

ABBYY® FineReader® PDF 15 Standard

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ABBYY® FineReader® PDF for Mac®

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| User experience and productivity | | | |
| Productivity software to manage PDF, scanned, and paper documents in the digital workplace: edit, protect, share, collaborate, convert, compare, digitize, retrieve | + | + | |
| Productivity software for document conversion into editable formats and searchable PDFs for all types of PDFs, paper documents, and their images | + | + | + |
| Easy-to-use interface | + | + | + |
| Quick task shortcuts for most popular scenarios in the start window | + | + | + |
| Direct scanning of paper documents for editing or conversion with built-in scanning interface | + | + | + |
| User interface languages | 23 interface languages¹ | 23 interface languages¹ | 6 interface languages¹ |
| High-speed conversion of multi-page documents with effective multi-core processing support | + | + | + |
| Compliance with accessibility standards (Section 508) | + | + | |
| | VPAT form | VPAT form | |
| High-resolution monitor support | + | + | + |
| Integration with FineReader PDF Mobile App | + | + | |
| Dark Mode support | | | + |
| Continuity Camera support | | | + |
| Platform (operation system) | Windows | Windows | macOS |

Edit, protect, and collaborate on PDFs

Edit and organize PDFs

Viewing

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|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| Open and view PDFs: pages, attachments, metadata, comments, etc. | + | + | + |
| | | | Pages and metadata only |
| Zoom and rotate pages for viewing | + | + | + |
| Full document preview for PDFs in Windows® Explorer and Microsoft® Outlook® | + | + | |

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| Set FineReader PDF as default PDF viewer | + | + | + |
| Various PDF viewing modes: full screen, one or two pages (side-by-side), page-by-page, or with continuous scrolling | + | + | + |
| PDF navigation using page numbers, thumbnails, and bookmarks | + | + | + Page numbers only |
| Open document images and PDFs created by FineReader PDF Mobile app ² | + | + | |
| Auto-detection of URLs (links) in the text | + | + | |

Search

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|---|---|---|--|
| Full-text search in any kind of PDF, including scanned PDFs with Background Recognition | + | + | |
| Search through any part of a PDF: body text, comments, bookmarks, and metadata | + | + | |

Editing and modification

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|---|---|---|--|
| Edit PDFs of any kind: scanned, searchable, digital | + | + | |
| Edit text within paragraphs, with the text reflowing from line to line | + | + | |
| Search and replace text in PDFs by specified keywords | + | + | |
| Edit PDF page layout without conversion: move, add, and adjust text blocks and pictures within a page | + | + | |
| Edit text in individual cells of a table | + | + | |
| Add new lines of paragraphs of text into a PDF | + | + | |
| Reformat text within paragraphs: font, size, style, line spacing, alignment, color, and writing direction | + | + | |
| Create and edit hyperlinks and internal links within the document, manually or from autodetected URLs | + | + | |
| Create, delete, rename bookmarks to a page, specific place, or phrase in a PDF | + | + | |
| Work with detected images in a PDF: delete, resize, move, rotate, or insert new ones | + | + | |
| Erase a part of an image or any area on a page using the Eraser tool with background color autodetection | + | + | |
| Enhance image pages including skew correction, image resolution, and page orientation | + | + | |
| Manage metadata: add, edit, or delete document properties such as authors, keywords etc. | + | + | |
| Work with attachments: view, add, rename, delete, or save them as separate files | + | + | |
| Add headers and footers | + | + | |
| Add and delete watermarks | + | + | |
| Add Bates Numbering to a PDF | + | + | |
| Add, create, and manage stamps | + | + | |
| Apply MRC compression to optimize PDF file size | + | + | |
| Add text layer to image-only PDFs (e.g., scanned) | + | + | |
| Split PDF documents by file size, by page count, or by bookmarks | + | + | |

Organizing pages

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| Manage pages: rearrange, add, or delete them; rotate pages manually or with the automatic correction of page orientation | + | + | |
| Add pages: blank, from other documents (PDF, images, Microsoft® Office documents etc.), or from a scanner | + | + | |
| Enhance images of pages, including skew correction, changing image resolution, and page orientation | + | + | |
| Crop pages | + | + | |

