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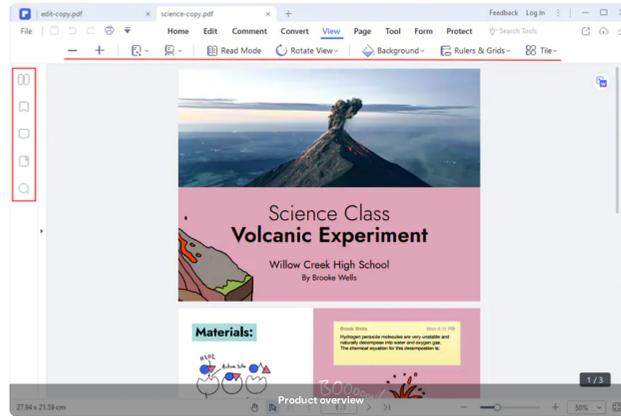
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Brief introduction to PDFelement.

Wondershare PDFelement for Windows is a powerful PDF tool that helps windows users work with PDF files easier and allows you to produce great-looking PDF documents and forms quickly, affordably, and securely. With this PDFelement for Windows software, you can:

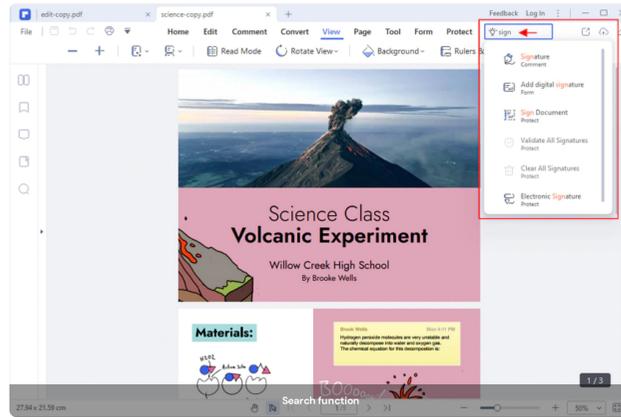
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- Perform partial OCR on specific user-defined fields in scanned PDFs;
- Batch process to convert, create, optimize, data extract, bates number, and watermark.

A good way to get up to speed in using PDFelement is by familiarizing yourself with its workspace. PDFelement provides an intuitive user interface with a menu bar, a toolbar, a navigation panel, and work area.



The toolbar displays different tabs with different tools. This is the toolbar on the center of the screen. What's more, you can search some certain tools through the "Search" feature to directly find the tool.

Note:
Position the pointer over a button to see the description of the button.

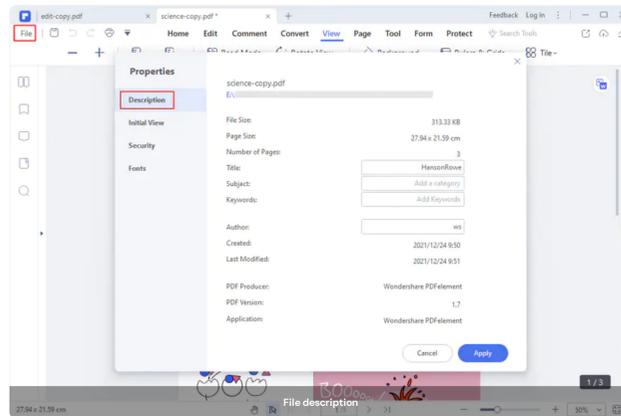


To quickly find out the tool you need, you can enter the tool name or keyword in the Search box, and then click your needed feature in the search results. After that, the corresponding tool will be activated directly. That's quite fast and easy to complete some operations in PDFelement.

What's more, you can click "File" tab to view more menu options.

1. File Properties

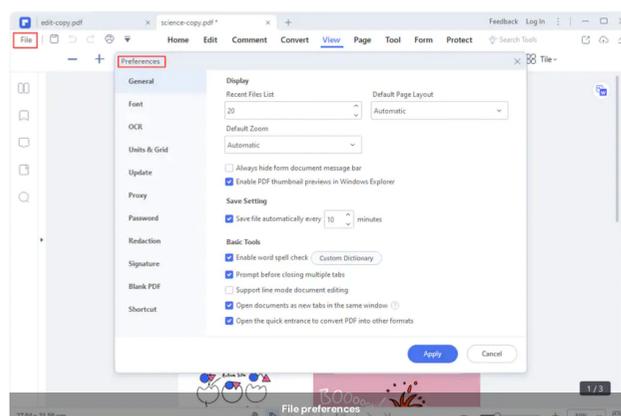
Go to "File > Properties > Description", you can check the file properties, you can also edit the data of "Title", "Subject", "Keywords" and "Author" that are marked by the pencil symbol.



2. File Preferences

Click on "File > Preferences", you will get more settings about "General", "Font", "OCR", "Units & Grid", "Update", "Proxy", "Password", "Redaction", "Signature", "Blank PDF" and "Shortcut".

- **General:** You can set the quantity for the recent file list, the display mode, automatic save time and measurement units.
- **Font:** You can set Default Textbox Font for comments and Default Text Font.
- **OCR:** You can set the default language to use in Document Language list.
- **Units & Grid:** You can precisely line up the texts and objects in your documents.
- **Update:** You can set the frequency to check updates.
- **Proxy:** You can select the proxy settings.
- **Password:** You can set the password to open the encrypted documents.
- **Redaction:** You can set redaction to black out the sensitive text.
- **Signature:** You can design your own digital signature and edit the style.
- **Blank PDF:** You can create a blank PDF and apply it to use.
- **Shortcut:** You can find shortcuts for main functions.





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How to register and get Wondershare PDFelement full version

1. Trial Version Limitations

After downloading and installing, you will receive the trial version of PDFelement. The trial version does contain the following limitations:

- **Watermark:** Places a watermark on your PDF files when you save after editing or commenting on the file. (It is recommended that you click the "Save As" button in "File" menu to save it to a new copy with the watermark, then it will not affect your original PDF.) When using the batch process to add a watermark or bates number, it will process all the files you load but will still add the trial watermark in each file.
- **Convert:** Will only convert 3 pages at most. All files together must not exceed 20 MB.
- **Batch:** When using the batch process to extract data, it will process two files only.
- **Combine:** The trial version can merge up to 3 files. All files together must not exceed 20MB.
- **Templates:** Limited free templates available to edit and download.
- File compression is not available on the trial version.

2. Purchase PDFelement

To get the full version of Wondershare PDFelement, you need to purchase the license to activate it. Please follow the below steps to purchase the license:

- Find the "Buy Now" button on the top right corner of the trial version product window and click it. Alternatively, you can visit the Wondershare Official Store [purchase page](#).
- Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the purchase process.
- The process of how to activate the software will be displayed on the website after paying successfully. And please go to your email inbox to find the download link and activation process.

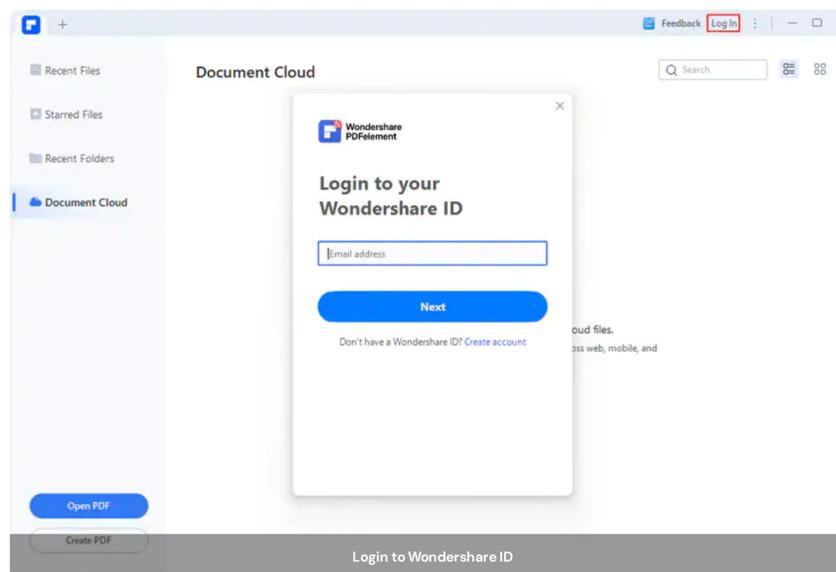
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Sometimes, you may find the activation email located in the junk/spam mail box.

3. Register PDFelement

To be able to have access to the full features of the registered version, ensure that you have taken the time to use the registration information submitted to you to fully activate the software after purchase. Without registration, the product will remain as the trial version even though you have paid for it. Here is how to register PDFelement after you have purchased the product.

- Launch PDFelement and click the "Log In" button in the top right corner.
- A Login window will pop up, you can log in with your Wondershare ID account to activate it.
- If you do not have an account, click "Create account" under the "Next" button.



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1. System Requirement

If you want to install PDFelement, the minimum required specifications to run Wondershare PDFelement Professional are as follows:

- Operating System: Windows 10/8.1/8/7/Vista
- Processor: 1Ghz Processor or above
- RAM: 512 MB RAM or above
- Available Hard Drive Space: 500 MB or above

Note:

See more details please visit: <https://pdf.wondershare.com/tech-spec.html>

2. Download PDFelement on Windows Computer

- Visit <https://pdf.wondershare.com/> to download the trial version of PDFelement.
- Double click the executable installation file and follow the on-screen instructions to finish the installation.

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Shortcut keys.

There are many shortcut keys for your better operating PDFelement and managing files efficiently. After opening the program, you can refer to the following instructions to work. Also, you can find the shortcuts in "File" > "Preferences" > "Shortcuts".

- F1: Open online help page
- Alt + Shift + F11: Prompt product version pop-up
- Ctrl + O: Prompt document pop-up
- Ctrl + Tab: Switch to the next document
- Ctrl + Shift + Tab: Switch to the previous document
- Ctrl + W/Ctrl + F4: Close the current document
- Ctrl + S: Save the current document
- Ctrl + Shift + S: Save as current document
- Ctrl + D: Open the document properties dialog box
- Ctrl + K: Open the preferences dialog box
- Ctrl + F: Search panel pop-up
- Ctrl + Shift + F: Pop up the advanced search panel
- Ctrl + T: Open the search and replace panel
- Ctrl + P: Print
- Ctrl + Z: Undo last change
- Ctrl + Y: Redo last change
- Ctrl + Shift + I: Insert from the file
- Ctrl + Shift + T: Insert blank page
- Ctrl + Shift + D: Delete the page
- Ctrl + Shift + K: Tile horizontally
- Ctrl + Shift + L: Tile vertically
- Ctrl + N: Convert the document to PDF
- Alt + 7: Screenshots
- Alt + 3: Switch to text hand mode
- Ctrl + E: Switch to text editing mode
- Alt + 6: Switch to select mode
- Ctrl + F10: Window maximization
- Ctrl + 1: The actual size
- Ctrl + 0: Fit page to window
- Ctrl + 3: Fit height
- Ctrl + 2: Fit width
- F8: Fold functional area
- Ctrl + +: Zoom into page
- Ctrl + -: Zoom out of page
- F11: Enter or exit full screen mode
- Shift + F4: Expand/collapse the right property bar
- F4: Display or hide the left navigation bar
- F6: Switch to the next Ribbon Tab
- Shift + F6: Switch to the previous Ribbon Tab
- Home: The first page
- End: The last page
- ←: Scroll to the left
- →: Scroll to the right
- ← / PageUp / Shift + Enter: The previous page
- → / PageDown / Enter: The next page
- Alt + ←: Jump to the previous view
- Alt + →: Jump to the next view
- ↑: Scroll up
- ↓ / Space: Scroll down
- Ctrl + 4: Continuous mode
- Ctrl + 5: Single page view
- Ctrl + 6: Two pages view
- Ctrl + 7: Two pages continuous
- Tab: Move the focus to the next comment, link, or form field in the document pane
- Shift + Tab: Moves the focus to the previous comment, link, or form field in the document panel
- Esc: Exit temporary editing status
- Ctrl + B: Add bookmark
- F2: Rename the selected bookmark
- Ctrl + Shift + ←: Rotate page to the left
- Ctrl + Shift + →: Rotate page to the right
- F12: Batch Processing
- Ctrl + B: Make the selected text bold
- Ctrl + I: Italicize the selected text
- Ctrl +]: Increase font size
- Ctrl + [: Decrease font size

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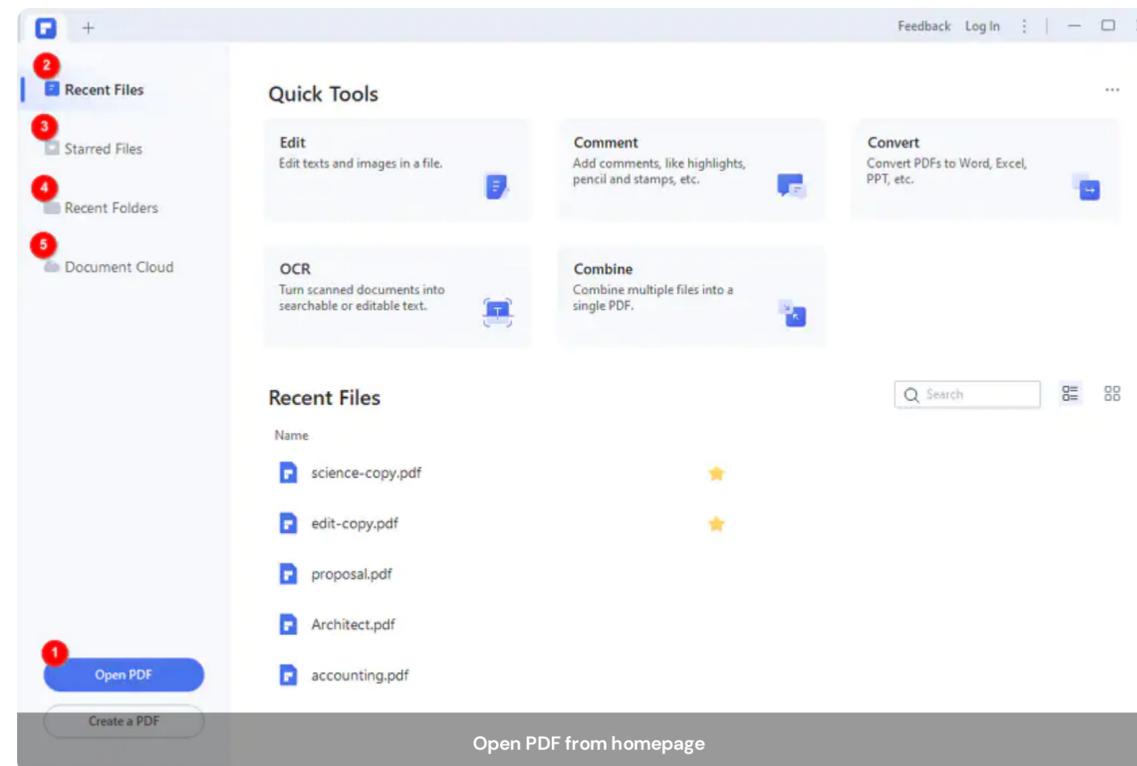
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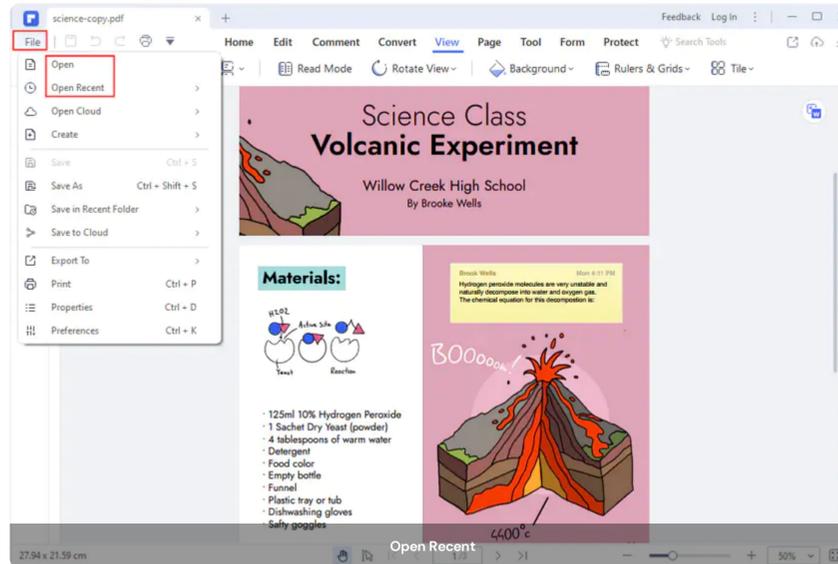
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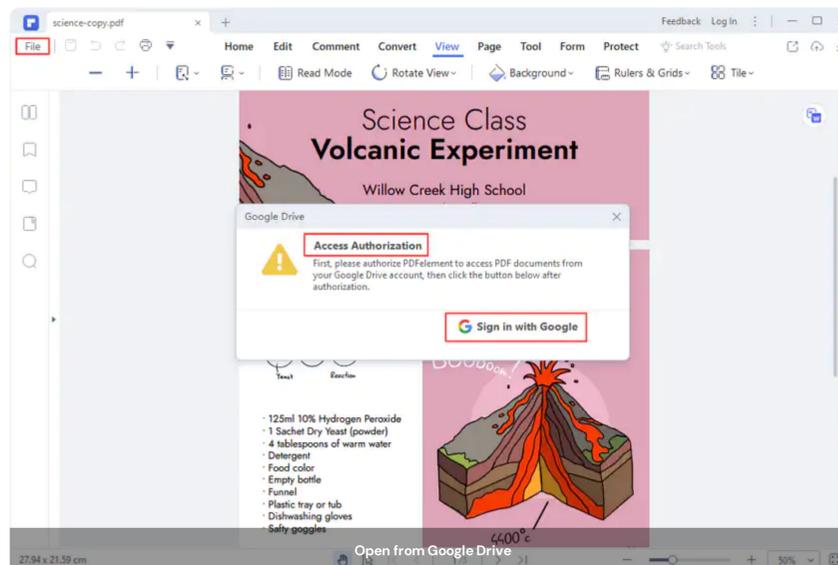
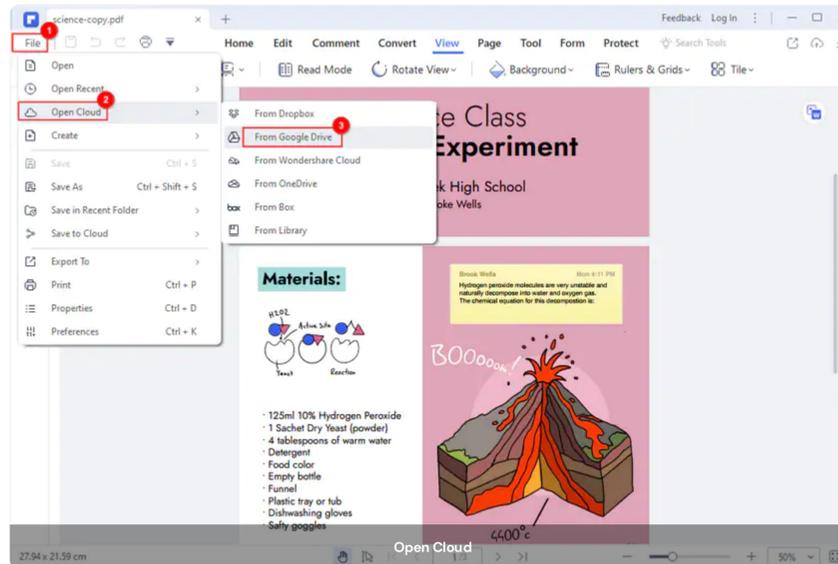
How to Open PDF from File Menu

If you have already opened one PDF in PDFelement, you will see the “File” menu on the top left. Here we present how to open pdf file from the “File” menu.

- Tap “File” button and then “Open” or “Open Recent” option to select the PDF files from File Explorer.



- Click on “File > Open Cloud”, you will see many cloud options including Dropbox, Google Drive, Wondershare Cloud, OneDrive, Box and Library. You may need to sign in your cloud account and complete access authorization, then you can open PDF files from “Open Cloud”.



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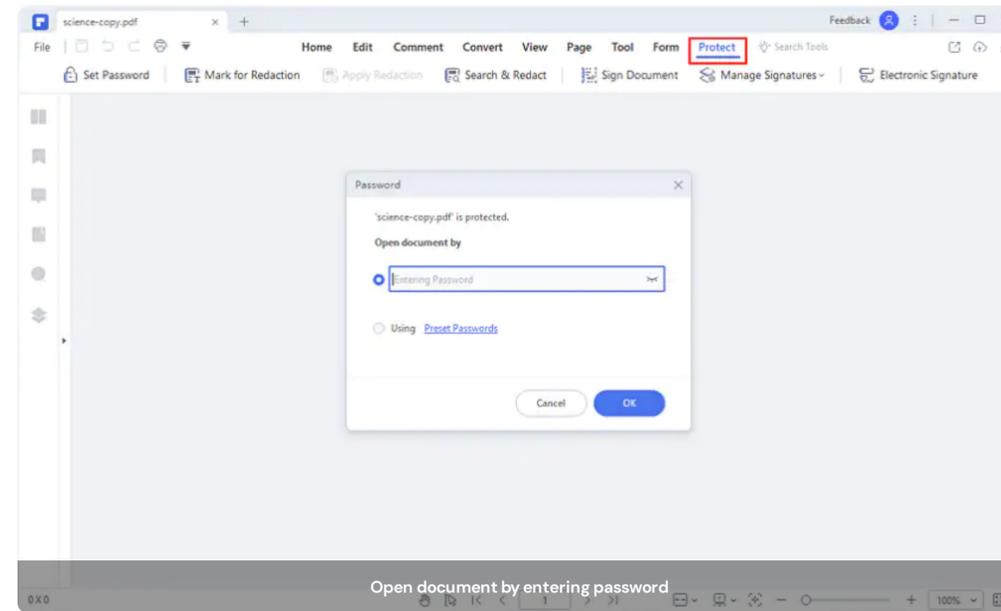
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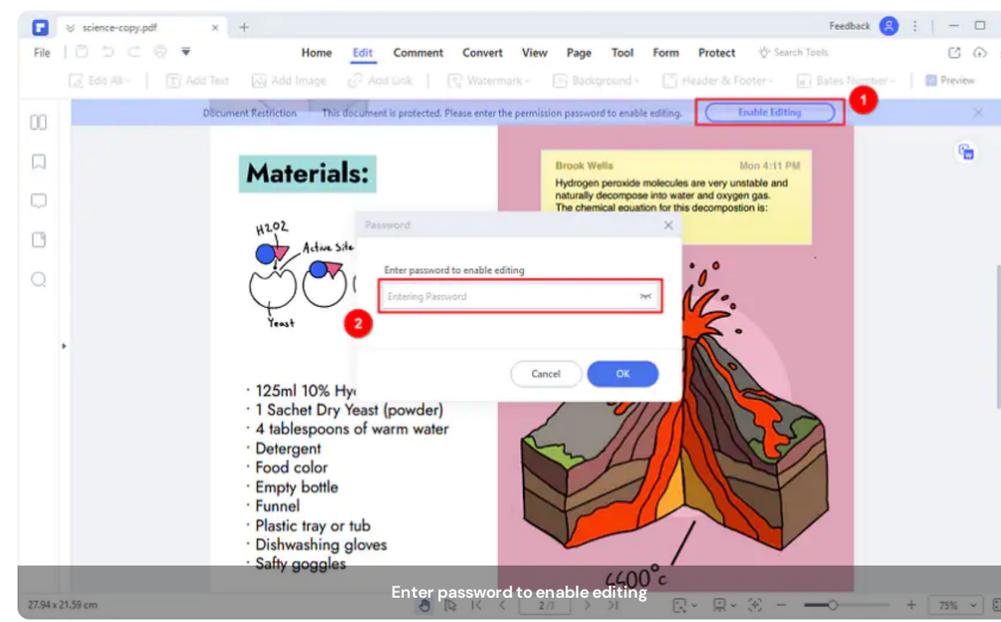
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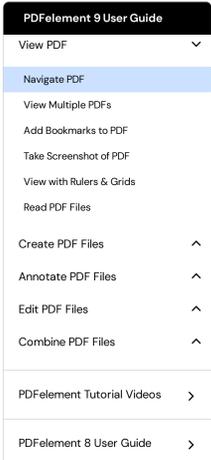
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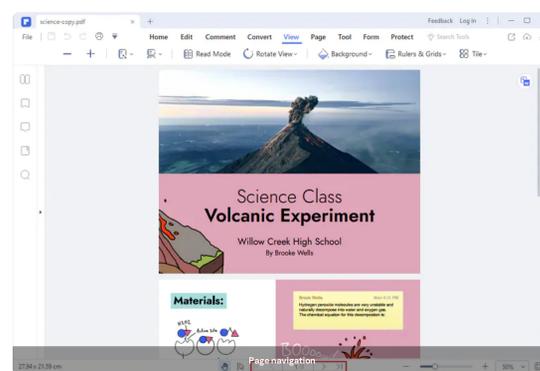




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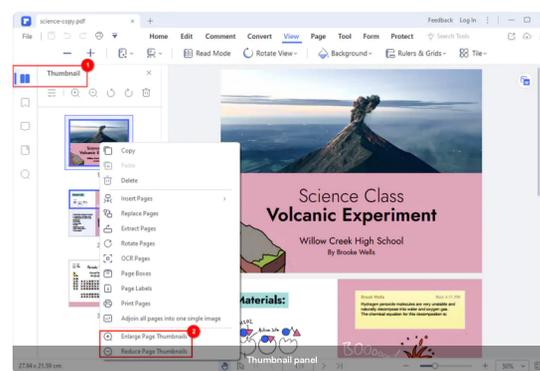
You can navigate PDF through the pages of your active document in the "View" tab or in the bottom floating bar.



