the current saving instruction. Click it to change this.

## Create PDFs from Microsoft Word

1. Open the Word document.
2. Select Create PDF from the PDF Create menu or click .
3. Accept or change the default target folder and file name in the Save As dialog box that appears.

4. Optionally, add document information (keywords etc.).

To create a PDF and attach a copy of it to an e-mail message, click .

### PDF Links dialog box

Access this from a toolbar button  or an item in the PDF Create! menu. It lets you define settings that are applicable only when creating a PDF from a Word document. Define which paragraph styles in the Word document should be converted to bookmarks in the PDF, which comments should be transferred and how hyperlinks should appear.

## Create PDFs from Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint

1. Open the Excel file or PowerPoint presentation.
2. Select Create PDF from the PDF Create menu or click .
3. Accept or change the default target folder and file name in the Save As dialog box that appears.
4. To create a PDF and attach a copy of it to an e-mail message, click .

To change creation properties, click .

NOTE: If you do not see the buttons  in Word, Excel or PowerPoint, go to View > Toolbars and select ScanSoft PDF.

## ScanSoft PDF Create! Properties dialog box

This gives you full control over the conversions. In the General panel you define page size, orientation, resolution for the PDF and choose whether or not to view it after creation. The PDF Settings panel lets you define the PDF version, control font embedding, set compression types and severity, define passwords and add watermarks. It gives you choices for naming the created PDF file(s) and defining properties such as title, author, subject and keywords. The created file(s) can also be directed as attachments to an E-mail message, ready for distribution.

The ScanSoft PDF Create! Properties dialog box can be accessed from the Print dialog box in your applications. When working from the Create! Assistant or Windows Explorer, these settings are made through the profiles. If you need to access these settings from Microsoft Word, choose File/Print instead of the PDF Create! button.

## How to overlay PDF files

Overlay options let you place artwork or other fixed items onto just the first page of your PDF files, together with items that change from file to file.

Overlay example for a cover page:



To have this result, deselect the option 'Repeat the last page of the shortest document for page overlay'.

You can also use an overlay to add a company logo or other fixed item to every page of PDF files you create. To do this select the option named above.

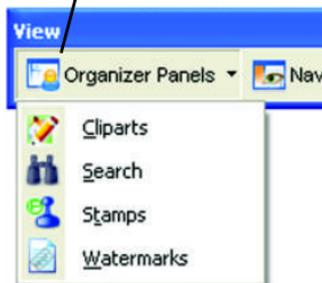
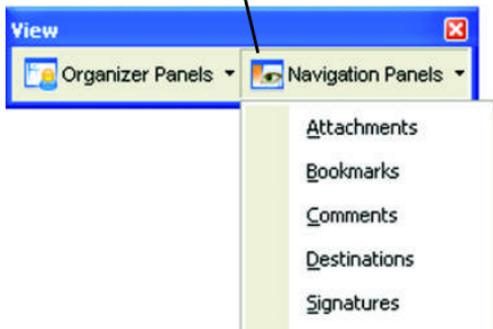
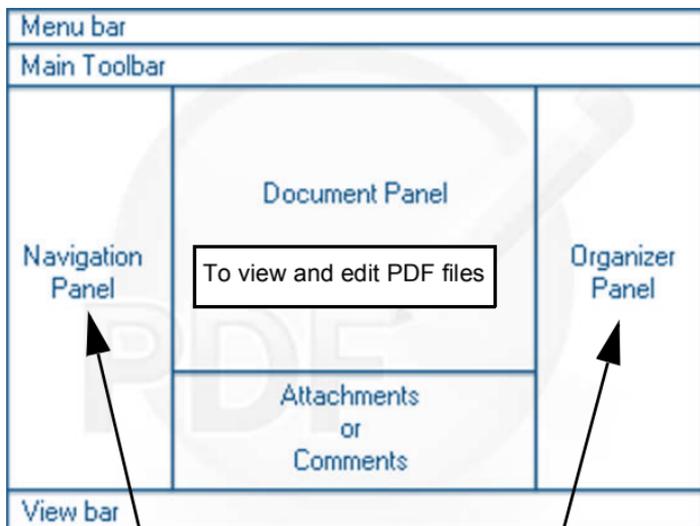
For more information on overlay choices, please consult online Help.