Extracting content

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|---|---|---|---|
| Copy texts from digital PDFs | + | + | + |
| Copy text, images, and tables directly from scanned, searchable, or digital PDFs without losing the original formatting and structure | + | + | |
| Adjust table separators before copying tables (move, add, and delete separators or merge and split cells) | + | + | |

Filling in forms

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| Fill in interactive PDF forms | + | + | |
| Insert digital signatures or facsimile signatures into dedicated form fields | + | + | |
| Import/export PDF data from form fields (using .fdf files) | + | + | |

Printing

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|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Print PDF documents, with or without comments | + | + | + without comments only |
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Edit and organize PDFs

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| View, add, delete, and manage comments directly in a PDF | + | + | |
| Mark up text using Highlight, Underline, Strikethrough and Insert tools | + | + | |
| Mark up images, charts, captions, etc. using Notes, Text Box, and drawing tools | + | + | |
| Search text and mark up search results with one click | + | + | |
| Add new comments and reply to existing text comments | + | + | |
| Assign statuses to comments (such as "accepted", "rejected", "canceled", or "completed") | + | + | |
| Sort or filter comments by author, type, date, flag status, or comment status | + | + | |
| SharePoint integration: check in/check out | + | + | |
| Send PDF via email | + | + | |

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| Protect and sign PDFs | | | |
| Protect PDFs with passwords to restrict access to content (i.e., opening, editing, printing, copying text or other content) | + | + | + via conversion to PDF only |
| 40-bit RC4, 128- or 256-bit AES encryption support | + | + | |
| Apply digital signatures | + | + | |
| Automatic validation of digital signatures when a PDF opens | + | + | |
| Support of LTV digital signatures (DocuSign, etc.) | + | + | |
| Create a self-signed digital certificate via virtual printer | + | + | |
| Support of PIN-protected digital certificates (smartcards) | + | + | |
| SHA256, SHA384, SHA512, MD5 encryption algorithms support for digital signatures | + | + | |
| Select a time stamp server for digital signatures | + | + | |
| Adjust digital signature fields to display (reason, location, contact, date, owner information, application version) | + | + | |
| Redact confidential or personal information in PDFs | + | + | |
| Search and redact keywords in the entire document (including document text, comments, and metadata) with a few clicks | + | + | |
| Search and redact keywords by a predefined keyword list | + | + | |
| Remove hidden information such as text layers added by OCR, comments and annotations, attachments, bookmarks, metadata, links, media, actions, scripts, and form data with one click | + | + | |
| Compliant with GDPR | + | + | + |

Create and convert PDFs

Create PDFs

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|--|---|---|--|
| Create PDF, PDF/A, and PDF/UA from Microsoft® Office documents, PDFs, image files, and files in other formats: | + | + | + |
| | PDF, TIFF, JPEG, JPEG 2000, JBIG2, PNG, BMP, PCX, GIF, DjVu, XPS, DOC(X), XLS(X), PPT(X), VSD(X), HTML, RTF, TXT, ODT, ODS, ODP | PDF, TIFF, JPEG, JPEG 2000, JBIG2, PNG, BMP, PCX, GIF, DjVu, XPS, DOC(X), XLS(X), PPT(X), VSD(X), HTML, RTF, TXT, ODT, ODS, ODP | only from PDFs and images (TIFF, JPEG, JPEG 2000, PNG, BMP, GIF) |
| Scan to PDF (incl. searchable PDF) | + | + | + |
| Enhance visual appearance of scanned PDFs with PreciseScan technology | + | + | |
| Create PDFs from files in supported formats directly in Windows® Explorer | + | + | |
| Create PDFs from any application with Print function using a virtual printer – PDF XChange 5.0 for ABBYY FineReader PDF 15 | + | + | |
| Create a blank PDF | + | + | |
| Save to searchable PDF (modes supported: text under image, text over image, and text and pictures) | + | + | + via conversion only |
| Automatic creation of bookmarks in searchable PDFs based on headings detected in document | + | + | |
| Save as image-only PDF | + | + | + via conversion only |
| Merge multiple Microsoft® Office documents, PDFs, image files, and files in other formats into one PDF | + | + | + PDFs and images, via conversion only |