- Click the "Previous Page" button to navigate to the previous page of the current document.
- Click the "Next Page" button to navigate to the next page of the current document.
- Enter the page number and press Enter key to navigate to the page immediately.

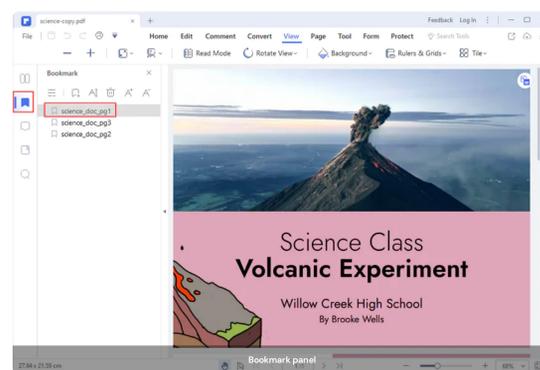
2. Thumbnail panel.

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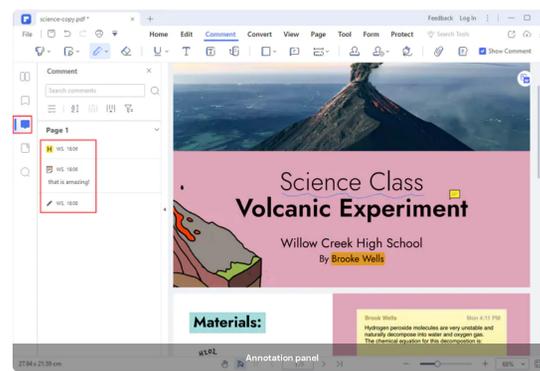
3. Bookmark panel.

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4. Annotation panel.

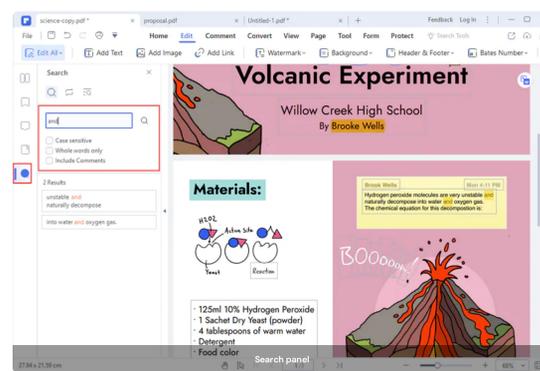
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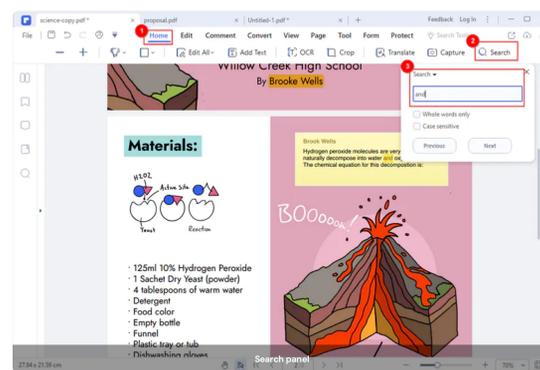
5. Search panel.

PDFelement has a powerful built-in search tool that allows you to navigate PDF through your documents, looking for specific text in the active document. There are different ways to perform a search:

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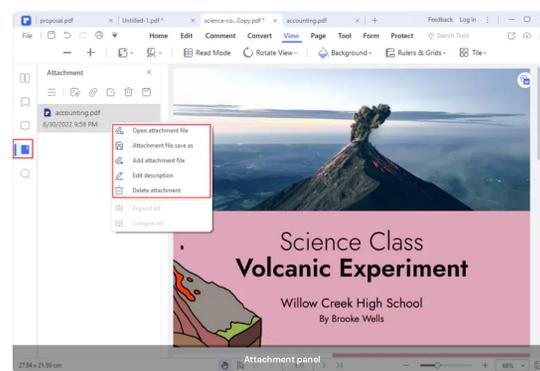


- Click "Home > Search" and enter a keyword in the search box and press Enter key to start the search process.



6. Attachment panel.

If you need to open a PDF with attachments, the Attachment Panel can navigate to where the files are stored. You can directly open these attached files, add more attachment files, edit description, delete or save them.



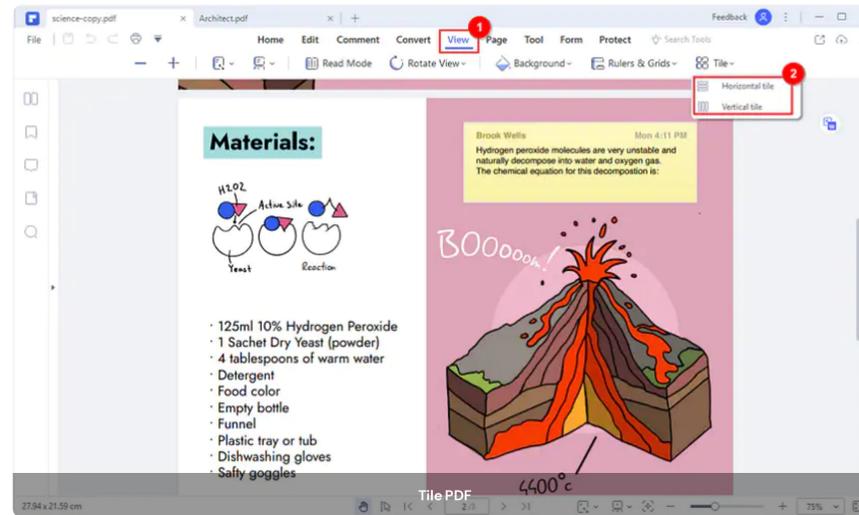


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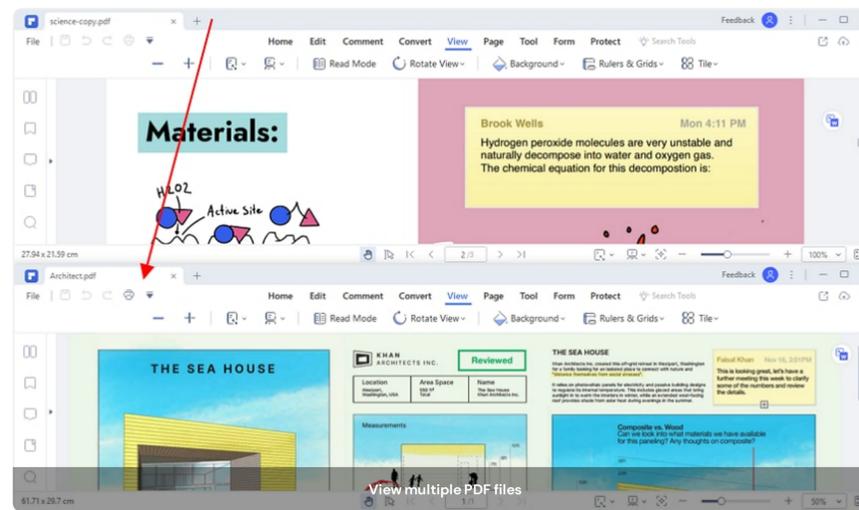
How to view multiple PDFs in different windows.

Since version 6.3.0 of PDFelement, we support to view multiple PDFs in different program windows, so that you can better view or compare among different files.

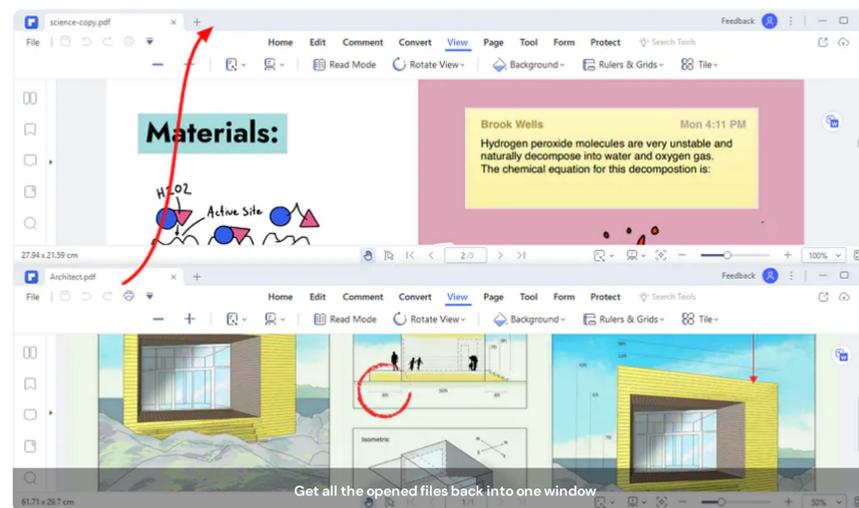
- Open multiple PDF files in the program first, then click the "View" > "Tile" button.
- Choose to tile the windows Horizontally or Vertically.



- Alternatively, you can open multiple PDFs first, and reduce the window size, then drag the tab of the file to create other windows for each file directly, then adjust the window size as you want by dragging the edge of the window again.



- After tiling to multiple windows, drag the tab of the file back to one window one by one, you will get all the opened files back into one window.





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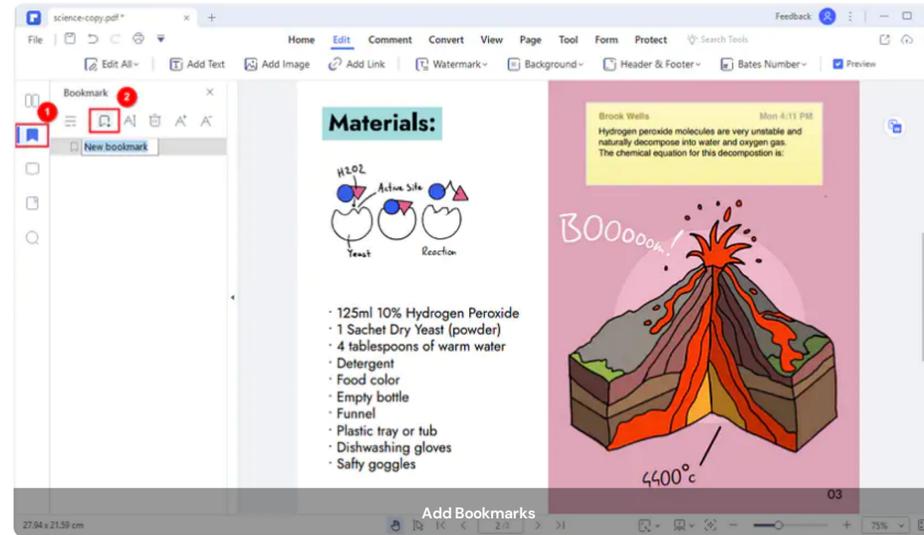
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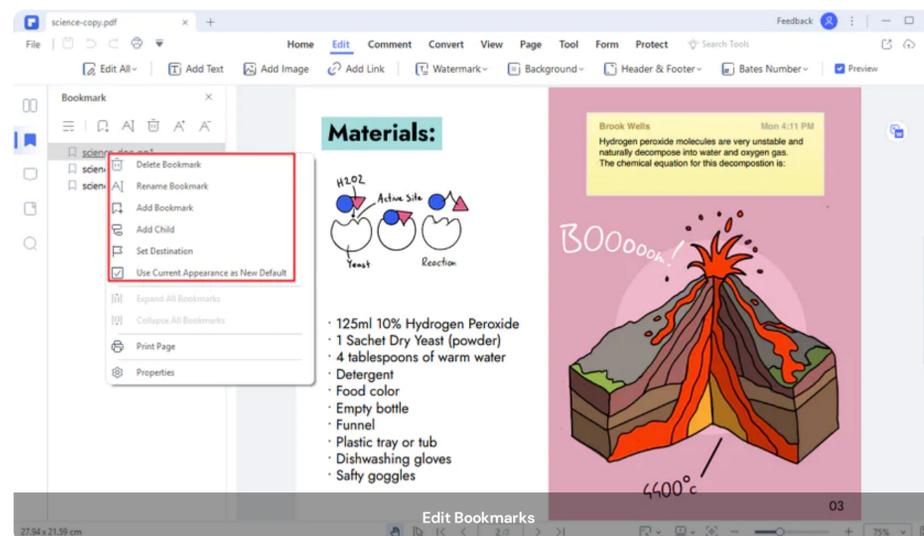
1. Add Bookmarks.

- Navigate to the page in which you want to insert a bookmark. Then click the Bookmark panel and select the "Add" button to insert the bookmark.
- Open one file and click the "Bookmark" button at the left side panel, and it will open the Bookmark panel to create the bookmark for the current page directly.



2. Edit Bookmarks.

- Right-click the bookmark in the Bookmark panel to choose "Rename Bookmark" to change the name.
- Right-click the bookmark in the Bookmark panel to choose "Add Child" to add a child bookmark.
- Right-click "Set Destination" to change the bookmark to the current page.
- Right-click "Expand All Bookmarks" to expand all the bookmarks including the child bookmark.
- Right-click "Collapse All Bookmarks" to collapse the child bookmark.



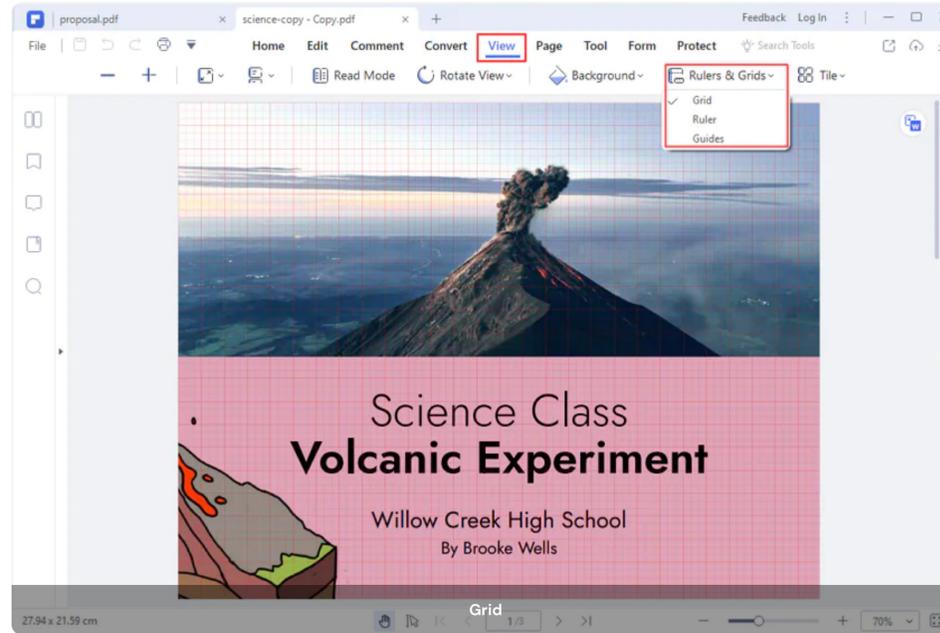


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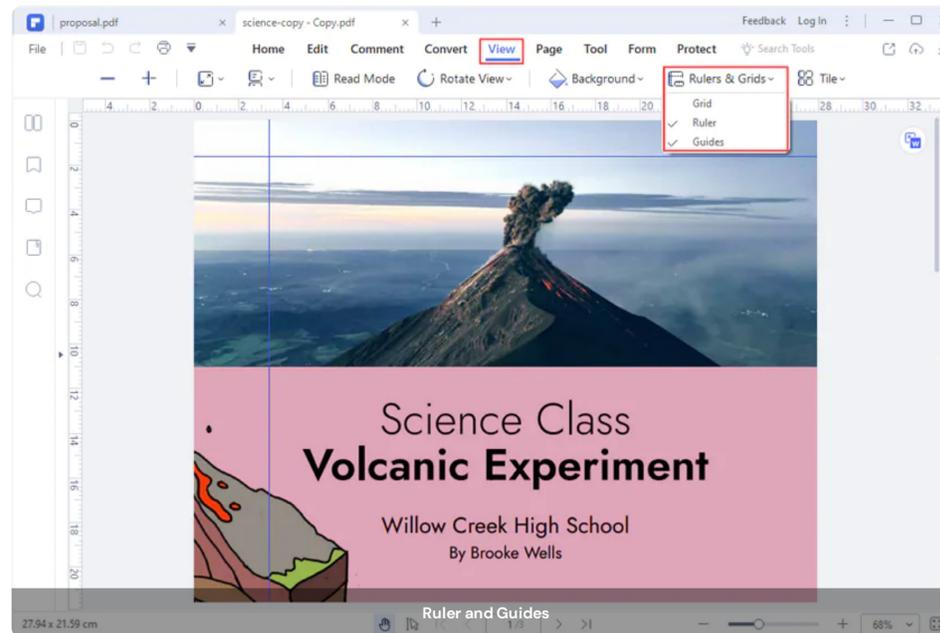
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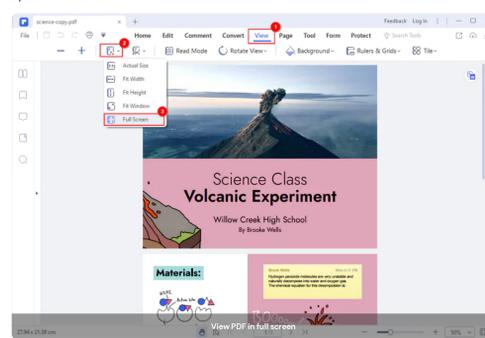
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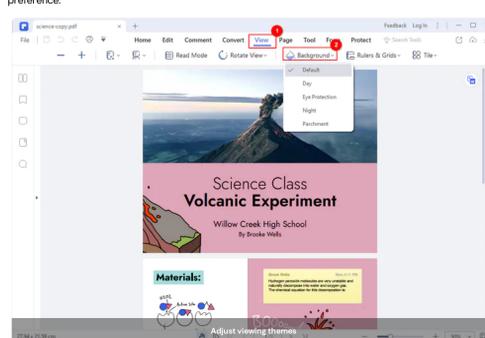
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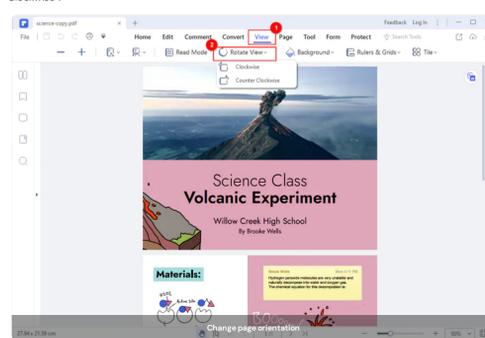
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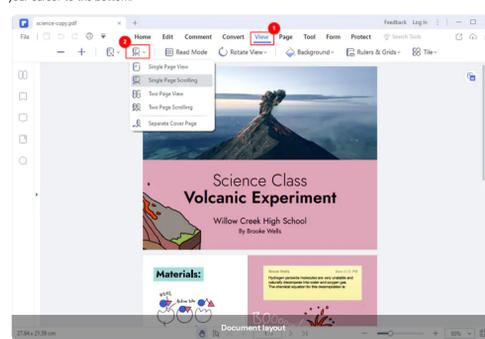
3. Change page orientation.

Click on "View > Rotate View", you can change your PDF orientation to "Clockwise" or "Counter Clockwise".



4. Document layout.

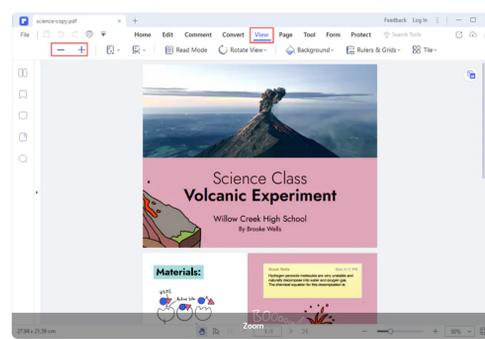
You can find some settings about the layout of your PDF document under the "View" tab option. Or you can select the page view mode in the bottom floating bar that automatically appears when you move your cursor to the bottom.



- **Single Page View:** View one page in the document panel at a time.
- **Single Page Scrolling:** Arrange the pages in the document panel in a continuous vertical column and have scrolling enabled.
- **Two Page View:** Arrange the pages side by side, displaying only two pages at a time.
- **Two Page Scrolling:** Arrange the pages side by side in a continuous vertical column and scrolling enabled.

