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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Welcome to TeachUcomp, Inc.'s Mastering Acrobat Made Easy™ v.Pro DC course. This course introduces the student to Adobe Acrobat Pro DC, a powerful program that creates and edits PDF documents. PDF stands for “portable document format.” Because PDF documents can be viewed by anyone who has installed the free Adobe Reader application, it is not necessary for a user to have the same application which created a PDF document to see the contents of the PDF document. PDF files preserve the integrity of graphics and text, and render them accurately when viewed on another device, regardless of the settings or preferences of the device. PDFs can contain many different types of information, from text and photographs to sound clips and video.

This part of the course is designed to give a student with little or no knowledge of the program a firm skills base in using Adobe Acrobat Pro DC.

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CHAPTER 1-

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH ADOBE® ACROBAT

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1.1- Introduction to Adobe Acrobat Pro and PDFs:

Adobe Acrobat is a powerful program that creates and edits PDF documents. PDF stands for “portable document format.” Because PDF documents can be viewed by anyone who has installed the free Adobe Reader application, it is not necessary for a user to have the same application which created the PDF document to see the contents of the PDF document. PDF documents preserve the integrity of graphics and text and render them faithfully when viewed on another device, regardless of the settings or preferences of the device. PDFs can contain many different types of information, from text and photographs to sound clips and video.

Many software applications can save documents as PDF files. Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Adobe Photoshop are a few common programs that will let you save a file as a PDF. However, many people agree that Adobe Acrobat is the best program to use for creating PDFs, because Acrobat is specifically designed for working with PDFs and because Adobe is the company that originally developed the PDF file format. Acrobat is a powerful, versatile application that lets you create new PDFs, edit existing PDFs, and convert many other file types to PDFs. Acrobat can also be used to collect data from people who view a PDF through the use of interactive forms within the PDF.

There are three Adobe applications that relate primarily to PDFs: Reader, Acrobat Standard, and Acrobat Pro. Adobe Reader is a free application that can be quickly downloaded from the Internet. Reader is the most limited in terms of what the program can do. As the name suggests, it is used primarily for viewing PDF documents. Adobe Reader lets users view, search, and print PDF files. Adobe Reader also lets users comment on files using sticky notes and markups.

Adobe Acrobat Standard does everything that Adobe Reader can do, and much more. Acrobat Standard lets users create, modify, and convert PDF documents. Using Acrobat's Standard version, you can build a PDF document from the ground up or edit an existing PDF. Acrobat Standard also lets you create PDF files from within other software applications. For example, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files can all be converted to PDFs with ease without ever opening the Acrobat application. Acrobat can even do a bit of the reverse by creating Word files and Excel spreadsheets from PDFs. Acrobat DC Standard is capable of performing optical character recognition, or OCR, on scanned text. Acrobat DC Standard is also able to capture web pages as interactive PDF files that can be viewed offline. In other words, Acrobat is able to recognize text found in documents such as images. This powerful application even allows the user to initiate shared document reviews, where comments can be imported and exported as data sets. One concern for Mac users is that, although Adobe Reader and Adobe Acrobat Pro DC are available for Mac operating systems, Acrobat Standard DC is only available for Windows. So, if you're a Mac user, your only option if you want to work with Adobe Acrobat DC is to get the Pro version.

Adobe Acrobat Pro DC does everything that Acrobat Standard DC can do, and much more. Notably, Acrobat Pro DC lets users easily convert PDF documents into PowerPoint presentations, Word documents, and Excel files. Acrobat Pro DC also lets you scan or photograph images containing text and then instantly edit the text using fonts that match the original image. Acrobat Pro DC also includes improved support for Mac users. Acrobat Pro DC also lets users create and edit PDFs using mobile devices like iPads and cell phones. For example, by using the mobile Acrobat Pro DC application, a user can instantly convert an emailed text document into an interactive PDF form. Using only a smart phone, the form can then be completed, signed, and returned to the sender without the need for printing or scanning. Mobile users of Acrobat Pro DC can streamline workflows, reduce the need for paper documents, and work with documents more quickly than ever before.

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1.2- The Acrobat Environment:

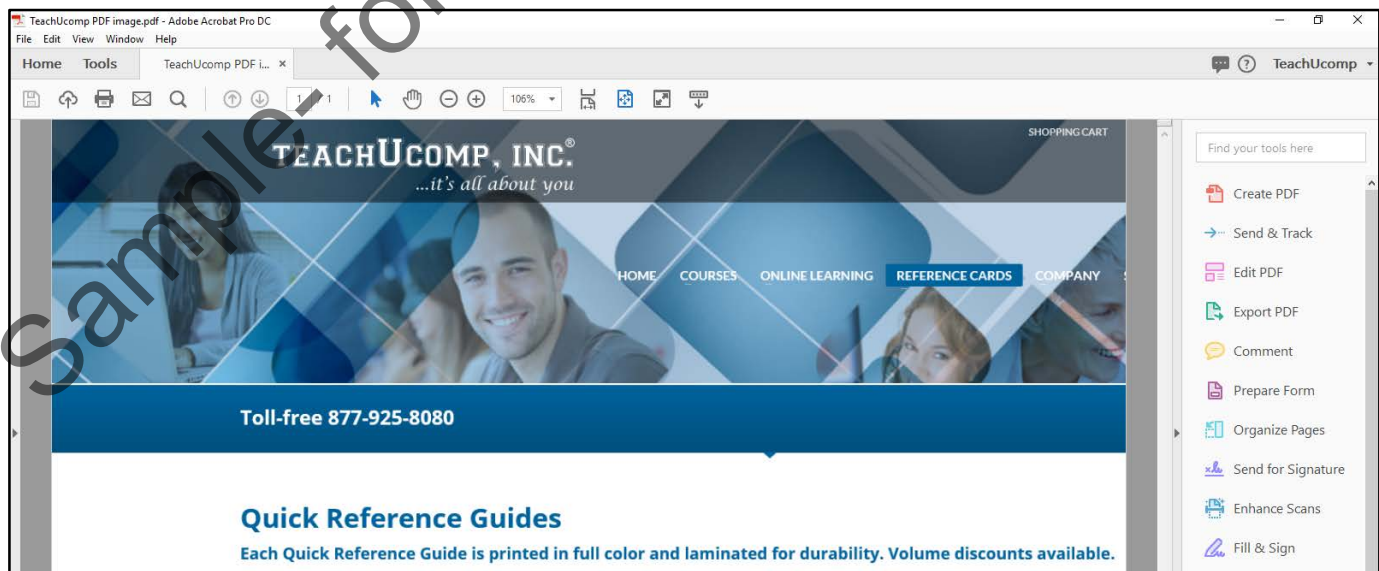
If you are new to Adobe Acrobat, you should begin by familiarizing yourself with Acrobat's working environment. Start by learning the names and locations of the various tools that you will need to create and edit PDFs. Acrobat Pro DC has three different views: The Home view, the Tools view, and the Document view. The Home view is the initial view that appears when you first launch Acrobat Pro DC and do not have a document open.

The first object to examine is the Title Bar, which appears at the very top of the application window. To the left of the Title Bar is an Acrobat icon. To the right of the Acrobat icon is the name of the open PDF document. If no document is open, this area displays the name of the application. To the right of the Title Bar is the “Minimize” button, the “Restore Down/Maximize” button, and the “Close” button.

Immediately below the Title Bar is the Menu Bar. The Menu Bar contains the “File” “Edit” “View” “Window” and “Help” menu commands. Clicking any of these commands opens its drop-down menu. The Menu Bar appears in the same place in all of Acrobat’s three views.