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# Edit PDF Files

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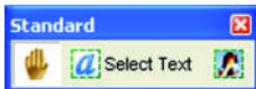
The main screen areas of PDF Converter Professional are as shown below:



PDF Converter Professional groups its controls in several toolbars. You can undock these and drag them into your working area. Here we present the main toolbars, in two cases describing the individual tools from left to right.



This toolbar presents basic operations, such as creating, opening, saving, printing, e-mailing and searching PDF files. The drop-down list of the PDF Converter tool is displayed. Use it to unlock the current PDF targeting the selected format.



Use the Hand tool for PDF viewing and scrolling. Selection tools let you select pieces of text and document areas.



Use this toolbar to zoom in and out on your PDF, magnify areas of interest or the whole page dynamically.



**Touch-up text:** Make limited text edits, even over multiple lines of text.

**Touch-up object:** Select objects to move, resize, rotate, group or prioritize them.

**Select object:** Use this to modify object properties and alignment.

**Link:** Use this to define a rectangle that will become a hyperlink.

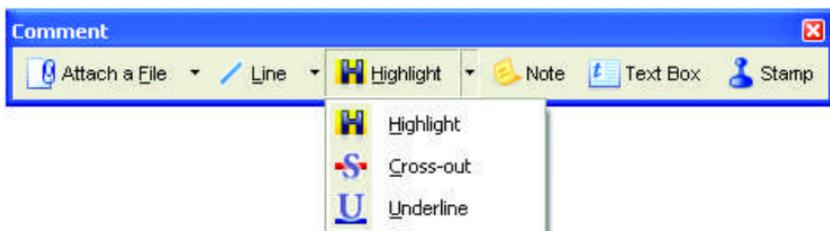
**Crop:** Draw a rectangle to define the area to remain after cropping; double click in it to set cropping instructions.

**Auto-FormType:** Use this to have form elements detected and activated and turn a static PDF into a fillable form.

**Digital Signature:** Apply a signature to protect the document from unauthorized changes.

**Form controls drop-down list:** You can add the displayed form controls to a PDF form.





**Attach:** Attach a file or a sound file to the PDF with an icon at a specified location.

**Drawing:** Draw different shapes on the page. Use a shortcut menu to signal 'complete' when drawing multi-sided shapes.

**Highlight:** Select from the shown highlighting tools.

**Note:** Click this to add a note to the PDF; note conversations are possible when PDF files are shared. Sort notes by author, type, date and more.

**Text Box:** Click this to add a text box above the other content on the PDF page.

**Stamp:** Click this for a stamp gallery; select one to place it on the page.

## Document Security

To modify the security settings for your document, click Document > Document Properties and choose the Security tab. This will always display your current settings. You can choose to protect your document by passwords or Certificate security at different levels.

## Searching and Archiving Documents

You can carry out text searches in the currently open PDF, a given folder or on a pre-built index file. Use the Organizer to specify the search criteria. A PDF Index file (.zpi) is a searchable archive of PDF documents. Click Document > Catalog to create a new index or to modify an existing one.

## Reading Text Aloud

Use the command Read PDF in the Tools menu to have the PDF text read aloud. Choose the current page or the whole remaining document. Choose Properties to set the rate and volume. You can also save the PDF text to a sound file in the wav format. This facility is powered by the Nuance RealSpeak Solo TTS engine.

## Document Management Systems

DMS support is provided for file input and storage. See System Requirements in online Help for a list of supported products.

## PDF Optimizer

Optimize your PDF to best fit its purpose. Click Tools > Optimize PDF and specify target requirements such as fast web view, object and image compression, scanned page settings, font embedding and more. You can also add tags to PDF files, to have their logical structure (paragraphs, titles, pictures, tables, cells, etc.) identified and logged.

## PDF Printing

In addition to the usual print choices you can choose to print the PDF with or without comments. You can also print form fields only, allowing you to print an empty form, fill it electronically, and then print your responses onto the empty form.

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# Export PDF Files

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## Exporting PDF from the Professional program

The component that lets you export the content of PDF files to editable formats is called PDF Converter. Access it from the Save As button in the File toolbar. Choose a direct conversion to be performed with current settings or choose the last item to open the PDF Converter Assistant for full control.



You can also perform direct conversions by selecting the Save As command from the File menu.