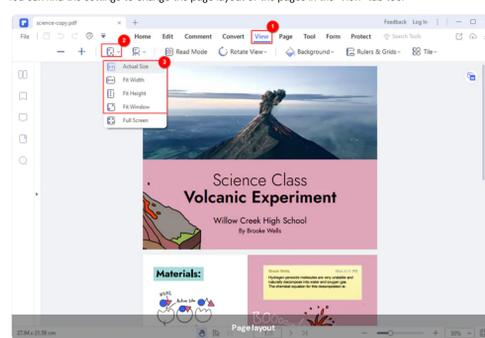
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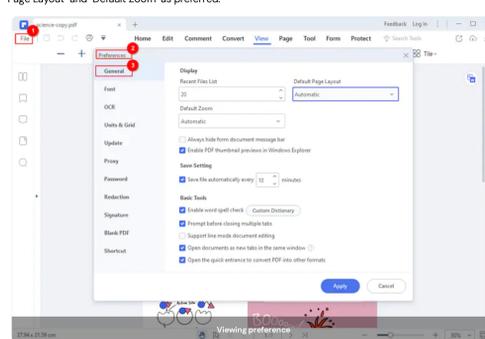
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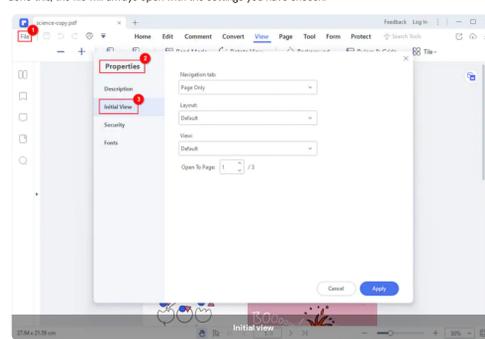
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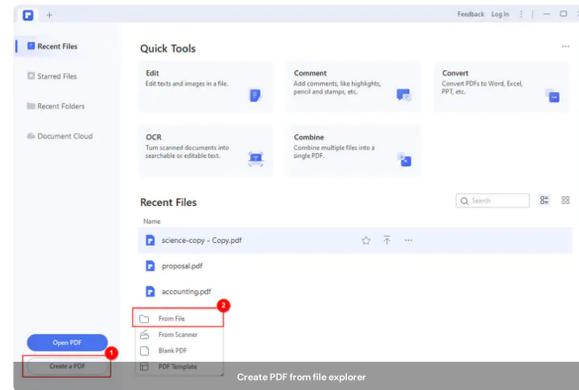
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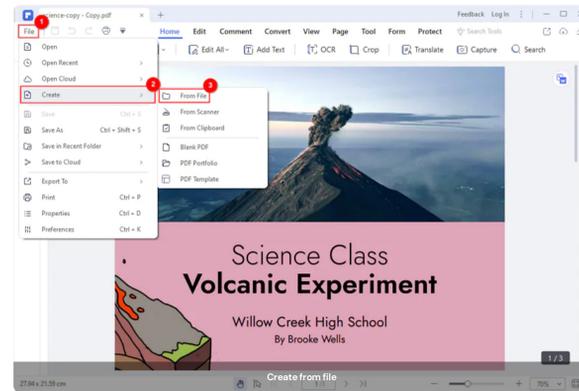
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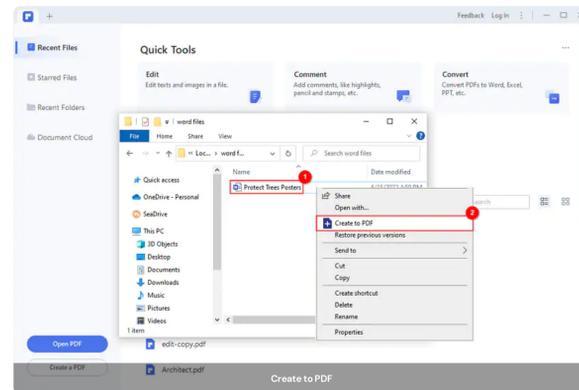
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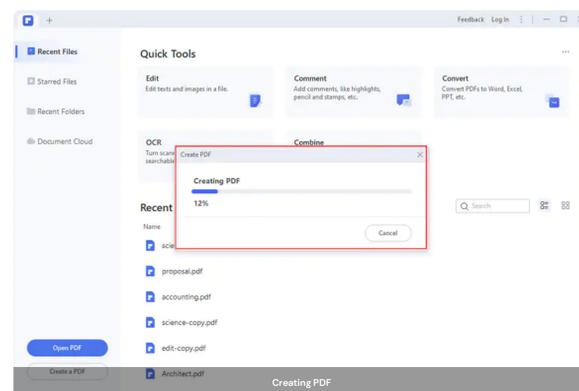
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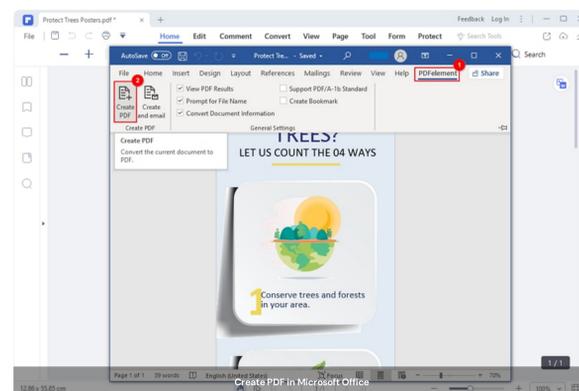


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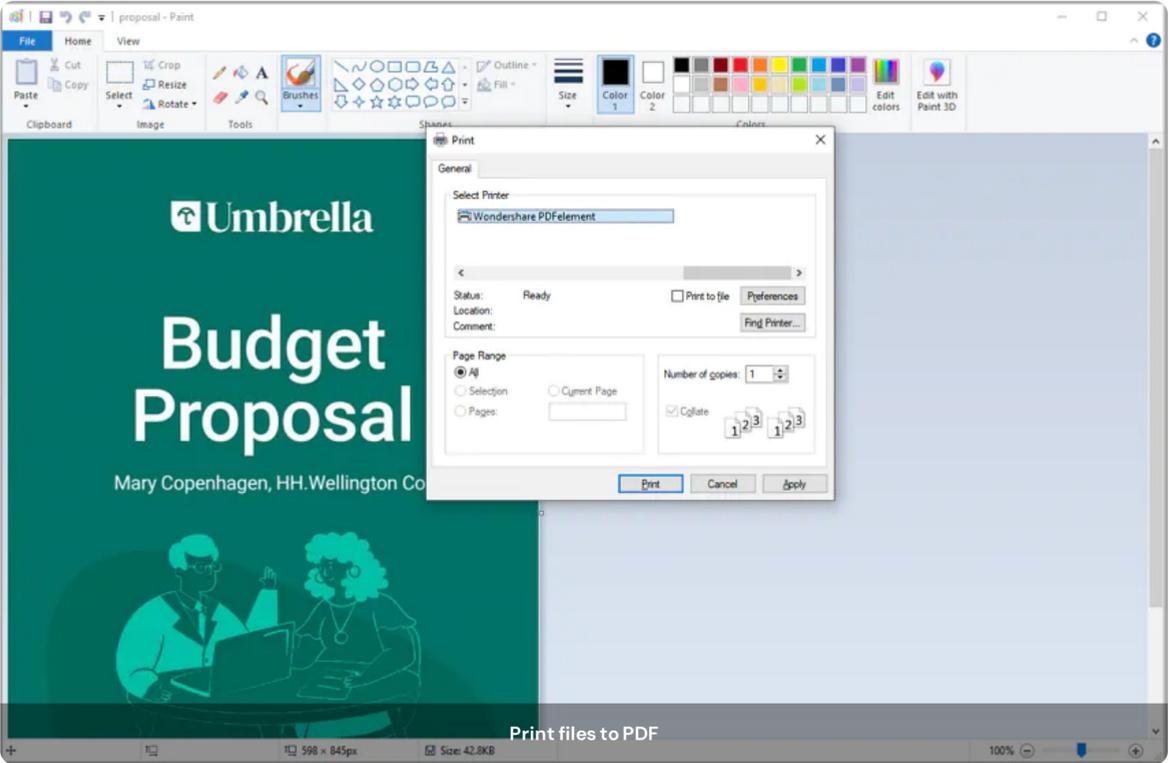
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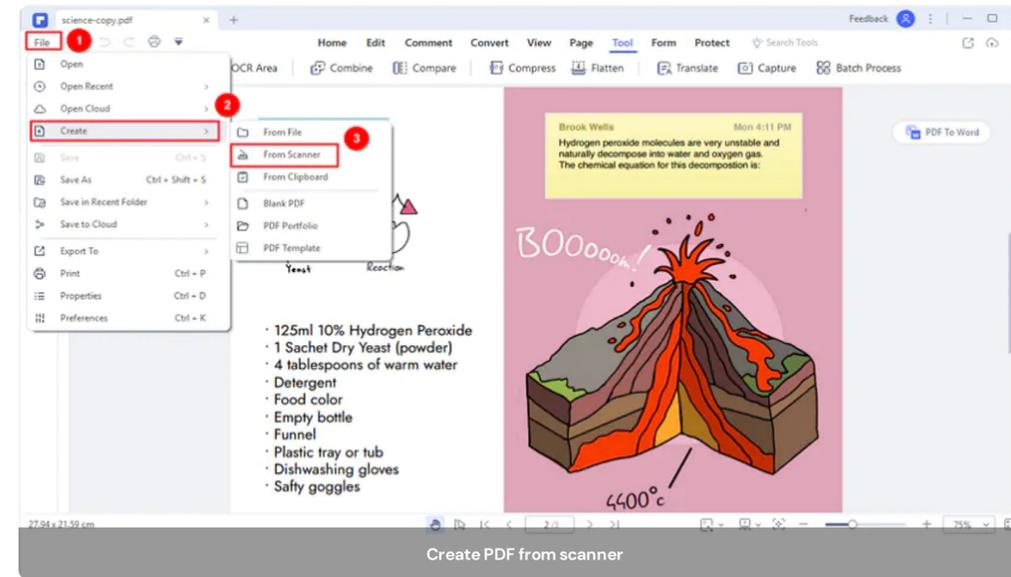
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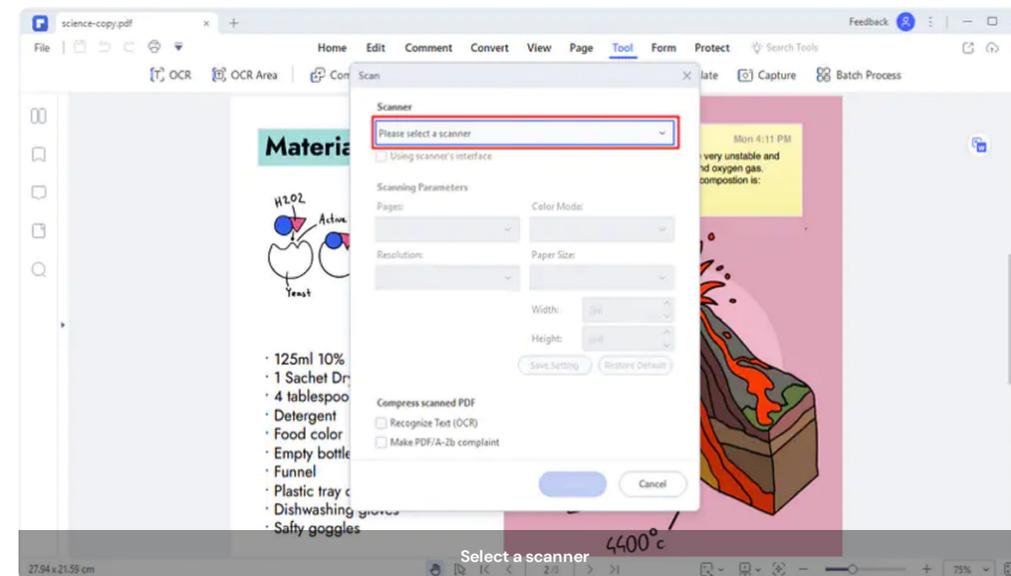
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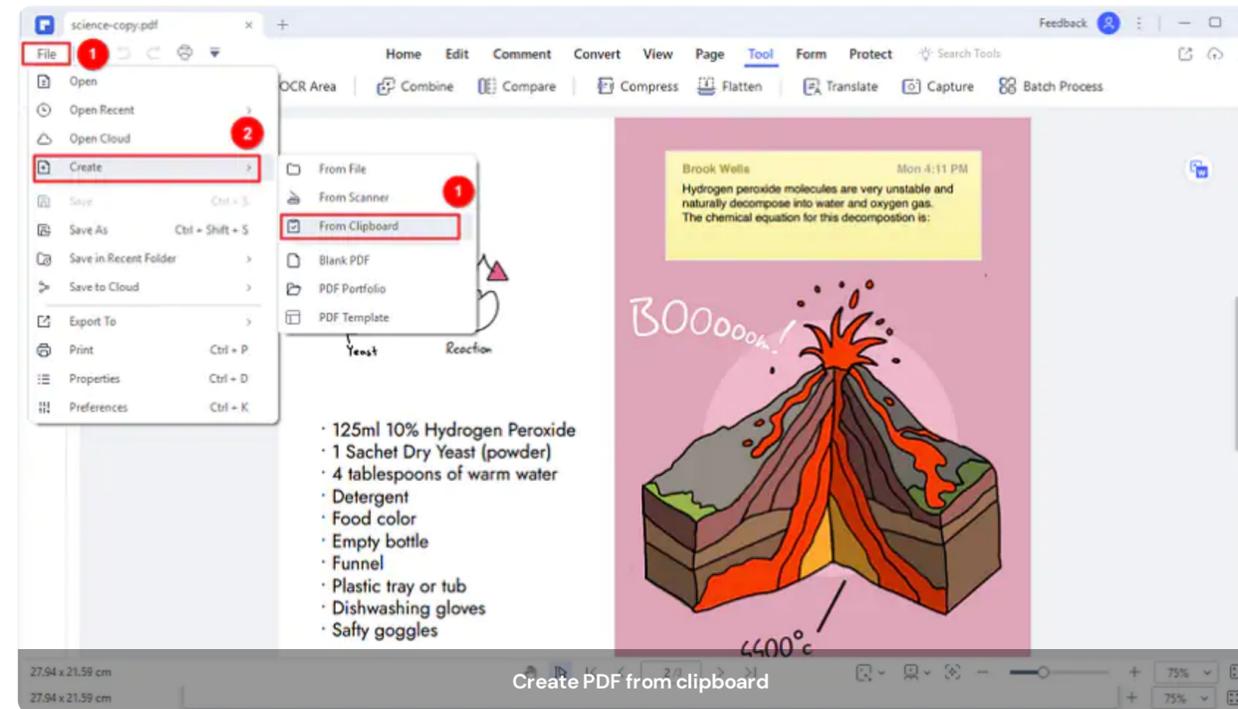
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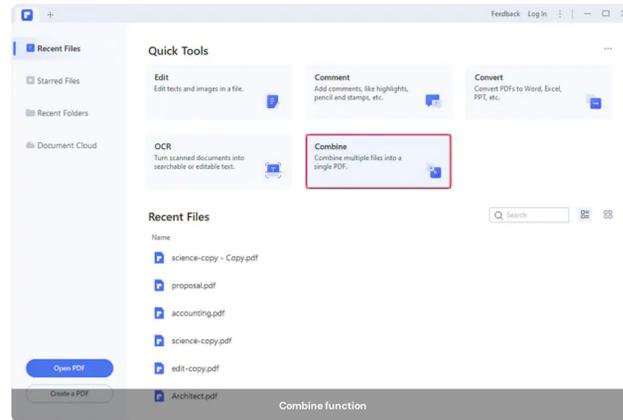
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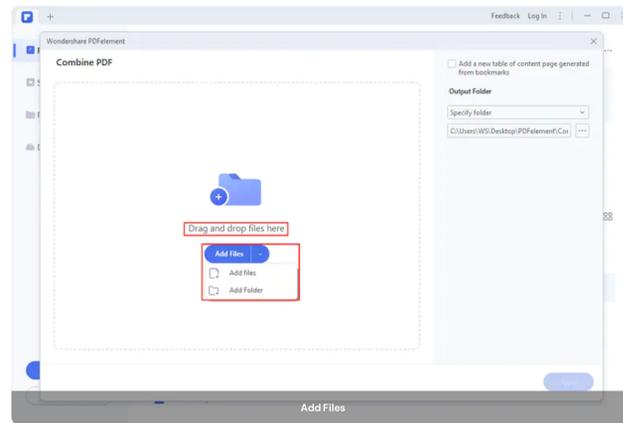
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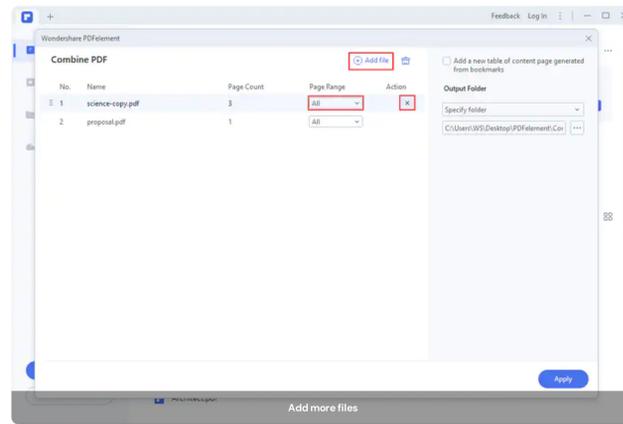
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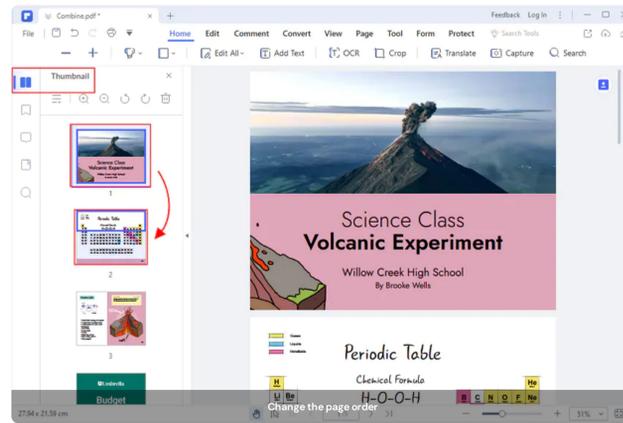
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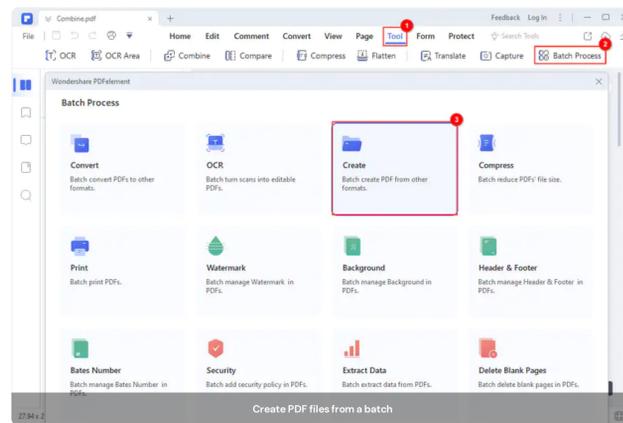
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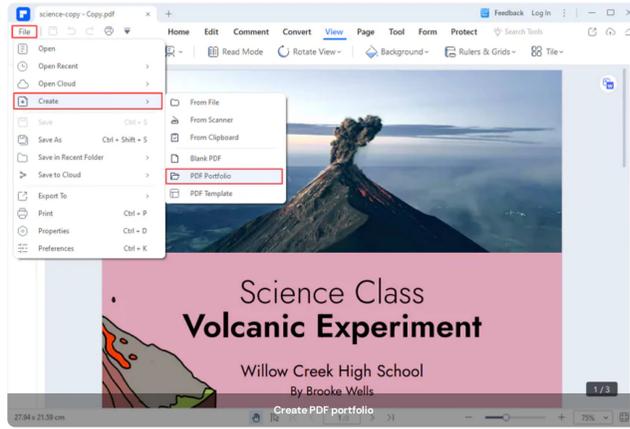
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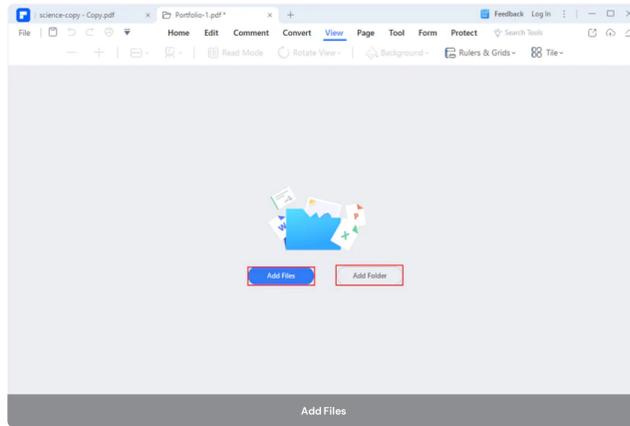
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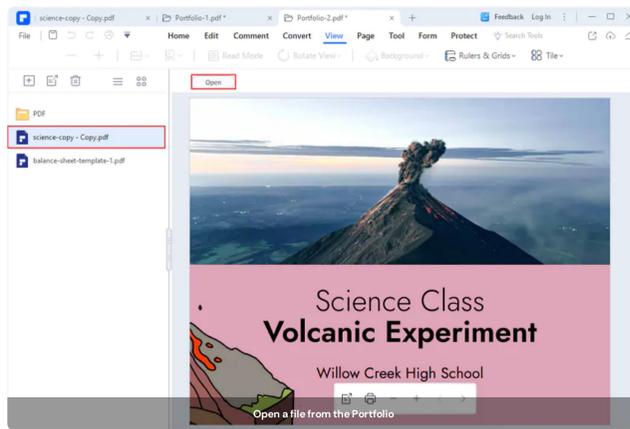
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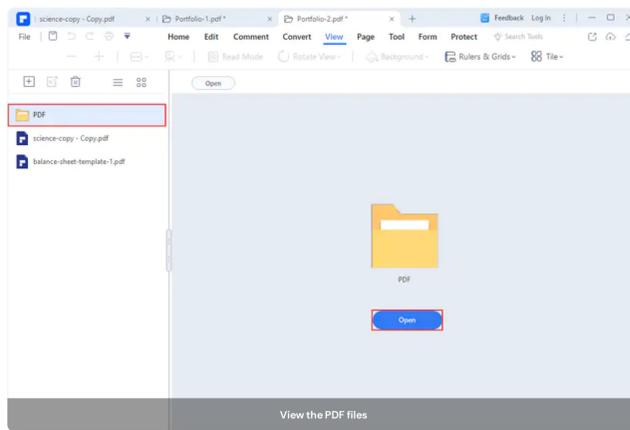
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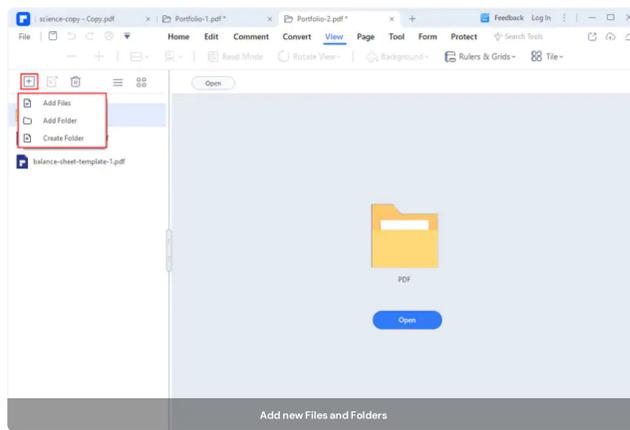
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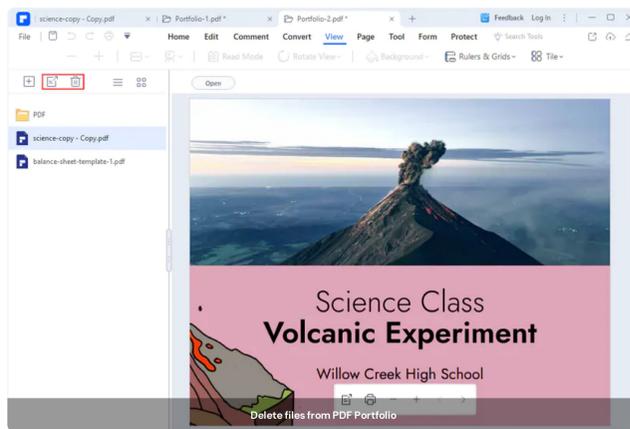
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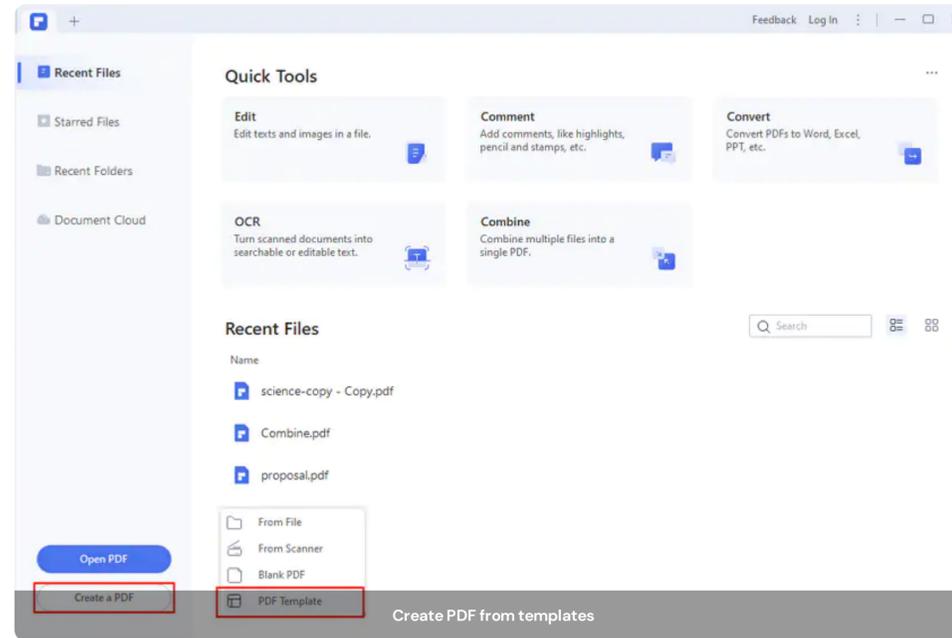