Just below the Menu Bar is the Tabbed Documents Bar, which lets you switch between Acrobat's three views. Like the Menu Bar, the Tabbed Documents Bar appears the same in all of Acrobat's views. At the left end of the Tabbed Documents Bar, the "Home" button and the "Tools" button appear. Clicking the "Home" button displays Acrobat's "Home" view below the Tabbed Documents Bar. Clicking the "Tools" button display Acrobat's "Tools" view below the Tabbed Documents Bar. If no PDF is opened in Acrobat, the Tabbed Documents Bar does not display the "Document" view tab. However, if you open a PDF in Acrobat, a tab appears which displays the document's name. These tabs appear to the right of the "Tools" button. Clicking the tab shows Acrobat's "Document" view below the Tabbed Documents Bar. If you open multiple documents, the Tabbed Documents Bar displays multiple tabs. Clicking the name of any tabbed document in the Tabbed Documents Bar shows the "Document" view of that PDF.

To the right of the Tabbed Documents Bar is a “Share Feedback” button, a “Learn Adobe Acrobat” button, and a “My Account” drop-down menu. The “Share Feedback” button lets Acrobat users communicate directly with Adobe. You can request a feature or report a software bug using the “Share Feedback” button. Clicking the “Learn Adobe Acrobat” button launches an Adobe website where users can access Acrobat tutorials, user guides, and online community forums. The “My Account” drop-down menu lets users access and manage their Adobe accounts.



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1.3- The Acrobat Home View:

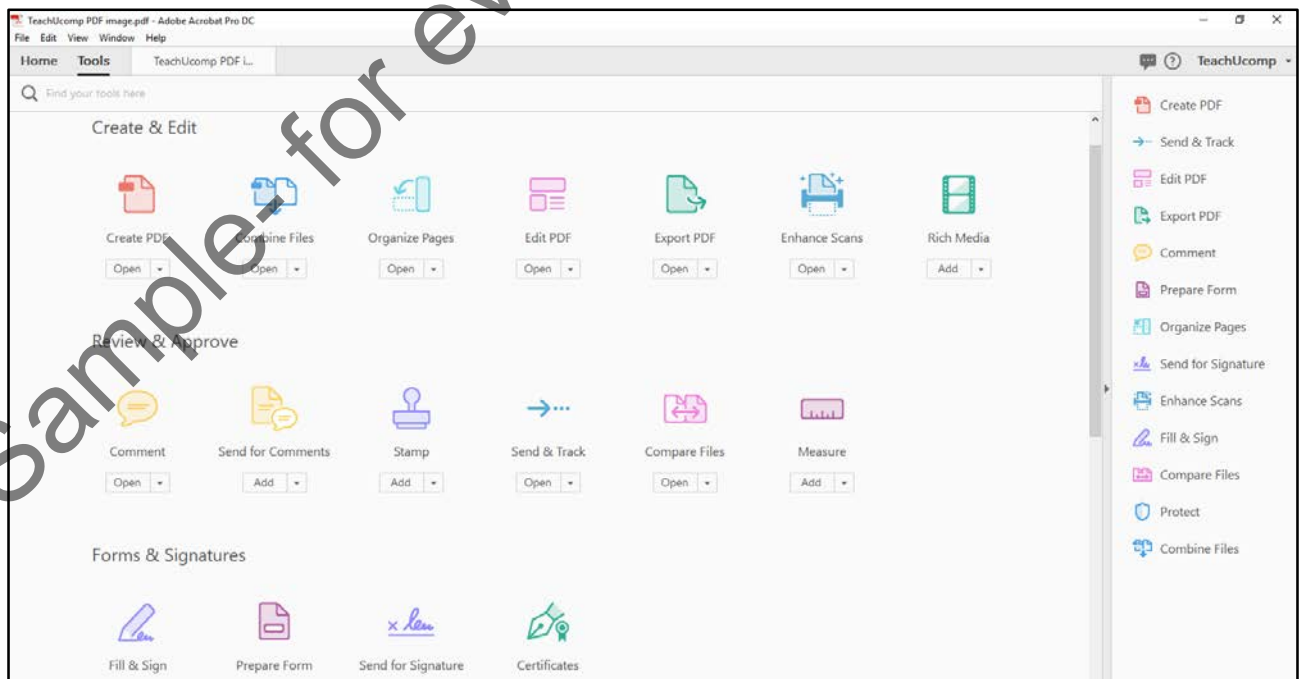
After you initially open Acrobat or after clicking the “Home” button in the Tabbed Documents Bar, the “Home” view appears onscreen under the Tabbed Documents Bar. The “Home” view workspace is divided into two sections. On the left side of the screen is the Home Panel. This panel contains text buttons that let you access various file lists and storage information. The Home Panel offers three “File Lists” buttons and three “Storage” buttons. By default, the “Home” view shows the “Recent Files” view.

To the right of the Home Panel, the Home screen displays information related to whichever button in the Home Panel is clicked. For example, clicking the “Sent” button in the Home Panel shows information about PDFs sent to others.

1.4- The Acrobat Tools View:

This is Acrobat Pro DC's "Tools" view. The "Tools" view is very different from the "Home" view. In the "Tools" view, under the Tabbed Documents Bar, is a "Search for tools" feature. You can find all of Acrobat's tools by typing search terms into the text field next to the magnifying glass. Below the "Search for tools" feature, the Tools screen displays all of Acrobat's tools in one place. You can access any feature in Acrobat Pro DC from this screen.

The Tools screen divides Acrobat's tools into five basic categories. The categories are: tools for creating and editing PDFs; tools for reviewing and approving PDFs; tools for forms and signatures; tools for protecting and standardizing PDFs; and tools for customizing PDFs. You can use the scroll bar to the right of the Tools screen to access all categories of tools. At the far-right side of the Tools screen, Acrobat provides a Tools pane with shortcuts to commonly-used tools, like the "Create PDF" command. You can customize the Tools pane by adding, removing, and rearranging the tool shortcuts. You can also collapse the Tools pane by clicking the small triangle to the left of the pane. Clicking the triangle again expands the Tools pane.



1.5- The Acrobat Document View:

To the right of the main document window, you will see Acrobat's Task Pane displaying the "Tools" panel. Notice that the top of the panel displays a "Find your tools here" search feature. You can type the name of any tool into the search field to easily locate Acrobat features. Below the search tool, you will see shortcut buttons to common tools. By default, the Tools panel displays some of Acrobat's most commonly-accessed tools, such as the "Create PDF" tool. You can also customize the Tools panel by adding, removing, and rearranging buttons. Clicking any button in the Tools panel will display that tool's options in the PDF and also adds a toolbar for its tools under the main toolbar within the "Document" view. You can easily close this toolbar by clicking the "X" button at its right end.

The “File” drop-down menu in the Menu Bar provides several important commands related to managing PDF files. You can open existing PDFs, create new PDFs, save changes to a PDF, or print PDFs using commands from the “File” drop-down menu. You will also notice that the drop-down menus found in the Menu Bar often display keyboard shortcuts that can be used to perform the same task. For example, notice that the “Open” command in the “File” drop-down menu displays “Ctrl+O” to the right of the command. This means that you can open a PDF by either selecting “Open” from the “File” drop-down menu,

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1.6- The Menu Bar- (cont'd.):

or you can press the Control key and the “O” key simultaneously on your computer keyboard.

The “Edit” drop-down menu provides commands related to making changes to PDFs in Acrobat. You can cut, copy, paste, and delete PDF elements using commands found in the “Edit” menu. The “Edit” menu also contains supplementary editing tools that allow you to check spelling, look up a word, or locate specific text within a PDF document. Notice that most of the commands listed in the “Edit” menu also display keyboard shortcuts to the right of the command.

