

# User Manual



**Foxit PDF Creator**

For Windows

**Foxit**

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## **At present, there are several ways to create PDF documents:**

- Use the specific PDF composer software (like Foxit Editor);
- Convert to PDF file based on the page PostScript file;
- Use the virtual printer to create PDF file from other file formats.

The former two ways might be time-consuming compared with the approach – virtual PDF printer, which directly creates PDFs from any printable document (.doc, .xls, .ppt, images, text, web pages, etc.)

There are many tools available for creating PDFs using a virtual printer at current market, and the created PDFs may look the same, however they are very different under the hood. In our repeated tests and comparing, we believe, Foxit PDF Creator will be the right tool for you to create PDFs, and it will impress you with its unique [Benefits](#) and rich [Features](#).

# Chapter One – Introduction to Foxit PDF Creator

Foxit PDF Creator is a small, fast and easy PDF creation tool that converts any type of printable Windows document, including DOC, XLS, PPT, TXT, E-MAIL and even HTML, to a universally accepted PDF format with the click of a button. It helps users to generate accurate PDF files in seconds while retaining the original layout of documents. Using Foxit PDF Creator, individuals and corporations are able to easily create electronic documents that can be shared across a wide range of hardware and software.

With powerful search ability and high-performance PDF displaying and processing, Foxit PDF Creator is designed specially based on the same Foxit core PDF technologies. It supports Windows 2000/2003/XP/Vista (32-Bit & 64-Bit) and Windows Server 2000 and is compatible with PDF standard 1.7.

***This chapter covers the following sections:***

- [Benefits](#)
- [Features](#)

## Benefits

### Search ability

Many PostScript-driver based PDF creation tools create PDFs without character encoding information. Therefore it's impossible to do a search in the resulted PDFs. Even though you can look at all those characters, you can't search them. Foxit PDF Creator retains all character encoding information, so you can search it, extract it, and convert back to pure text document.

### Display and process efficiency

Many PDF creation tools break text contents into individual characters, causing some performance issues for displaying and processing. Foxit PDF Creator groups texts with similar "display attributes" together, which improving performance when the PDF gets displayed or processed.

### File size

Many PDF creation tools require all or many fonts to be embedded with the PDF file, resulting in bigger file size for the PDF. Foxit PDF Creator can reduce the file size for many documents.

### Speed

Many PDF creation tools adopt a two phase creation procedure: first print to PostScript language, then convert to PDF, not only it will often lose some information during the process, but it also takes more time. Foxit PDF Creator directly creates PDFs from any printable application, fastest among all current PDF creation tools.

### Accuracy

Many PDF creation tools can't handle complicated Windows drawing features like transparency, and the generated PDFs are not identical to the original documents. Foxit PDF Creator processes all Windows drawing functions so your PDF is always same as your original document.

### Compatibility

As developer of popular Foxit Reader, Foxit Software knows PDF standard very well. This ensures PDFs created by Foxit PDF Creator will have the best result in any standard PDF reader.

## Features

### Here is a list of key features Foxit PDF Creator offers:

- Convert any type of printable documents (DOC, XLS, PPT, HTML, EML, TXT, AutoCAD drawings, E-mail etc...) into searchable PDF files just by clicking the button print to "Foxit PDF Printer";
- Enable powerful search capability like searching (press "Ctrl+F" ), extracting (click "copy" and "paste"), converting back to pure text document (click "text viewer" in Foxit Reader to preview the whole text file converted from a PDF file);
- Enable accurate and efficient PDF displaying and processing;
- Support embedding Windows fonts;
- Support image resolution up to 2400 DPI ;
- Support transparent imaging module;
- Reduce file size in the resulted PDFs for many documents;
- Simplify the PDF creation procedure and save time;
- Print like a real printer with custom paper size support (like Letter, Legal, A3, A4, A5, A6, ...);
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- Easily install: everything is installed within minutes;
- Comply with PDF 1.3 and above specification;
- Support PDF/A-1b standard;
- Does not require Ghost Script or other 3rd party software to create PDF files;
- Automatically output PDF file to a specific path;
- Secure with Password or Certification.

# Chapter Two – Installation and Registration

This chapter describes the system requirements, installation and registration of Foxit PDF Creator.

The following sections are included:

- [System Requirements](#)
- [Installing Foxit PDF Creator](#)
- [What Happens to Your System after Installation](#)
- [Registering Foxit PDF Creator](#)
- [Uninstalling Foxit PDF Creator](#)

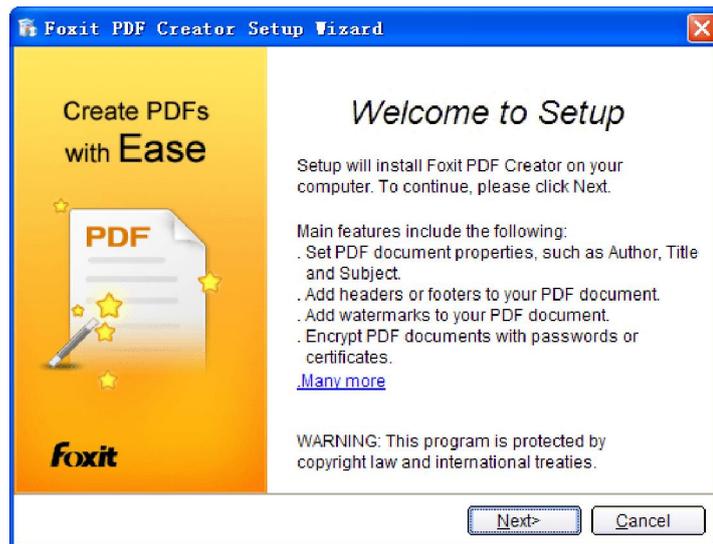
## System Requirements

- At least 32MB RAM
- Windows /XP/Vista/Windows 7/Windows Server 2000
- [Foxit PDF Reader](#) installed to view generated PDF files

