



PDFpen[®] 12

Reviewer's Guide

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The all-purpose PDF editing tool for Mac

With PDFpen, you can view, edit and annotate PDF documents for study or work. Engage with content as you read. Turn images into editable PDFs. Edit PDFs to perfection. Never print, sign and scan again.



Who uses PDFpen?

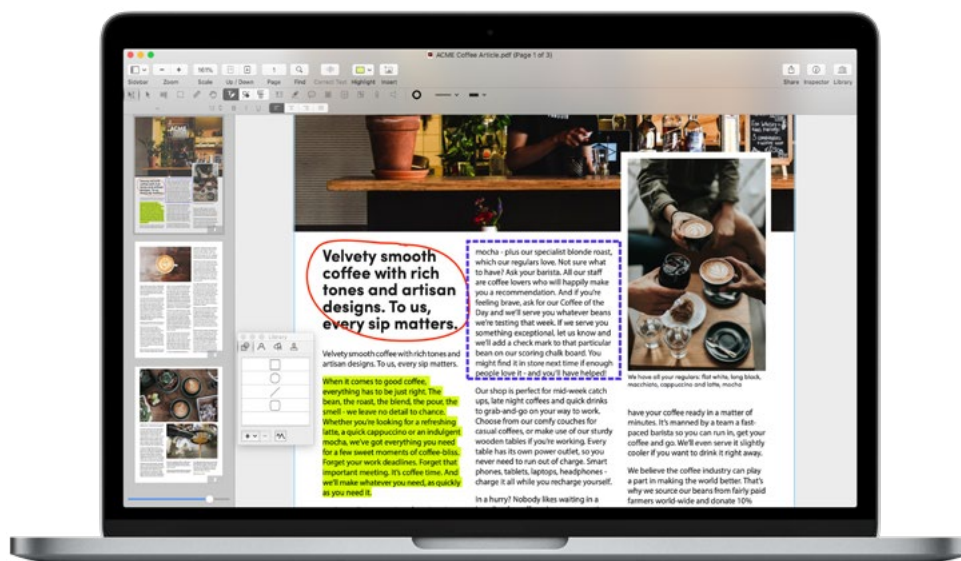
PDFpen is for anyone who needs more PDF editing power than Preview, but not the advanced printing and security features of Acrobat. PDFpen is especially popular with lawyers, contractors, publishers, creatives, and educators.



What's new in PDFpen v12

PDFpen and PDFpenPro deliver an even more robust and powerful feature set with a new major version of its all-purpose PDF editing tool for Mac. Version 12 introduces PDF optimization, a magnifier window, a callout tool, and for Pro users, DocuSign® support.

- ✓ Optimize PDFs for smaller file sizes
 - Customize image quality/settings
 - Delete 3rd party metadata
- ✓ Advanced PDF compression (integrated)
 - MRC
 - CCITT
 - Post OCR
- ✓ Magnifier window
- ✓ Callout tool
- ✓ Customized paper styles
- ✓ DocuSign® support (PDFpenPro only)
- ✓ New welcome experience





Fact Sheet

APPLICATIONS

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DOCUMENTATION

Online user manual (HTML, PDF), FAQ, Knowledge Base, video tutorials, blog, in-product help, read me, Welcome to PDFpen/Pro window

Free copy of "Take Control of PDFpen," by Michael E. Cohen, for licensed users

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS / PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

macOS 10.13 (High Sierra) or later

Intel, 64-bit processor

PRICING

PDFpen: **US \$79.95**

- ✓ Family Pack: **US \$99.95**
- ✓ Office Pack starts at: **US \$249.95**

PDFpenPro: **US \$129.95**

- ✓ Family Pack: **US \$159.95**
- ✓ Office Pack starts at: **US \$374.95**

UPGRADE POLICY

Free for Smile web store users who purchased on or after January 1, 2020

US \$35 from prior single-user versions of either application

US \$50 from a previous version of PDFpen to PDFpenPro

Mac App Store users can download the direct purchase version for upgrade pricing

DISTRIBUTION

Smile web store: <https://smle.us/store>

Also available in the Mac App Store ([PDFpen](#) and [PDFpenPro](#))

PDFpen is available via subscription from [Setapp](#)

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Export: PDF, TIFF, JPEG, PNG, DOCX, TXT, RTF (PDFpen/Pro), XLSX, PPTX, PDF/A-1b (PDFpenPro only)

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	Add and edit document permissions	Make static PDF forms fillable
Gather submitted form data via backend integration	Offline export to Microsoft® Excel (.xlsx), online export to PowerPoint (.pptx) and PDF Archive (PDF/A)	Add and delete file attachments and annotations
Create PDF portfolios		Correct typos in OCR text layer
Batch OCR documents		Request signatures via DocuSign®



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- ✓ Scan documents and receipts with your iPhone, then edit them in PDFpen
- ✓ Store PDFs in iCloud or Dropbox for seamless editing on iPhone and Mac