The “View” drop-down menu provides commands related to the way that Acrobat is displayed onscreen. The commands found in the “View” drop-down menu do not make changes to a PDF, they only change the appearance of the PDF as it is displayed. You can rotate the view of a PDF, choose from various page displays, and adjust the zoom level of a PDF. The “View” drop-down menu also provides commands for changing the way that Acrobat’s workspace looks. For example, by selecting the “Display Theme” command from the “View” drop-down menu, you can adjust the appearance of the Acrobat display. Notice that some commands display a small triangle (rather than a keyboard shortcut) to the right of the command. This means that the command has more than one option to choose from. For example, when you hover your mouse over the “Rotate View” command, a secondary menu prompts you to select from “Clockwise” or “Counterclockwise” rotation. Notice that the keyboard shortcuts for “Rotate Clockwise” and “Rotate Counterclockwise” are found in the secondary menu that appears.

The “Window” drop-down menu provides commands related to managing windows in Acrobat. Using commands in the “Window” drop-down menu, you can open Acrobat in a new window, cascade windows on your computer screen, and split the screen display. As is the case with the commands found in the “View” drop-down menu, the commands found in the “Window” drop-down menu do not make changes to PDFs, they only change the appearance of Acrobat’s interface onscreen.

The “Help” drop-down menu provides several commands. These commands let you access Adobe online support, manage your account, and check for updates to Acrobat. The “Help” drop-down menu also provides a command that lets you sign out of your current user account.

1.7- Toolbars in Acrobat:

Unlike previous versions of Acrobat, toolbars only appear within the “Document” view. All the toolbars that are NOT opened by using either the “Tools” pane or “Tools” view appear within a single toolbar underneath the Tabbed Documents Bar, by default. Toolbars added to the “Document” view from the “Tools” pane or “Tools” view instead appear as yet another toolbar beneath the main toolbar in “Document” view.

By default, after opening the “Document” view, you will see the main toolbar appear under the Tabbed Documents Bar. The buttons within this toolbar appear within three groups, by default. The button groups are separated by dividing lines within the main toolbar. The two button groups at its left end contain buttons that are collectively called the “Common Tools” toolbar buttons. These two button groups contain commonly-used buttons in Acrobat. We will look at customizing the buttons within the “Common Tools” toolbar in a later lesson of this chapter.

To the right of the “Common Tools” toolbar buttons are the “Page Controls” toolbar buttons. These buttons control commonly-used page navigation features. Unlike the other buttons in the main toolbar, you can click the “Move page controls out of toolbar” button at the right end of this button group to pop these buttons out of the main toolbar and then have them appear over the bottom of the PDF in the “Document” view. When over the PDF, this toolbar disappears after a while if you don’t move your mouse pointer

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1.7- Toolbars in Acrobat- (cont'd.):

onscreen. You can move your mouse pointer onscreen to make it reappear again, if needed. To place these buttons back into the main toolbar, click the “Move page controls into toolbar” button at its right end. The buttons within the “Page Controls” toolbar cannot be customized.

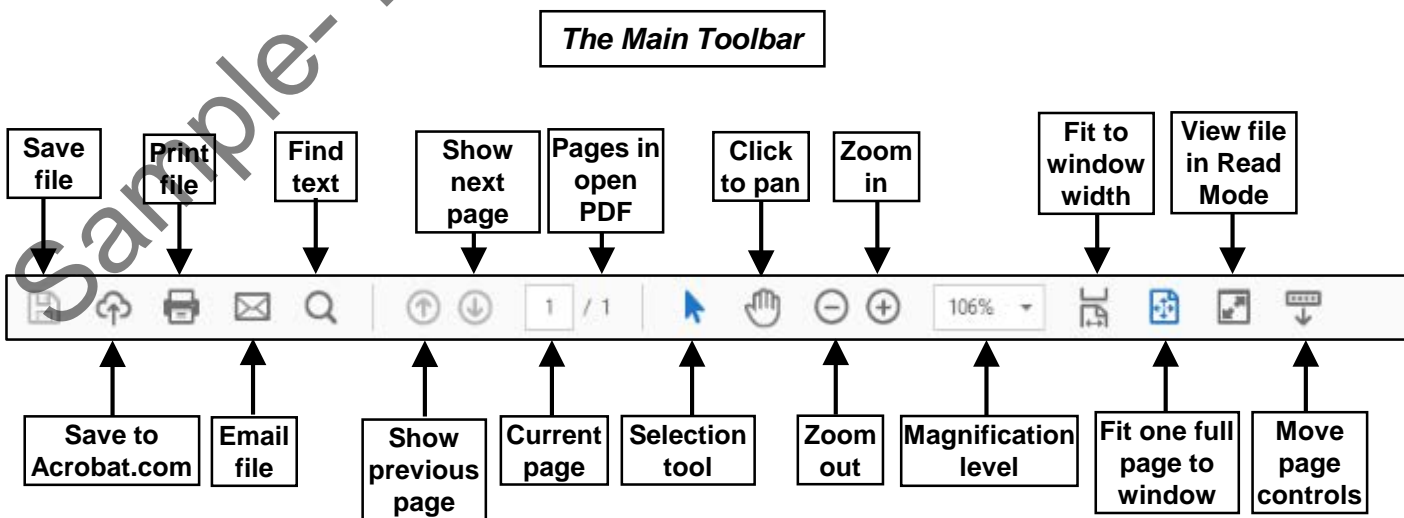
There are two other toolbars that you can choose to show in the main toolbar. They are the “Quick Tools” toolbar and the “Recently Used Tools” toolbar. One way to show these toolbars is to right-click in the blank or “empty” area towards the right end of the main toolbar to open a pop-up, or “contextual,” menu of choices. Alternatively, select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar. After performing either task, then click either the “Show Quick Tools” or “Show Recently Used Tools” commands from the pop-up menu to add the respective toolbar to the right end of the main toolbar.

To hide these two toolbars from the main toolbar, right-click in the blank or “empty” area towards the right end of the main toolbar to open a pop-up, or “contextual,” menu of choices. Alternatively, select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar. Then click either the “Hide Quick Tools” or “Hide Recently Used Tools” commands from the pop-up menu to remove the respective toolbar from the main toolbar.

The “Quick Tools” toolbar is fully customizable. You can add buttons to this toolbar for the features and functions you want to always have available. Customizing the Quick Tools toolbar is discussed in a separate lesson. The “Recently Used Tools” toolbar simply shows your most recently used tools. This toolbar changes as you select tools, but is not otherwise customizable.

Apart from the main toolbar, you will see toolbars appear under the main toolbar for tool sets that you open from either the “Tools” pane or the “Tools” view. When opening any of these toolbars, they appear under the main toolbar and replace the previous tool set toolbar shown, if any were previously opened. At the left end of the toolbar is the icon and name of the tool set. Towards the right end are the buttons within that tool set, followed by an “X” button that you can click to close the toolbar. To switch the tool set toolbar shown, click the current tool set name at the left end of the toolbar and then select the tool set to show in the toolbar from the drop-down menu. To return to the document and close the toolbar, select the “Back to Document” command from the same drop-down menu, instead.

You cannot customize the buttons shown in the tool set toolbars, but you can show or hide button labels for the currently displayed tool set toolbar. To do this, right-click in the blank or “empty” area of the tool set toolbar to show a pop-up menu. Then select the “Show All Labels” command in the pop-up menu to toggle the display of the button’s labels on or off. Alternatively, you can select “View| Show/Hide| Button Labels” from the Menu Bar to toggle the display of button labels in the current tool set toolbar on or off.



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1.8- The Common Tools Toolbar:

The left end of the toolbar that appears under the Tabbed Documents Bar in the “Documents” view contains the “Common Tools” toolbar. The Common Tools toolbar is a collection of commonly-used buttons, grouped by different button set categories. This lesson examines the default toolbar buttons that appear within this toolbar at the left end of the main toolbar in the “Document” view.