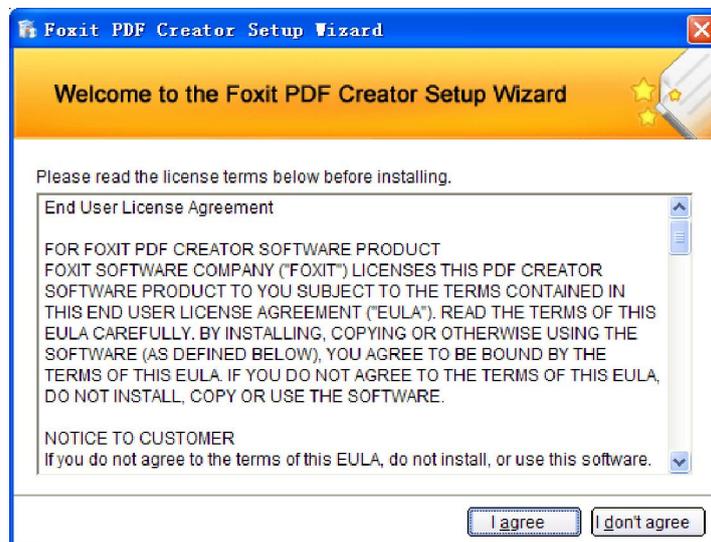
## Installing Foxit PDF Creator

Before you install the software, log in Microsoft Windows with an Administrator privilege. Foxit PDF Creator installs just like a regular printer. You just download the setup program file into your own PC named "foxitcreator\_setup.exe" from [Foxit website](#), and then do the followings:

1. Double click the "foxitcreator\_setup.exe" file, and you will see the Setup Wizard pop-up, click **Next** button to go on.



2. Please read the license terms in the table, then click "**I agree**" to continue installing.



3. In this step, there are two installation types, please select one type and press the button.



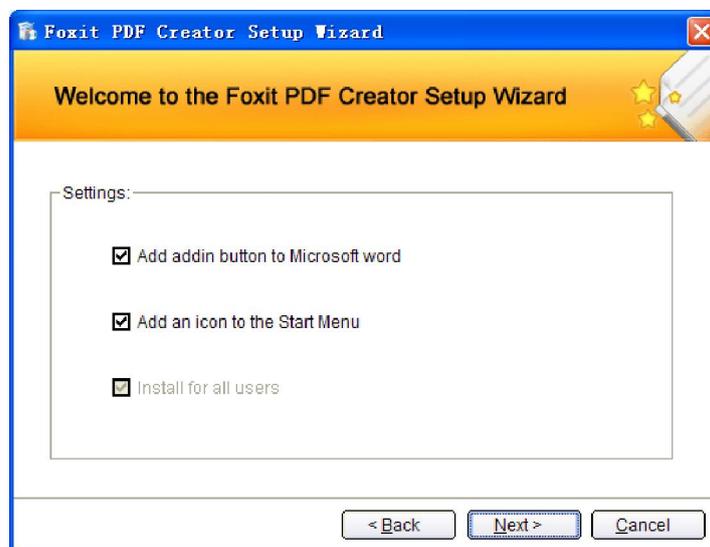
4. If you select "**Default**", it will finish Foxit PDF Creator setup by the default setup configuration that Foxit has preset for the installation.



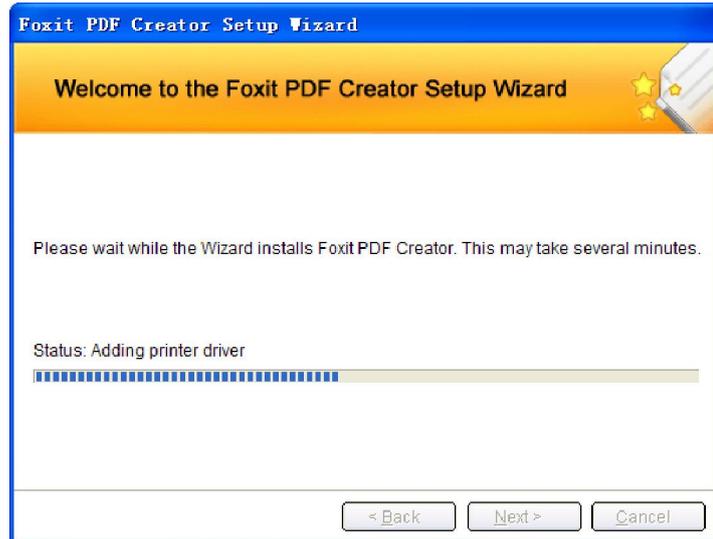
5. If you select "**Custom**", you can **Browse** your PC to change the destination location. After done, click **Next** button.



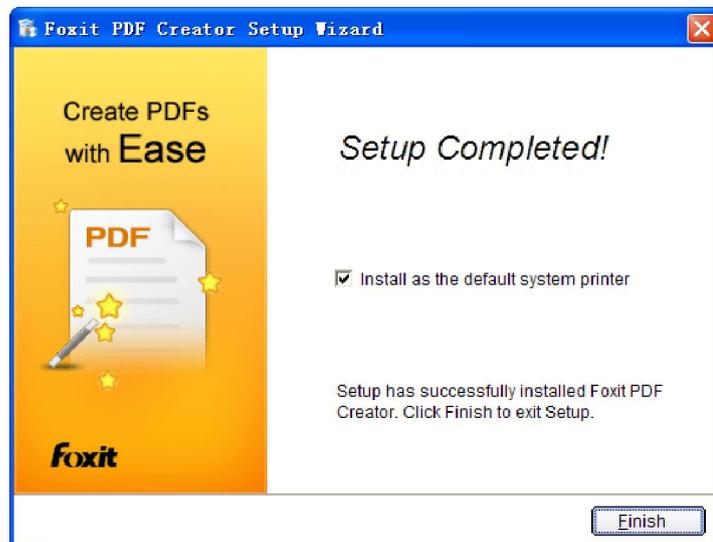
- Settings: you can decide whether select the settings of "Add addin button to Microsoft word" and "Add an icon to the Start Menu". And then click **Next** to continue.



- In this step, you will see the progress of the installation. It just takes few minutes to finish.