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Create fillable PDF forms

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| Create PDF interactive forms from a blank document or by adding elements to an existing PDF | + | + |
| Interactive form elements supported: text field (incl. multiline), date, drop-down list, radio button group, check box, signature field, action button | + | + |
| Edit interactive PDF forms: add, copy and remove elements, rearrange and align them on a page, change size, appearance and properties | + | + |
| Set default field properties | + | + |
| Read-only fields, required fields | + | + |
| Password protection of created forms from unauthorized changes | + | + |
| Actions supported: submit to an email as PDF, html, XFDF; open a file, open a web link, reset the form, go to a page, run JavaScript, and more | + | + |

Convert PDF

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|---|--|--|--|
| Convert PDFs to Microsoft® Office and other editable formats | + | + | + |
| | DOC(X), XLS(X), PPTX, HTML, RTF, TXT, CSV, ODT | DOC(X), XLS(X), PPTX, HTML, RTF, TXT, CSV, ODT | DOCX, XLSX, PPTX, HTML, RTF, TXT, CSV, ODT |
| Convert PDFs to e-book formats | + | + | + |
| | EPUB, FB2 | EPUB, FB2 | EPUB, FB2 |
| Convert PDFs to other formats | + | + | |
| | DjVu | DjVu | |
| Intelligent PDF conversion (automatic detection of text layer quality and extraction of text from form fields and text boxes) | + | + | |

Multiple PDF processing

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| Process multiple PDF documents simultaneously to: | | |
| - create PDF/A, PDF/UA, or tagged PDF files | | |
| - reduce file size using MRC compression | | |
| - enhance visual quality of scanned PDFs | | |
| - set password protection | + | + |
| - remove hidden data | | |
| - delete metadata | | |
| - convert to supported editable formats | | |
| Merge multiple PDF documents into one when processing | + | + |

Compare documents in different formats

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Find differences

Compare and find exact differences in text between two copies of a document across various formats: scans, images, PDF, and text documents – any two of:

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PDF, TIFF, JPEG,
JPEG 2000, JBIG2,
PNG, BMP, PCX,
GIF, DjVu, XPS,
DOC(X), XLS(X),
PPT(X), VSD(X),
HTML, RTF, TXT,
ODT, ODS, ODP

Comparison of multilingual documents

[40 comparison languages](#)

Automatic detection of document languages

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Finds differences in body text, headers and footers, or numbering

+

Finds differences in filled-out fields of interactive PDF forms and Text Box annotations in PDF files

+

Review changes

Displays differences as: text deleted, text added, replaced, and punctuation symbols

+

Detection of minor one-letter and punctuation differences can be optionally switched off before comparison

+

Synchronized side-by-side review of differences within the context of the documents being compared

+

Easy review and navigation between the differences across multi-page documents with a differences list

+

Irrelevant differences can be manually discarded before saving comparison results

+

Save and share results

Save document with differences as Microsoft® Word file in track-changes mode

+

Save document with differences as PDF file with the differences presented as text mark-ups and comments

+

Save the list of differences as a separate table in Microsoft® Word document format

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Digitize documents and scans with Optical Character Recognition (OCR)

OCR and document conversion

Document (OCR) languages supported:

[198](#)

[198](#)

[198](#)

- including languages with dictionary support:

[53](#)

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OCR accuracy, up to:

99.8%³

99.8%³

99.8%³

Multilingual document recognition

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| Automatic detection of document languages: all languages with dictionary support (except Asian languages) | + | + | |
| Retention of document layout including paragraphs, images, tables, background images, and barcodes | + | + | + |
| Retention of fonts and font styles | + | + | + |
| Retention of paragraphs with vertical, color, and inverted text | + | + | + |
| Retention of original structure of multi-page documents, including headers, footers, footnotes, text columns, numbered lists, heading structure, text flow between pages, etc. using ADRT® (Adaptive Document Recognition Technology®) | + | + | + |
| Recreation of bullet points and numbering by converting them into native Microsoft® Word lists | + | + | + |
| Retention of hyperlinks – detects links and converts them into true hyperlinks | + | + | + |
| Recognition of 1-D and 2-D Barcodes | Supported barcodes | Supported barcodes | |