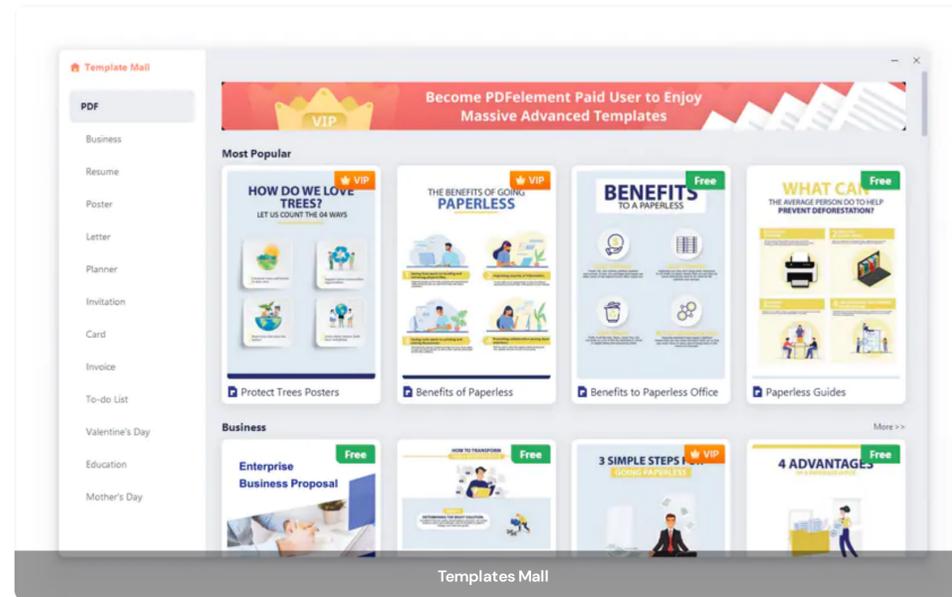
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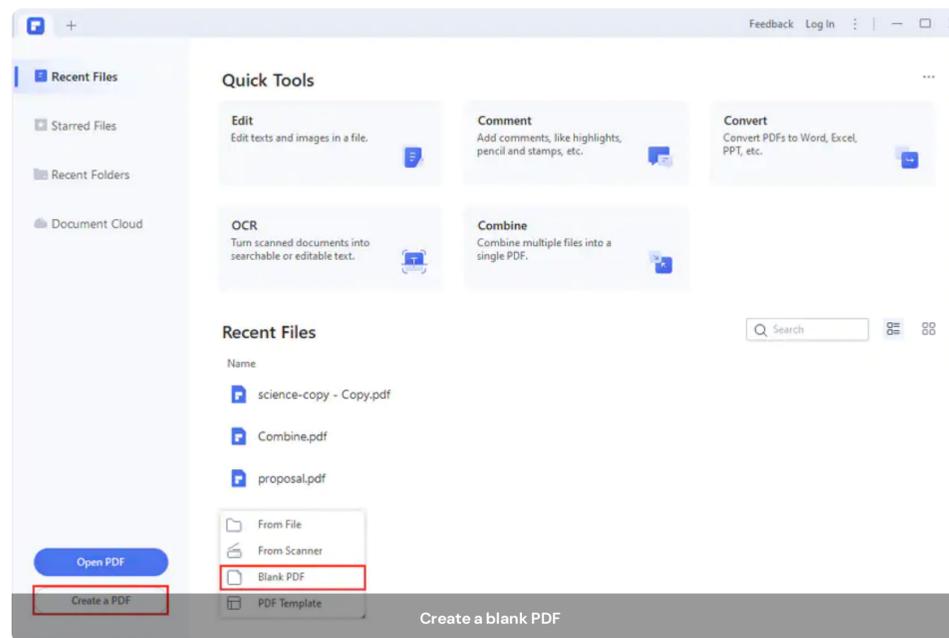
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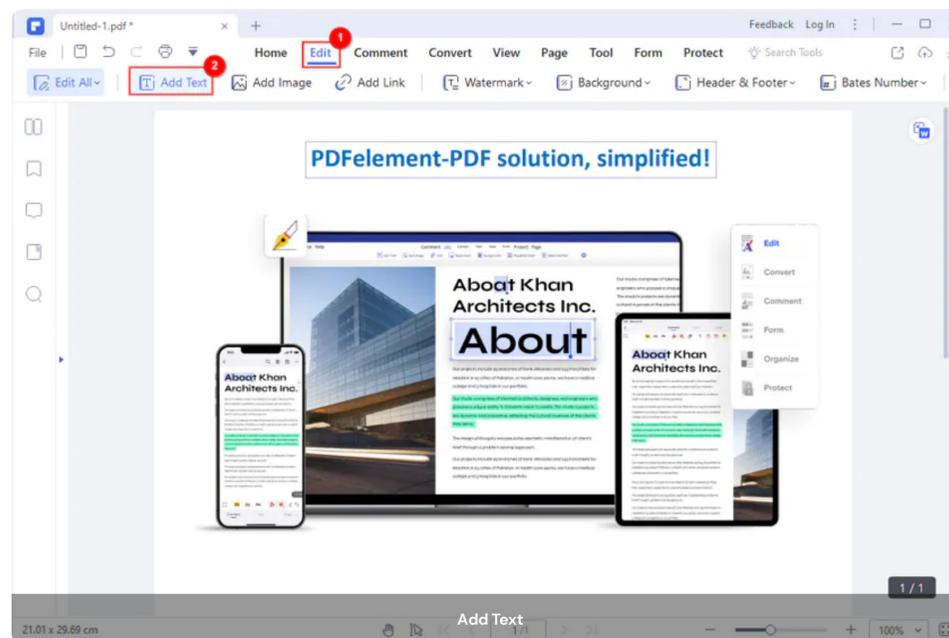
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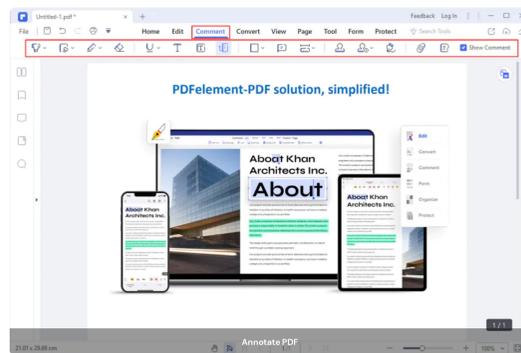
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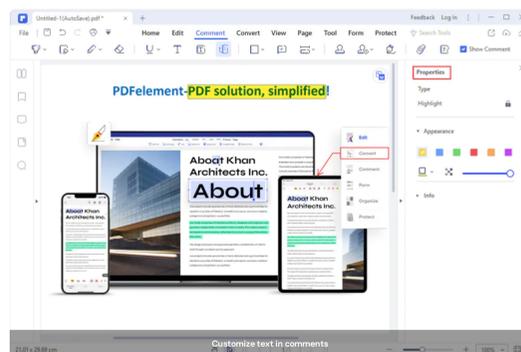
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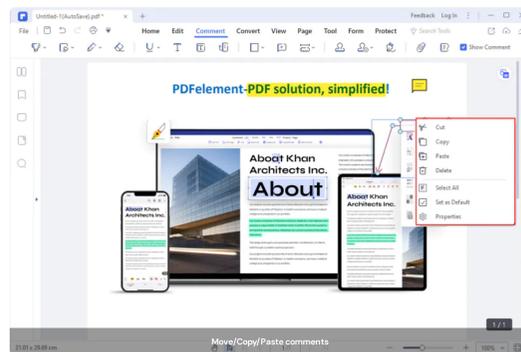
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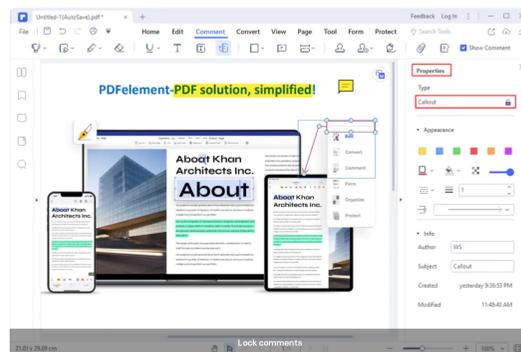
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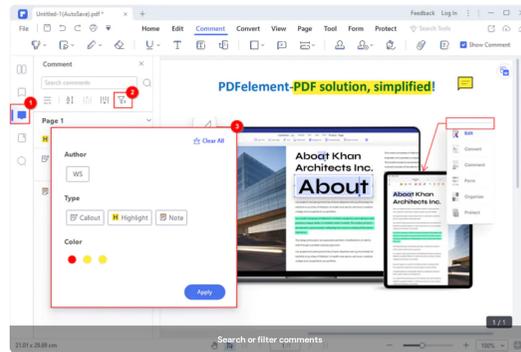
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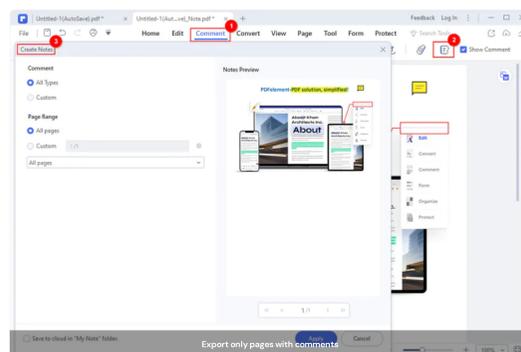
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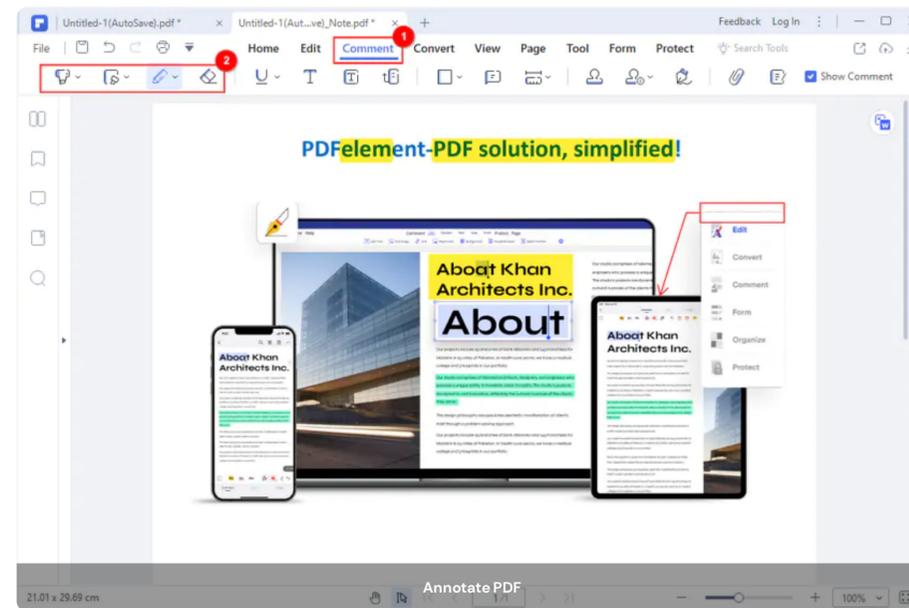
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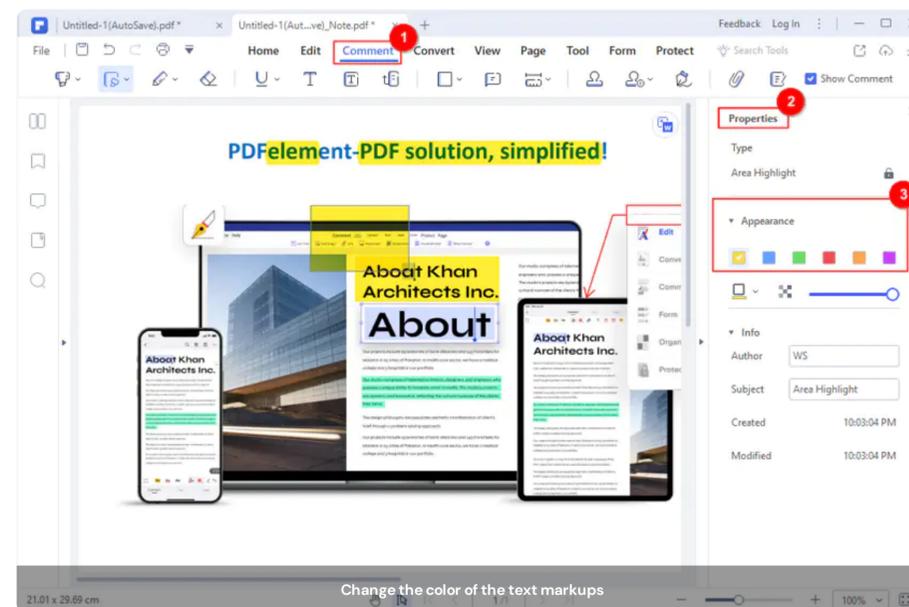
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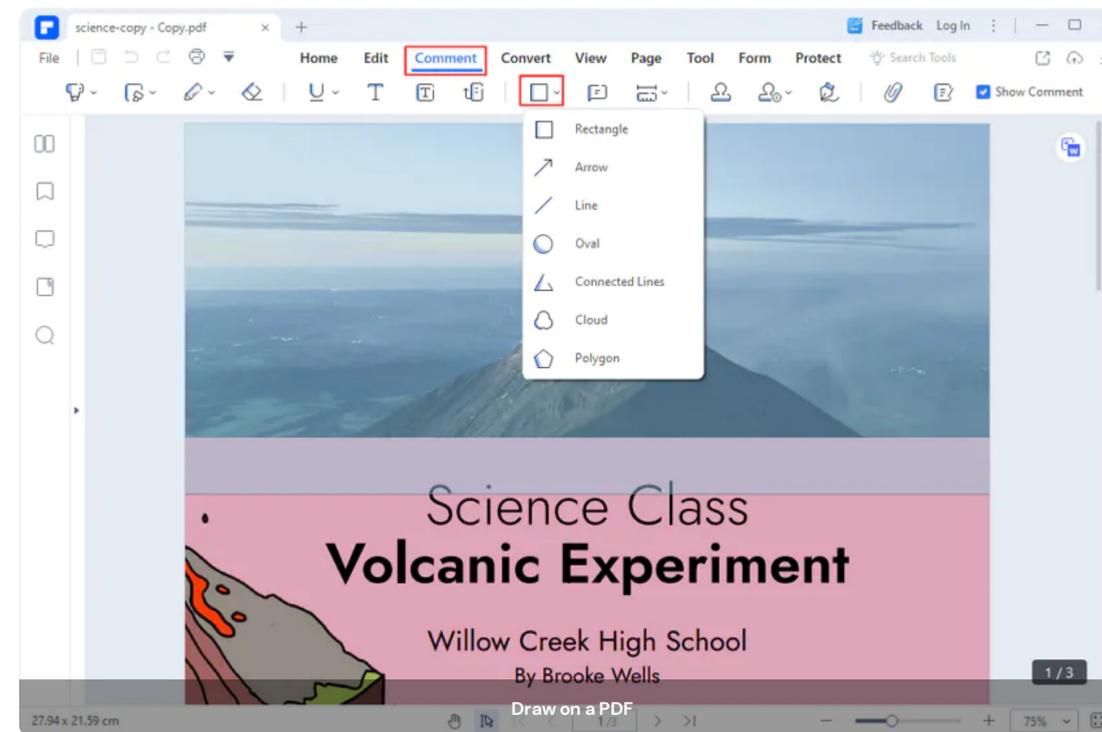
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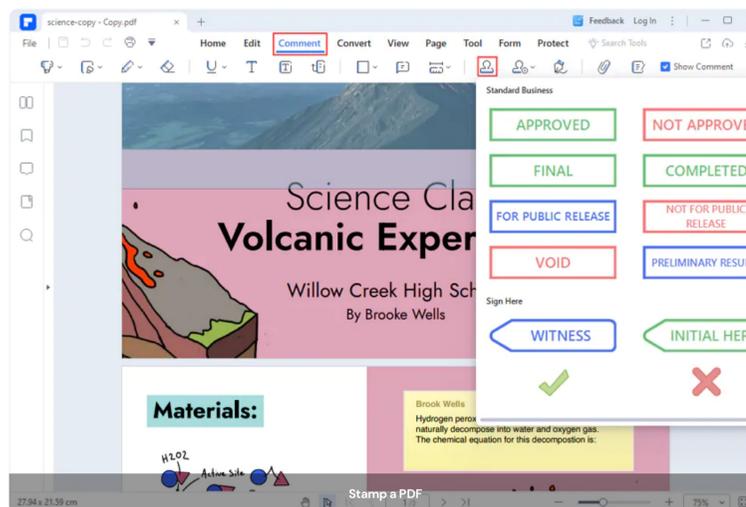
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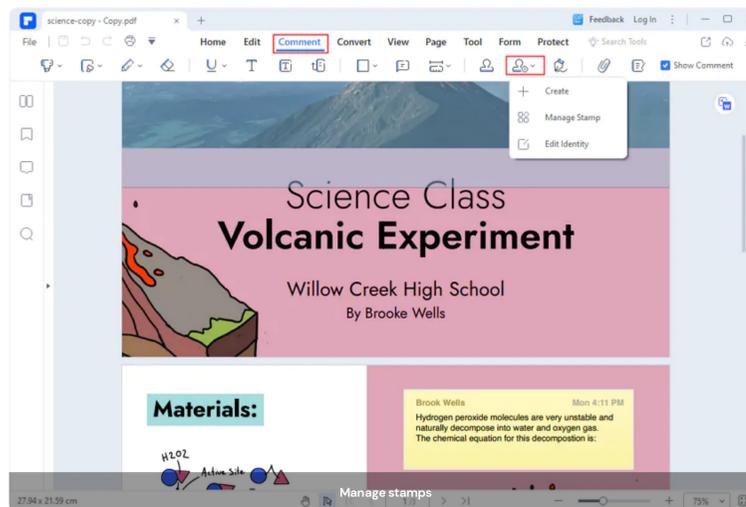
1. Stamp a PDF.

Click the "Comment>Add Stamps" button, and click one predefined stamp from the types of "Standard Business", "Sign Here" and "Dynamic", then click on the position where you want to place it.

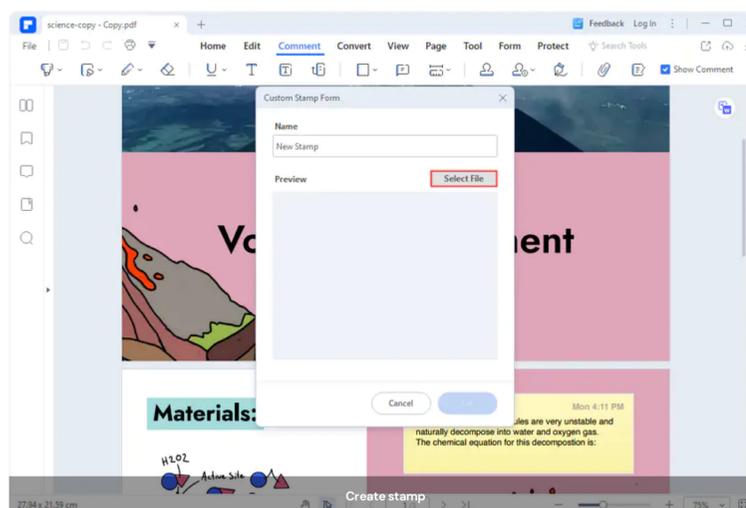


2. Create/manage stamps.

You can create custom image stamps, and manage all your created stamps, however, it does not support the creation of customized dynamic stamps.



- Click the "Comment>Manage Stamp>Create" button, click the "Select File" button to browse the picture as you want to, you can also name the stamp. Then click the "OK" button, it will be added in the Custom type under the "Stamp" button.



- Then you can select the stamps to "Create", "Edit" and "Delete".

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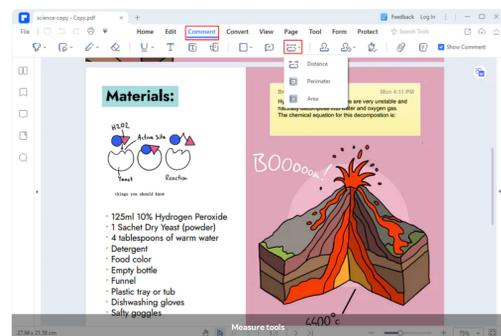
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PDF Measuring Tool

PDFelement for Windows provides you the opportunity to measure shapes and diagrams across your PDF documents with its measuring tool. It can help you measure distance, perimeter, and area in PDF. The step-by-step procedure of setting up a particular measurement across the PDF document is quite simple with PDFelement. The tool ensures operability and sustainability for its users, making sure to work the most out for them.

1. Measure in PDF

Click the "Comment>Measure Tools" button, and then there are three options in the drop-down menu. You can select one of them to start measuring as desired.



Distance Tool

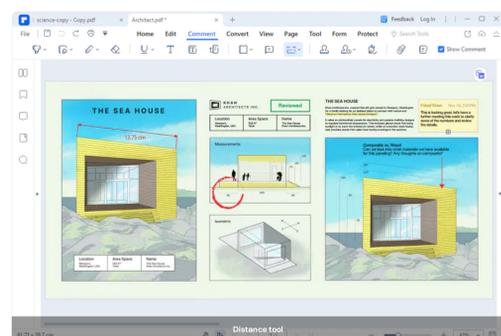
- Firstly, click the "Distance" option in the measure menu, and then draw a single line with a starting and ending point using our Drawing Tool. The only requirement for drawing a line with this tool is to click at a specific point and hover the cursor to the ending point. When you confirm the end point, please double click to complete measuring. Alternatively, you can also right click and select the "Measurement completed" option while drawing the end point.
- On the other hand, if you want to cancel the measurement while drawing a line, you can directly press the "ESC" key or right click to select the "Measurement cancel" option.

Tip:

If the display of the measurement result covered your original drawing, you can single click and drag the cursor to expand it to the blank place.

Note:

If you just need to measure at a time, you can deselect the "Keep tool selected" option on the top-right menu to close the continuous operation.

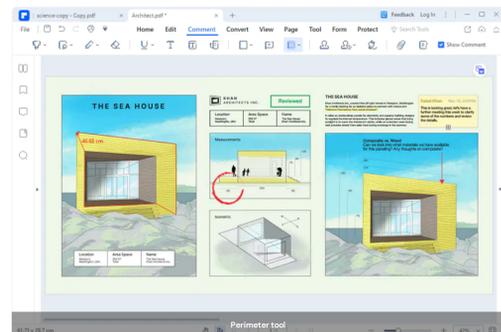


Perimeter Tool

- Tap on the "Perimeter" button first. Then you can start to draw the shape from a starting point and propagate it to the end of the shape to make an enclosed embodiment. Once finished, please double click to complete.

Note:

If you want to change the shape you've already drawn, you need to click a point of the shape and drag it to the desired place.

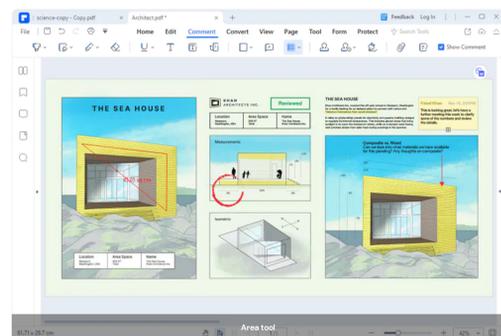


Area Tool

- Select the "Area" button first, and then start to draw the shape as desired. The shape will be shown as an enclosed figure while you draw. Once drawn, double click to finish.

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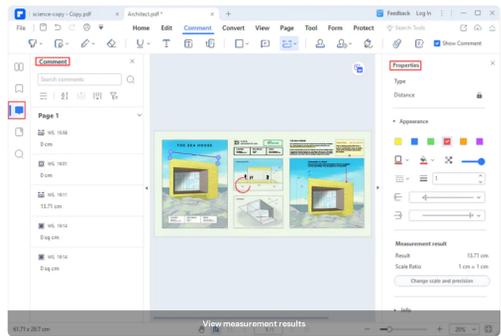
If you want to change the shape you've already drawn, you need to click a point of the shape and drag it to the desired place.



2. View Measurement Results

As you are drawn with the measurement tool, four different ways can be utilized to observe the readings of the measurements.

- Hover the cursor across the drawn measurement and suspend the cursor to allow the results to be displayed.
- You can double click the shape, and the measurement result will be shown in the pop-up Note.
- Check the "Comment" panel that is accessible from the left-hand panel of the platform.
- Open the "Properties" of the measurement and observe the measurement result on the right-handed panel.

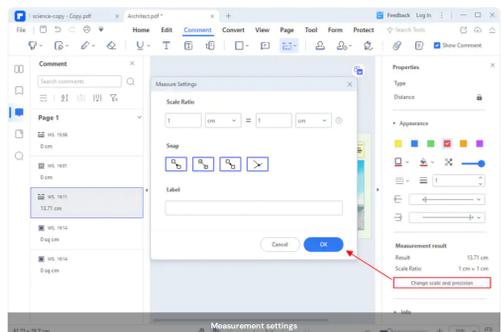


3. Measurement Settings

Access the "Properties" tab from the drop-down menu that is obtained by right-clicking the measured line. Proceed to the option of "Change scale and precision" and figure out a proper scale ratio for your PDF diagram. Alternatively, you can right click to select the "Measure settings" option while drawing. It provides many different units of measurement, such as mm, cm, m, km, in, ft, mile, and so on.

You can also set up Snap types across your measurements, which includes the following options:

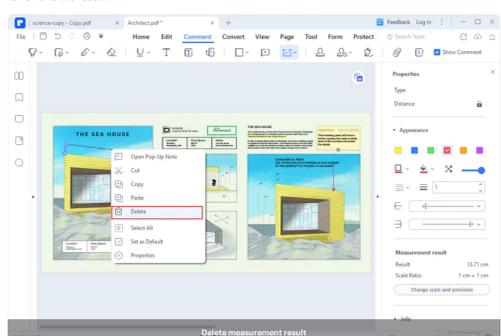
- Snap to Paths:** Snap measurement at the end of the line.
- Snap to Endpoints:** Snap measurement at the endpoint of the line.
- Snap to Midpoints:** Snap measurement to the middle of the line.
- Snap to Intersections:** Snap measurement relevant to the intersections of multiple lines.