8. Lastly, comes the successful inform screen. Just click **Finish** button to wind up the setup.



9. Now, you see the pop-up screen, is the Registration screen. If you are a trial user, just click **Keep Evaluating** button. If you're a licensed user, please find the right key and click **Register the Key** button. For details, please refer to [Registering Foxit PDF Creator](#).

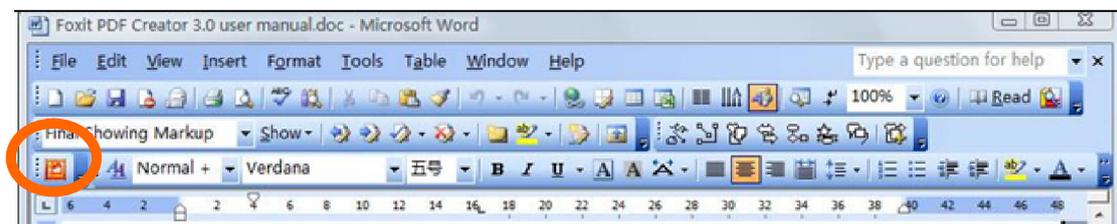
## What Happens to Your System after Installation

Congratulations! You have installed the Foxit PDF Creator successfully. Now let's see what have happened to your system.

- Open "Start Menu->Programs", you can see "Foxit PDF Creator" group with registration and uninstallation program.
- Open "Control Panel"->"Printers and Faxes", you can see Foxit PDF Creator is added with the name "Foxit PDF Printer". See the following figure.



- Open MSWord, you can see a Foxit PDF Creator's icon on the toolbar. It is an add-on in Word for you to convert hyperlink and bookmarks in the document to be clickable in produced PDF files.



**MSWord2003**



**MSWord 2007**

## Registering Foxit PDF Creator

The evaluation version for Foxit PDF Creator is a fully functional software and will never expire. Under evaluation mode, you can still use all features provided by Foxit PDF Creator. However, when you create PDF documents, an evaluation mark will be put on every page you created.

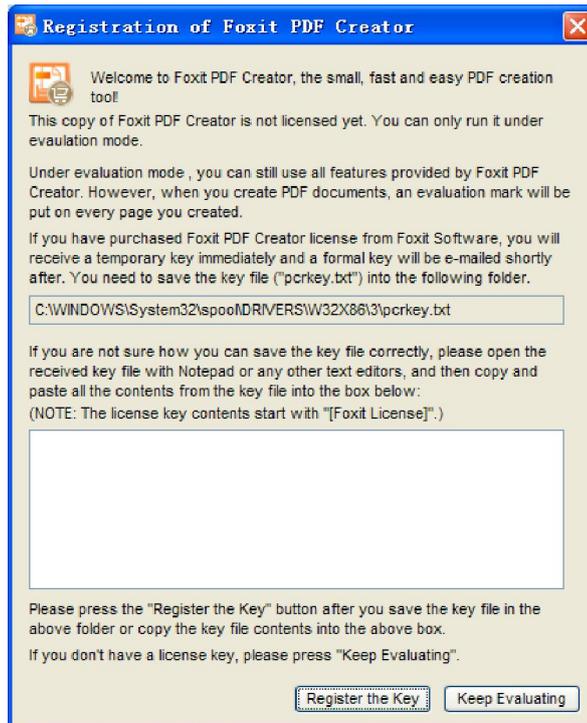
If you have installed an unlicensed copy of Foxit PDF Creator, a registration screen will prompt you to register immediately after the installation is finished. If you don't want to register, you just click Keep Evaluating button to continue.

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If you have purchased Foxit PDF Creator License from Foxit Software via credit card, you will receive a temporary key immediately and a formal key will be e-mailed shortly after. You need to save the key file ("pckrkey.txt") into the following folder:

C:\WINDOWS\System32\spool\DRIVERS\W32X86\3\pckrkey.txt

Also, you can copy and paste all the content from the key file into the box.



1. Click **Register the Key** button.
2. If you select an incorrect key, the Registration will prompt you with pop-up dialog box as the following:



3. If the key you selected is correct, you will see a Thanks dialogue box as the following, just click **Ok** button to finish.



**NOTES:**

- You must restart your computer to complete registration.
- If you didn't register immediately after installation, you can open the Registration screen in the following two ways:
  - ✓ Double click the file "regsisteration.exe" under Foxit PDF Creator installation directory.
  - ✓ Go to Start> Programs>Foxit PDF Creator> Registration.

## Uninstalling Foxit PDF Creator

To uninstall Foxit PDF Creator, you can do one of the following:

- ✓ Double click the file "uninstall.exe" under Foxit PDF Creator installation directory.
- ✓ Go to Start> Programs>Foxit PDF Creator> Uninstall.

**NOTE:** During uninstallation, if the MSWord is opened, the "COM Addin" on its toolbar will not be removed.

# Chapter Three - Settings for PDF Creation

This chapter helps you to access PDF Printing Preferences to set up options for your PDF files.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Overview](#)
- [General](#)
- [Layout](#)
- [Fonts](#)
- [Document Information](#)
- [Watermarks](#)
- [Header and Footer](#)
- [Security](#)

## Overview

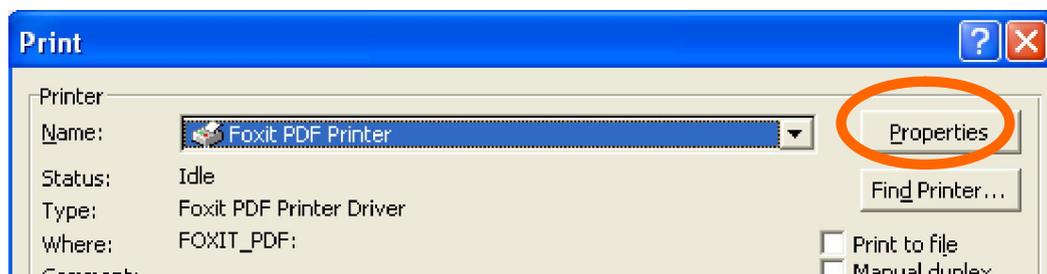
Before you create a PDF file, you may wish to access PDF Printing Preferences to set up options for your PDF files. There are two ways to access PDF Preferences:

### Accessing the PDF Printing Preferences from Windows Notepad

When you print a .txt file, select **File > Print > Preference**, you can bring up the PDF Printing Preferences.

