

Print PDFs

Visual guides for common printing tasks

For helpful tutorials on many common printing tasks, see [Printing tips | Acrobat, Reader](#).

Why can't I print my document?

Start with these troubleshooting tips

Printing problems can have a variety of causes. To identify the issue, start with this helpful tech note: [Troubleshoot PDF printing | Acrobat, Reader](#)

The PDF is password protected, and printing is not allowed

If you receive a password-protected PDF, enter the designated password to print the document. Some protected documents have restrictions that prevent you from printing, editing, or copying content in the document. If a document has restrictions on printing, contact the PDF author.

(Windows only) Protected Mode is interfering

The default Protected Mode greatly enhances the security of Reader. To determine if Protected Mode is interfering with printing, temporarily disable it: Right-click the document, and choose Page Display Preferences. Then click General on the left, and deselect Enable Protected Mode At Startup. Close Reader, restart it, and try to print the document again.

Important: To ensure maximum security, when you finish printing, reselect Enable Protected Mode At Startup.

Print a large-size PDF

You can print a large format document, such as a poster or banner, by splitting the page across multiple sheets of paper (called “tiling”). The tiling option calculates how many sheets of paper are needed. You can adjust the size of the original to best fit the paper and specify how much each “tile” overlaps. You can then piece together the tiles.

Reader 10.1.2

- 1 Open the PDF you want to print.
- 2 Click the Print icon.
- 3 In the Print dialog box, click Poster.
- 4 If necessary, set the Tile Scale value to resize the PDF, then click in the Overlap field to force the preview to adjust the “tiles” to the new value. You may need to play with the Tile Scale value to make the best use of the paper.
- 5 Set any other options, and click Print or OK.

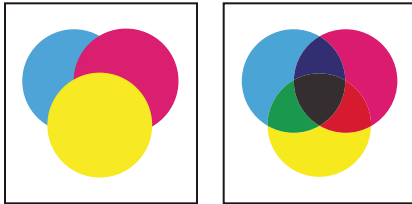
Reader 10.1.1 or earlier

- 1 Open the PDF you want to print.
- 2 Click the Print icon to open the Print dialog box.
- 3 For Page Scaling, choose either Tile Larger Pages or Tile All Pages. For more information, see [Print posters and banners | Acrobat, Reader](#).

Simulate overprinting of inks

Overprint simulation approximates how blending and overprinting of colored artwork looks when printed on an offset press. You can simulate the effects of overprinting on a color desktop printer by selecting Simulate Overprinting in the Advanced Print Setup dialog box. Overprint simulation converts spot colors to process colors for printing. If you intend to use a file for final output, do not select Simulate Overprinting.

Note: *Color printers vary greatly in color reproduction quality. For that reason, proofs from a service provider are the best way to verify how the finished piece will look.*



Three overlapping circles without overprinting (left) compared to three overlapping circles with overprinting (right).