

PDF Builder Help File

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1) What can PDF Builder do for me?

PDF Builder was designed by SkySof Software with you, the end user, in mind. We saw a need for a program that could quickly and easily build PDF files on the fly from a variety of file types. Until now the only way to achieve this was by companies building their own applications from the limited number of development tools available for PDF file production which can be quite expensive. For only \$99.95 PDF BUilder is a very affordable solution.

With PDF Builder you can easily create PDF files from many different file types including TXT,XLS,DOC,RPT,PPT,JPG,GIF,BMP,TIF,DWG,DXF,MDB,etc. Combine files of different types all into a single PDF file simply by clicking a button! PDF Builder stores all file information in an Access Database so the PDF files can be created on the fly any time! After the PDF has been built the system can be configured to automatically open the PDF, copy the PDF, upload the PDF to a web server, restore links in a PDF file, set the open password in the PDF, print the PDF to a specific printer. Besides files you can also include web pages in your projects as well as directories containing PDF files.

2) Does PDF Builder require Adobe Acrobat?

Yes. You must have Adobe Acrobat installed to use PDF Builder. In addition, you need Adobe Acrobat Distiller installed which is included in the setup program for Acrobat.

PDF Builder works best with Adobe Acrobat 5.0 and 6.0

3) Before using PDF Builder how should I configure Adobe Acrobat Distiller?

- a) Select "Printers" from Window's Start Menu
- b) Right click on the Acrobat Distiller printer to see the popup menu
- c) Select "Printing Preferences..." from the menu
- d) Select tab "Adobe PDF Settings"
- e) Uncheck option "Do not send fonts to Distiller"
- f) Uncheck option "View Adobe PDF results"
- g) Uncheck option "Ask to replace existing PDF file"
- h) All the remaining items should be checked
- i) Click the OK Button to save your changes

4) I am having trouble running PDF Builder. What could be the cause of these problems?

PDF Builder requires that Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) 2.7 or greater be installed on your computer. These components are free and can be downloaded from <http://microsoft.com/data>

You must have Adobe Acrobat Distiller installed which comes included with Adobe Acrobat. To check if you have the Distiller installed select "Printers" from the Window's Menu. If you are using Adobe Acrobat 5.0 you should see "Adobe Acrobat Distiller". If you are running Adobe Acrobat 6.0 you should see "Adobe PDF". If you don't have the Distiller installed please run your setup disks for Adobe Acrobat, select the Distiller, and install it.

To create a PDF file from a Word document you must have Word installed on your computer. To create a PDF file from an Excel workbook you must have Excel installed. The same applies to Crystal Reports, Access Reports, Powerpoint files, and AutoCAD drawing files. Creating PDF files from image and text files does not require any other special software other than Adobe Acrobat.

After trying all of the above and you still cannot create PDF files please email SkySof Software at kusluski@mail.ic.net and we will try to help resolve your problem.

5) How do I run PDF Builder from the command prompt in quiet mode?

- a) Go to the command prompt (or select "Run..." from Window's menu)
- b) Type:

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c:\Program Files\PDF Builder\pdfb.exe projid:#
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The # represents a valid project ID number.

other parameters:

Parameter	Description
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open	Open the PDF file (Example: open)
link	Restore links in PDF file (Example: link)
print	Print the PDF file (Example: print:HP Deskjet 890C)
setpswd	Set an open password for the PDF file (Example: setpswd:opensezme)
copyto	Copy the PDF file to a specified path (Example: copyto:c:\Temp)
file	Copy the PDF file to a specified file name (Example: file:file.pdf)
upload	Upload the PDF file to a remote web server (Example: upload:/WebServer/MyDir)
rfile	The remote file name (Example: rfile:file.pdf)
host	The remote host name of the web server (Example: host:MyHost.net)
user	The user name for the web server (Example: user:johndoe)

pswd The password for the web server (Example: pswd:opensezme)
reduce Reduce the size of the PDF file (can be followed with 4,5, or 6 - Example: reduce:4)

Seperate each parameter with a comma.

Some examples:

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"c:\Program Files\PDF Builder\pdfb.exe" projid:1,open,link,print:HP Deskjet 890C,setpswd:opensezme,copyto:c:\Temp,file:file.pdf
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"c:\Program Files\PDF Builder\pdfb.exe" projid:1,open,upload:/remoteserver/mydir,rfile:file.pdf,host:server.net,user:john,pswd:opensezme
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"c:\Program Files\PDF Builder\pdfb.exe" projid:1,reduce:6
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Note: Passed parameters override settings in the PDF Builder program.

Three batch files (A.BAT, B.BAT, C.BAT) located in the application's path have been included for your convenience.

Review the contents of these files before running them to understand their purpose.

6) How can I arrange the order of files in the file list?

This is accomplished through dragging and dropping.

Move the mouse cursor over the file you want to move then press the right mouse button. You should see a hand icon.

With the right mouse button held down move the hand to the new position in the list and release the mouse button to

drop the file on the new location.

7) What advantages does PDF Builder have over the "Create PDF from multiple files" menu option in Adobe Acrobat?

- a) PDF Builder creates PDFs much faster than Adobe does
- b) PDF Builder creates a much smaller PDF file - up to 30% smaller
- c) With PDF Builder you can easily automate creation of PDF files - run PDF Builder from the command prompt, add it to a batch file
- d) PDF Builder automatically restores lost links (if desired) in PDF files
- e) PDF Builder automatically sets an open password (if desired) for the PDF file
- f) PDF Builder can handle multiple worksheets/ranges in an Excel workbook, Adobe cannot
- g) PDF Builder can handle multiple layouts in an AutoCAD drawing, Adobe cannot
- h) PDF Builder can handle specific pages in a Word document, Adobe cannot

- i) PDF Builder automates the process of opening password protected files, Adobe does not - you must manually type them in
- j) PDF Builder can create PDFs from Access reports, Adobe cannot
- k) PDF Builder will send the PDF file to a specific printer (if desired)
- l) PDF Builder allows you to mix and match print modes - portrait or landscape
- m) With PDF Builder you can specify start and end slides in Powerpoint files
- n) With PDF Builder you can add page numbers to PDF files created from Excel workbooks
- o) PDF Builder can be configured to automatically copy a PDF file to a specific folder
- p) PDF Builder can be configured to automatically upload a PDF file to a web server
- q) PDF Builder can create a single PDF file from multiple PDF files in a specific directory
- r) And best of all - PDF Builder allows you to create projects which contain multiple files from which the PDF file will be built which can be run at any time by simply clicking a button! Now that's power!

8) How do I stop PDF Builder from making sounds when my mouse cursor passes over/selects a button and when a PDF file completes building?

- a) On the main screen select "Options..." from the Systems Menu
- b) Uncheck "Sounds"
- c) Click the Save Button

Alternatively you may substitute the files CLIQUE.WAV, HOVER.WAV, and TADA.WAV (found in the application's path) with your own sound wave files. You also have the option of deleting these files.

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