### Accessing the PDF Printing Preferences from Microsoft Office Documents

- When you print a Microsoft Office document and open the Print dialog box, select **File > Print > Properties**, you can bring up the PDF Printing Preferences.



## General

- **Default Folder for Generated PDF File**

This option allows you to assign a destination folder to place the PDF files after generations.

- **Overwrite existing PDF file without confirmation**

By default, this option is unchecked. If you wish for your files to be overwritten without any prompt, you can select this option.

- **Use default filename and save to default Folder**

If you don't want to change the original filename, just check this option and the generated PDF file will be automatically saved to the default folder you have assigned.

- **Open the file after converting**

By default, this option is checked. The generated PDF file will automatically open after conversion.

- **Compress images using lossy algorithm**

This option allows you to reduce the image size with lower quality when generating PDF files. It's checked by default.

- **Image Resolution**

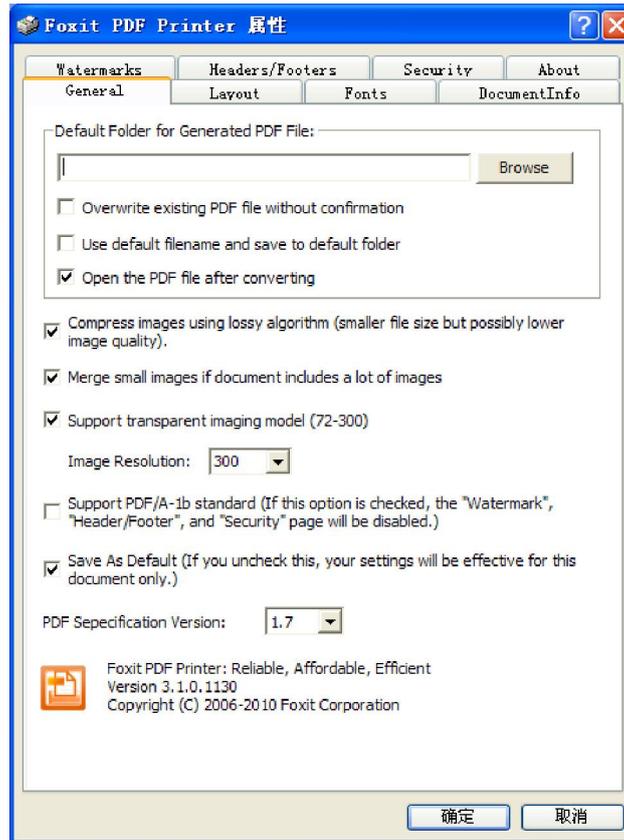
This option allows you to input a DPI (dot per inch) level for image resolution. The valid level value is between 72 -300.

- **Support PDF/A -1b Standard**

This option allows you to archive PDF files. Please note that the "DocumentInfo", "Watermark", "Headers/Footers" and "Security" tab will be disabled if this option is checked.

- **Save As Default**

If you hope all your settings can be applied to all documents, you must keep this option checked. If you uncheck it, your settings will be effective for the current document only.



**General Page**

## Layout

- **Page Form**

This option allows you to choose one of paper types, or click **Custom-size form** and then enter the **Paper Size** dimensions in the **Width** and **Height** boxes.

- **Layout Preview**

You can see how your document layout will look with the selected options from **Page Form**.

- **Paper Size**

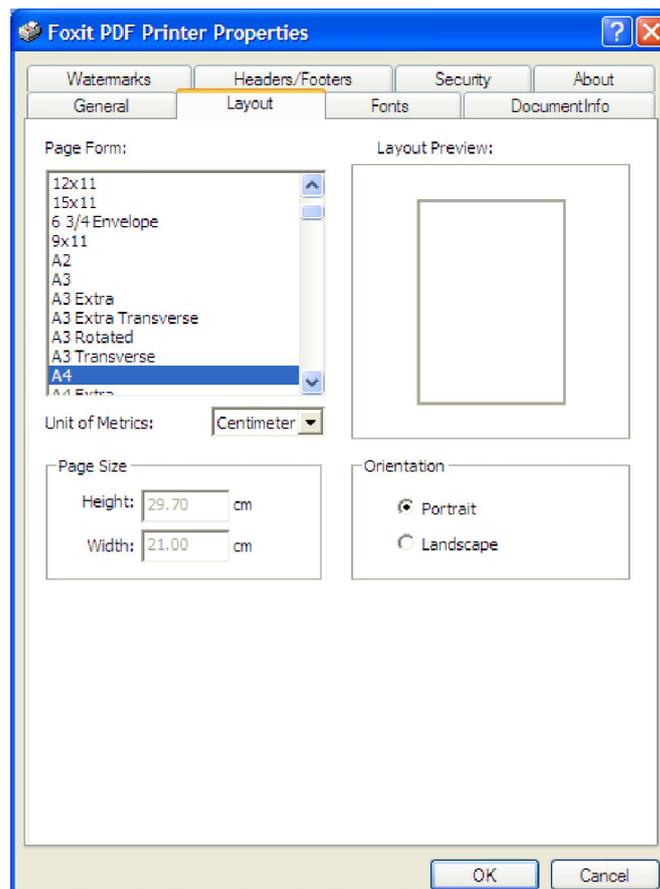
When you click **Custom-size Form** from the **Page Form**, this option is activated, and you can enter dimensions in the **Width** and **Height** boxes.

- **Unit of Metrics**

This option allows you to change the unit of measurement, including inch, centimeter and millimeter.

- **Orientation**

This option allows you to change the page orientation, Portrait or Landscape.



**Layout Page**

## Fonts

- **Embed all fonts**

All fonts in the Font Source list will be embedded into your PDF document when you choose this option. To ensure that the PDF file you create is fully portable and readable on computers that may not have the same fonts installed, you should embed all fonts to guarantee that none are missed.

- **Embed non-standard fonts**

This option allows you to embed nonstandard fonts installed in your computer to your PDF document.