PDFelement also provides you the opportunity to set an appearance for the measurements. This can be done by moving into the "Properties" and selecting the optimal appearances, including style, color, and other qualities.

4. Delete Measurement Result

If you need to delete the measurement result, you can right-click the measured object and click "Delete" to remove the result.



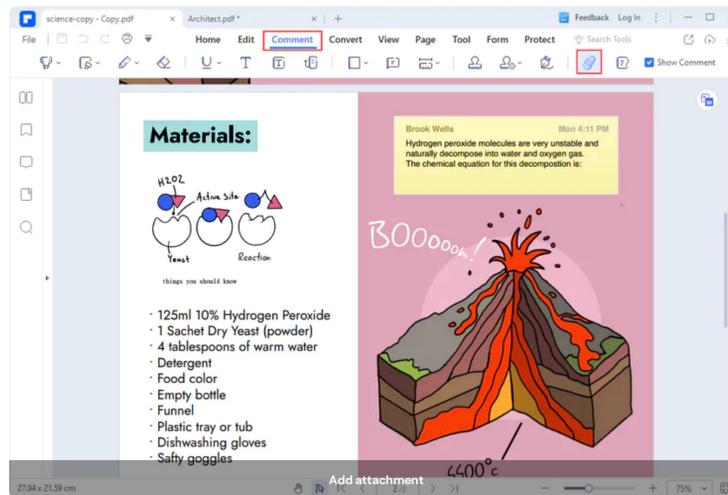
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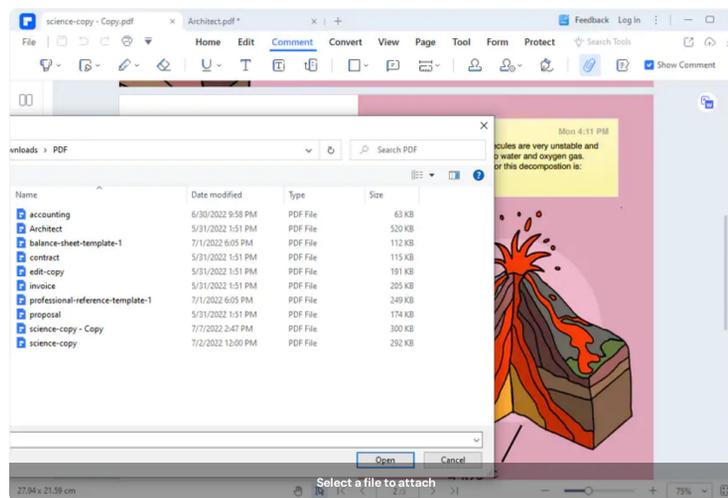
How to add attachments to PDF.

Use the "Add Attachment" tool to embed a file at a selected location in a PDF, so that the reader can open it for viewing. By adding attachments as comments, you can reference longer documents that can't easily be pasted into a pop-up note or text box. If you move the PDF to a new location, the embedded file attachments automatically go with it. To view an attachment, the reader must have an application installed that can open the attachment.

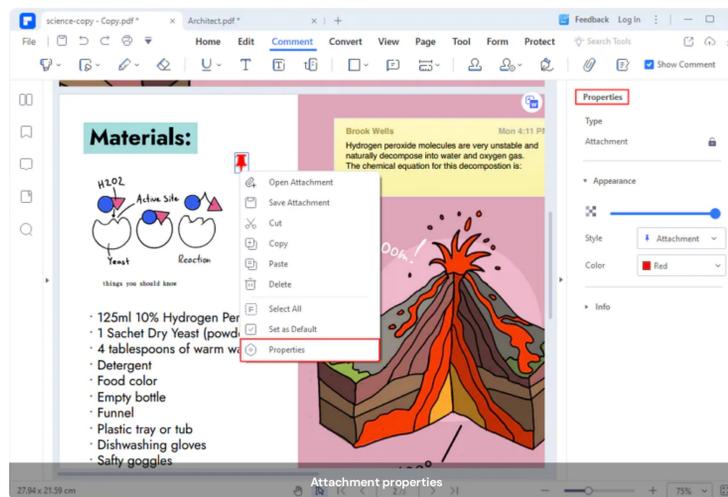
- Click the "Comment>Attachment" button, and click on the page where you want to add this comment.



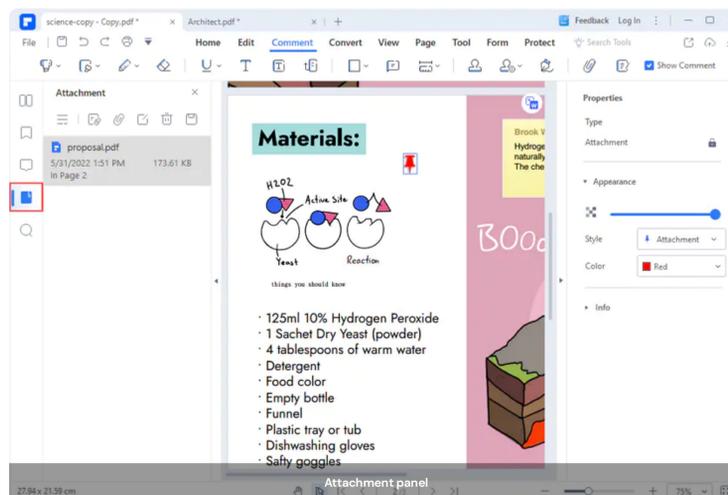
- A pop-up dialog will open, and you can browse to select a file to attach.



- Right-click this comment to open attachment/save attachment/cut/copy/delete/open properties.



- You can change the icon style/color/opacity in its properties.
- The attachment comment will also be listed in the Attachment panel. Click one of the attachments in the panel, and it will lead you to that page.

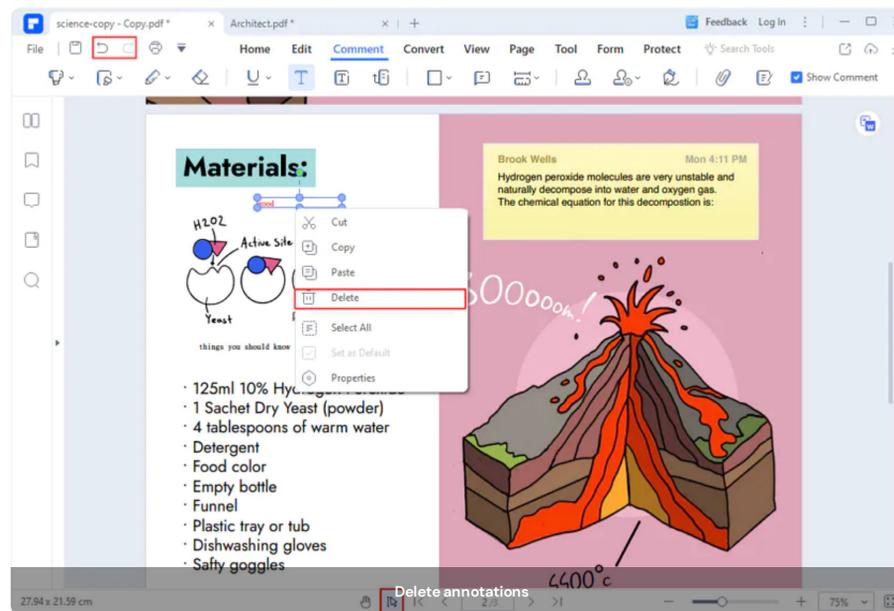


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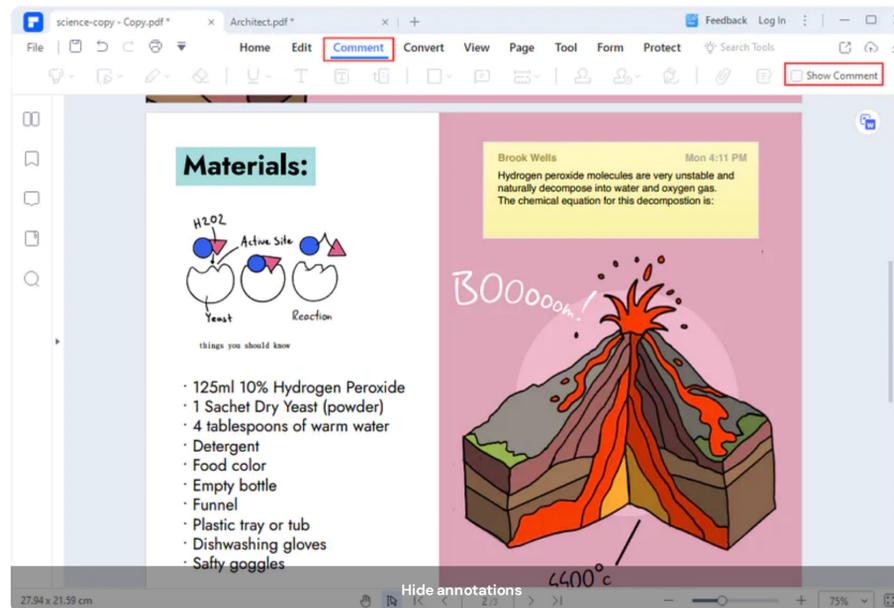
Hide / remove annotations from PDF.

Undo/Redo: When you annotate PDF documents, like adding text boxes, adding drawings or highlights, etc, you can click the "Undo" button in the top Quick Access Toolbar to undo the last operation. Click the "Redo" button in the top Quick Access Toolbar to redo the last undo operation.

Delete: After adding annotations, or if you open a PDF document with annotations in it, please move your cursor to the bottom of the page, and then click the "Select" button in the floating bar to go into select mode, then right-click the annotation to choose "Delete". Alternatively, click the annotation and press the Delete key on your keyboard. Another option is to click the Annotation panel on the left side, right-click the annotation to choose "Delete".



Hide: If there are too many annotations on your PDF page to affect the reading of your text content, you can go to the "Comment" tools to cancel the "Show Comment", then you can hide annotations for current PDF reading. You can then click the "Show Comment" button again to display all the annotations in the document again.



Note:
Display changes for annotations will not be saved and when you re-open the page, they will display as normal again.

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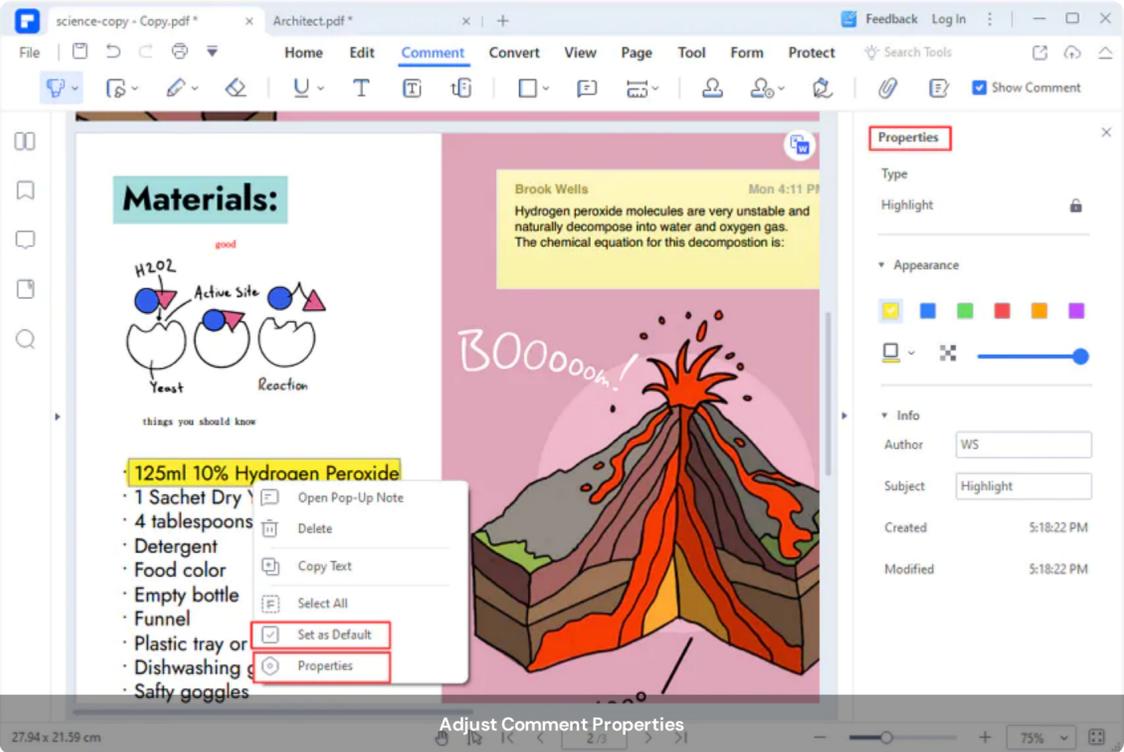
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How to adjust comment properties.

You can change the appearance of all the comments. Click the "Select" button to go into the select mode, right-click the comment to choose "Properties", then the "Properties" panel on the right side will be opened. You can change its "Info", "Appearance" or "Font" settings. You can also click the "Set as Default" button to set the properties as default when you add this type of comment again. For example, it shows the Text Box properties as follows:



Tips: You can change properties for multiple comments in a batch. In the "Select" mode, you just need to hold the Ctrl key and click all the comments one by one, they will be selected at the same time. Right-click one comment to choose "Properties", then set as you want. All the selected comments will be changed.

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It's known to all that we can edit the text in Microsoft Office like Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. But can we edit the text in PDF and how to edit the text in PDF?

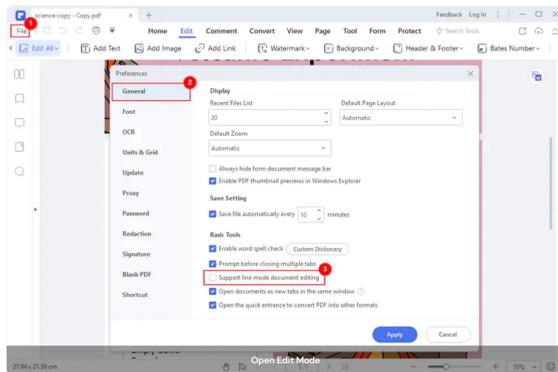
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1. Edit with different modes.

With PDFelement, you can edit texts in a paragraph as well as change the font, font size, and color. To edit texts in a paragraph please follow the lead:

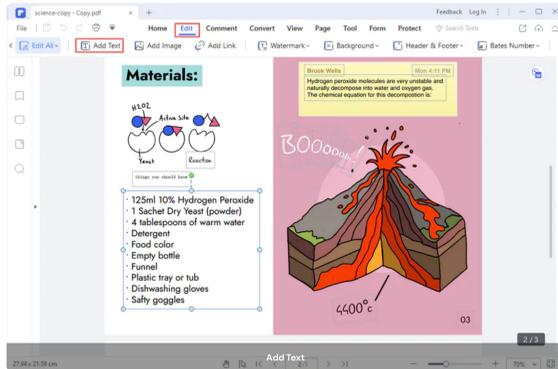
- Go to "File>General" to select the "Support line mode document editing". Then "Edit Mode" will show up in the toolbar under "Edit" function.



- Select the "Edit>Edit Mode". There are two modes for you to edit the text: "Paragraph Mode" and "Line Mode". When you use the "Paragraph Mode", the whole text will appear in one complete block. When you use "Line Mode", each line of the text will be a separate block. Then you can edit the desired text to start editing by typing new text and deleting text.

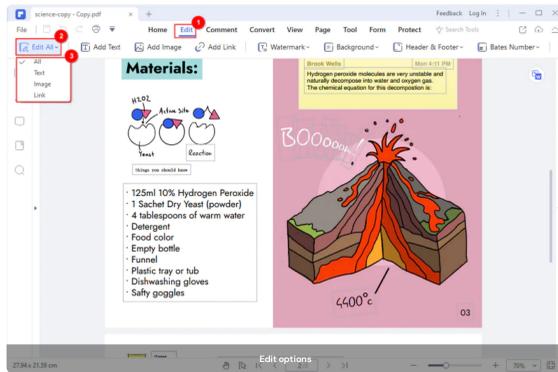


- Click the "Edit>Add Text" button to add new text to the position that you want.
- Choosing the text will allow you to change its font, font size, bold, italic and color, line spacing and paragraph spacing, etc., as you like.



2. Edit only text, image, or link.

When we edit a PDF, we can edit all objects in the file. However, if there are too many objects, it can be annoying if you mistakenly select other elements while editing the text or other specific elements. Don't worry, click on "Edit>Edit All", PDFelement offers to edit only text, images or links now!



3. Create and edit superscript and subscript text.

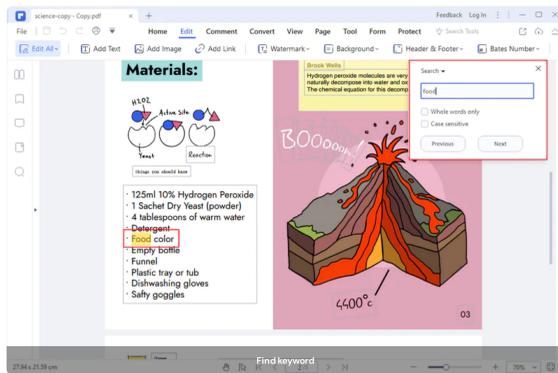
The program allows you to create and edit your superscript or subscript text now.

- After opening the PDF file in the program, please click the "Edit" button and click the text where you want to superscript or subscript text first.
- Select the text and click the "Superscript" or "Subscript" button, then the text will change to be superscript or subscript.

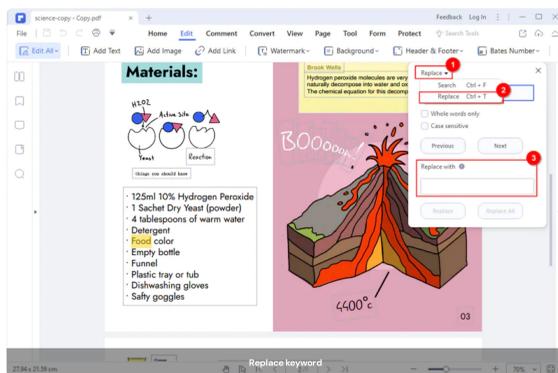
4. Find and replace.

The program can help you find the keyword in your document, and also supports replacing any word with another one at one time.

- After opening the PDF file in the program, press Ctrl+F keys to open the window, and enter the keyword that you want to find.



- And you can click the "Replace with" button to enter a new word that you want to replace with.



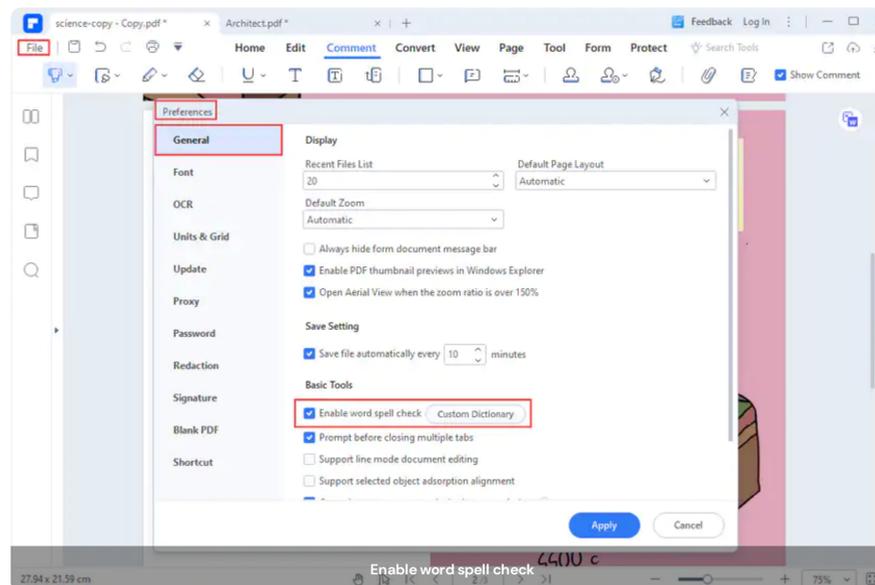
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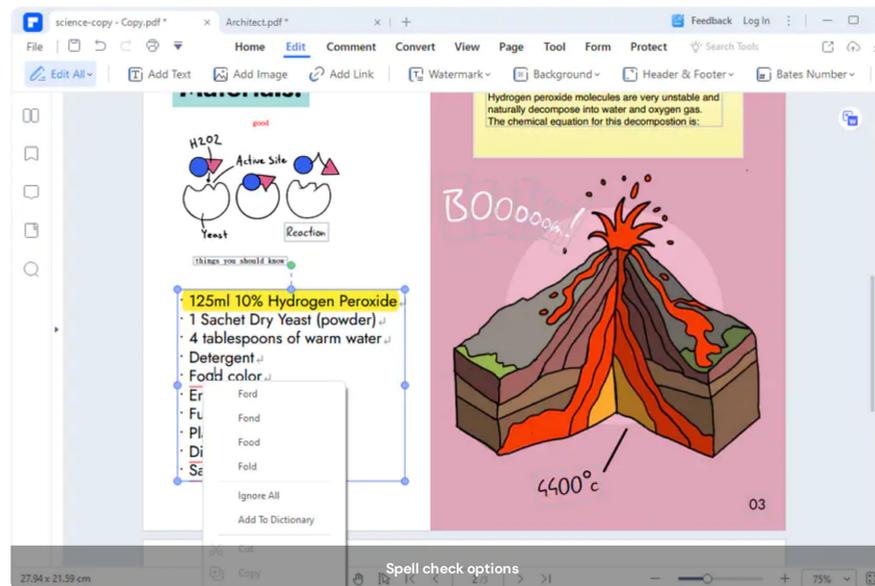
PDFelement allows users to check the spelling of PDF files and provides suggestions to correct misspelled words. This feature is useful when users want to proofread the text. You can check for possible mistakes and then confirm each correction.

By default, PDFelement automatically checks the spelling when you use the "Edit" or "Add Text" tool. You can disable the automatic spelling check by unchecking the "Enable word spell check" option in the "File>Preferences>General" menu.



To check spelling within a document, please do the following:

- Make sure the option of "Enable word spell check" in the "File>Preferences>General" menu has been checked.
- Click the "Edit>Edit Text" button, then highlight the section you wish to check. When there is an error, a red wavy line will appear under the suspect word.
- Right-click the words, you will get the suggestions for correction. Click on one of the suggested spellings to update the spelling or to insert the proper word.
- If the incorrect text is an acronym or a special term, you can choose the "Ignore All" option, then this acronym or the term in this file will be cognized as correct when you do spell-check. When you reopen this file, the acronym or special term will be recognized as incorrect again.
- If you want some words to be cognized as correct all the time, then you can add these words to the dictionary. Selecting the "Add to Dictionary" option, this word will be recognized as correct no matter which PDF file you open. Alternatively, you can go to "File>Preferences>General", click the "Custom Dictionary" button and add or remove the word as you want.



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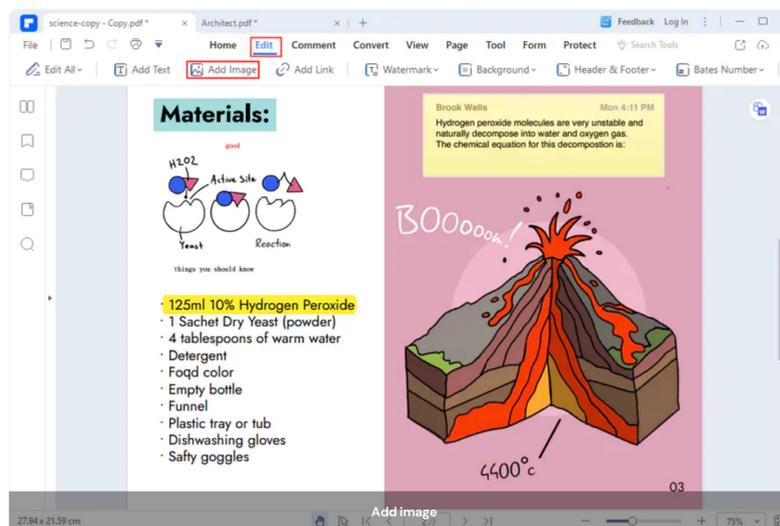
PDFelement is equipped with many useful functions, and this page will guide you on how to edit images in PDF.