At the far-left end is a “Save file” button, which lets you save changes to the currently opened PDF. To the right is the “Save files to Adobe Document Cloud” button, which lets you upload the currently opened PDF to Adobe’s Document cloud so you can access it from anywhere with a connected device. Continuing to the right is the “Print file” button, which you can click to print the currently opened PDF. After that is the “Send file as an email attachment” button, which lets you send the current PDF file by traditional email or by using Acrobat’s “Send and Track” feature. The last button in this button group is the “Find text” button. Clicking this button let you locate specific text within the current PDF.

Next is a button dividing line that separates the file management and editing buttons from the page navigation and display buttons. To the right of the dividing line are the “Show previous page” and “Show next page” buttons, which are marked with up and down arrows. These buttons let you move to the next or previous pages of the current PDF. Continuing to the right is a box with a number in it, followed by a forward slash and then another number. The number inside the box is the current page number. The second number, after the forward slash, is the total number of pages in the current PDF. To view a specific page, click into the box and type the page number to view. Then press your keyboard’s “Enter” key.

The buttons that appear to the right of the next dividing line are actually part of the separate “Page Controls” toolbar. As mentioned earlier, this toolbar can either appear to the right of the “Common Tools” toolbar in the main toolbar area or floating over the bottom of the PDF window by clicking the button at its right end to toggle its position onscreen.

While the buttons that were just mentioned are the buttons that appear by default within the “Common Tools” toolbar, they are not the only buttons available. You can also add or remove buttons from the “Common Tools” toolbar. We will discuss customizing the Common Tools toolbar in a separate lesson.

1.9- Customizing the Common Tools Toolbar:

You can easily add and remove buttons from the Common Tools toolbar. This is the toolbar shown at the left end of the main toolbar under the Tabbed Documents Bar in the “Documents” view. The Common Tools toolbar is a collection of commonly-used buttons, grouped by different button set categories.

The button set categories that can appear in the Common Tools toolbar are “File Tools,” “Edit Tools,” “Page Navigation Tools,” “Page Display Tools,” and “Select & Zoom Tools.” Buttons added to this toolbar from the “File Tools” and “Edit Tools” button set categories appear in the button group to the left of the dividing line within this toolbar. Buttons added from the “Page Navigation Tools,” “Page Display Tools,” and “Select & Zoom Tools” button set categories appear to the right of the dividing line.

There are two ways to add buttons to and remove buttons from the Common Tools toolbar in Adobe Acrobat DC. One way is to right-click the blank or “empty” area within the main toolbar to open a pop-up menu of commands. Alternatively, select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar to see the same menu of commands as a side menu of choices.

After performing either action, the names of the button sets appear in the top section of the menu. To see the specific buttons available within a button set, roll your mouse pointer over any button set name. Buttons shown with a checkmark next to their names currently appear in the toolbar. Buttons without a checkmark do not appear in the toolbar. You can click the name of a button in the side menu of choices for

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1.9- Customizing the Common Tools Toolbar- (cont'd.):

each button set to toggle the checkmark, and thus the button's visibility within the toolbar, on or off. As mentioned earlier in this lesson, the buttons appear within their designated “side” of the Common Tools toolbar. You cannot change the placement or positioning of these buttons within the Common Tools toolbar.

Also, at the bottom of each button set menu is a general “Show All [button set name]” command. To add all the buttons within the selected button set to the Common Tools toolbar, select that command in the menu. For example, to add all the buttons within the “Edit Tools” button set to the Common Tools Toolbar, choose the “Show All Edit Tools” command.

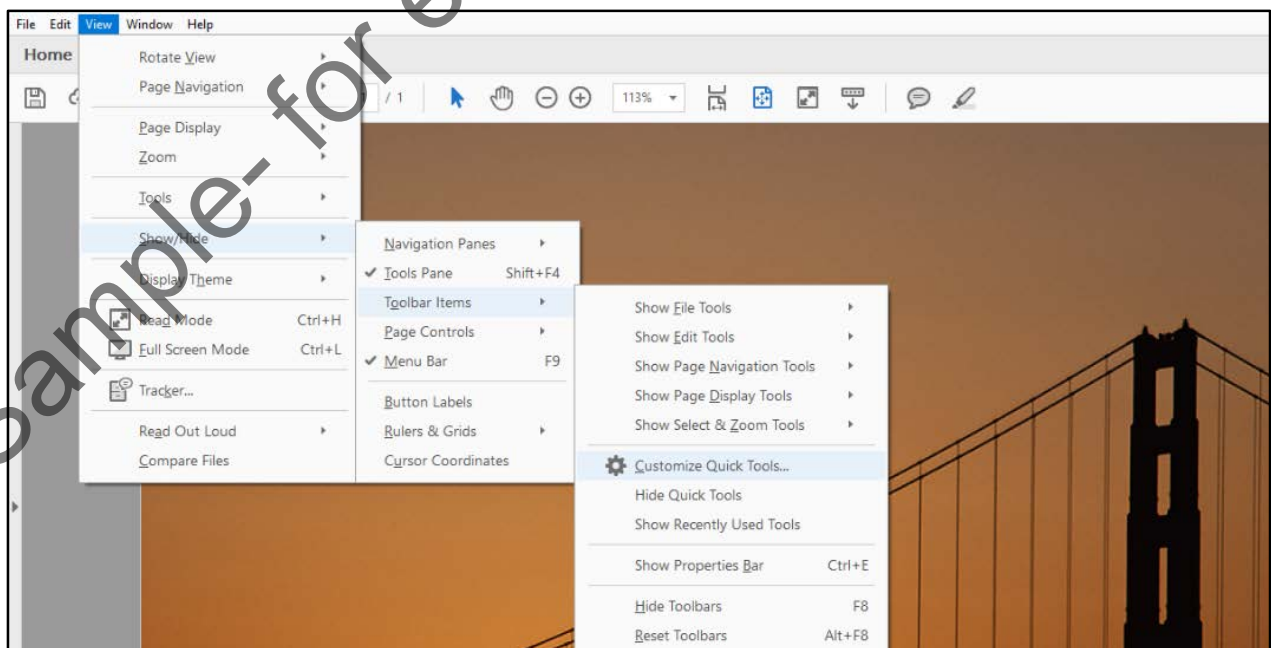
To reset a button set to its default settings after customizing it, select the “Reset [button set name]” command from the button set’s menu of choices. For example, to reset the buttons in the “Edit” button set to their default, select the “Reset Edit Tools” command from the button set’s menu.

1.10- Customizing the Quick Tools Toolbar:

If it is shown within the main toolbar in the “Document” view, you can also easily add and remove buttons from the Quick Tools toolbar. You can add buttons to this toolbar for the features and functions you want to always have available. If enabled, the “Quick Tools” toolbar appears towards the right end of the main toolbar under the Tabbed Documents Bar in the “Documents” view.

The Quick Tools toolbar only contains two buttons, by default. The left button is the “Add sticky note” button, which you can click to add sticky notes as comments to the currently displayed PDF. The right button is the “Highlight text” button, which you can click to enable highlighting of text within the currently displayed PDF.

To customize the Quick Tools toolbar, either select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar to show a side menu of choices or right-click the blank or “empty” area within the main toolbar to open a pop-up menu. After performing either action, then click the “Customize Quick Tools...” command in the menu that appears to open the “Customize Quick Tools” dialog box.



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1.10- Customizing the Quick Tools Toolbar - (cont'd.):

In the upper-right section of the “Customize Quick Tools” dialog box are four buttons. The first button is the “Add Divider to Toolbar” button. Dividers are nonfunctional elements that help organize button groups. Continuing to the right, the “Move Left” and “Move Right” buttons then appear. The last button to the right is the “Remove from Toolbar” button.

Below these buttons, the buttons to show in the Quick Tools toolbar appear within the “Tools to show in Toolbar” section. You can click a button or divider within this section to select it. The selected item’s background color turns light blue to show it is selected. To modify the selected item, then use the buttons in the upper-right corner.