Image acquisition

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| Scan paper documents directly from FineReader PDF using its built-in scanning interface; adjustable scanning settings | + | + | + |
| Open images of paper documents in FineReader PDF directly from a smartphone or digital camera connected to the computer | + | + | + |
| Integration with FineReader PDF Mobile app via a cloud storage ¹ for document image and PDF acquisition | + | + | |
| Support for TWAIN and WIA compatible imaging devices | + | + | |
| Support for ICA compatible imaging devices | | | + |

Convert to editable formats

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| Convert document images, scans, and PDFs: | + | + | + |
| | PDF (2.0 or earlier), TIFF, JPEG, JPEG 2000, JBIG2, PNG, BMP, PCX, GIF, DjVu, XPS | PDF (2.0 or earlier), TIFF, JPEG, JPEG 2000, JBIG2, PNG, BMP, PCX, GIF, DjVu, XPS | PDF (2.0 or earlier), TIFF, JPEG, JPEG 2000, PNG, BMP |
| Save conversion results into editable formats: | + | + | + |
| | DOC(X), XLS(X), PPTX, HTML, RTF, TXT, CSV, ODT | DOC(X), XLS(X), PPTX, HTML, RTF, TXT, CSV, ODT | DOCX, XLSX, PPTX, HTML, RTF, TXT, CSV, ODT |
| Use document formatting retention profiles (when converting to DOC(X), ODT, RTF): editable copy, exact copy, and formatted or plain text | + | + | + |
| Keep/omit page headers and footers, pictures, etc. | + | + | + |
| Convert multiple documents into editable formats simultaneously using the same settings | + | + | |
| Merge separate files into one document during conversion | + | + | + |

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| Prepare document for digital archiving | | | |
| Digitize to Searchable PDFs | + | + | + |
| Digitize to ISO standard PDF/A (1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2u, 3a, 3b, 3u) for long-term archiving | + | + | + |
| Digitize to PDF/UA for accessibility compliance | + | + | + |
| Reduce size of resulting PDF documents up to 20 times ² with MRC compression | + | + | + |
| Simultaneously prepare multiple documents for archiving using the same settings | + | + | |

Advanced conversion capabilities

Recognition areas detection

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| Automatic detection of document areas (text, table, image, background image, and barcodes) | + | + | + excl. barcodes |
| Adjust borders of recognition areas manually; change area type | + | + | + |
| Specify properties of individual recognition areas | + | + | + for text areas only |
| Add, delete, move table separators; merge and split table cells | + | + | + |
| Specify type and properties of individual table cells, such as text orientation, language, inversion, image content, etc. | + | + | |
| Copy recognized text from an area without exporting | + | + | + |
| Adjust the order of areas manually to define the order of content in the output document | + | + | |

Results verification and correction

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| Text Editor for checking recognition results, correcting text formatting, and reviewing overall document layout before saving | + | + | |
| Style Editor to check, change, merge, or create font styles in the output document before saving | + | + | |
| Verify tool for quickly verifying uncertain character and non-dictionary words against the initial document and correcting possible errors before saving | + | + | |
| Page renumbering tool for restoring the page order after duplex scanning or splitting book pages | + | + | |
| Find-and-Replace function to correct errors in the entire document | + | + | |
| Integration with Microsoft® Word Custom Dictionary enables the creation of customized word lists for processing industry-specific documents | + | + | |

Scans and photos pre-processing

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| Automatically applies a set of necessary pre-processing functions to images captured with scanners or smartphones: | + | + | + |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detect page orientation - Straighten curved text lines - Convert to black and white - Split dual pages - Detect page edges* - Deskew - Whiten page background* - Correct image resolution - Reduce ISO noise* - Remove color marks - Remove motion blur* - Invert colors - Correct trapezoid distortions* | | | only enhance images, split facing pages, detect page orientation |
| *extended pre-processing options especially for photos | | | |

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| Manual image preprocessing to ensure better accuracy and visual appearance (available in Image Editor): | + | + | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split images into multiple pages - Correct image resolution - Clean background color and illumination - Correct ISO noise - Remove color stamps or color pen - Trapezium crop on basic business documents - Correct blurred images - Rotate (90°, 180°, 270°) and flip images - Correct brightness and contrast - Crop pages - Adjust levels - Invert colors - Eraser tool | | | |

