ADOBE READER® AND ACROBAT® X RELEASE NOTES



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OVERVIEW

Release date

X products will have a phased rollout as follows:

- Acrobat Standard and Pro (English, French, German, Japanese): November 15, 2010
- Reader X (English, French, German, Japanese): November 18, 2010
- Reader and Acrobat X (All other languages): December 15, 2010

Description

The Adobe® Reader® and Acrobat® X release is a major release for all supported languages and platforms. For an overview of new features, see http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat.html.

Download sizes

This is a major, full release. Refer to your preferred download media for the size (CD, DVD, Web, or box).

Download sizes will be provided for dot releases only.

Update sizes vary by product. Approximate download sizes in megabytes (Rounded to the nearest MB and based on the ENU installer where more than one language is provided):

Product	Windows	Macintosh	Lin/Sol
Full Reader (Reader Download Center)*	TBD	TBD	TBD
Full Reader for the enterprise*	TBD	TBD	TBD
Reader MUI (multi lingual)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Acrobat	TBD	TBD	TBD

^{*}RDC downloads are typically used by end users while enterprise admins typically download the installer directly from the FTP site. The RDC workflow typically involves the Adobe Download Manager, installs Reader from an EXE (for Windows), and provides additional tools such as the Google toolbar. Downloading from the FTP site usually involves only obtaining the base product via an MSI, MSP, or DMG file.

Definition of release types

Adobe defines each release type as follows:

- Major release: A major release associated with an incremented first number (e.g. 8, or 9) and an
 approximate 18 month product cycle. These are only available as separate purchases or upgrades.
- Quarterly update: A scheduled update that includes functional improvements, new security updates, and previously released out of cycle patch updates. For Reader, these can be either patches or full installers.
- Out of cycle patch: An unscheduled update targeted at security fixes. These contain few functional updates with the intention to limit impact. These are usually non-cumulative patch files.

Note: Both quarterly and out-of-cycle updates may provide security enhancements. Adobe recommends that all updates and patches be applied when available.

Deployment methods

Major releases provide full installers for both Acrobat and Reader in all supported languages and platforms.

End user updates

End users typically get the latest product version by doing one of the following:

- Updating the product manually by choosing Help > Check for Updates (Win and Mac only).
- Letting the product update itself when an update is detected if the application is configured to do so.
- For new installs, downloading the full Adobe Reader installers from the Reader Download Center.

Enterprise updates

Administrators and IT departments typically manage software installations in enterprise settings as follows:

- 1. Download the enterprise installer from ftp://ftp.adobe.com/pub/adobe/reader/ (or acrobat)
- 2. Distributing updates via your preferred enterprise methodology:
 - Apple Remote Desktop is now supported, and the Adobe Provisioning tool is now provided to streamline Acrobat deployments across the enterprise.
 - SCUP Catalogs are provided with the X release as part of expanding support for SCCM. Need link XXX
 - Performing full file administrative installations via administrative install points (AIP) along with GPO or some scripted mechanism.
 - Performing binary client installations using the bootstrapper to install the product on individual machines, sometimes in conjunction with SMS.

For details about all of these deployment methods, refer to the *Enterprise Administration Guide* on the <u>enterprise library</u>.

System requirements

This release defines the base system requirements for all 10.x products. Future changes will be noted in this table for each dot release.

For system requirement details, see http://kb2.adobe.com/cps/403/kb403532.html.

Version	Changes to base system requirements
x (10.0)	None. Set the baseline.

Changes that may affect enterprise workflows

This is a major release. Workflows should be thoroughly tested prior to migrating from 8.x and 9.x to 10.x products.

For additional version-related information, see the following:

- Compatibility overview page: http://www.adobe.com/devnet/reader/articles/reader_compatibility.html.
- Version interoperability and coexisting installations, see http://kb2.adobe.com/cps/333/333223.html.
- PDF-capable web browsers: http://kb2.adobe.com/cps/333/333504.html.
- PDFMaker-compatible applications (6.x 9.x on Windows and Mac): http://kb2.adobe.com/cps/333/333504.html.

Improvements

For an overview of new features, see http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat.html.

Known issues

For details, see http://kb2.adobe.com/cps/877/cpsid 87775.html.

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