To add a divider to the right of the selected item, click the “Add Divider to Toolbar” button. To move the selected item one spot to the left, click the “Move Left” button. To move the selected item one spot to the right, click the “Move Right” button. To remove the selected item, click the “Remove from Quick Tools Toolbar” button.

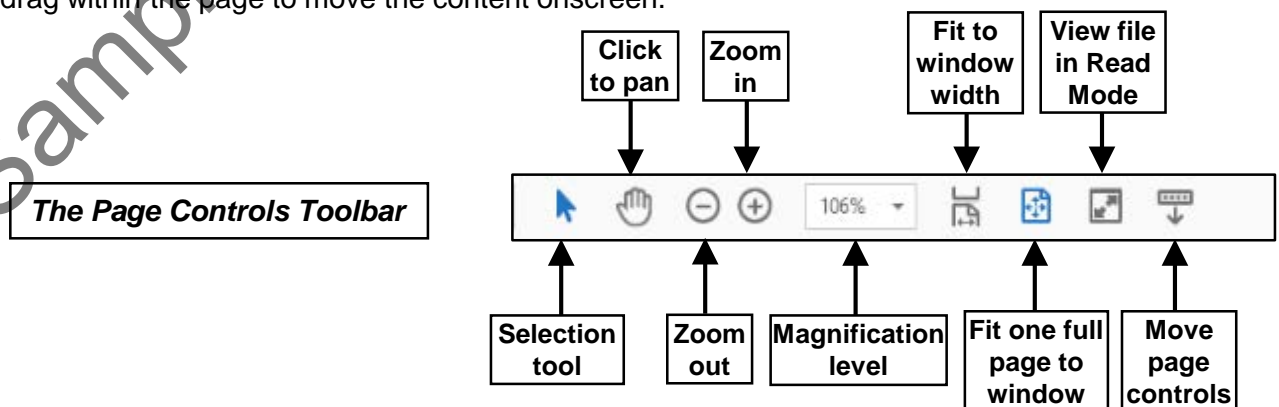
To add a button to the right of the selected item within the Quick Tools toolbar, find the button to add within the button groupings shown in the “Choose tools to add” section. You can expand and collapse the button groups by clicking the title of each grouping. When you find the button to add in this list, click it to select it. Then click the “Add to Toolbar” button to the right of the button list.

After you have finished customizing the Quick Tools toolbar, click the “Save” button at the bottom of the dialog box to save and apply the customizations. If needed, you can also instead click the “Cancel” button within the dialog box to cancel any changes you have made to the Quick Tools toolbar. Then just click the “Yes” button in the confirmation message box that appears to discard the changes you made.

1.11- The Page Controls Toolbar:

If shown in the main toolbar when using the “Document” view of a PDF, the “Page Controls” toolbar appears to the right of the “Common Tools” toolbar and to the left of the “Quick Tools” toolbar, if shown. This toolbar contains buttons that let you control the navigation and appearance of PDF pages within the view. You cannot customize the buttons within this toolbar.

At the left end of this toolbar is the arrow-shaped “Selection tool” button. You can click this button to activate the Selection tool. This button then turns blue to show it is selected. The Selection tool lets you select text and images in PDF pages. To the right of the “Selection tool” button, is a button that looks like a hand. This is the “Pan tool” button. You can click this button to activate the Pan tool. The button then turns blue to show that the Pan tool is selected. When examining a magnified PDF page, this tool lets you click and drag within the page to move the content onscreen.



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1.11- The Page Controls Toolbar- (cont'd.):

Continuing to the right, the “Zoom out” and “Zoom in” buttons appear next. Clicking the “Zoom out” button decreases the magnification of the PDF pages and clicking the “Zoom in” button increases their magnification. The drop-down to the right of these buttons shows the current magnification level. You can click the drop-down button to show a drop-down menu of different magnification levels, from which you can select, to change the PDF page magnification.

To the right of the magnification drop-down is a “Fit to window width and enable scrolling” button, a “Fit one full page to window” button, and a “View file in Read Mode” button. You can click these buttons to change the way Acrobat displays the open PDF pages. If you click the “View file in Read Mode” button, note that this toolbar moves to the bottom of the PDF page and you can then click the “Show main toolbar” button at its right end to return to the normal PDF view.

To the right of the “View file in Read Mode” button is a “Move page controls out of the toolbar” button. When you click this button, the “Page control” toolbar then appears as a floating toolbar at the bottom of the PDF window. You can return the toolbar to the main toolbar area by clicking the “Move page controls into toolbar” button at the far-right end of the floating toolbar.

1.12- Resetting All Customizable Toolbars:

You can reset all the customizable toolbars in Acrobat DC back to their default states, if needed. To reset all toolbars back to their default states, right-click the blank or “empty” area within the main toolbar or select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar. Then select the “Reset Toolbars” command in the menu that appears. This resets the appearance of the Common Tools toolbar and the Quick Tools toolbar. It also removes all buttons from the “Recently Used Tools” toolbar.

1.13- Showing and Hiding All Toolbars and the Menu Bar:

You can show and hide all the toolbars within Acrobat DC, if desired. You can also show and hide the Menu Bar, if needed. To show or hide all the toolbars, select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar to show a side menu or right-click in the blank or “empty” area of the main toolbar to open a pop-up menu. Then select either the “Hide Toolbars” or “Show Toolbars” command from the menu that appears, as needed. You can also press the keyboard shortcut of “F8” on your keyboard to toggle the display of all the toolbars on and off. This can be useful to note in case you accidentally press the “F8” key on your keyboard when working in Acrobat.

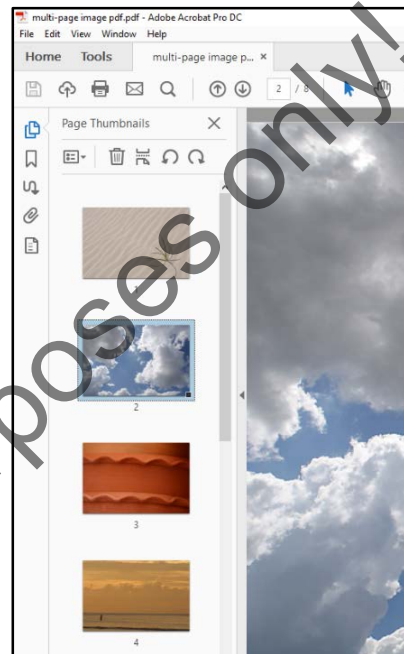
You can also show or hide the Menu Bar by selecting “View| Show/Hide” from the Menu Bar to show a side menu or by right-clicking in the blank or “empty” area of the main toolbar to open a pop-up menu. Then select the “Menu Bar” command from the menu that appears to toggle its display on or off. Also, pressing the “F9” key on your keyboard toggles the display of the Menu Bar both on and off. This is also useful to remember in case you accidentally press the “F9” key on your keyboard while working in Adobe Acrobat. It also helps to quickly show the Menu Bar after hiding it, as you cannot select the “Menu Bar” command from the Menu Bar after it is hidden.

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1.14- The Navigation Pane:

The Navigation Pane, which appears as a collapsed pane at the left side of the main document window, displays three buttons by default. When clicked, each button opens a different panel within the Navigation Pane. The three buttons shown by default within the Navigation Pane are “Page Thumbnails,” “Bookmarks,” and “Attachments.” In this lesson, you will learn about the functions available within these panels.

You can right-click the button bar at the far-left side of the Navigation Pane to see a pop-up menu of buttons that represent all the available panels that can appear within the Navigation Pane. Buttons within this pop-up menu that show a checkmark next to their names currently appear within the button bar in the Navigation Pane. Buttons without a checkmark next to their names do not appear here. You can click the button names in the pop-up menu to show the associated panels within the Navigation Pane and add the button to the button bar at the left side of the Navigation Pane. After that, you can then simply click the associated button at the left side of the Navigation Pane in the future to view the associated panel. To remove the panel buttons you have added to the Navigation Pane, right-click the Navigation Pane and then select the “Reset Panes” command to reset the display of the Navigation Pane to its original three buttons.