When reading a PDF, you may also need to edit an image, shape, or other objects in the PDF file. With PDFelement, you can add and edit the objects as well as text content. To edit an image, please do the following:

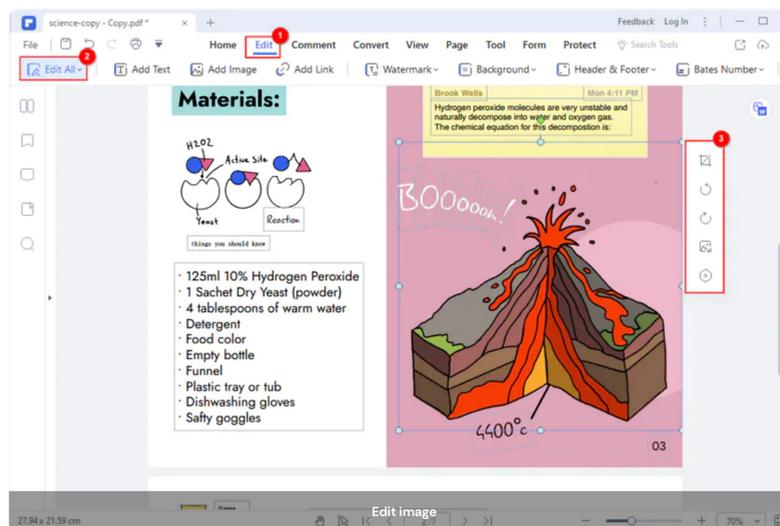
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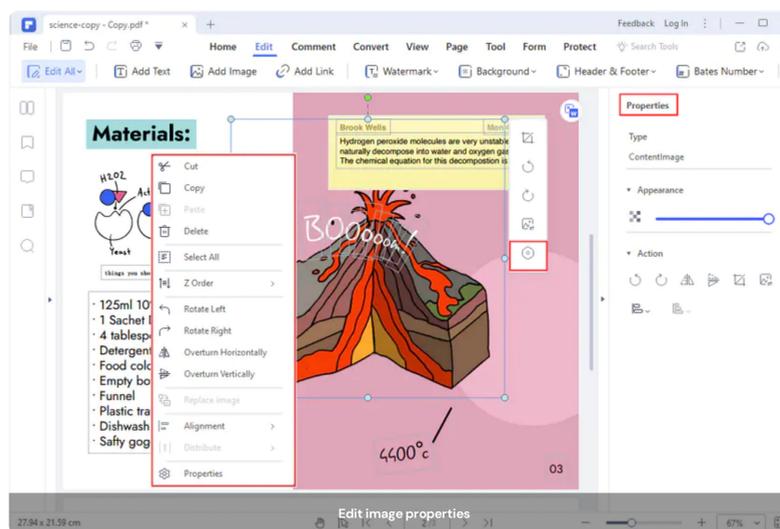
After clicking the "Edit" button on the top-right corner, you can copy/paste an image from your clipboard into the PDF directly.



- Then click the image or object to select, then you can drag it to move. When moving the object, you will also notice there is an alignment grid line, to allow you to keep your documents alignment set. Alternatively, you can click the object and press the arrow keys on your keyboard to move it to the desired location.



- A small toolbar will appear next to the image, and it allows you to "Crop", "Rotate Right", "Rotate Left", "Replace image", or "Edit image". You can rotate the image as you want, hover the mouse click over the green round button, hold the mouse click to rotate at any degree.
- You can select the "Edit image" button () or you can also select the image and right click to wake up the shortcut menu. Then you will easily move image, align image or adjust image transparency.



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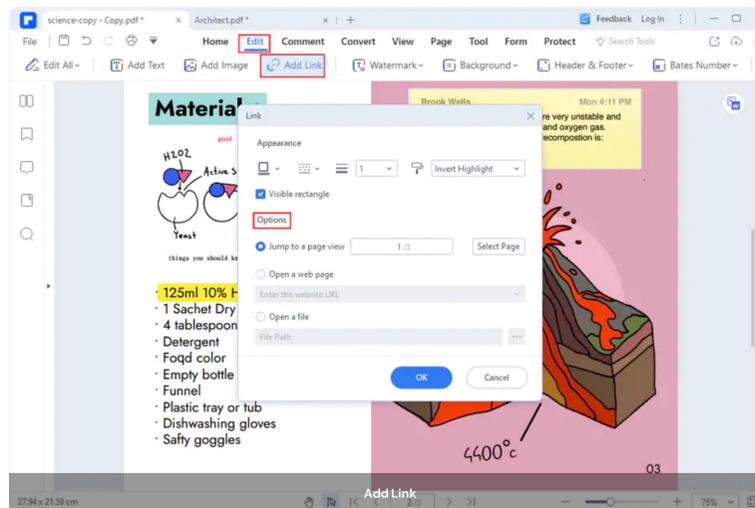
This function helps you to lead the readers to related pages or an intended webpage.

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1. Add link.

To add a link, please choose the "Edit>Add Link" button, then there are three options of link action you can select. After clicking one of them, position the cursor on the place you want to add the link, hold and drag your mouse button to draw a rectangle. It will pop up a dialog box for you to set the link action and appearance.



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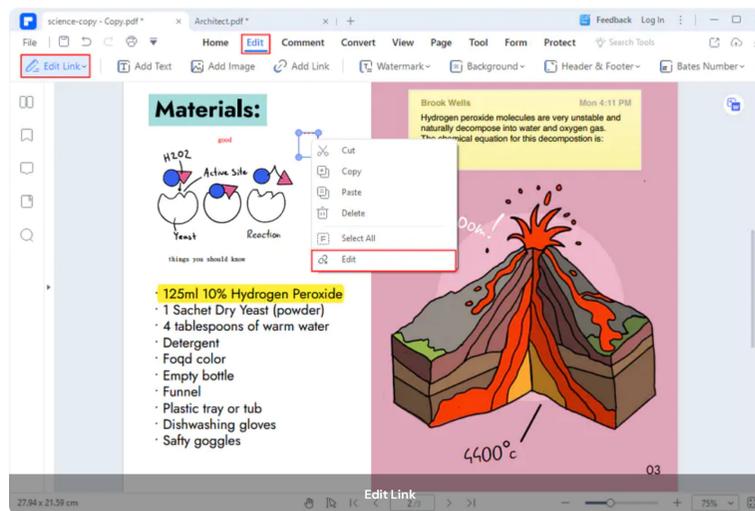
- Link Type:** You can select a visible or invisible rectangle.
- Highlight Style:** The effect when you click the rectangle link, there are three types: invert, push, and outline.
- Color:** The border color of the rectangle.
- Link Thickness:** The thickness of the four sides of the rectangle. The higher the value, the thicker of the sides.
- Link Style:** The style of the rectangle's border, there are three types of the border: solid, dashed, and underline.

Options

- Jump to a page view:** After selecting the option "Go to a page view", please click on the "Set Link" button which will bring up the following message. Follow the message to scroll through the pages in the work area, or in the thumbnail panel to select the target page. Once you have selected the target page, click the "Set Link" button to complete the action.
- Open a web page:** Designate the link to open a web page. Select this option to enter the URL of the destination web page.
- Open a file:** Designate the link to open another file on the computer. Select this option and click the button of "..." to browse the target file.

2. Edit link.

You can move, resize, delete and edit the link after you have created it. Click the "Edit>Edit All>Edit Link" button, drag the link to move to the desired position. Or drag the rectangle around the link to resize it. Alternatively, right-click the link you create to choose "Delete" or "Edit Link" to reset. After clicking the "Select" or "Hand" button, when you click the link in your file, it will execute the link to go to the target that you set.



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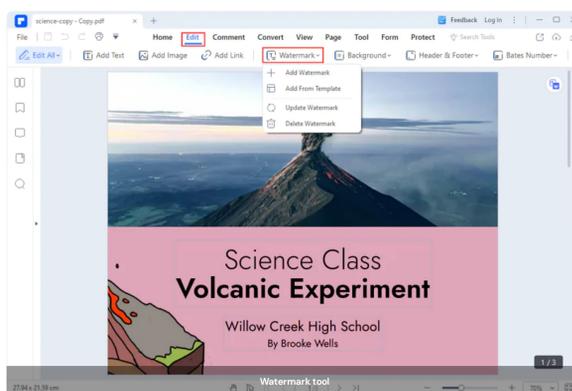
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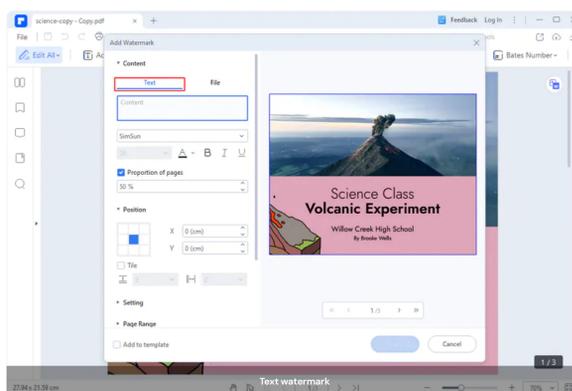
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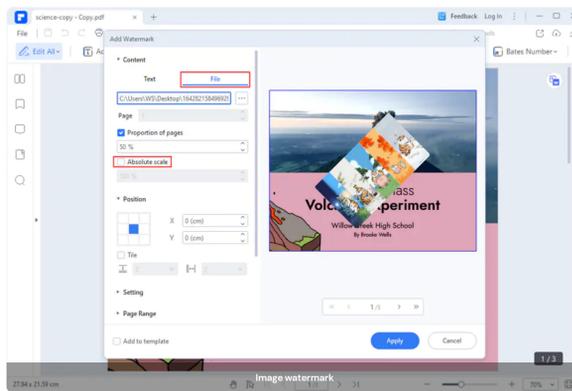
After opening your PDF file in the program, please click the "Edit" > "Watermark" > "Add Watermark" button.



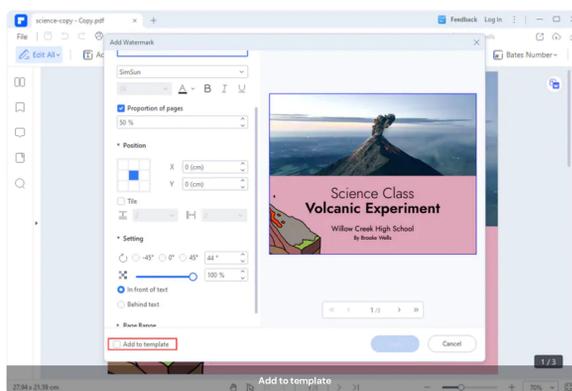
In the "Add Watermark" window, you can input the text as the watermark and choose the font, size, color, and position.



You can add an image as the watermark from your computer via clicking the "File" and select an image from your computer. If you choose another file as the watermark, you can set the "Absolute scale" of the watermark. In this way, the watermark size will not change no matter what is the size of your PDF page.



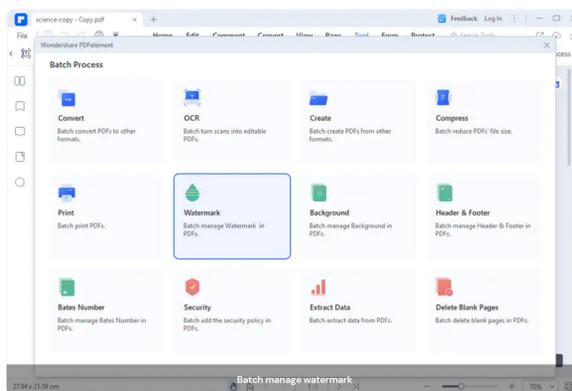
- In the "Setting" option, you can set the rotation degree and opacity by clicking the "<>" button. If you choose "behind text", the page content will obstruct your view of some part of the watermark. If you choose "in front of text", the watermark will cover some content, however, you can adjust it via the setting of the opacity of the watermark.
- Set the vertical and horizontal distance between the target page and the watermark.
- Choose the page range and appearance to apply the watermark.
- Click the "Save" button to save a watermark template for your future use. Next time, you can click the "Add Watermark" button to choose the one you want to apply directly without setting again.



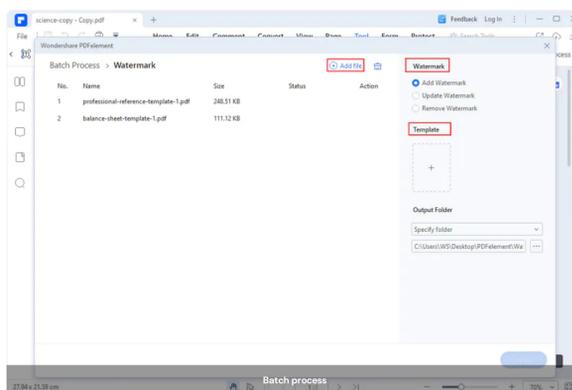
2. Add/remove watermark for a batch.

PDFelement supports adding the same watermark into multiple PDF documents at the same time. Also, it supports removing watermarks from PDFs in batches.

- After opening the program, please click the "Tool" > "Batch Process" button.
- Click on the "Watermark" tab to drag and drop the selected PDF files for the operation.



- If you have not saved any watermark template yet, you cannot do the batch process. So, you can click the "+" button on the bottom of the pop-up window to set and save one template first. On the other hand, if you want to remove the watermarks, you can click the "Remove Watermark" option.
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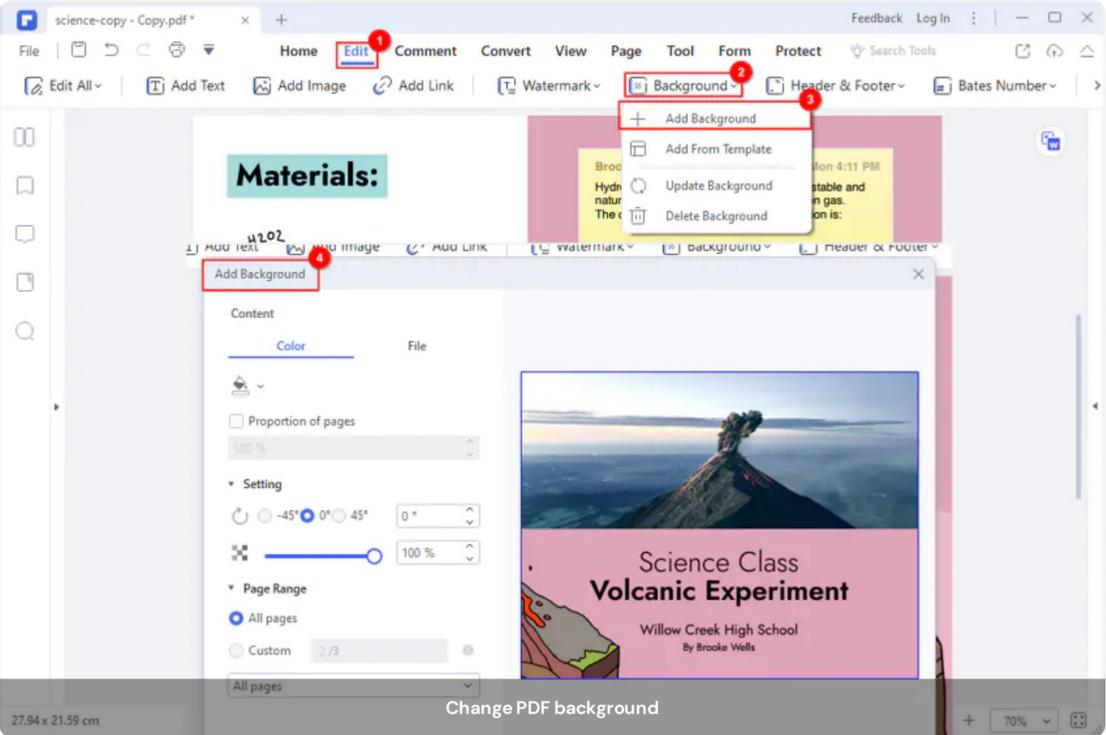
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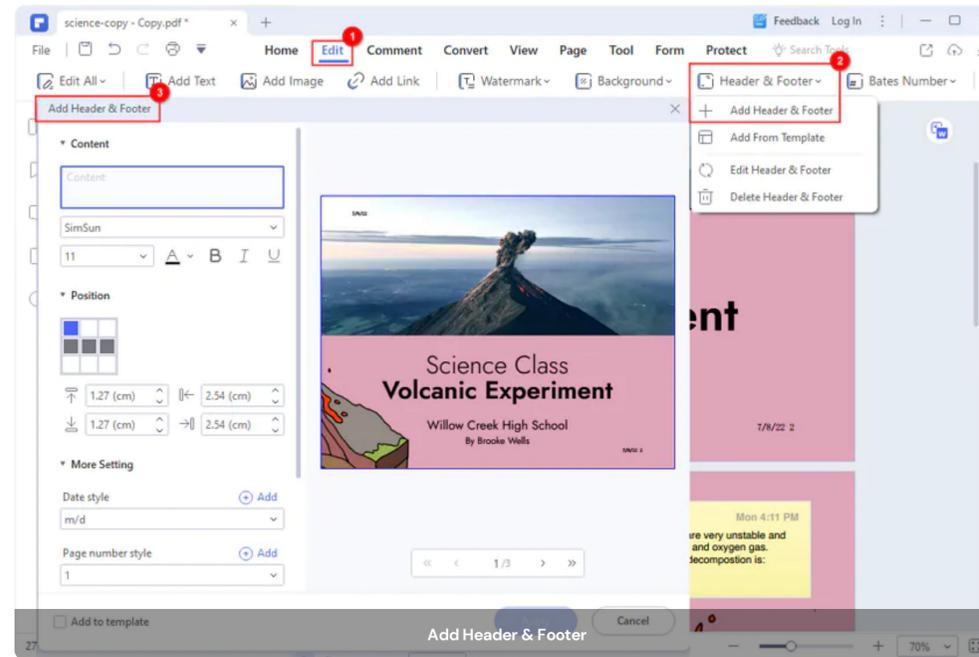
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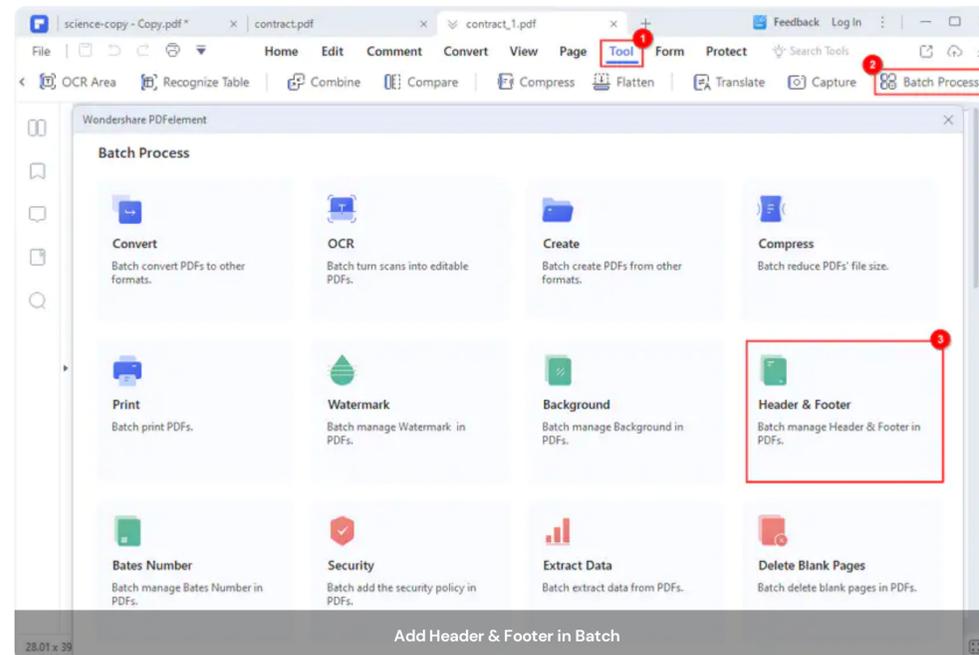
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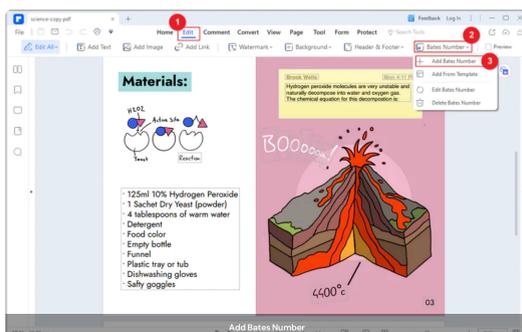
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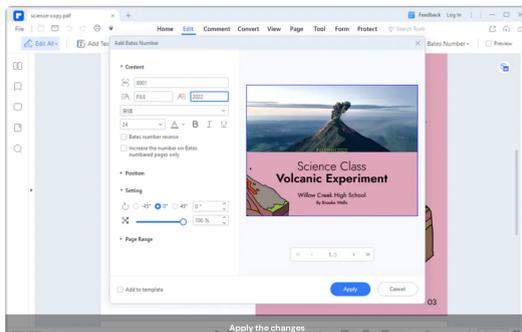
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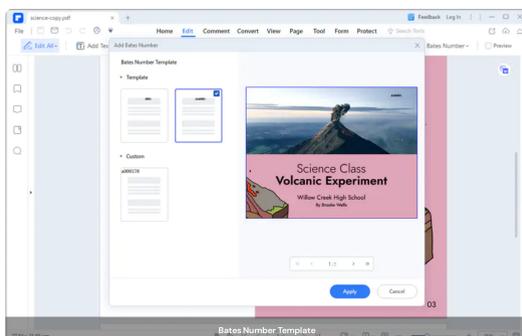
In the pop-up Add Bates Number window, you can set a Prefix, Start At, and Suffix for your pages. Also, you can select the font, appearance, position, and page range to apply for the Bates number. After modifying the settings, click "Apply".



- **Content:** Set the number of digits and the start number of the Bates number. The Prefix is the text appearing before the Bates number, while the Suffix is the text after the Bates number. For example, the start number is 0001, the Prefix is FILE, and the Suffix is 2022. Therefore, the Bates number of the first selected page will be FILE00012022.
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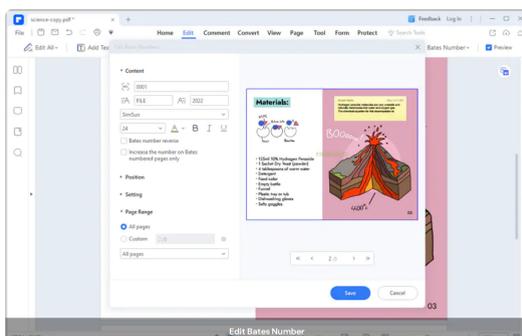
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Click the "Edit" > "Bates Number" > "Add From Template" button to easily add Bates number from preset templates without adjusting the setting again.



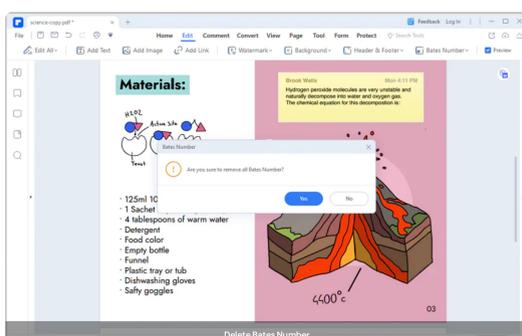
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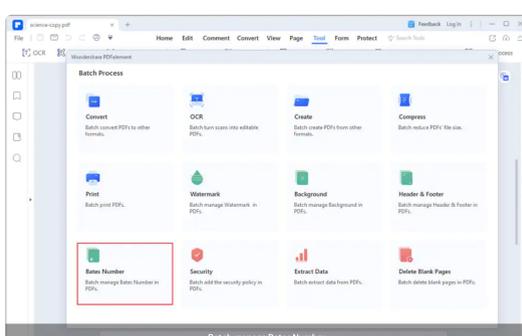
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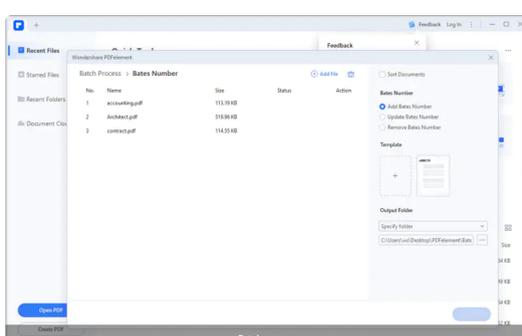
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PDFelement supports adding Bates number to multiple PDF files at the same time.

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- Click the "Bates Number" tab in the pop-up window.