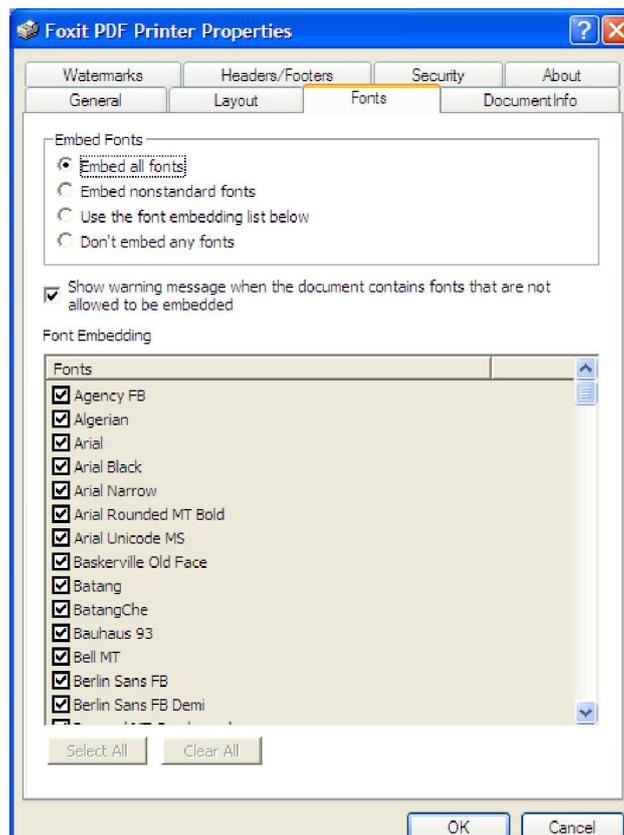
**Note:** This will increase the size of your document considerably, particularly if you are using Unicode-based languages like Asian languages. The font embedding list will be disabled when this option is selected.

- **Use the font embedding list below**

Font embedding list will be available when you select this option. You can check and uncheck the fonts in the list to choose the fonts you want to embed into PDF files.

- **Don't embed any fonts**

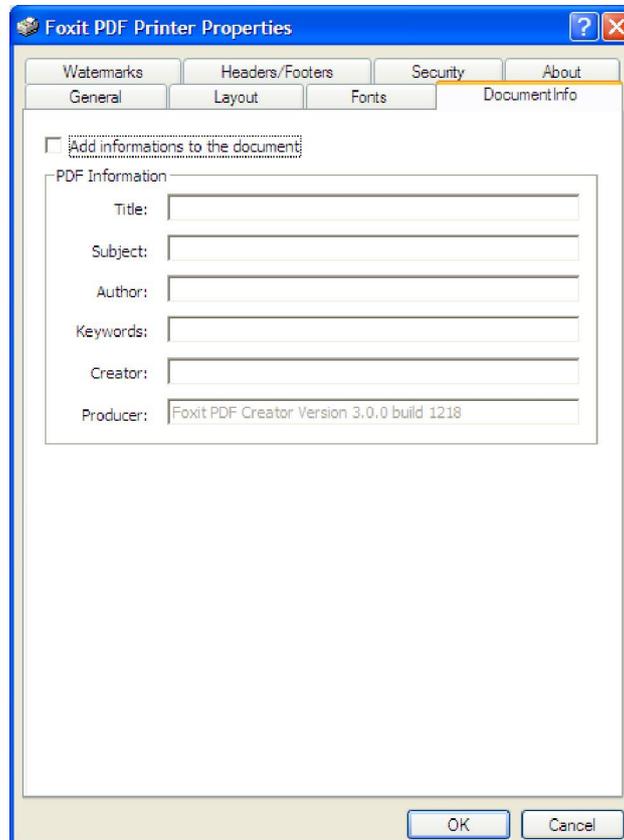
All fonts in the embedding list will be unchecked when this option is selected. And when you read the created PDF files, fonts installed on your OS will be used.



## Document Information

- **Add information into the Document**

This option allows you to set PDF document properties, such as Title, Subject, Author, etc. You can add information when it is checked.



### ***Document Information Page***

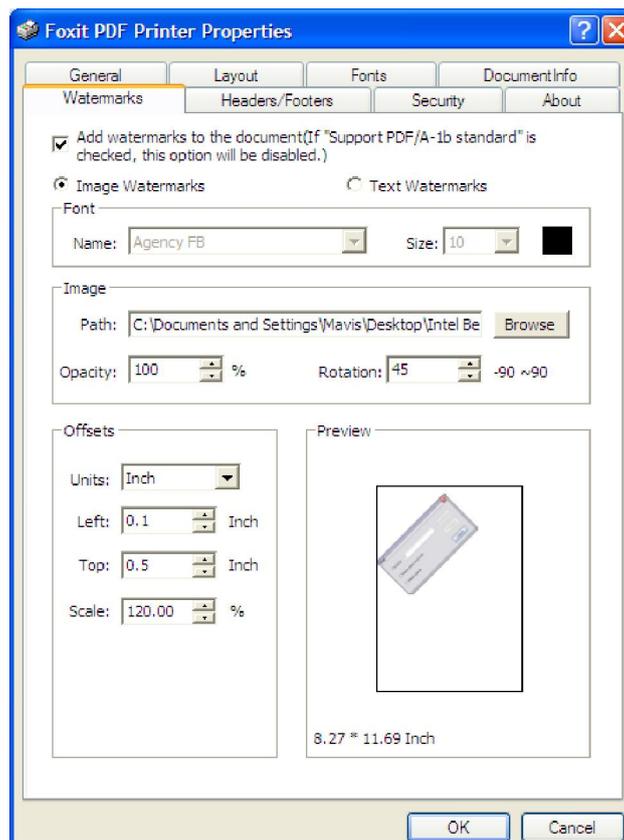
## Watermarks

- **Add watermarks to the document**

If you want to add watermarks to your document, you can select this option and choose to add **Image Watermarks** or **Text Watermarks**.

### Image watermarks

You can browse your computer for an image and change the **Opacity**, **Rotation** and **Offsets** of the image which will be added into your document as a watermark.