Click the “Page Thumbnails” button to display the Page Thumbnails panel. Here, small “thumbnail” images of each page in the currently displayed PDF appear. You can see each page’s page number below each thumbnail image. You can click a thumbnail to display the associated page in the document window pane. You can use the scrollbar at the right side of the panel to scroll through many pages, if needed.

At the top of this panel are a few buttons. Each panel that appears within the Navigation Pane contains a toolbar at the top of the panel. Let's look at the buttons in the toolbar at the top of the "Page Thumbnails" pane. The "Options" button is the one with the drop-down menu. This menu contains common page editing tools. The "Delete Pages," "Insert page from another file," "Rotate Counterclockwise," and "Rotate Clockwise" buttons appear to the right. In the upper-right corner of the Navigation Pane, you can click the "Close" button to close the panel you are currently viewing within the Navigation Pane. This button appears within all the panels in this pane.

Click the “Bookmarks” button below the “Page Thumbnails” button in the Navigation Pane to expand the Bookmarks panel. This panel lets you navigate through bookmarks in a PDF. The leftmost button in the toolbar at the top of the “Bookmarks” panel is the “Options” button, which contains commands used to manage bookmarks. There are also buttons that let you delete bookmarks, add a new bookmark, or find the current bookmark. Notice how, when you click on the various bookmarks in the pane, the main document window changes to reflect those bookmark points in the active PDF file. To collapse this pane, click the “Close” button at the top of the panel.

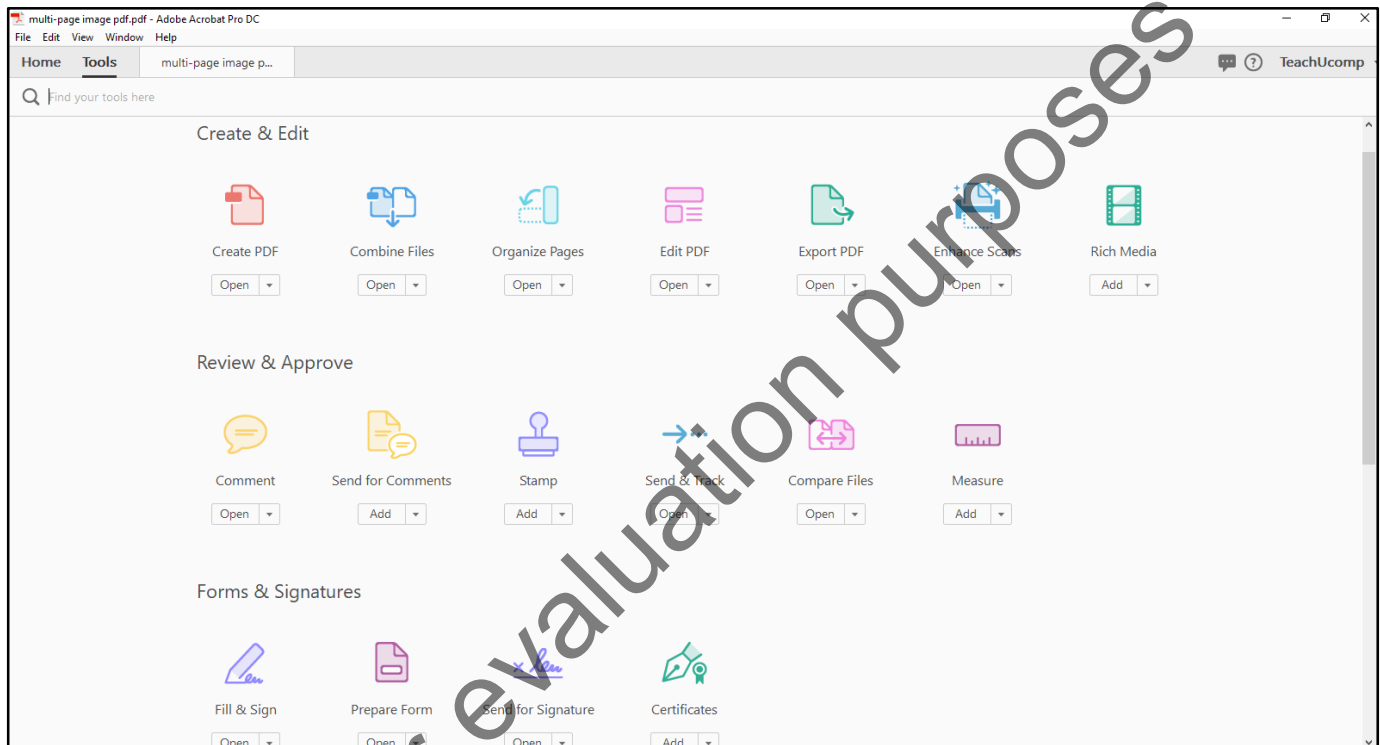
Click the “Attachments” button underneath the “Bookmarks” button in the Navigation Pane to expand the Attachments panel. This panel behaves in much the same way as the Bookmarks panel. In the toolbar at the top of the panel is an “Options” button, which contains commands related to file attachments. The toolbar also contains buttons for opening, saving, adding new, deleting, and searching for attachments.

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1.15- The Tools Center:

Acrobat's "Tools" view shows all the software's tools on one screen. You can use the scroll bar to the right of the screen to access all the tool categories. Each tool is represented by a labeled button above a drop-down menu. You can access a tool by either clicking its button or by selecting the "Open" command from its drop-down menu.

The Tools Center



The first category is the “Create and Edit” tool group. These tools let you access PDF creation and editing features. The “Create PDF” tool lets you quickly create a PDF document from any format. The “Combine Files” tool lets you combine and arrange multiple files into a single PDF. The “Organize Pages” tool lets you edit a PDF by deleting, inserting, extracting, and rotating pages. The “Edit PDF” tool lets you edit images and text within a PDF file. The “Export PDF” tool lets you convert PDF files into Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations, and more. The “Enhance Scans” tool lets you convert photos or scans of paper documents into “smart” documents with selectable and searchable text. The “Rich Media” tool lets you incorporate audio, video, and interactive objects into a PDF.

The “Review and Approve” category of tools provides several tools that are useful when many people must work on the same PDF file. The “Comment” tool lets you add comments to PDF files using highlights, sticky notes, and other mark-up tools. The “Send for Comments” tool lets you automatically collect comments from multiple people in a single PDF. The “Stamp” tool lets you add stamps like “Approved” or “Draft” to a PDF document. The “Send and Track” tool lets you send documents to others and track others’ views and downloads of documents. The “Compare Files” tool lets you compare and highlight differences between two files. The “Measure” tool lets you measure the distance, area, and perimeter of objects in a PDF.

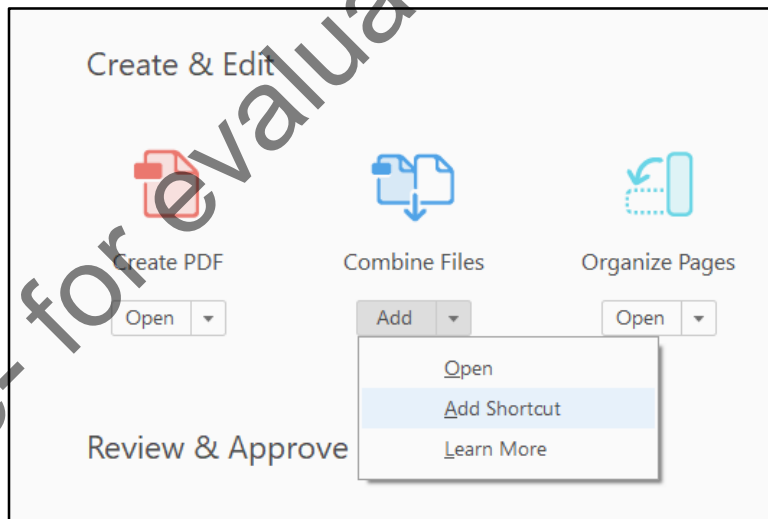
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1.16- Customizing the Tools Pane:

You can customize the Tools Pane in Acrobat to suit your needs. The Tools Center displays all of Acrobat's features in one place. However, the Tools Pane can be adjusted to display only shortcuts to the tools you want. Customizing the Tools Pane does not change Acrobat's ability to perform tasks; it merely helps to improve workflow by putting the features you want "at your fingertips." You can add shortcuts to the Tools Pane, remove shortcuts from the Pane, and even rearrange shortcuts within the Tools Pane.

