

Utility to Deskew/Rotate a Graphic File or PDF?

One of the handiest things about CamScanner, an app for Android, is that when you photograph a document it pops up with some lines and corners that allow you to crop and deskew it, so that it winds up looking almost as good as something run through a regular scanner.

Most people, though, do not have CamScanner, and often clients will send me a crummy looking photo of a document that could dearly use some cleaning up. Now, I *do* have the option of copying it to the appropriate folder on my phone, so that I can process it using CamScanner, but that's fairly awkward. Is there any similar utility to work with these sorts of files I should know about? Thanks.

<https://www.ilovepdf.com/> does a lot merge, rotate, etc.

I recommend clients try the Adobe Scan App on their phones - they can snap a picture of a document but save as an Adobe pdf. - multiple page pdfs too. (no more .jpg documents)

Works for me @ court etc. when there's no copier nearby.

Janet Silver Rosen

If it's a picture of a document, if you recognize text using Acrobat it will automatically deskew.

David Masters, Colorado

No, it won't. It will *straighten* the document. What I'm talking about is that most pictures of documents done with a regular camera come out as a trapezoid shape. Using CamScanner, it will select the corners of the document (which may be manually re-positioned) and flatten it back into a proper rectangle. I would like to find a utility that could take a picture, select the corners, and resize and deskew to where it is back to 8.5" x 11". That is, correcting for imperfect photographs on the z axis. And clear up contrast and varying light as well. The recommendation for "ilovepdf.com" is nice, but Acrobat Pro can do all of that. What Acrobat Pro cannot do is resize the document to correct for photographic flaws - unless there is some feature I am missing.

Michael A. Koenecke, Texas

Here's an example of what I'm talking about:

<http://koeneckelaw.com/temp/files/ZAxisExample.jpg>

I'd like to find a desktop utility to turn that into a decent looking scan.

Michael A. Koenecke

You could deskew and crop the document using the Perspective Crop Tool in Photoshop (and even color correct it so that it looks white), but Photoshop is expensive software with a definite learning curve. I suspect there are less expensive image editing programs out there if you want to look. You could do an Internet search using search terms such as "image editing" and "perspective correction."

Bert Krages, Oregon

I just checked on software called Picture Window. I thought the company had gone out of business but found out that you can download the software for free on its website <<https://www.dl-c.com/Products.html>>.

To do the perspective correction and cropping, use the "warp" feature by going to Transformation > Geometry > Warp. It is actually easy to use.

There will be four tabs and you put one on each corner and then click on apply. Afterwards, you can go to Transformation > Color > Balance to correct the color.

Bert Krages

I don't know if Adobe Acrobat DC does this, but I'd suggest you check out the Android version of Adobe Scan. You can also re-shape the document to correct for the trapezoid shape caused by taking the photo off-vertical.

Tim Ackermann, Texas