PDFpen Family of Apps

	PDFpen \$79 ⁹⁵	PDFpenPro \$129 ⁹⁵	PDFpen for iPad & iPhone \$6 ⁹⁹
Text: add, remove, fix typos, make corrections	✓	✓	✓
Markup: highlighting, notes, comments	✓	✓	✓
Fill out forms	✓	✓	✓
Sign documents, including digital signatures*	✓	✓	✓
Share via cloud, email etc.	✓	✓	✓
Sync via iCloud, Dropbox ⌘	✓	✓	✓
Scan documents	✓	✓	
Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to convert scan to searchable text	✓	✓	
Batch OCR and edit OCR Layer		✓	
Draw: shapes, arrows, scribbles	✓	✓	✓
Images: add and remove	✓	✓	✓
Image touch up	✓	✓	
Pages: add, edit, pull out, combine, number, Bates, headers+footers*, bookmarks*	✓	✓	✓
Write with styluses and hand protection			✓
Search text	✓	✓	✓
Redact sensitive information	✓	✓	
Library: keep frequently-used items	✓	✓	✓
Export: Microsoft® Word	✓	✓	
Add password (up to 256-bit AES encryption), view Table of Contents, annotations	✓	✓	✓
File & audio attachments **	✓	✓	
AppleScript automation	✓	✓	
Compress PDF documents for smaller file sizes	✓	✓	
Turn websites into PDFs		✓	
Create and edit forms		✓	
Permissions: add and edit		✓	
Create and edit Tables of Contents, bookmarks		✓	
Export: Microsoft® Excel, PowerPoint, PDF Archive (PDF/A)		✓	
DocuSign® support		✓	

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This is not a comprehensive list. Please [contact us](#) for any inquiries regarding specific features.



Getting Started with PDFpen

The PDFpen/PDFpenPro manual and [our video tutorials](#) cover all that PDFpen can do and provide step-by-step instructions on how to accomplish different tasks. Ready to try PDFpen 12? Here are a few tips to get started.





OPEN AND CREATE PDFS

To use PDFpen's powerful editing features, you'll want to open an existing PDF (**File → Open**). You can also create a PDF in PDFpen by opening a new document (**File → New → From Stationery**).

EDITING BAR

The toolbar bar helps you navigate the document, and the editing bar has the tools you need to manipulate your document.

EDIT TEXT

- ✓ Use the Select Text tool (**Command+1**)  to select text for correcting, markup, and copying.
- ✓ Edit selected text by clicking the Correct Text  button in the toolbar. Use the Edit tool (**Command+2**)  to select an image, which can then be moved, resized, copied, or deleted. Or, double-click the Edit tool to get the Precision Edit tool  for more fine-grain selections of otherwise unselectable objects.
- ✓ OCR (Optical Character Recognition) can be performed on documents to make scanned text selectable (**Edit → OCR**). For OCRing multiple files at once, PDFpenPro offers batch OCR (**File → OCR Files**).






OCR SOFTWARE

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my favorite
Mac OS
application!”

Taryn Merrick,
Merrick Management
and Media Services

ANNOTATE DOCUMENTS


-  Highlight Tool: Review a document and highlight text by dragging over with the Highlight tool (**Command+3**).
-  Scribble Tool: Write or draw freehand with the Scribble tool (**Command+6**).
-  Add Notes (**Command+7**).
-  Add Comments (**Command+8**) using the Markup Tools palette.
-  Text Tool Use the Text tool (**Command+5**) to add a text box.

DRAWING TOOLS

Create polygons, rectangles, ellipses, lines, rounded rectangles, and callouts.

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CREATE FORMS

Use the Form Elements  palette of the editing bar to create customized forms. Add text fields, checkboxes, radio buttons, interactive signature fields and Submit buttons. Rearrange the tab order of form fields by dragging and dropping them into order in the sidebar.

ADD TABLE OF CONTENTS

Select **View** → **Table of Contents** to view an existing table of contents or to create one from scratch. To add, remove, promote and demote entries (including child and aunt), click the Cog (gear icon) on the bottom right.



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me want to weep
with joy.”

Greg Snyder, VP Sales,
BackBeat Media

“PDFpen is my
favorite Mac OS
application!”

Taryn Merrick, Merrick Management
and Media Services

“I prefer your app
for its simplicity,
efficiency
and OCR.”

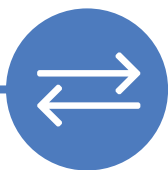
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editors for Mac,
including
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makes the app
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Markup: highlighting, notes, comments	✓	✓	✓
Draw: shapes, arrows, scribbles	✓	✓	✓
Encryption	✓ *	✓ **	✓
Sign with digital signatures, and validate digitally signed PDFs	✗	✓	✓
Correct text, redact sensitive information	✗	✓	✓
Move, resize or delete images	✗	✓	✓
Record and playback audio annotations	✗	✓	✓
Save frequently-used items to the PDFpen Library	✗	✓	✗
Automate repeated operations via AppleScript	✗	✓	✗
Perform OCR (Optical Character Recognition), horizontal OCR (Japanese, Chinese, Korean)▲, batch OCR▲, edit invisible OCR text layer▲	✗	✓	✓
Export to Microsoft® Word, Excel▲, PowerPoint▲ and PDF Archive (PDF/A)▲ formats (requires Internet connection)	✗	✓	✓
Preview and extract file attachments and annotations, add/delete file attachments▲	✗	✓	✓
Convert a website into a multi-page PDF	✗	PRO	✓
Create/edit Tables of Contents, bookmarks	✗	PRO	✓
Create an interactive cross-platform PDF form	✗	PRO	✓
Create PDF portfolios	✗	PRO	✓
Print production features (color separations, preflight)	✗	✗	✓
Document identity	✗	✗	✓
Compare differences, reflow text, spellcheck	✗	✗	✓
Display, navigate, and edit layers and its properties in PDFs created from InDesign, AutoCAD, and VISIO	✗	✗	✓
Enable 3D content	✗	✗	✓
Embed videos	✗	✗	✓
Accessibility checker and editor	✗	✗	✓

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