- Add multiple PDF files in the Bates Number window. First, select a template you previously set. If you have not created any Bates number template yet, please click "*" to add a new one first.
- Click the "Apply" button to begin the process.
- **Sort Documents:** If this option remains unchecked, each PDF file added in the window will have its own separate Bates numbering series. If you check this option, a single Bates numbering series will be added to these PDF files according to their listed order.
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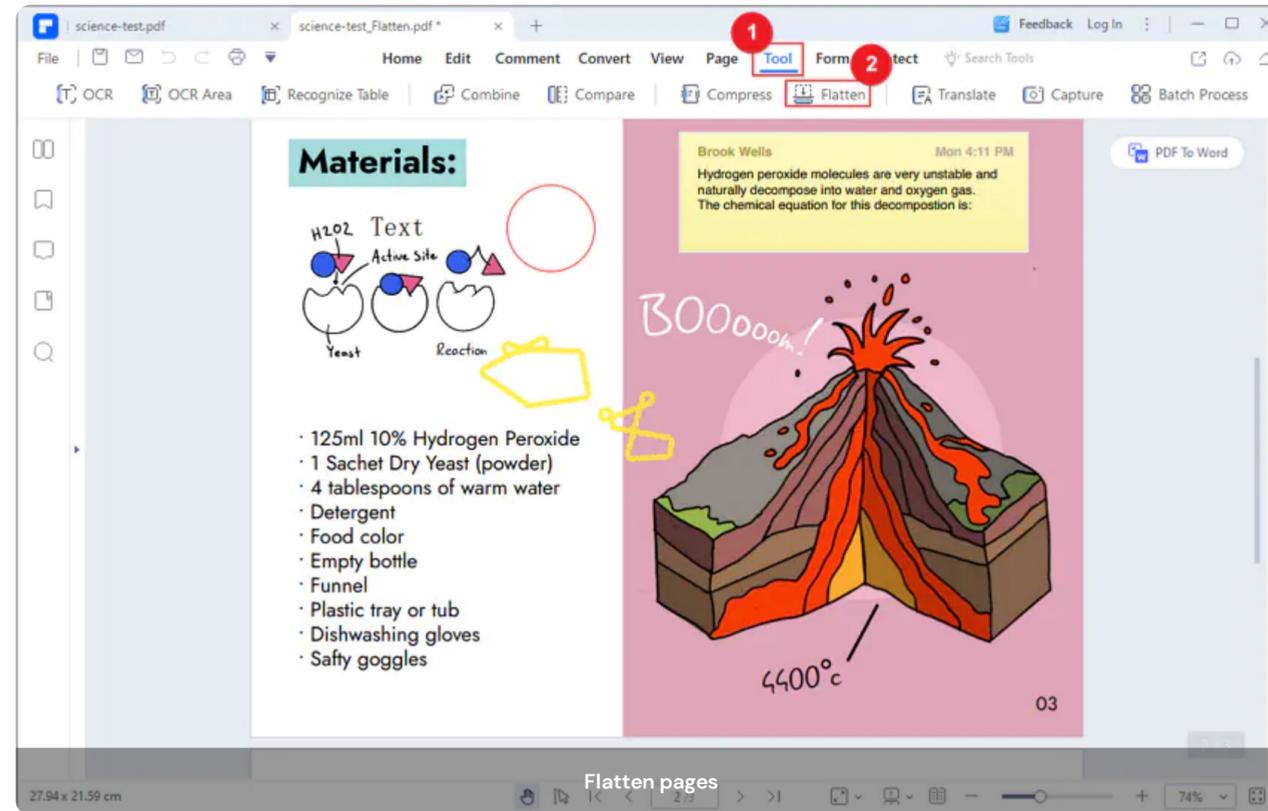
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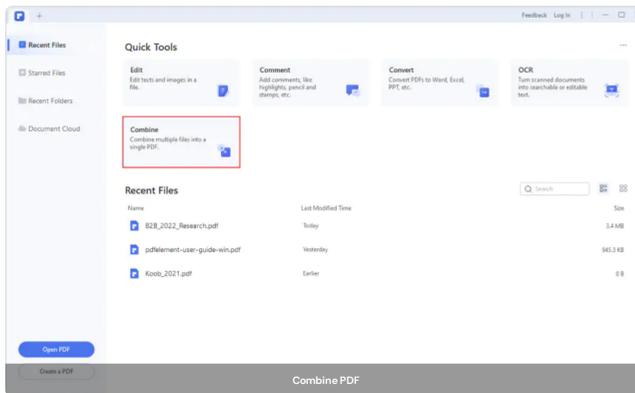
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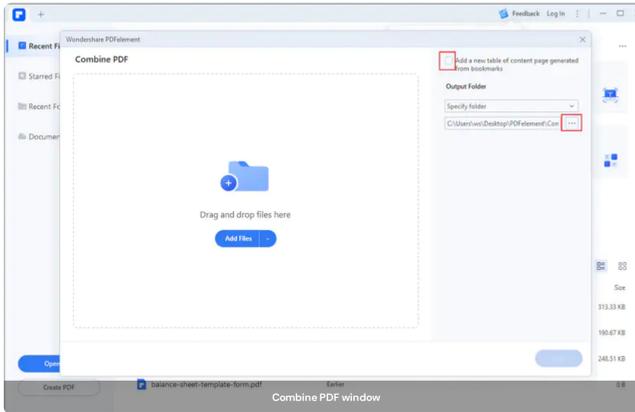
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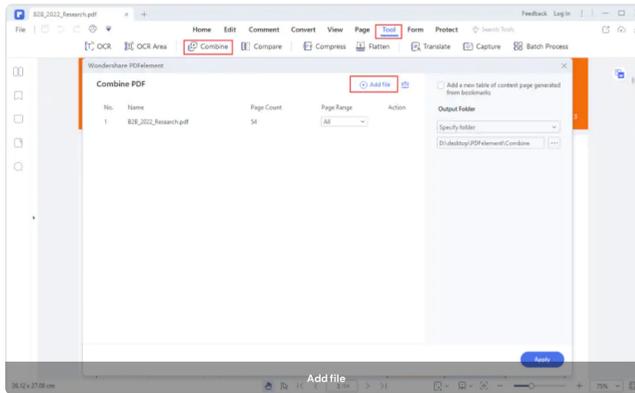
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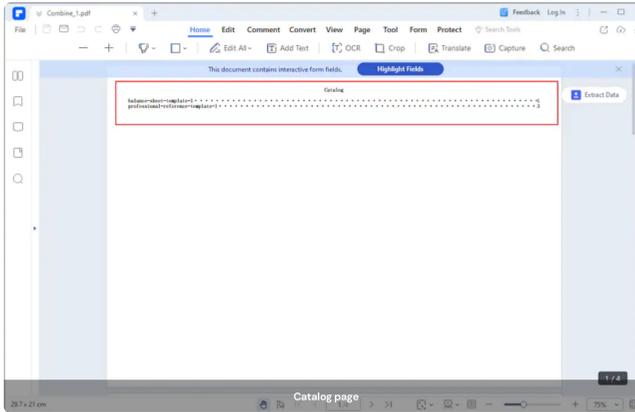
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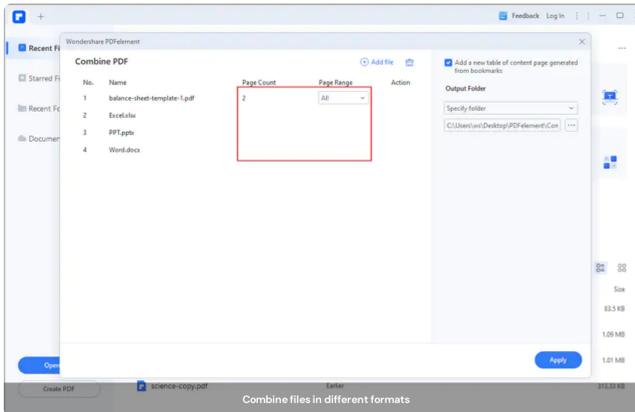
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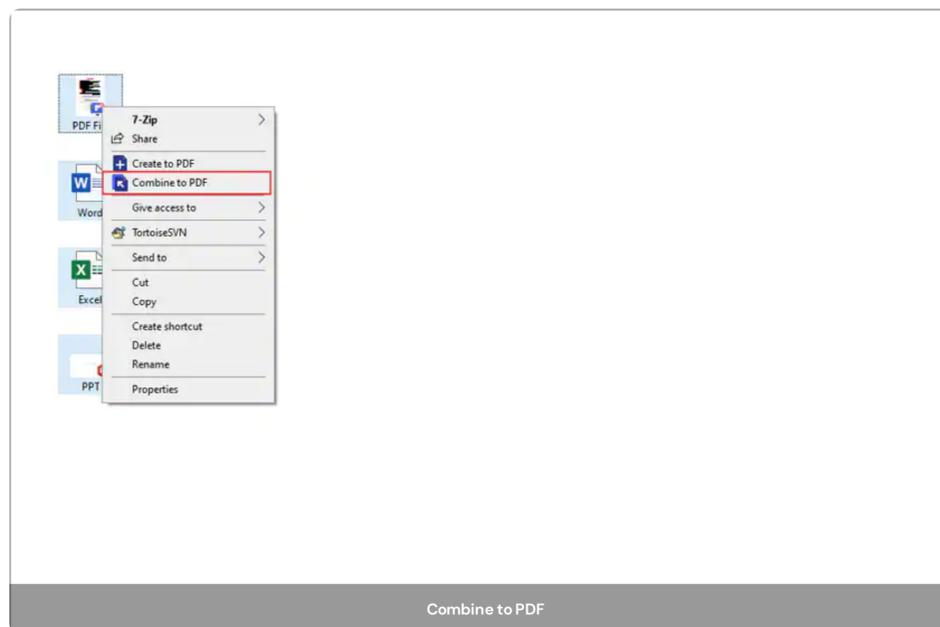
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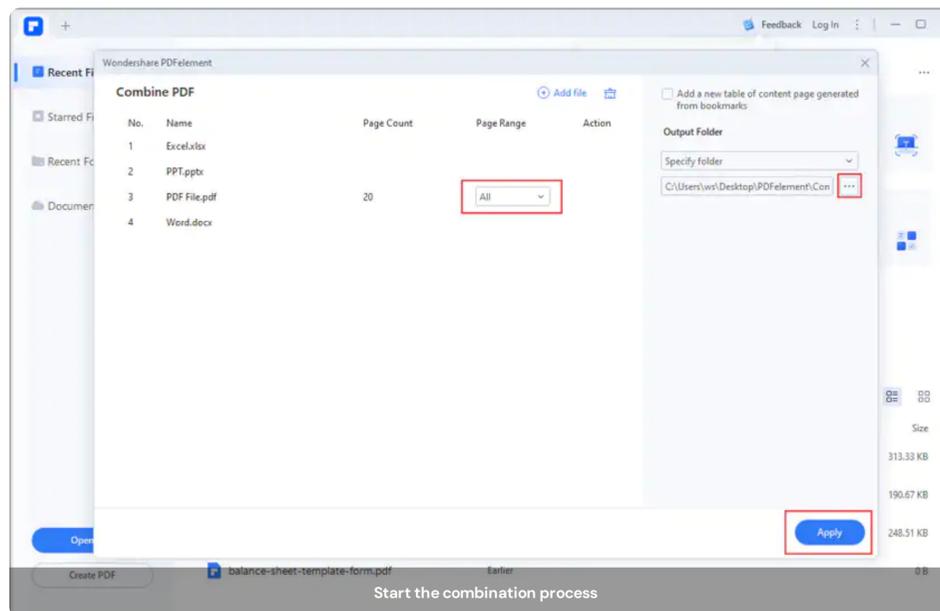
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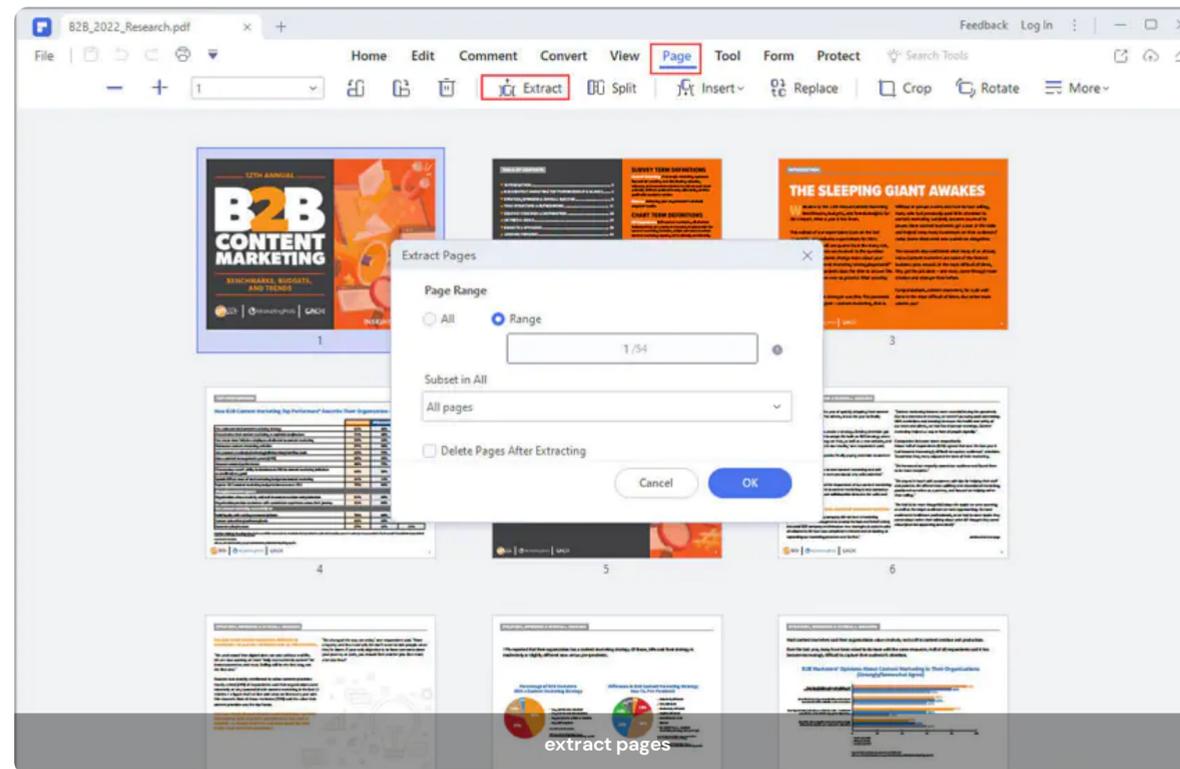
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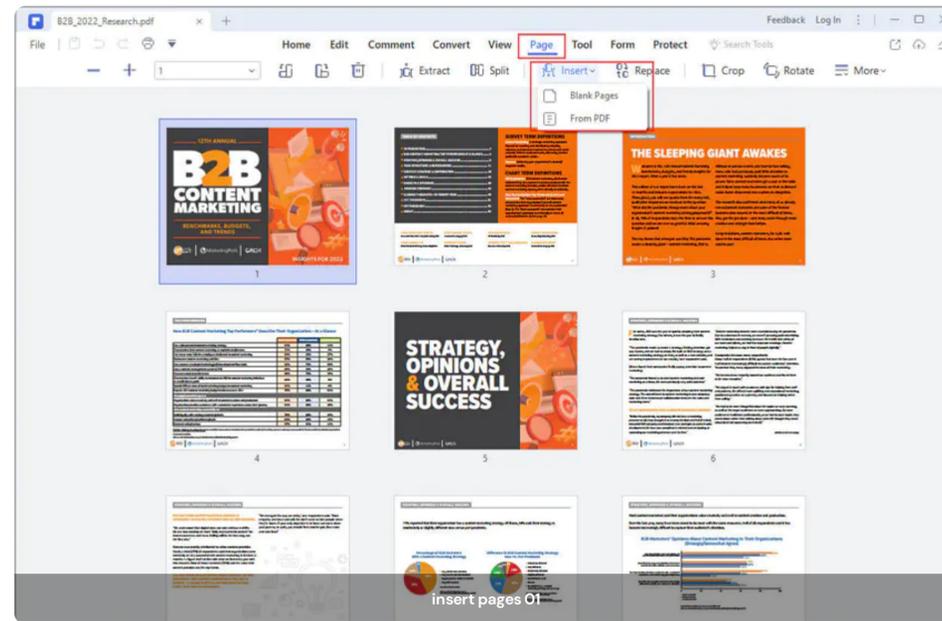
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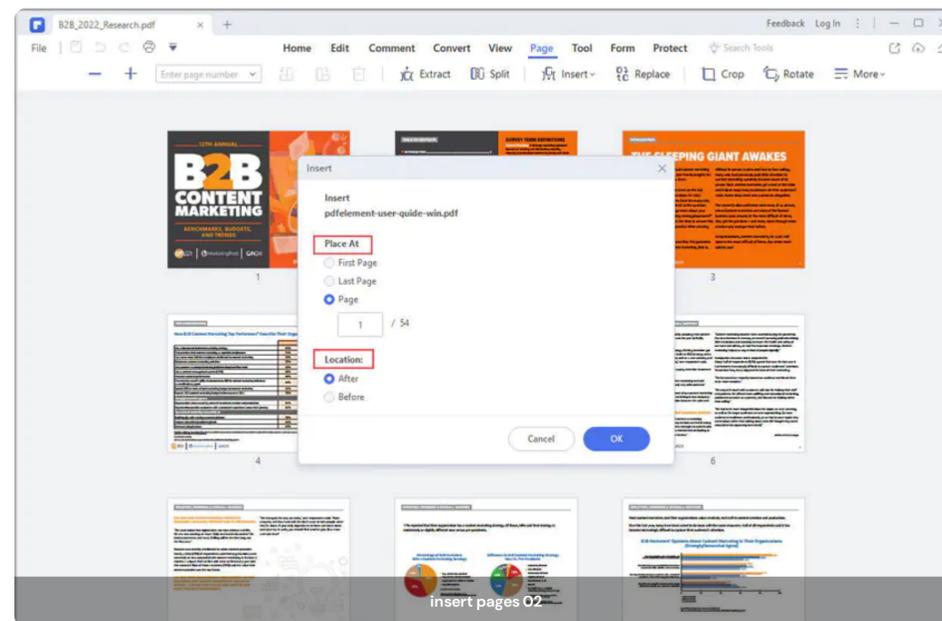
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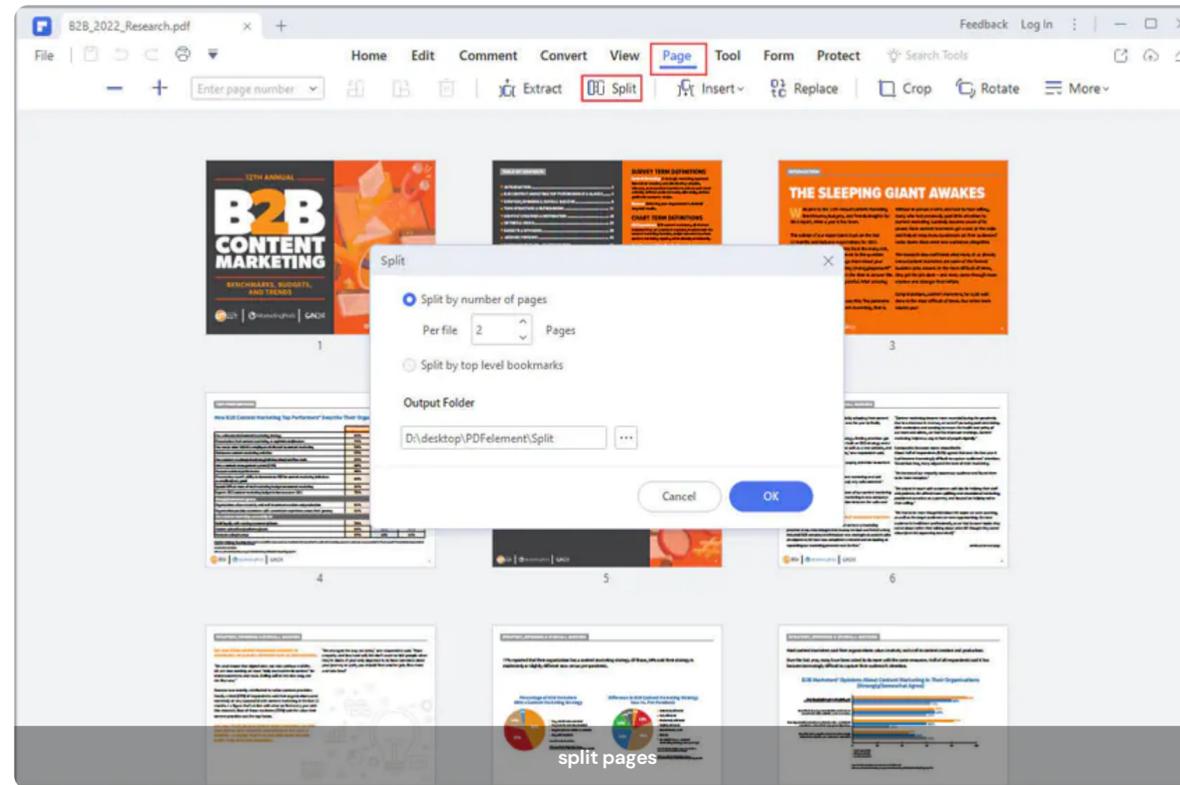
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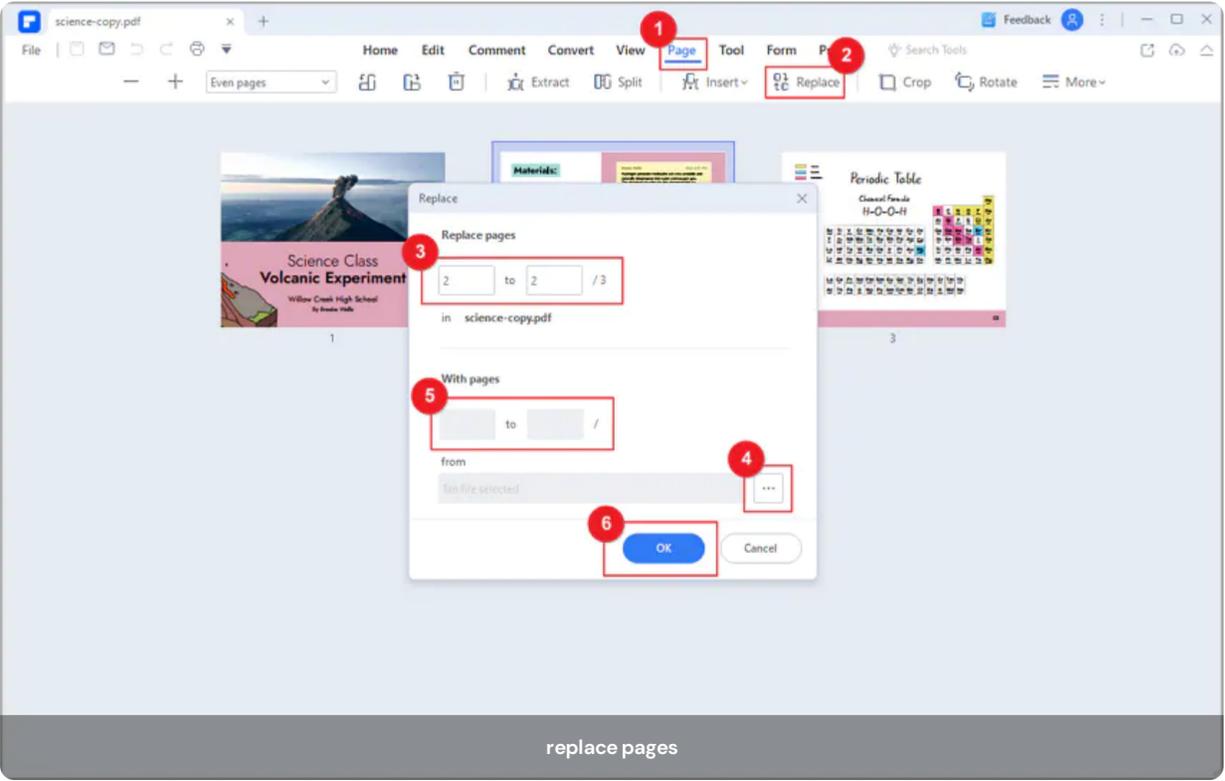
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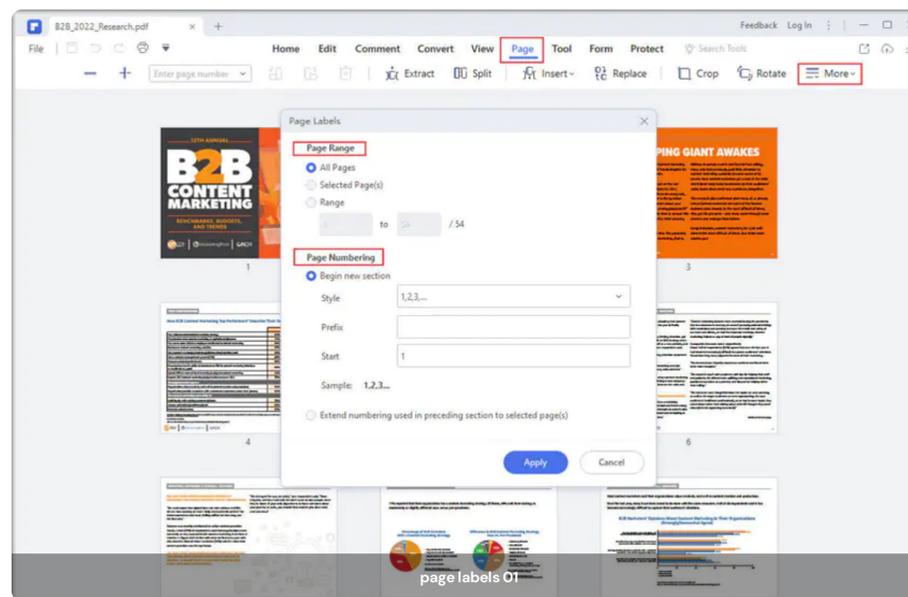
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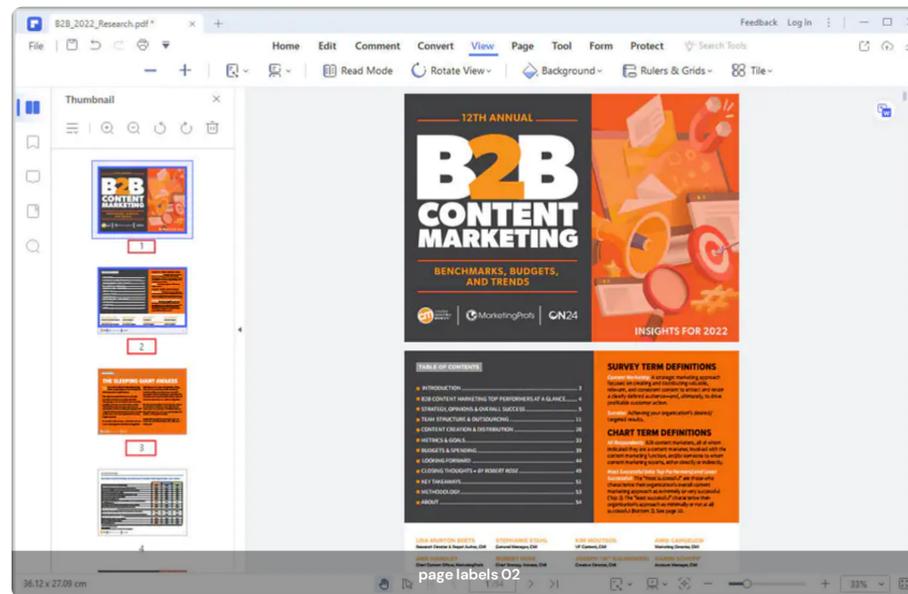
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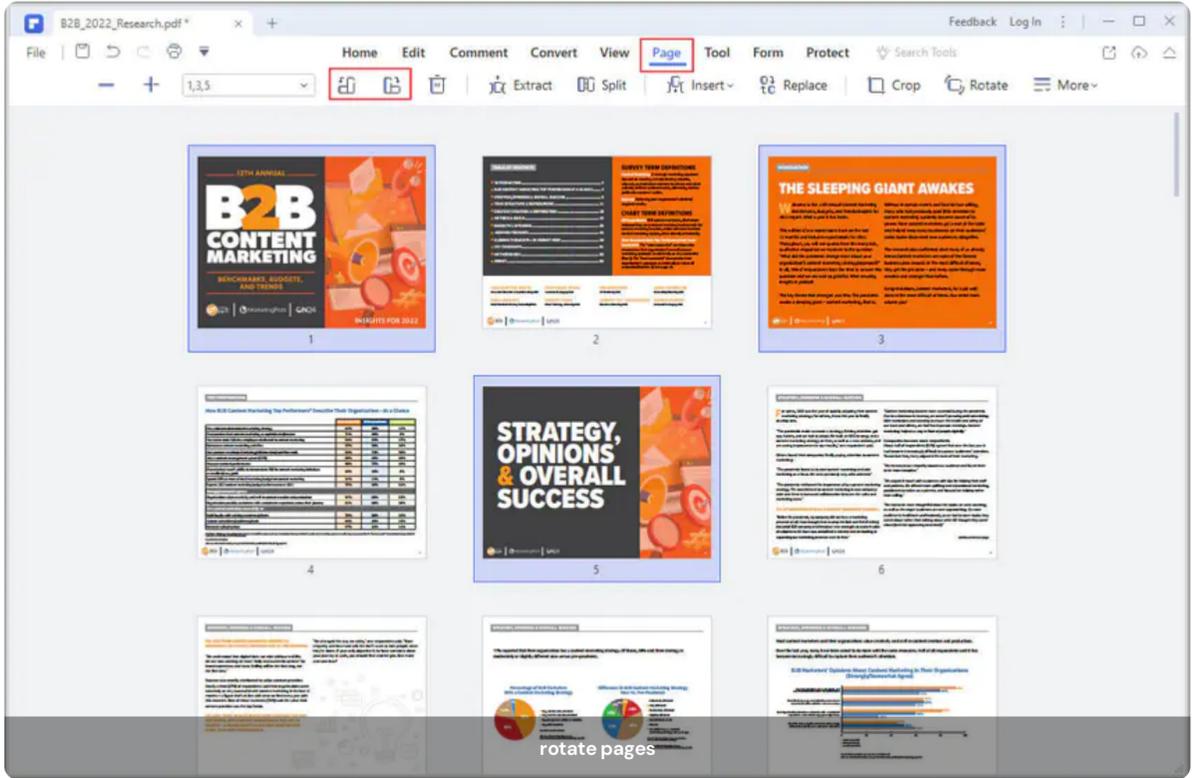
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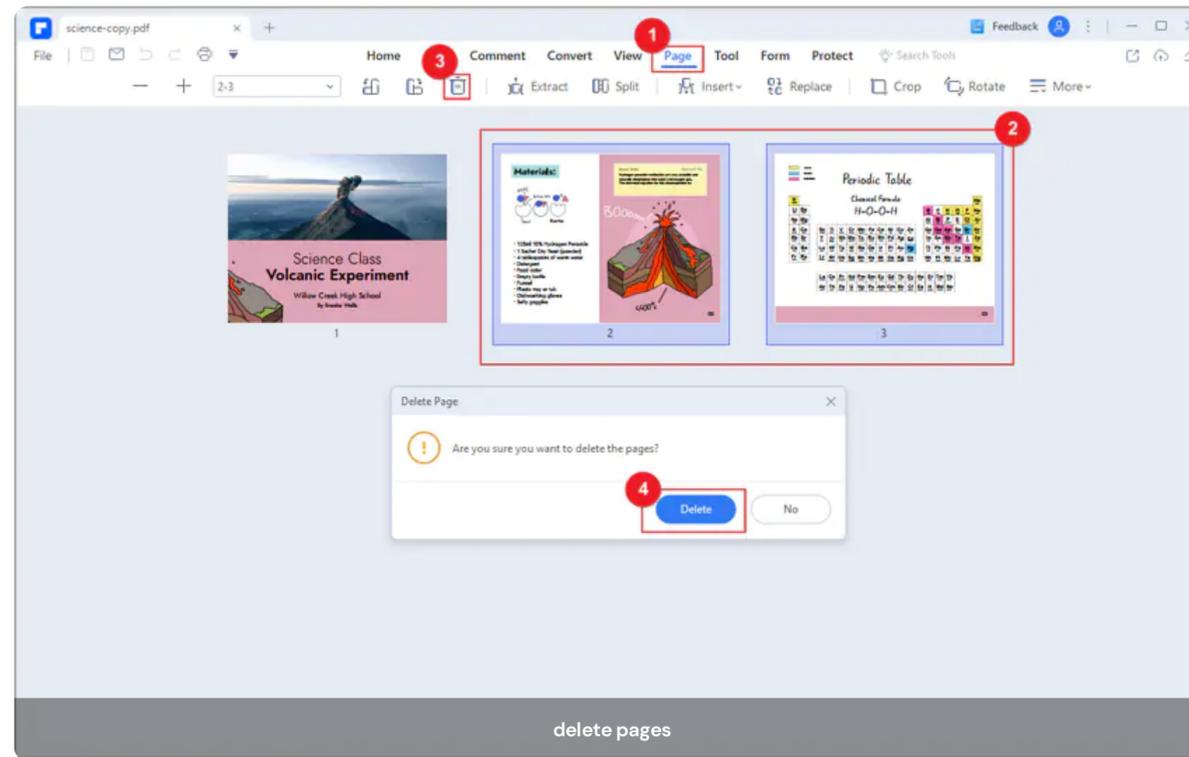
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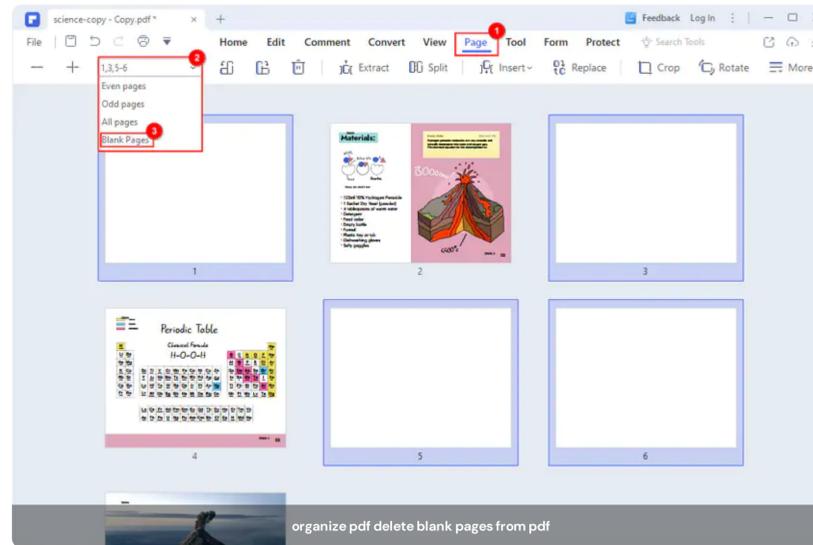