### **Image Watermarks**

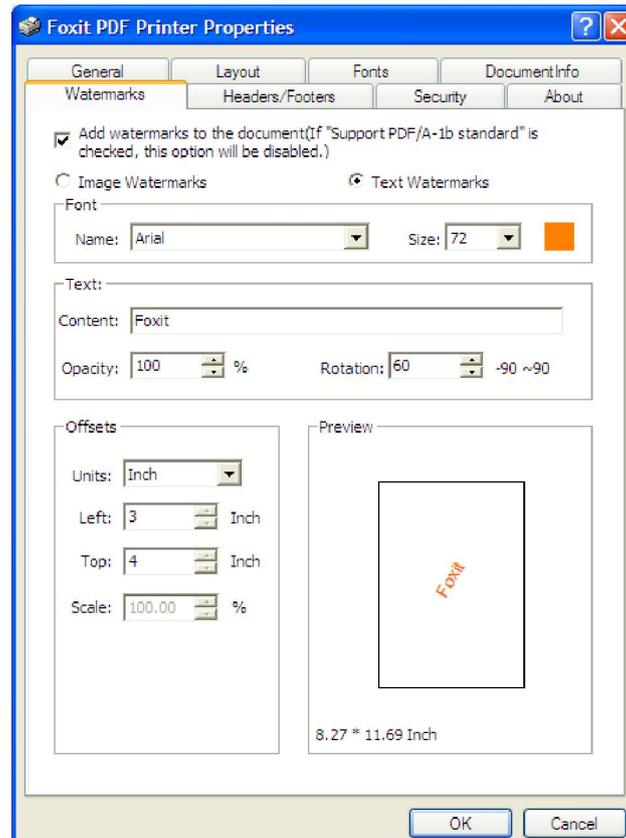
### Text Watermarks

- **Font**

This option is activated only Text Watermarks selected and you can choose the font name, font size and font color from the drop-down menus.

- **Text**

You can enter text in the **Content** box and change the **Opacity** and **Rotation** of the text which will be added into your document as a watermark.



### ***Text Watermarks***

- **Offset**

This option allows you to change the unit of measurement and specify the width, height of the image/text, etc.

- **Preview**

You can see how the watermark will look with the selected options.

## Headers/Footers

- **Add Headers/Footers to the Document**

This option allows you to add headers/footers to your PDF document. By checking this option, the following options will be activated.

- **Font**

You can choose the font name, font size and font color from the boxes.

- **Edit**

This option allows you to edit headers/footers and you can specify their styles. Click **Insert Date** to insert date to the PDF document.

Click **Insert Page Num** to insert page number to the PDF document.

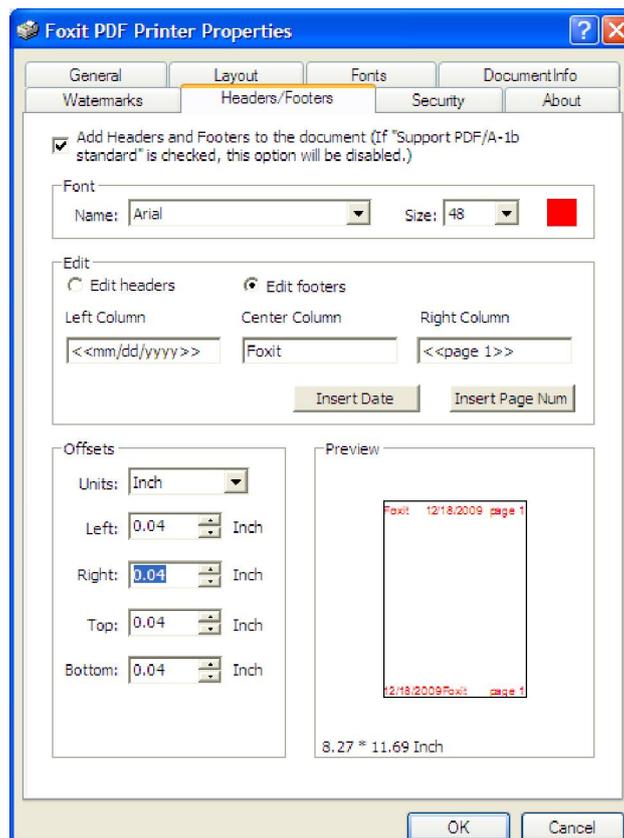
You can enter text in the columns (**Left Column**, **Center Column** and **Right Column**) if needed.

- **Offsets**

This option allows you to change the unit of measurement and specify the margins for all 4 sides.

- **Preview**

You can see how the headers/footers will look with the selected options.



## Security

The security feature of PDF gives you exceptional control over PDF files. To provide adequate protection for PDF's contents, encrypt and secure PDF files to prevent unauthorized access, restrict sensitive operations, etc. The security feature is especially helpful when the documents contain commercial content or sensitive confidential information.

### Password Encryption

There are two kinds of passwords that could be applied to a PDF file: a **Document open password** and a **Permissions password**. When you set a Document Open password, anyone who tries to open the PDF file must enter the password that you specified. When you set a Permissions password, anyone who wants to change the restrictions will have to enter the Permissions password. Please note that if a PDF is protected by both types of passwords, it can be opened with either password, but only the Permissions password allows you to change the restrictions.

**Note:** *There's no way out to recover password from the PDF if you forget it. To keep a backup copy of the PDF that isn't password-protected is a good choice.*

### Adding a password security

1. Select **Please choose the encrypt type > Password Encryption**.
2. Check **Require the password to open the document** and then type the password in the corresponding field. If you set permission password, check **Require to add documents restriction**.
3. In the Permission Specification area, you will be shown the security details you specified.
4. Select an Encryption Algorithm.
5. Click Ok and save the document to make setting take effect.

### Password security options

When you add a password and security to a PDF file, you can set the following security options:

#### Password

**Require a password to open the document** – selects to require users to type the password you specify to open the document.

- **Document Open Password** – specifies a password that users must type to open the document.

