

# The advantages and disadvantages of PDF

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## Compress large files

Imagine a room filled with filing cabinets. Imagine large files of paper to organize and look over. Now, imagine sending them over to an administrator. A filing clerk's nightmare? Not anymore. The PDF can make your job a lot more easier. Imagine a single desk with a computer. Imagine file names to scan over, convert and click on. Now, imagine sending them via e-mail... . The PDF's ability to compress large files is a worker's dream!

All things have two sides, with the advantages of the PDF, there come slight disadvantages too.

## Difficult to Edit

There are significant challenges to working with information received in PDF by another person. By its nature, PDF is not an editable document format - even though the appearance of a PDF document mirrors what you might see in a Microsoft Word document, it cannot easily be changed, revised or manipulated. Because the PDF is simply an image of a document, it is almost impossible to edit.

## Note:

This disadvantage can be easily worked around by converting the PDF file into another editable format. For example, you can easily convert pdf to dwg with a pdf to dwg converter for further editing.

## Various types of PDFS

While you can pretty much create a PDF using the same click and select methods every time, the way in which you input the information to create them can vary. It will affect the way in which some viewing and converting functions work.

Two types of PDFs exist: native PDFs and scanned PDFs. A native PDF is a PDF that is made from a document that was electronically processed. A scanned PDF is one that is made by scanning a physical paper document using a scanning device.

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