## The PDF Converter Assistant

Start this from the Windows Start Menu or from your desktop if you placed a shortcut there. The Assistant lets you prepare and control conversions. Its Full view shows you a preview of PDF files to be converted and lets you set page ranges. The panel on the right lists all files selected for conversion; icons show loading or conversion status. Online help explains the meanings of the icons.

PDF Converter 4 offers four levels of control:

### Quick View:

This allows quick conversions using current settings for everything beyond four basic choices.

### Full View:

This presents the same four buttons from Quick View, but also displays page previews and offers all settings that influence the conversions. Choose a mode to see its settings. Choose a target (or click the Output tool when there is no choice) to set saving options. Full view lists all files in the current conversion session along with status information for each of them.

### Left View:

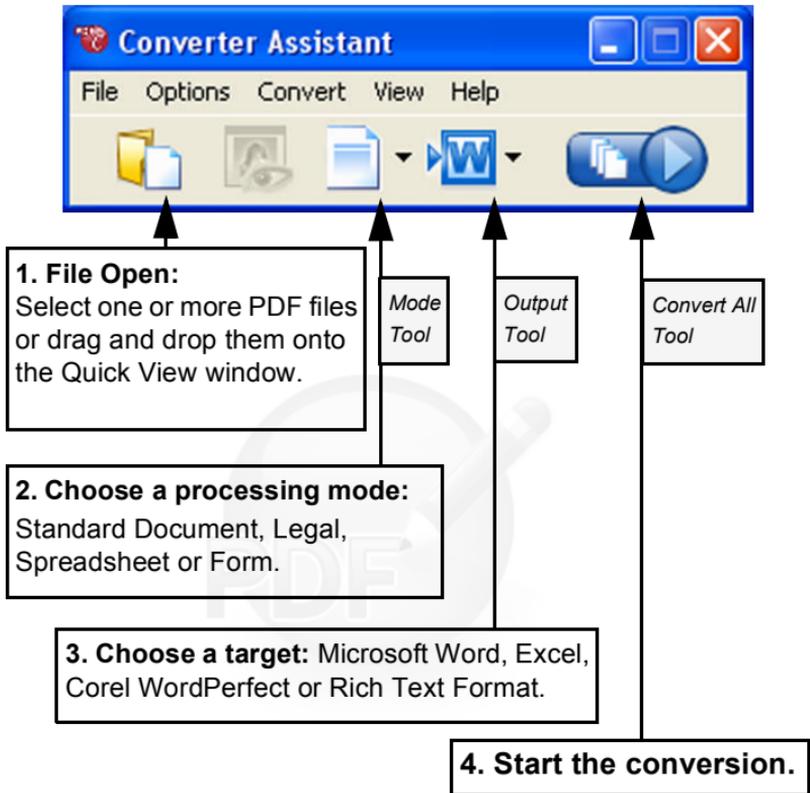
This appears when PDF Converter is called from inside a target application. Then only a single file can be converted, so just the left preview panel and its controls are needed.

### No Assistant:

From starting places where the input file and target are pre-defined, you can by-pass the Assistant altogether and perform a direct conversion using existing settings. See Starting the Program from other places.

## Converting with Quick View

Choose Quick View in the View menu. Then your conversions are an easy 4-step process, using current settings for everything else:



During conversion, the buttons are grayed. If View Result in the Output Options panel is selected, the converted file appears in its target program.

Turn off the Quick View toggle to return to Full view to see the processing summary, inspect and change settings or view PDF page previews. If you close the program with Quick View active, it will reappear when the program is next started.

## Converting with Full View

Here is the Assistant in Full View. Three sample files are loaded, the sample form is displayed in the Preview panel on the left.

The screenshot shows the 'sample form - PDF Converter Assistant' window. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Options, Convert, View, Help), a toolbar with icons for file operations, a file list table, a preview panel, and a page range input field.

**Restore preview**: Points to the 'View' menu item.

**Select conversion mode and target and display their settings**: Points to the 'Options' menu item.

**Convert selected file**: Points to the 'Convert' menu item.

**Remove files from list**: Points to the trash icon in the toolbar.

**Move files up or down in the file list**: Points to the up and down arrow icons in the toolbar.

**Open files**: Points to the folder icon in the toolbar.

**Convert all listed files**: Points to the 'Convert all' icon in the toolbar.

**Preview panel showing current page of selected file**: Points to the preview area on the left.

**List of loaded or converted files. Icons show file status. You can add files by drag-and-drop.**: Points to the file list table.