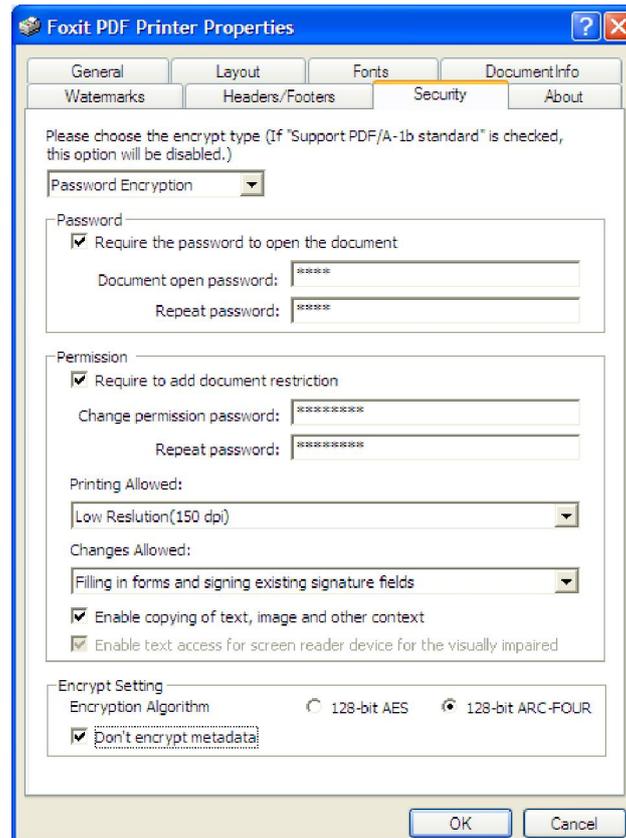
## Permission

**Require to add document restriction** – restricts actions to PDF files, such as printing, editing, etc.

- **Printing Allowed** – specifies the level of printing users are allowed for the PDF document.
  - A. Print with low resolution – allows users to print at no higher than 150-dpi resolution.
  - B. Print with high resolution – allows users to print at any resolution.
- **Changes Allowed** – defines which editing actions are allowed in the document.
  - A. Fill in a form – lets users fill in forms. The option doesn't mean that users can create form fields.
  - B. Comments in the document – lets users add comment to the PDF document.
  - C. Manage pages and bookmarks – lets users insert, rotate, delete pages, as well as add bookmarks.
  - D. Any except extracting pages – let users do all editing actions listed above except extracting pages.
- **Enable copying of text, image and other context** - defines the contents that are allowed to be extracted in the PDF document.
- **Enable text access for screen reader device for visually impaired** - Facilitates the visually impaired users to use voice recognition software in screen reader devices to read the generated PDF files.

**Encryption Algorithm** - defines data transformations that cannot be easily reversed by unauthorized users. Foxit Creator supports 128-bit AES and 128-bit ARC-FOUR.

**Don't encrypt metadata** – encrypts the contents of a PDF file but allow search engines access to the document metadata when it is checked.



### ***Password Encryption Page***

## **Certificate Encryption**

The advantage of securing documents with certificates is that authors can specify unique permissions for each person. For example, authors can permit a person to fill in forms and comment in document, and permit another person to edit text or delete pages. You can choose certificates from files on disk, or from the Windows certificate store. Only a specific set of users whose identities can be verified and managed can have access to the document. A certificate that contains public key and other identifying information is used to encrypt documents, or verified a digital signature. Only corresponding private key decrypts the document that was encrypting using the certificate.

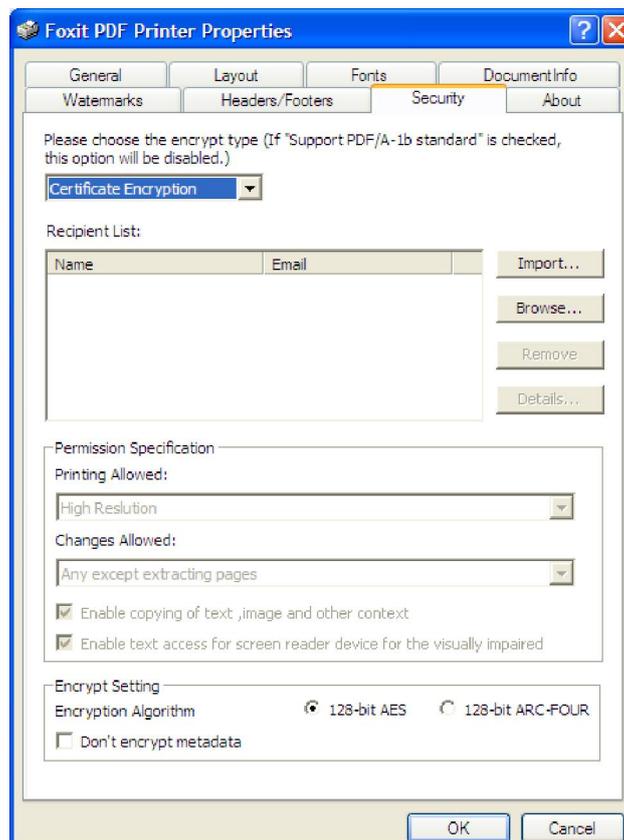
Generally, if possible, encrypt document using certificates from third-party provider. If the certificate is lost or stolen, the issuing authority can replace it, if a self-signed certificate is deleted, all PDF encrypted using the certificates are forever accessible.

### **Adding a certificate security**

1. Select **Please choose the encrypt type** > Certificate Encrypt.
2. In Certificate Encrypt dialog box, create intended recipient list for the encrypt document. You can set document restrictions for a recipient by selecting

the recipient and clicking Permission.

- Click **Import** to import certificate from Windows Certificate store.
  - Click **Browse** to import certificate from disk.
  - Click **Remove** to delete a recipient from recipient list.
  - Click **Details** to view the detail of the certificate.
  - Click **Permission** to set document restriction for the selected recipient.  
About Permission options, please refer to "[Require to add document restrictions](#)" of "[Password security options](#)".
3. Select Encryption Algorithm.
  4. Check **Don't encrypt metadata** to encrypts all contents of a PDF file but allow search engines access to the document metadata.
  5. Click OK and save the document.



