

Adobe® Acrobat® Elements Server 6.0

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Adobe® Acrobat® Elements Server 6.0?

Adobe Acrobat Elements Server 6.0 is server-based software that enables organizations to provide centralized Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) creation capabilities across the enterprise. The product's flexible deployment options make it easy for users to convert native file format documents to Adobe PDF, and for enterprises to integrate Adobe PDF into document-based business processes and existing applications.

What platforms does Acrobat Elements Server support?

Acrobat Elements Server supports Windows® 2000 (with service pack 4), Windows 2000 Server (with service pack 4) and Windows XP Professional (with service pack 1).

In what languages is Acrobat Elements Server available?

The first release of Acrobat Elements Server is available in U.S. English only. It will be available worldwide, with the exception of geographies that have double-byte character set languages.

How does a user create Adobe PDF files in an organization that has deployed Acrobat Elements Server?

Acrobat Elements Server enables IT professionals to provide Adobe PDF creation functionality to users across an organization via four flexible methods:

- **Web user interface**—At an intuitive Web user interface, the user browses his/her hard drive for the native application file that requires conversion, and selects “submit.” Once submitted, the native application file is converted to Adobe PDF and is returned as an attachment to the user at a specified e-mail address.
- **E-Mail**—Users simply attach a native file format document to an e-mail message and send it to an e-mail alias assigned by the organization's IT department. After the file is generated by Acrobat Elements Server, the user receives an e-mail that includes the PDF document as an attachment. Users can submit files via offline e-mail, and have them processed once back online.
- **Watched Folders**—Users can drag and drop native file format documents into an “In” folder on the network assigned by the organization's IT department. After the file has been generated by Acrobat Elements Server, users retrieve the Adobe PDF document at an assigned “Out” folder on the network.
- **Web Services API**—Acrobat Elements Server provides IT professionals the ability to integrate Adobe PDF generation capabilities into document-based business processes and existing applications via Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP).

What functionality does Acrobat Elements Server offer beyond native file format-to-Adobe PDF conversion?

The product provides IT professionals the flexibility to offer the following additional options to users during Adobe PDF creation:



- **Security**—The product can be configured to apply standard Acrobat security settings to Adobe PDF files, including 128-bit encryption, password protection and restrictions on actions such as printing, copying and editing text.
- **Tagged PDF**—Acrobat Elements Server is able to convert certain native file format documents into tagged Adobe PDF files. Tagged PDF files remain true to the original, yet retain critical information about the underlying structure of the file, such as chapters, sections and body text. As a result, tagged PDF documents can be made accessible to people with disabilities such as blindness or low vision, or reflowed to fit the width of mobile device screens.
- **PDF Optimizer**—Optimizing PDF files makes them smaller in size and more efficient, without altering the document's appearance.
- **Styles and Bookmarks**—Acrobat Elements Server can be configured to leverage the styles and table of contents contained in native file format documents and apply them as bookmarks in Adobe PDF files.
- **Automatically convert all URL text to clickable links.** If specified, links may be created from all embedded URLs within a document.

What version of the PDF specification does Acrobat Elements Server support?

The product supports the PDF 1.5 specification—the most current version of the format.

Using Acrobat Elements Server, what Adobe PDF creation functionality is controlled by the user versus the IT professional who deploys and manages the product?

The IT department specifies Adobe PDF creation options. The user simply specifies the native file format document for conversion, submits the document and retrieves the resulting Adobe PDF file.

How can customers purchase Acrobat Elements Server?

Acrobat Elements Server is available through Adobe Open Options Transactional and Contractual licensing programs.

How much does Acrobat Elements Server cost? How does the cost differ from Acrobat Elements?

The pricing model for Acrobat Elements Server, which includes a per-user and per-server price, is in parity with Adobe Acrobat Elements software. Pricing begins at US\$28 per user for a 1,000 user license or at US\$22,500 per server.

How does Acrobat Elements Server 6.0 compare with Acrobat Elements 6.0?

Features	Acrobat Elements Server 6.0	Acrobat Elements 6.0
Adobe PDF creation	• Server-based	• Desktop-based
User access method	• E-mail • Watched folders • Web user interface • Web services API	• One-button click from Microsoft Office applications • Right-click from native application files • Drag and drop • Native application file print dialog box
Security and job option control	• Configured centrally by IT administrator	• Configured on desktop by user
Platform	• Windows	• Windows
Purchase options	• Adobe Open Options (AOO) licensing with minimum 1,000 seat license order • AOO licensing per server	• AOO licensing with minimum 1,000 seat license order

How does Acrobat Elements Server differ from Acrobat Distiller® Server?

Acrobat Distiller Server performs PostScript® to Adobe PDF conversion. Acrobat Elements Server converts documents directly from native file formats, such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint®, into Adobe PDF. In addition, Acrobat Elements Server offers more deployment options than Acrobat Distiller Server, including a Web user interface, e-mail, and Web Services.

Features	Acrobat Distiller Server 6.0	Acrobat Elements Server 6.0
Server-based Adobe PDF creation		
Watched folders	✓	✓
Web user interface		✓
E-mail		✓
Web services		✓
Adobe PDF processing		
Tagged PDF files		✓
PDF optimizer	✓	✓
Links and bookmarks preserved		✓
Convert styles to links and bookmarks		✓
Supported file formats		
Adobe Postscript	✓	✓
Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoints, Project; Corel® WordPerfect®; Adobe Photoshop®		✓
Image formats (JPG, TIF, BMP, GIF)		✓
Security options		
Centrally configured password protection and 128-bit encryption	✓	✓
Supported platforms		
Windows	✓	✓
Solaris™	✓	
Linux®	✓	