How to Download and Install Adobe Acrobat Reader

The free tool that helps you open and fill out those important PDF files

You've probably been sent a file that ends in ".pdf" and thought:
"Okay, now what?"

To open it, read it, fill it out, or print it — you need the right tool.
That tool is called **Adobe Acrobat Reader**, and the best part?
It's totally free. Let's get it set up together.

What Is Adobe Acrobat Reader?

Adobe Acrobat Reader (sometimes just called "Adobe Reader") is a free app that lets you:

- Open and read PDF files

- Fill out forms

- Add your signature

- Save and print documents

It works on **Windows PCs, Macs, smartphones, and tablets.**

If You're Using a Windows PC

Step-by-Step:

1. **Go to the official Adobe website**
   Click here to visit: get.adobe.com/reader

2. **Uncheck the optional offers**
   (They may offer McAfee or other extras — you *don't* need them)

3. Click the big **"Download Acrobat Reader"** button
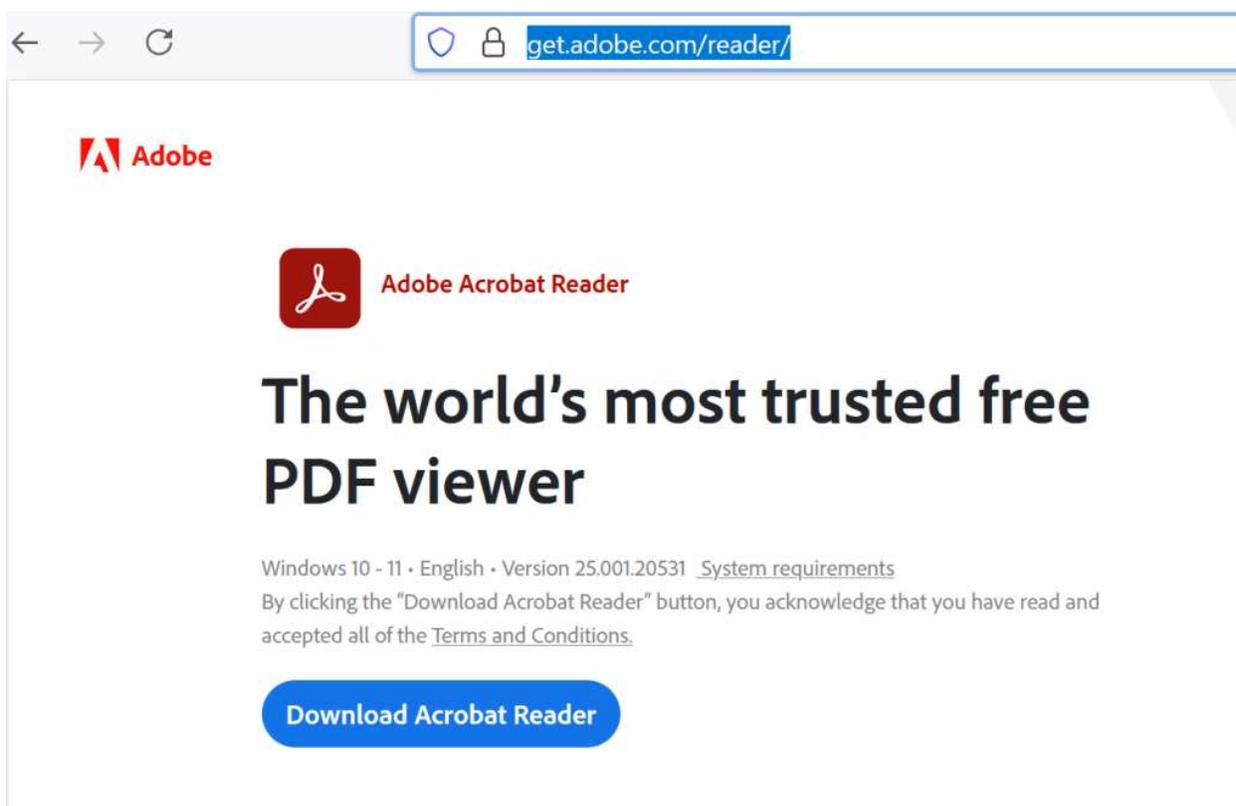
4. Once the file finishes downloading, open it
(You'll see it at the bottom of your screen or in your Downloads folder)
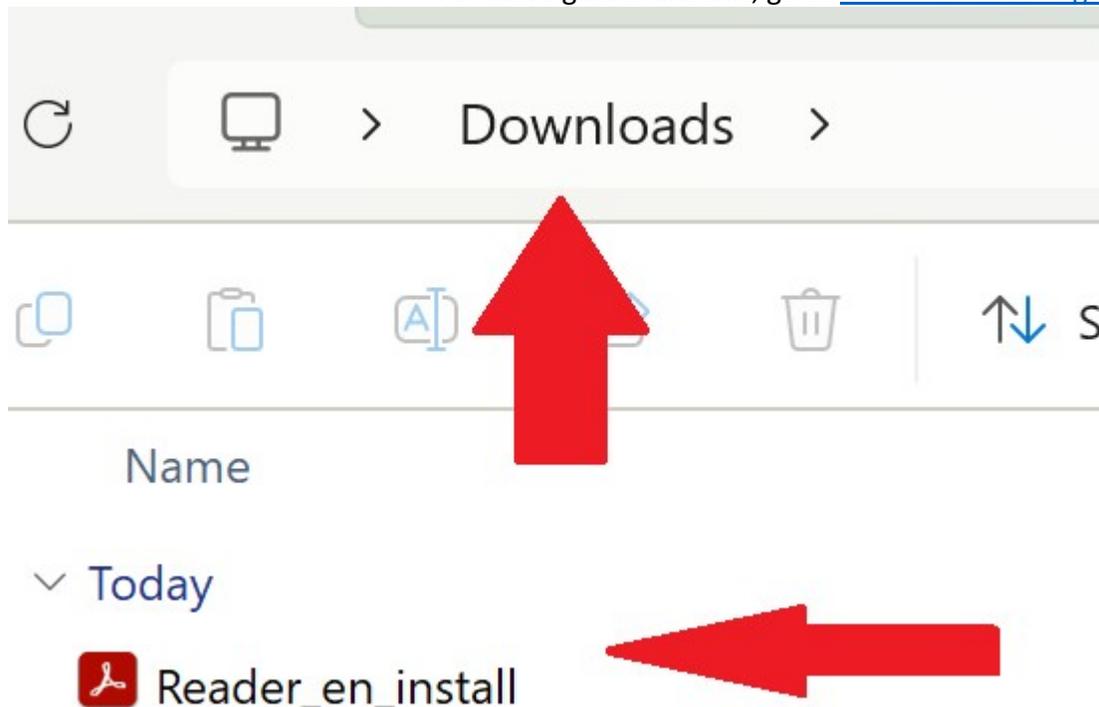
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5. Follow the instructions to install — click **Yes** or **Install** when prompted