### **Certificate Encryption Page**

# Chapter Four – Using Foxit PDF Creator

This chapter gives a short overview on how to get started using PDF Creator, including how to launch Foxit PDF Creator and how to generate accurate PDF files in seconds while retaining the original layout of documents.

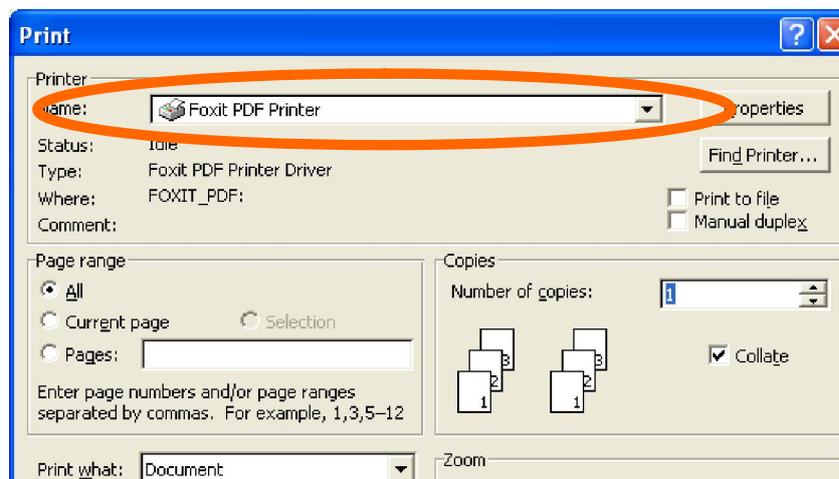
The following sections are covered:

- [To create PDF files](#)
- [Examples of creating PDF files](#)

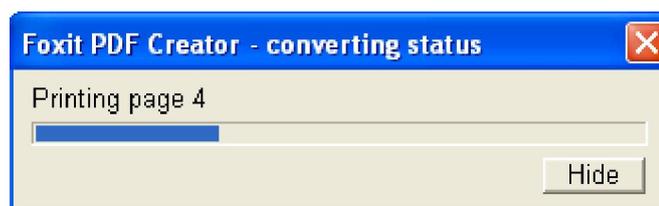
## To create PDF files

Foxit PDF Creator works just like a standard printer, so you can use it to print your files from any Windows applications as you would print to a real printer. Make sure that after installation, you have seen a printer in the "Printers and Faxes" with the name "Foxit PDF Pinter".

1. Open a document from a Windows application, such as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer, AutoCAD, E-mail and much more...;
2. Select from main menu **File -> Print**;
3. Select the printer named **Foxit PDF Printer**, and click **Ok** button to start printing;



4. You will be prompted to specify the name of the PDF file and where to store. Simply assign the PDF filename, select a folder location, and click the **Save** button.
5. You will see a creating status bar, when it's done, the PDF will be automatically opened.



**NOTE:** To open the PDF file, you need a PDF reader program in your system, like "Foxit PDF Reader."

## Examples of Creating PDF Files

### Windows Notepad

1. Open a .txt file;
2. Select from main menu **File >Print**.

### Microsoft Word

3. Run Microsoft Word;
4. Open a .DOC document;
5. Select from main menu **File > Print**; or click the software add-in button on the word toolbar if you hope to preserve hyperlinks and generate bookmarks based on word styles.



### *MSWord 2003*



### *MSWord 2007*

6. Select printer **Foxit PDF Printer**;
7. If you need to deploy printing properties, click the **Properties** button on the right-top;
8. Click **OK**;
9. A dialog box will pop up for you to specify the folder and file name of the PDF document to be generated, after done, click **Save** button;
10. A progress bar will appear, when it's done, the PDF will be automatically opened.

## Support MSWord Hyperlinks and Bookmarks Styles

During installation, Foxit PDF Creator installs a "COM Add-in" in MSWord 2000 or later versions. Using this "COM Add-in", you are able to convert MSWord hyperlink or create PDF bookmarks for PDF output.

### NOTES:

- If you use File > Print > Foxit PDF Creator to generate PDF file, you will not be able to migrate Hyperlink and Bookmarks styles from MSWord to PDF output.
- If MSWord 2000 or later is not available in your machine, you will not be able to convert MSWord hyperlink or create PDF Bookmarks.
- Foxit PDF Creator itself doesn't generate bookmarks or hyperlinks. It just converts the bookmarks and hyperlinks that you created in MSWord to PDFs. For how to generate bookmarks and hyperlinks, you should refer to MSWord help.

## Microsoft Excel

1. Run Microsoft Excel;
2. Open a .XLS document;
3. Select from main menu **File > Print;**
4. Select printer **Foxit PDF Printer;**
5. If you need to deploy printing properties, click the **Properties** button on the right-top (see Deploy the Creation Properties);
6. Click **OK;**
7. A dialog box will pop up for you to specify the folder and file name of the PDF document to be generated, after done, click **Save** button;
8. A progress bar will appear, when it's done, the PDF will be automatically opened.

### NOTE:

- E. In order to print multiple worksheets in a single Excel workbook to a single PDF file, in the Print dialog box, you may check the option of **Entire Workbook** under the **Print What**, and then all worksheets will be created in a single PDF file.

## Internet Explorer

1. Run your Windows web browser;
2. Open a website or stay on a web page;
3. Select from main menu **File > Print**;
4. Select **Foxit PDF Printer** from the Printer list;
5. If you need to deploy printing settings, click the **Preferences** button on the right (see Deploy the Creation Properties);
6. Click **OK**;
7. A dialog box will pop up for you to specify the folder and file name of the PDF document to be generated, after done, click **Save** button;
8. A progress bar will appear, when it's done, the PDF will be automatically opened.

## Outlook Express

1. Run your Email client software;
2. Open an E-mail by clicking its title;
3. Select from main menu **File > Print**;
4. Select **Foxit PDF Printer** from the Printer list;
5. If you need to deploy printing settings, click the **Preferences** button on the right (see Deploy the Creation Properties);
6. Click **OK**;
7. A dialog box will pop up for you to specify the folder and file name of the PDF document to be generated, after done, click **Save** button;
8. A progress bar will appear, when it's done, the PDF will be automatically opened.

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