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| Corrections to page images can be applied to: all pages, odd pages, even pages, one or multiple selected pages | + | + | |
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Customize recognition for specific tasks

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| Create custom dictionaries and languages | + | + | |
| Use pattern training to recognize documents with non-standard or decorative characters, ligatures, and fonts | + | + | |
| Create, save, and reuse area templates | + | + | |

Set up import and export options

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| Turn off automatic page image pre-processing and/or recognition when pages are added to OCR Editor | + | + | + |
| Conversion speed control: Fast mode for documents of higher quality; Thorough mode to maximize accuracy on low quality documents | + | + | |
| Turn off the detection and saving of such elements as headers and footers, pictures, etc. | + | + | + |
| Save and open converted document | + | + | + |
| Send To feature to directly open conversion results in Word, Excel®, PowerPoint, PDF Editor, clipboard, or a web browser without saving the file beforehand | + | + | |

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OCR project

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| Save the current conversion work and its settings even when it's not finished using the OCR Project format | + | + | + |
| Add documents from files in different formats to an OCR project | + | + | + |
| Reorder, rotate, and delete pages in an OCR project | + | + | + |
| Share an OCR Project with colleagues to collaborate on conversion tasks of a larger scale | + | + | |

Automate digitization, conversion, and comparison routines

Hot Folder⁴

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| Create a watched folder: a folder monitored by Hot Folder to automatically process any file of supported format placed in it | | + | |
| Set up one or multiple watched folders on a local drive, network drive, FTP server, or in an Outlook® mailbox | | + | |
| Schedule conversions to start at a specific time (one time, recurring daily, weekly, or monthly) or to run constantly (by checking for new files every minute) | | + | |
| Automatically convert newly received email attachments | | + | |
| Convert PDFs, images (JPG, PNG, TIFF, etc.), and scans (XPS, DJVU, etc.) | | + | |
| Save results as editable formats (DOC(X), ODT, XLS(X), RTF, PPTX, etc.), searchable PDFs, images, or an OCR Project for further editing and verification | | + | |
| Document separation supported: by subfolders | | + | |
| Document merge supported: all to one, each subfolder to one | | + | |
| Set up, run, and manage individual Hot Folder tasks for each watched folder | | + | |

Custom Automated Tasks

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| Create custom Automated Tasks for frequently performed document conversions | | + | |
| Share created custom Automated Tasks with other FineReader PDF users | | + | |

Command Line Interface (CLI)

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| Set of CLI commands for running document conversion or comparison with selected parameters and opening the results in a selected application | + | + | |
| Extended set of CLI commands for saving document conversion or comparison results to a selected file format ⁵ | | + | |

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Bonus for registered users

ABBYY ScreenshotReader: Take screenshots and recognize texts on any area of the screen of your computer

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ABBYY FineScanner for iOS/Android: Capture, organize, and OCR your documents on the go

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Licensing & deployment

Licensing for organizations

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License Manager tool for centralized license management over LAN for workstations and users

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Automated remote deployment onto multiple workstations in LAN with Active Directory, Microsoft® SCCM, or the command line

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Automatic Activation for deployment onto multiple workstations in LAN without centralized license management

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Support for desktop and application virtualization solutions with Remote User licenses

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Concurrent licensing

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Customize FineReader PDF settings using Group Policy Objects (GPO)

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Licensing for using FineReader PDF with RPA solutions

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Supported applications and formats

To view the full list of supported applications and formats, please visit the FineReader PDF website:

pdf.abbyy.com/specifications/

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pdf.abbyy.com/finereader-pdf-for-mac/specifications

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¹ Number of UI languages may differ in some region-specific versions of FineReader PDF.

² A separate mobile app, ABBYY FineReader PDF Mobile, is required. A third-party cloud storage must be used for the file exchange.

³ According to internal testing done by ABBYY.

⁴ Hot Folder is capable of processing up to 5,000 pages per month* (the number of pages resets every 30 days) and uses up to 2 CPU cores for the document conversion.

⁵ Extended CLI enabled licenses are time- and page-limited. Please contact Sales team through pdf.abbyy.com for details.