**View source or result file of selected item.**: Points to the magnifying glass icon in the toolbar.

**This icon shows that the page has a text layer.**: Points to the document icon with a blue 'E' in the file list.

**Pages without a text layer display this icon:**: Points to the landscape icon in the file list.

**Specify a page range here. By default all pages are converted.**: Points to the page range input field.

**Preview each page of your PDF using these navigation buttons.**: Points to the navigation buttons below the page range input.

Filename	Page Ra...
sample form	1
sample sheet	1
sample document	

View the file and set the range of pages to be converted.

## Starting the Program from other places

To make the services of PDF Converter 4 easy to call on, it can be started from several locations, as described in the following procedures:

### The Windows Start Menu

Choose PDF Converter Assistant from the ScanSoft PDF Professional 4 group in Programs or All Programs. All conversions started from the Start menu use the PDF Converter Assistant. It allows you to name input PDF files and decide how to handle output files. Display of the created file is optional.

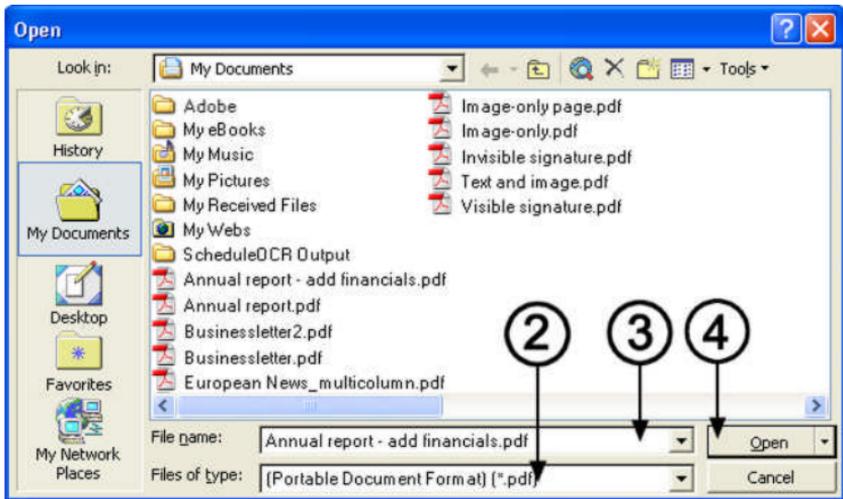
### The Open PDF button in a Microsoft Word Toolbar

1. Use the Open PDF button  in a Microsoft Word toolbar or the Open PDF... item in the Word File menu to call an Open dialog box with PDF selected as file type.
2. Choose a single PDF file, browsing if necessary. Click Open.
3. The Converter Assistant preview panel displays the first page of the PDF. View other pages and set a page range if desired.
4. Select the processing mode with the Mode tool or from the Options Menu. This calls the settings panel for the chosen mode. Make settings as desired.
5. Click the Output tool or select Word Document (the only possible target) in the Options menu to select saving options.
6. Press  to start conversion, with a progress monitor. The resulting file is displayed in Microsoft Word ready for editing.

Note: If you do not see the Open PDF button in a toolbar, go to View > Toolbars and select ScanSoft PDF, or open the Preferences dialog box of the PDF Converter Assistant to enable Microsoft Word integration and restart Word.

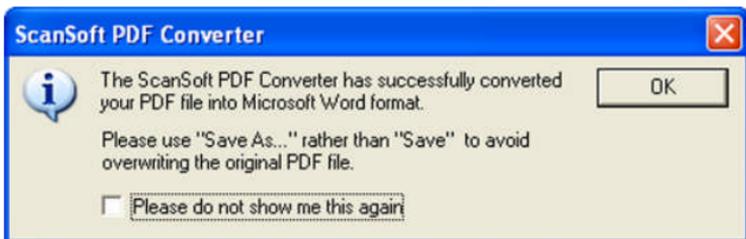
## The Open Dialog Box in Microsoft Word

1. Click Word's File Open button  or go to the Microsoft Word File menu and click Open...
2. Select PDF (Portable Document Format) (\*.pdf) in the Files of type box.
3. Select the PDF file you want to convert. Multiple selection is possible; then files are converted one after the other.
4. Click Open. (The picture shows steps 2, 3 and 4.)



