



Understanding Reflow

In Adobe Reader, you can *reflow* a PDF document to read it on handheld devices, smaller displays, or standard monitors at large magnifications, without having to scroll horizontally to read each line. Reflow facilitates only the reading of documents; reflowed documents can't be printed or saved.

Adobe Reader assigns a temporary tag structure to untagged PDF documents when you select Reflow to improve the reading order of the document. (Tagged PDF documents already include a tag structure that helps the reading order of reflowed documents.) All readable text reflows into the reflowed document in a logical sequential order. Readable text includes articles, paragraphs, tables, images, and formatted lists. Text that doesn't reflow includes forms, comments, digital signature fields, and page artifacts, such as page numbers, headers, and footers. Pages that contain both readable text and form or digital signature fields don't reflow. Vertical text reflows horizontally. (See [Reflowing the contents of Adobe PDF documents](#).)



Reflowing the contents of Adobe PDF documents

Adobe PDF documents reflow one page at a time in the document window. You can't save or print documents when they're in a reflowed state. (See [Understanding Reflow](#).)




Note: The process of downloading the file to a handheld device requires Adobe Reader for Palm OS, Adobe Reader for PocketPC, or Adobe Reader for Symbian OS. Both Adobe Reader for Palm OS and Adobe Reader for PocketPC have two components: the desktop program for your computer, and the reader application for your handheld device.

To reflow an Adobe PDF document:

1. On the status bar or in the View > Page Layout submenu, select either Single Page or Continuous.
2. Choose View > Reflow.

If you use a standard monitor, increase the magnification to the desired amount.

To return to unreflowed view:

On the toolbar, click the Actual Size button , the Fit Page button , or the Fit Width button , or choose a related command from the View menu.
