

## Adobe Acrobat Alternatives

There are many posts and recommendations for alternatives to Adobe Acrobat XI Pro. Some friends (not lawyers) have to complete and save some government forms that will not open in their version 9. They're getting new computers, and they're not excited about paying as much for new versions of Acrobat as they paid for their computers. Their needs are not expansive. It seems that one of the cheaper alternatives may work fine.

Is there a consensus on an alternative to Acrobat XI Pro? DC is not an option. NitroPDF is \$140. That's a much better price, but there are some cheaper that may work in this application. Your thoughts and recommendations are appreciated.

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Nitro has a free cousin called [www.primopdf.com](http://www.primopdf.com) <-been recommending it for years. Not all the bells and whistles of the paid version, but works for most types of pdfing kind of stuff.

Andrea Cannavina, nope notta lawyer

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I'm a huge fan of FoxIt. It's fast, very affordable, and has done everything I could possibly want from a pdf solution. I was also not so as much of a fan of Nitro when I tried it.

<https://www.foxitsoftware.com/>

Joshua M. Biletsky, California

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As always, I had this same question when someone else posted this. I love this list!!

I'm seeking an Adobe alternative that does all of the following:

1. Redacts PDFs

2. Allows you to complete PDF forms
3. Allows you to \*create\* PDF forms
4. Allows you to easily remove, extract, move pages around, etc.
5. Does Bates Stamping

Anyone know of a less expensive PDF alternative that does all of the above?

Thanks!

Laura S. Mann, New Jersey

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Foxit again! Most of the features that you mentioned are only available on certain versions though, but at \$129, it's still reasonable compared to some of the alternatives.

Best,

Joshua M. Biletsky

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Thanks, Joshua. Do you happen to know if it has ALL those features or it is missing some?

Very truly yours,

Laura S. Mann

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From the folks at Adobe:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/acrobat/pricing/compare-versions.html>

Hope this helps.

Dave Rakowski, Pennsylvania

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Take a look at Tracker Software's offerings. I use the free PDF-XChange Editor. The paid version is a lot more robust and, I think, it can do a lot of what you're asking for. I also like PDFTk for combining and extracting PDFs.

Justin Meyer, New York

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fineprint.com has a couple of products, pdfFactory and fineprint. fineprint allows printing several pages on one sheet. pdfFactory is a print utility into which you can "print" anything as a pdf. Except for programs that contain their own pdf publisher or printer, it's my go-to for creating pdf format files. For manipulating pdf files, I also use FoxIt (free) Reader, not pro, but that's because I'm not a litigator, and so don't have to Bates number or redact.

Miriam N. Jacobson, Pennsylvania

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Might want to try Abby PDF Transformer Plus.

List of features here (hint: includes Bates Stamping and Redaction)  
[https://www.abbyy.com/media/4134/pdfplus\\_full-features-list.pdf](https://www.abbyy.com/media/4134/pdfplus_full-features-list.pdf)

They license the technology from Adobe, and add in their own OCR engine.

All for \$79.99 here: <https://www.abbyy.com/pdf-transformer/>

Nancy Duhon, Georgia

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PDF converter by nuance is a robust program. It is my Adobe substitute.

Does a great job converting to and from PDF and word.

<http://www.nuance.com/for-business/imaging-solutions/document-conversion/power-pdf-converter/standard/index.htm>

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