5. Conversion starts with or without the Converter Assistant, as specified in the PDF Converter 4.0 Settings dialog box, found in Word's Tools menu.
6. If the PDF Converter Assistant is enabled, the PDF is previewed and you can change mode settings before starting the conversion. If the PDF Converter Assistant is disabled, conversion starts immediately, using the existing settings for the pre-defined mode.
7. Converted, editable documents are displayed in Microsoft Word.

8. A converted document will display as if it were still the PDF file. You must save it as a Word document with the command Save As.... If you use Save or Close without saving, you will lose either the converted document or the original PDF. The program warns you of this:



## WordPerfect

Use the Open PDF item in the File menu of WordPerfect. Select a single PDF file and click Open. View pages in the PDF Converter Assistant in Left view. Set a page range if desired. Select a mode (standard or legal document) and its settings. Set output settings. Click the Convert All button. The resulting file is displayed in WordPerfect, ready for editing.

## Microsoft Excel

Use the Open PDF button  in a Microsoft Excel toolbar or the Open PDF item in the File menu. Select a PDF file and click Open. View the PDF in the PDF Converter Assistant left view. Set a page range if desired. Click the Spreadsheet button (the only possible mode) to set conversion options, (including one worksheet per table or per page). Set output settings. Click the Convert All button. The resulting file is displayed in Microsoft Excel ready for editing.

## Microsoft Outlook

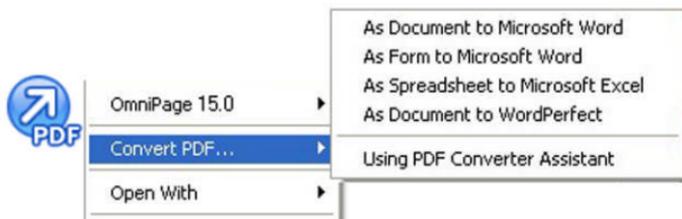
1. Select a message that has a PDF attachment. The PDF Converter buttons will become active.
2. Click the PDF Converter button  in the Outlook toolbar or in the message toolbar.
3. If the message has more than one PDF, select which PDF to convert and click OK.
4. Here you can choose to use the PDF Converter Assistant for conversion or unlock your PDF file without it. If you prefer automatic conversion, you choose the mode and target immediately.

## Microsoft Internet Explorer

1. Right-click on a hyperlink leading to a PDF file or an HTML page hosting a PDF.
2. Choose Open with ScanSoft PDF Converter 4.0.
3. Conversion is performed through the Assistant.

## Windows Explorer

1. Right-click on a PDF icon or file name in Windows Explorer or a PDF icon on your desktop.
2. Choose a conversion mode and target from the shortcut menu. If you choose to use the Assistant, you make these choices in its Preview panel.



## Processing modes and outputs

Choose from four processing modes, depending on the content of the PDF file to be converted and the type of output you want. Here are your choices:

Mode	Output
 Standard Document	 Word  WordPerfect  RTF
 Legal Document	 Word  WordPerfect  RTF
 Spreadsheet	 Excel
 Forms	 Word  RTF

The settings for each mode are displayed on the left panel of the Assistant when you make a mode selection. The values are stored separately for each mode - this includes the image-only processing and graphic handling options that are common to all modes.

The output settings are displayed in the left panel when you make an output selection. The settings are the same for all targets and only one set of values is stored for use with all saving.

Next we summarize the choices unique to each mode.

## Standard Document conversions

Choose how the layout should be maintained:

- True Page<sup>™</sup> places all elements in text boxes or frames.
- Flowing Column uses text boxes and frames only when necessary, allowing body text to flow from one column to another.

## Legal conversions

Choose to retain or drop legal-specific features:

- Pleading numbers - these typically appear in left margins to define line numbers.
- Images - these are typically stamps, seals, signatures or company logos.

## Spreadsheet conversions

This mode can be used for PDF files containing partly or mainly tables.

Choose what should be placed in each Excel Worksheet:

- Per Page: Each page from the PDF will enter a separate worksheet. This will happen even if page content is not tabular; you can specify a page range to exclude unneeded pages.
- Per Table: Each detected table is converted and placed in a separate worksheet. All content not detected as a table is placed in a separate worksheet at the end. The detected tables do not appear here, but are replaced by hyperlinks leading to the relevant worksheet table.