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Adobe Acrobat Reader Installer

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Always open PDFs with Adobe Acrobat Reader

Set Acrobat Reader as your default PDF viewer when the app launches.
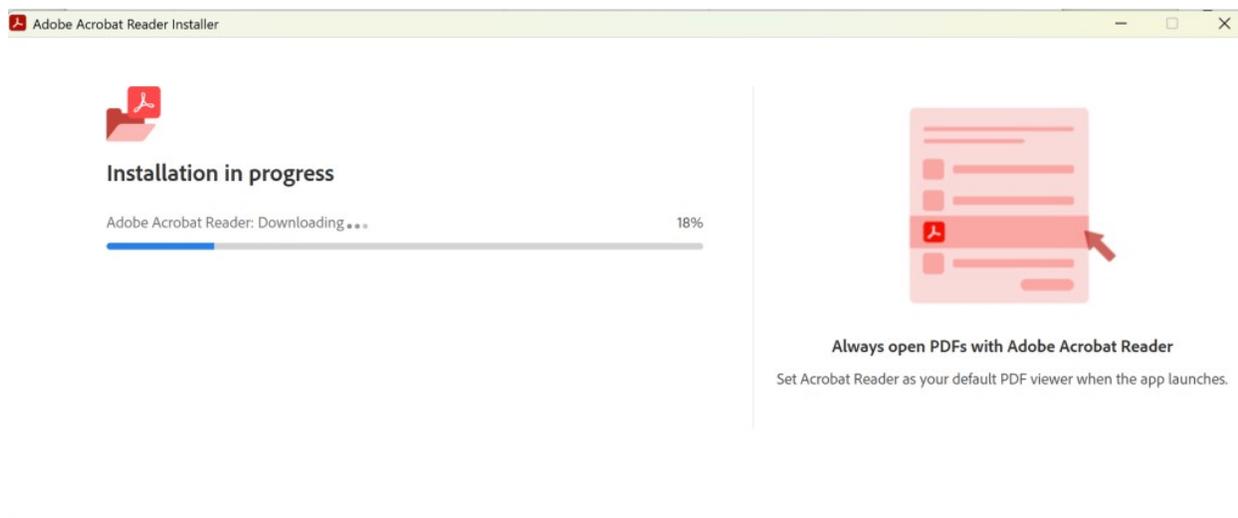
6. When it's done, you'll find **Adobe Acrobat Reader** in your Start menu

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You're ready to open any PDF!

If You're Using a Mac

1. Visit get.adobe.com/reader

2. It should detect you're on a Mac and give you the correct version

3. Click **Download Acrobat Reader**

4. Once downloaded, double-click the file in your Downloads folder
   (It'll look like a .dmg or installer file)

5. Follow the instructions to install it

6. You'll now find it in your **Applications** folder

Double-click any PDF and it should open in Adobe Reader by default.

If You're Using a Phone or Tablet

You can also get Adobe Acrobat Reader on mobile:

iPhone or iPad:

1. Open the **App Store**

2. Search for **"Adobe Acrobat Reader"**

3. Tap **Get** or the download icon

4. Open the app once installed

Android (Samsung, Pixel, etc.):

1. Open the **Google Play Store**

2. Search for **"Adobe Acrobat Reader"**

3. Tap **Install**

4. Open the app after it finishes installing

Now you can open PDFs right on your phone, fill out forms, and even sign them.

What If Something Goes Wrong?

- If it won't install, restart your device and try again

- If a file won't open, make sure you **installed Adobe Reader completely**

- If a PDF opens in the browser and you want it in Adobe Reader instead, right-click the file > "Open with" > Choose **Adobe Acrobat Reader**

You're All Set!

Now that you've got Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can:

- Open any PDF you download from *Work the Thing*

- Fill out forms for doctors or your taxes

- Print recipes, guides, or instructions

You've officially got the tools to **work the PDF thing**.