Converting Documents to Portable Document Format (PDF)

When completing a grant application package, you may find that some grant-making agencies recommend that applicants submit attachments to Grants.gov as a PDF. Using PDF allows you to preserve the formatting of your document.

How can you convert your documents to portable document format?

PDF generator software is available to help you save your documents as PDFs. There are several programs available for both PCs and Macs, along with websites that will perform the conversion for you.

Please note: When naming your file, please do not use special characters or spaces in the file names. It has been found that files that do have special characters or spaces in the title are not recognized as .pdfs by some systems.

The list below contains some of the PDF generators on the market, many of which are free or very low-cost. Grants.gov does not endorse any particular software.

Note: *Please consult vendor websites for additional information. The websites are listed in alphabetical order and the vendor descriptions were accurate as of July 2004.*

Adobe:
http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobatstd/main.html
Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC or Mac)

BLC Technologies:
http://www.gohtm.com/
Web-based converter. Vendor e-mails PDF back to you. (For PC or Mac)

Blue Squirrel:
http://www.bluesquirrel.com/products/Click2PDF/
Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

Create Adobe PDF Online:
https://createpdf.adobe.com/index.pl/
Web-based converter. Vendor e-mails PDF back to you. (For PC or Mac)

CutePDF:
http://www.cutepdf.com
Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

Go2PDF:
http://www.go2pdf.com
Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

PdfF995:
http://site4.pdf995.com/
Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

PDFcreator
http://docupub.com/
Web-based converter. View PDF or e-mails PDF to you (For PC or Mac)

Win2PDF:
http://www.win2pdf.com/
Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)

Zeon Corporation:
http://www.pdfwizard.com/
Print driver that will work with any application. (For PC)