When you do Standard Document conversions, tables in the PDF become tables in the output file.

## Form conversions

This uses Logical Form Recognition™ technology to detect form elements and convert them correctly. Choose from:

- No form controls: The result will be a fillable form with static form elements. You can use form handling tools in the target application to modify the form design.
- Create form controls: The result will be a fillable and editable form. You can change field labels and modify the form design.

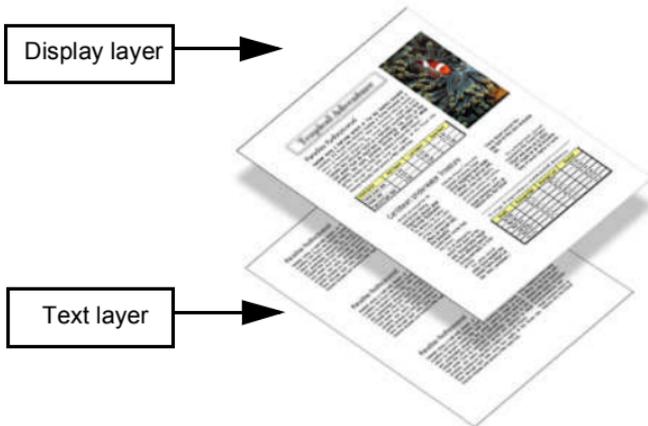
## Handling Mixed PDF Files

PDF files often have mixed content: flowing text, tables and forms. In many cases you can process these files with the setting Standard Document and receive good results. For more precise control, you can use page ranges to separate forms and tables and convert them separately. For example, to best unlock a PDF with two pages of illustrated text, followed by a one-page table you want to do calculations on, and finally a three-page form - convert pages 1 and 2 as Standard Document, page 3 as Spreadsheet and pages 4-6 as Form.

## How do PDF files work?

PDF files display texts correctly wherever they are viewed because they carry their typographic information with them. Fonts in the document are embedded in the PDF file and are used after distribution to reconstruct the document. The display does not depend on the needed font files being available on the viewing machine, nor on the language of its operating system.

PDF documents present their pages as images. They can be marked-up and commented, but the ability to change the basic text is limited. Most PDF files can be searched, because the file has two layers. There is an image layer that is presented on-screen. Behind that there is usually a text layer that can be matched to the characters displayed on the screen.



When the starting point for a PDF file is a set of images, or a scanning process, this text layer is not present and the result is an image-only PDF. When the starting point is an editable document, the text layer can be created and the PDF is called 'Normal' or 'Searchable'. The creator of a PDF can require provision of a password to allow access the text layer.

How does PDF Converter work?

PDF Converter has the ability to perform Optical Character Recognition (OCR). This is the process of extracting text from an image. It does not need to use OCR to unlock PDF files with an accessible text layer - it must capture the page layout and arrange the given text and other elements correctly on each page in the new document.

Optical Character Recognition (OCR) is normally used only for PDF pages without an accessible text layer or when non-standard character encoding is detected, but you can require it for any conversion.

## Handling Image-only PDF Files

PDF files without a text layer are a special case for conversion. You can decide how the program should handle these pages: convert them with the built-in Optical Character Recognition (OCR), transfer them as images to the target document or skip them. You can require inspection of the first pages (up to ten) in PDF files you open. Optionally, you can set conversion to be stopped, if no text-layer pages are detected. If you have ScanSoft® OmniPage®, you can use this to have more control over the recognition process.

## Language Support

PDF Converter supports over 100 languages, including Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish. The program can convert multi-lingual documents. A full list of supported languages is provided in online Help. Correct language choice is important for converting image-only pages and handling non-standard encoding.

These last two topics relate to PDF Converter Professional.

## Web Updates

Select Automatic Web Updates under the Help menu to be informed whenever a program update is available for any of the three components. You can also get the latest program updates directly from the Help menu. Please ensure that web access is available.

## Un-installation

1. Select Add/Remove Programs from the Control Panel.
2. Select ScanSoft PDF Professional 4.0.
3. Click Remove to uninstall the program or Change to auto-repair it.

This removes all three components of PDF Converter Professional.

A de-activation step is performed at the start of uninstallation, allowing you to reinstall the program later without re-activation problems. De-activation requires web access.



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