To add a shortcut to the Tools Pane, first locate the tool in the Tools Center. For example, to add a shortcut to the “Combine Files” feature to the Tools Pane, click the drop-down arrow below the “Combine Files” tool in the Tools Center. Then select “Add Shortcut” from the drop-down menu that appears. Acrobat displays a “Combine Files” shortcut at the bottom of the Tools Pane. Once the shortcut has been added, it will always appear in the Tools Pane. If you switch to the Document view, you can see that the shortcut to the “Combine Files” tool is available in the Tools Pane. You can now access the “Combine Files” tool without having to switch to the Tools View.

You can remove a shortcut from the Tools Pane using one of three methods. First, you can simply right-click the shortcut in the pane and select “Remove Shortcut” from the menu that appears. Second, you can remove a shortcut from the Tools Pane by clicking the “X” that appears on the right side of the shortcut button in the Tools Pane when you hover your mouse pointer over it. Finally, you can remove shortcuts from the Tools Pane from within the Tools Center. Click the drop-down of the tool’s shortcut to remove, and then select the “Remove Shortcut” command. Doing any of these actions removes the shortcut from the Tools Pane. Keep in mind that removing a shortcut does not delete the tool from Acrobat. Once a shortcut is removed from the Tools Pane, its associated feature will still be accessible in the Tools Center.



You can rearrange shortcuts in the Tools Pane using two methods. First, you can simply click and drag any shortcut button to move the button up or down in the Tools Pane. As you click and drag, a grey bar will appear in the Tools Pane. This bar indicates the spot in the pane where the shortcut button will be displayed. When the grey bar appears in the spot where you want the shortcut, release the mouse button. The grey bar disappears, and Acrobat moves the shortcut button to your desired location in the pane. You can also rearrange shortcut buttons by right-clicking on any shortcut and selecting the “Move Up” or “Move Down” command from the menu that appears. The “Move Up” and “Move Down” commands will move a shortcut button one space at a time.

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THE ACROBAT ENVIRONMENT:

1. Acrobat Pro DC has three different views: The Home view, the Tools view, and the Document view. The Home view is the initial view that appears when you first launch Acrobat Pro DC and do not have a document open.
2. The Menu Bar contains the “File” “Edit” “View” “Window” and “Help” menu commands.
3. **To open any Menu Bar drop-down menu**, click the name of the menu in the Menu Bar.
4. Just below the Menu Bar is the Tabbed Documents Bar, which lets you switch between Acrobat’s views.
5. **To display the “Home” view**, click the “Home” button.
6. **To display the “Tools” view**, click the “Tools” button.
7. If no PDF is opened in Acrobat, the Tabbed Documents Bar does not display the “Document” view tab. However, if you open a PDF in Acrobat, a tab appears to the right of the “Tools” button and displays the document’s name.
8. **To display Acrobat’s “Document” view**, click the tab displaying the PDF name.
9. If you open multiple documents in Acrobat, the Tabbed Documents Bar displays multiple tabs.
10. **To view the “Document” view of any open PDF**, click the name of any tabbed document in the Tabbed Documents Bar.
11. **To access and manage your Adobe account**, click the “My Account” drop-down menu located to the right of the Tabbed Documents Bar.

THE ACROBAT HOME VIEW:

1. **To display the “Home” view**, click the “Home” button in the Tabbed Documents Bar.
2. By default, the “Home” view displays “Recent Files” on the right side of the screen.
3. **To open a PDF file listed on the right side of the screen**, double-click on the file name.
4. **To display a different file list or storage list**, click one of the text buttons on the left side of the screen.

THE ACROBAT TOOLS VIEW:

1. To display the “Tools” view, click the “Tools” button in the Tabbed Documents Bar.
2. To find a tool using the “Search for tools” feature, type search terms into the text field next to the magnifying glass.
3. To access all categories of tools, use the scroll bar to the right of the Tools screen.
4. To collapse the Tools pane, click the small triangle to the left of the pane.
5. To expand the Tools pane, click the triangle again.

THE ACROBAT DOCUMENT VIEW:

1. **To access the “Document” view from the Home view**, double-click on any recently-opened PDF document listed in the Home view.
2. Acrobat's Document view can be displayed as two different interfaces: The “Single Document Interface” is displayed when only one PDF is opened in Acrobat. The “Multiple Document Interface” is displayed when more than one PDF is opened in Acrobat at the same time.
3. **To view open PDFs in the “Multiple Document Interface” view**, click between tabs in the Tabbed Documents Bar.

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THE MENU BAR:

1. To display drop-down menus in the Menu Bar, click any Menu Bar command.
2. To access commands for opening, editing, and saving PDFs, click the “File” menu.
3. To access commands for making changes to PDFs in Acrobat, click the “Edit” menu.
4. To access commands related to the way PDFs appear onscreen, click the “View” menu.
5. To access commands for managing windows in Acrobat, click the “Window” menu.
6. To access Adobe online support and account management, click the “Help” menu.
7. To view keyboard shortcuts for many Acrobat commands, look to the right of the Menu Bar commands within the Menu Bar’s drop-down menus.

TOOLBARS IN ADOBE ACROBAT:

1. Toolbars only appear in the “Document” view. All toolbars NOT opened using either the “Tools” pane or “Tools” view appear within a single toolbar underneath the Tabbed Documents Bar.
2. The main toolbar under the Tabbed Documents Bar has buttons divided into three groups, separated by dividing lines within the main toolbar.
3. The two button groups at the left end of the main toolbar contain buttons that are collectively called the “Common Tools” toolbar buttons.
4. To the right of the “Common Tools” toolbar buttons are the “Page Controls” toolbar buttons.
5. **To pop the Page Controls toolbar buttons out of the main toolbar and then have them appear over the bottom of the PDF in the “Document” view**, click the “Move page controls out of toolbar” button at the right end of the button group.
6. **To place the buttons back into the main toolbar**, click the “Move page controls into toolbar” button at its right end.
7. **To display the “Quick Tools” toolbar and/or the “Recently Used Tools” toolbar within the main toolbar**, right-click in the blank or “empty” area towards the right end of the main toolbar to open a pop-up menu of choices.
8. **Alternatively**, select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar.
9. After performing either task, then click either the “Show Quick Tools” or “Show Recently Used Tools” commands from the pop-up menu to add the respective toolbar to the right end of the main toolbar.
10. **To hide these two toolbars from the main toolbar**, right-click in the blank or “empty” area towards the right end of the main toolbar to open a pop-up menu of choices.
11. **Alternatively**, select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar.
12. After performing either task, click either the “Hide Quick Tools” or “Hide Recently Used Tools” commands from the pop-up menu to remove the respective toolbar from the main toolbar.
13. Toolbars appear under the main toolbar for tool sets you open. At the left end of the toolbar is the icon and name of the tool set, followed to the right by the buttons in the tool set, followed by an “X” button.
14. **To close an active tool set toolbar**, click the “X” button at its right end.
15. **To switch the tool set toolbar shown**, click the current tool set name at the left end of the toolbar and then select the tool set to show in the toolbar from the drop-down menu
16. **To return to the document and close the toolbar**, select the “Back to Document” command from the same drop-down menu, instead.
17. **To show or hide button labels for the currently displayed tool set toolbar**, right-click in the blank or “empty” area of the tool set toolbar to show a pop-up menu.
18. Then select the “Show All Labels” command in the pop-up menu to toggle button labels on or off.

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THE COMMON TOOLS TOOLBAR:

1. **To save changes to the currently opened PDF**, click the “Save file” button.
2. **To upload the currently opened PDF to Adobe’s Document cloud**, click the “Save files to Adobe Document Cloud” button.
3. **To print the currently opened PDF**, click the “Print file” button.
4. **To send the current PDF file by traditional email or by using Acrobat’s “Send and Track” feature**, click the “Send file as an email attachment” button.
5. **To locate specific text within the current PDF**, click the “Find text” button.
6. **To move to the next or previous pages of the current PDF**, use the “Show previous page” and “Show next page” buttons.
7. **To view a specific page in the open PDF**, click into the current page text box and type the page number to view.
8. Then press your keyboard’s “Enter” key.

CUSTOMIZING THE COMMON TOOLS TOOLBAR:

1. The button set categories that can appear in the Common Tools toolbar are “File Tools,” “Edit Tools,” “Page Navigation Tools,” “Page Display Tools,” and “Select & Zoom Tools.”
2. **To add buttons to and remove buttons from the Common Tools toolbar**, right-click the blank or “empty” area within the main toolbar to open a pop-up menu of commands.
3. **Alternatively**, select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar to see the same menu of commands as a side menu of choices.
4. After performing either action, the names of the button sets appear in the top section of the menu.
5. **To see the specific buttons available within a button set**, roll your mouse pointer over any button set name. Buttons shown with a checkmark next to their names currently appear in the toolbar. Buttons without a checkmark do not appear in the toolbar.
6. **To toggle a button checkmark, and thus the button’s visibility within the toolbar, on or off**, click the name of a button in the side menu of choices for each button set.
7. **To add all the buttons within the selected button set to the Common Tools toolbar**, click the “Show All [button set name]” option at the bottom of the button set menu.
8. **To reset a button set to its default settings after customizing it**, select the “Reset [button set name]” command from the button set’s menu of choices.

CUSTOMIZING THE QUICK TOOLS TOOLBAR:

1. **To customize the Quick Tools toolbar**, either select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar to show a side menu of choices or right-click the blank or “empty” area within the main toolbar to open a pop-up menu.
 2. After performing either action, then click the “Customize Quick Tools...” command in the menu to open the “Customize Quick Tools” dialog box.
 3. **To select a button or divider within the “Tools to show in Toolbar” area of the “Customize Quick Tools” dialog box**, click the divider or button.
 4. **To modify the selected item**, use the buttons in the upper-right corner of the “Customize Quick Tools” dialog box.
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CUSTOMIZING THE QUICK TOOLS TOOLBAR- (CONT'D.):

5. **To add a divider to the right of the selected item**, click the “Add Divider to Toolbar” button
6. **To move the selected item one spot to the left**, click the “Move Left” button.
7. **To move the selected item one spot to the right**, click the “Move Right” button.
8. **To remove the selected item**, click the “Remove from Quick Tools Toolbar” button.
9. **To add a button to the right of the selected item within the Quick Tools toolbar**, find the button to add within the button groupings shown in the “Choose tools to add” section. You can expand and collapse the button groups by clicking the title of each grouping.
10. When you find the button to add in this list, click it to select it.
11. Then click the “Add to Toolbar” button to the right of the button list.
12. **To save and apply your customizations**, click the “Save” button at the bottom of the dialog box.
13. **To cancel and discard any changes you have made to the Quick Tools toolbar**, if needed, click the “Cancel” button within the dialog box.
14. Then click the “Yes” button in the confirmation message box that appears.

THE PAGE CONTROLS TOOLBAR:

1. The “Page Controls” toolbar appears to the right of the “Common Tools” toolbar and to the left of the “Quick Tools” toolbar in Document view, if shown. This toolbar contains buttons that let you control the navigation and appearance of PDF pages.
2. **To activate the Selection tool**, click the arrow-shaped “Selection tool” button.
3. **To activate the Pan tool**, click the “Pan tool” button.
4. **To decrease the magnification of the PDF**, click the “Zoom out” button.
5. **To increase the magnification of the PDF**, click the “Zoom in” button.
6. **To show a drop-down menu of different magnification levels to choose from**, click the drop-down to the right of the zoom buttons.
7. **To change the way Acrobat displays open PDF pages**, use the “Fit to window width and enable scrolling” button, the “Fit one full page to window” button, or the “View file in Read Mode” button.
8. **To make the “Page control” toolbar appear as a floating toolbar at the bottom of the PDF window**, click the “Move page controls out of the toolbar” button.
9. **To return the floating toolbar to the main toolbar area**, click the “Move page controls into toolbar” button at the far-right end of the floating toolbar.

RESETTING ALL CUSTOMIZABLE TOOLBARS:

1. To reset all toolbars back to their default states, right-click the blank or “empty” area within the main toolbar or select “View| Show/Hide| Toolbar Items” from the Menu Bar.
2. Then select the “Reset Toolbars” command in the menu that appears.

SHOWING AND HIDING ALL TOOLBARS AND THE MENU BAR:

- ## THE NAVIGATION PANE:

- ## THE TOOLS CENTER :

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THE TOOLS CENTER (CONT'D.):

- 6. To access Acrobat's tools for working with interactive documents, forms, and signatures,** use tools from the "Forms and Signatures" category.
- 7. To access features that prepare PDF files for distribution,** use tools from the "Protect and Standardize" category.
- 8. To customize Acrobat's features,** use tools from the "Customize" category.
- 9. To display a tool's "view,"** click the tool from within the Tools Center.
- 10. To close a tool's "view,"** click the "Close" button on the far-right side of that view's secondary toolbar.
- On the right side of the Tools screen is the Tools pane. This pane contains shortcuts to some of Acrobat's most commonly-used features.
- 12. To collapse the pane,** click the small triangle to the left of the Tools pane.
- 13. To expand the pane,** click the triangle again.

CUSTOMIZING THE TOOLS PANE:

1. The Tools Pane can be adjusted to display only shortcuts to the tools you want. Customizing the Tools Pane does not change Acrobat's ability to perform tasks; it merely helps to improve workflow.
2. **To add a shortcut to the Tools Pane**, first locate the tool in the Tools Center.
3. Then click the tool's drop-down arrow and select "Add Shortcut" from the drop-down menu.
4. **To remove a shortcut from the Tools Pane**, right-click the shortcut in the pane and select "Remove Shortcut" from the menu that appears.
5. **Alternatively**, click the "X" that appears on the right side of the shortcut button in the Tools Pane when you hover your mouse pointer over it.
6. **Alternatively, to remove shortcuts from the Tools Pane from within the Tools Center**, click the drop-down of the tool's shortcut to remove, and then select the "Remove Shortcut" command
7. Removing a shortcut does not delete the tool from Acrobat. Once a shortcut is removed from the Tools Pane, its associated feature is still accessible in the Tools Center.
8. **To rearrange shortcuts in the Tools Pane**, click and drag any shortcut button to move the button up or down in the Tools Pane.
9. As you click and drag, a grey bar will appear in the Tools Pane. This bar indicates the spot in the pane where the shortcut button will be displayed.
10. When the grey bar appears in the spot where you want the shortcut, release the mouse button.
11. **Alternatively**, you can also rearrange shortcut buttons by right-clicking any shortcut and selecting the "Move Up" or "Move Down" command from the menu that appears..

Purpose:

- Exercises:**

Exercises- (cont'd.):

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