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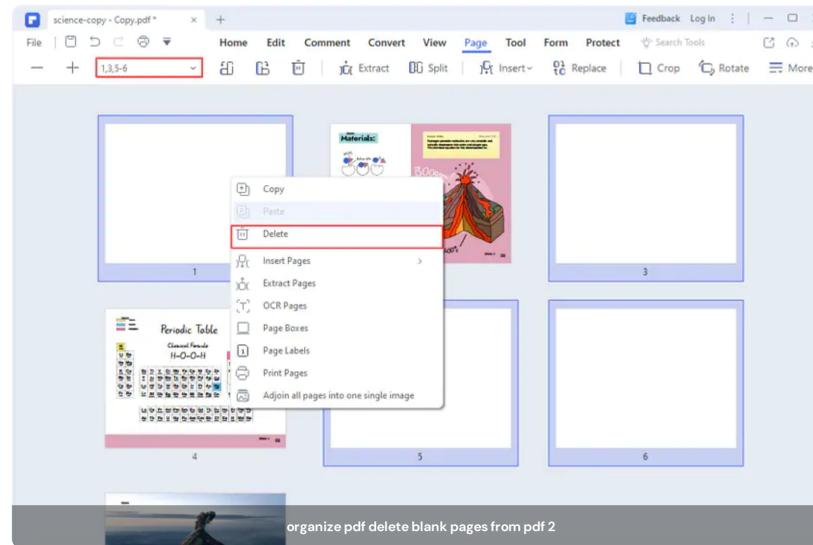
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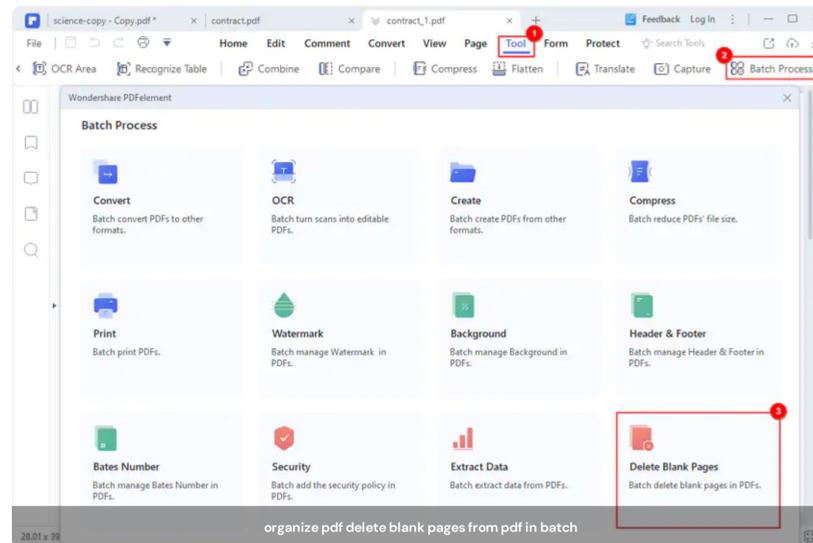
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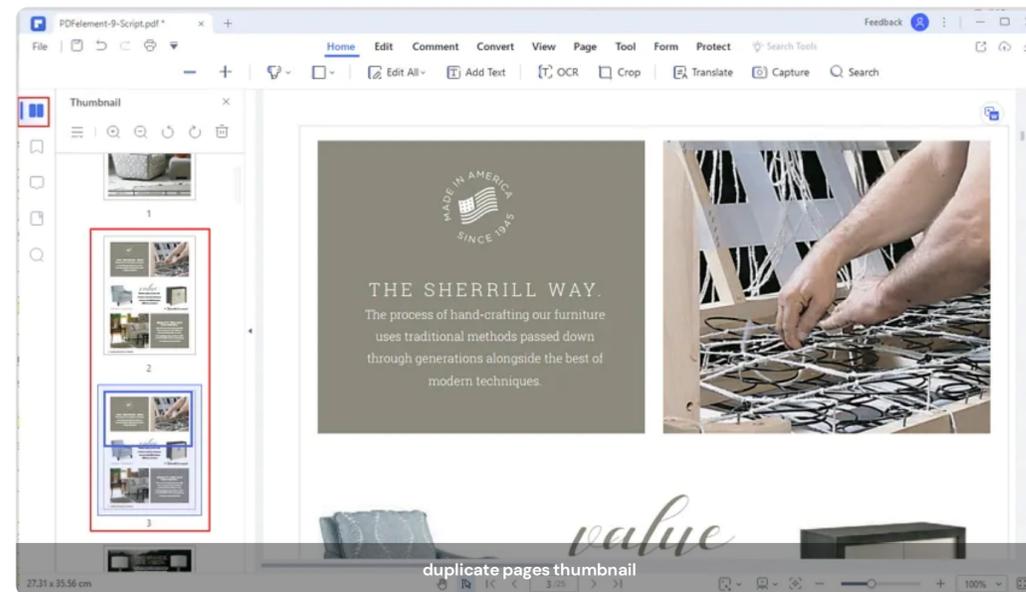
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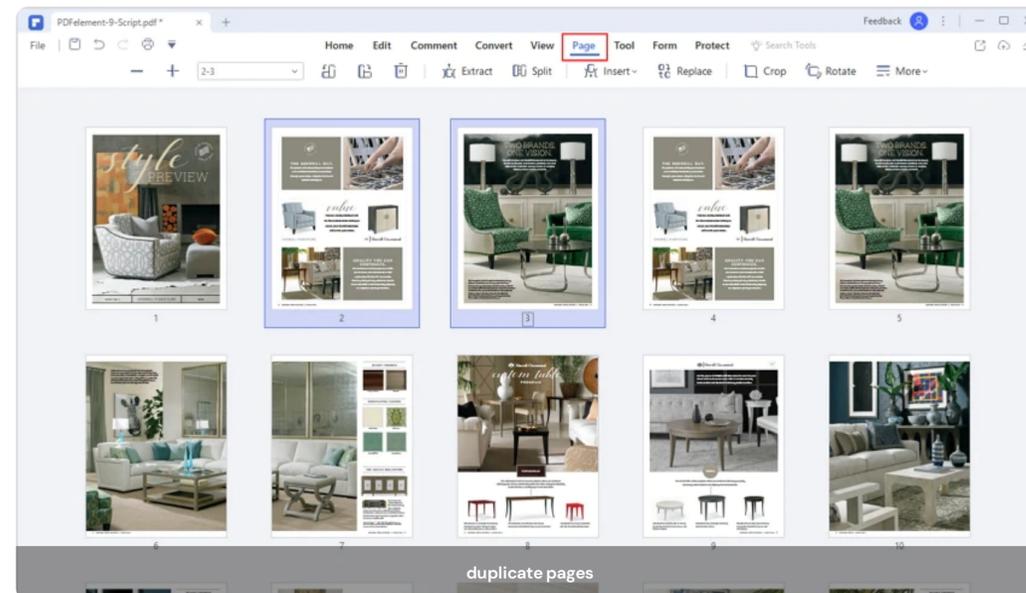
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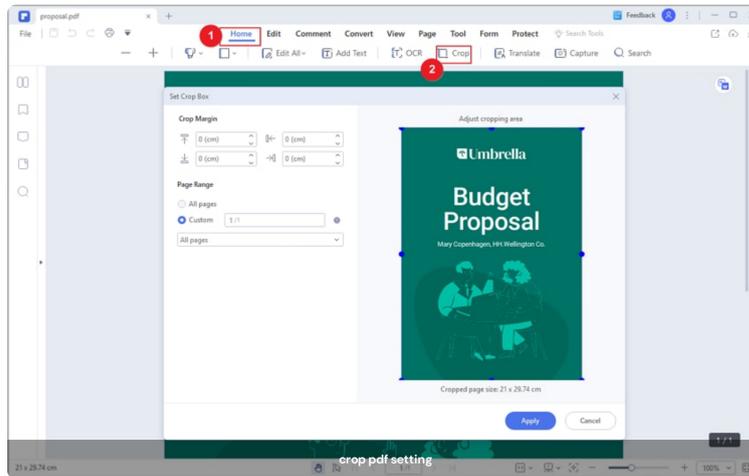


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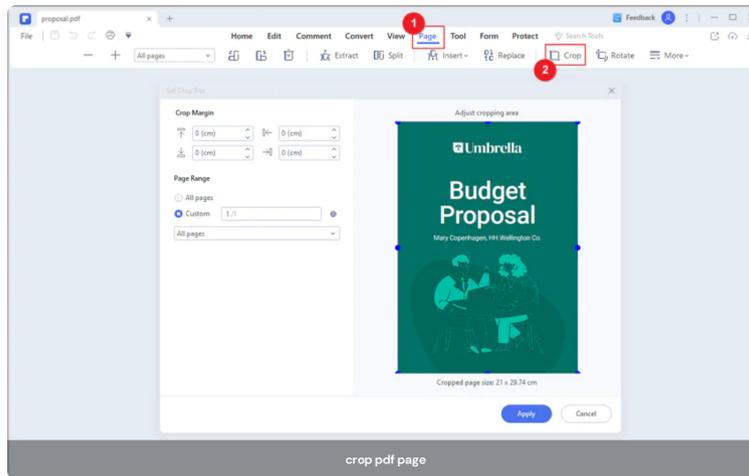
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After clicking the "Home">"Crop" button, you will get the pop-up "Set Crop Box" dialog. Here you can drag the eight blue squares in the dashed box to adjust the cropping area. You can also enter the accurate parameters in the Crop Margin area. Then select the Page Range that you want to crop, and finally, click the "Apply" button to crop.



Alternatively, you can access the Crop tool from the Page tab and adjust crop settings accordingly.



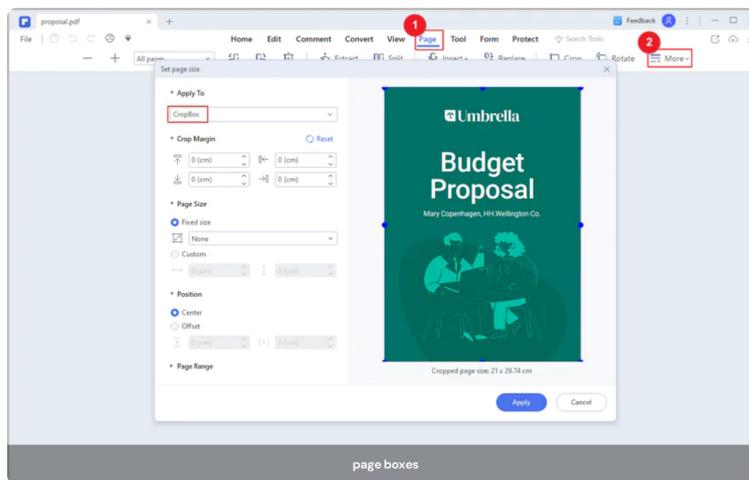
2. Page boxes

You can adjust the visible page area using the Page Boxes tool and the Set Page Size dialog. In addition, cropping pages can help you create consistency within a PDF composed of pages of different sizes.

- Click the "Page" > More button.
- Select the "Page Boxes" option in the drop-down menu. The Set Page Size dialog pops up, showing the margin measurements of the cropping rectangle and the page to be cropped. You can override the crop area you defined, making new selections in the dialog box.
- To apply these settings to additional pages, customize the page range or click "All" under Page Range.
- Click "Apply" to crop the page or pages.

Note:

Cropping does not reduce file size because the information is merely hidden, not discarded.



Margin Control options in the Set Page Size dialog box

The Set Page Size dialog box contains options for cropping pages. The Margin Control options are as follows:

- CropBox: Defines the boundary for the contents of a page when it's displayed or printed.
- BleedBox: Defines the clipping path when the page is printed professionally to allow for paper trimming and folding. Printing marks may fall outside the bleed area.
- TrimBox: Defines the finished dimensions of the page after trimming.
- ArtBox: Defines the meaningful content of the page, including white space.

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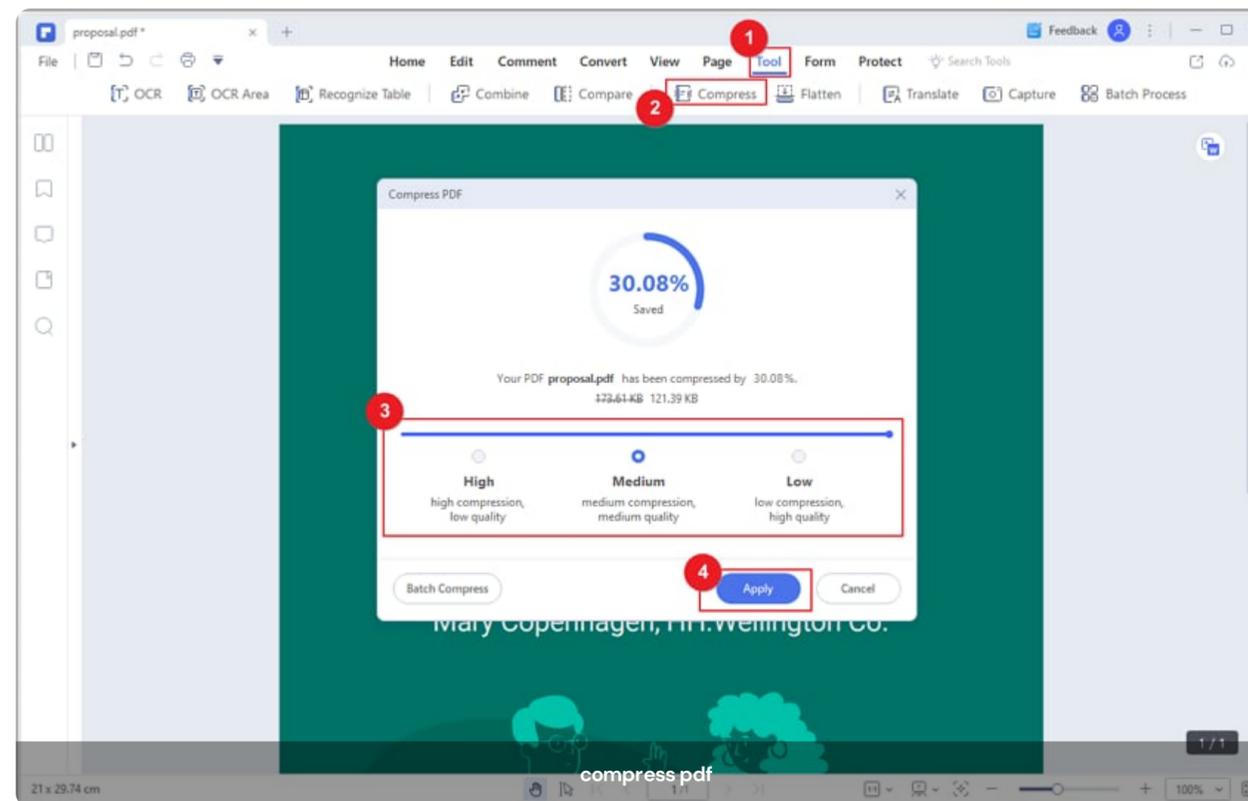
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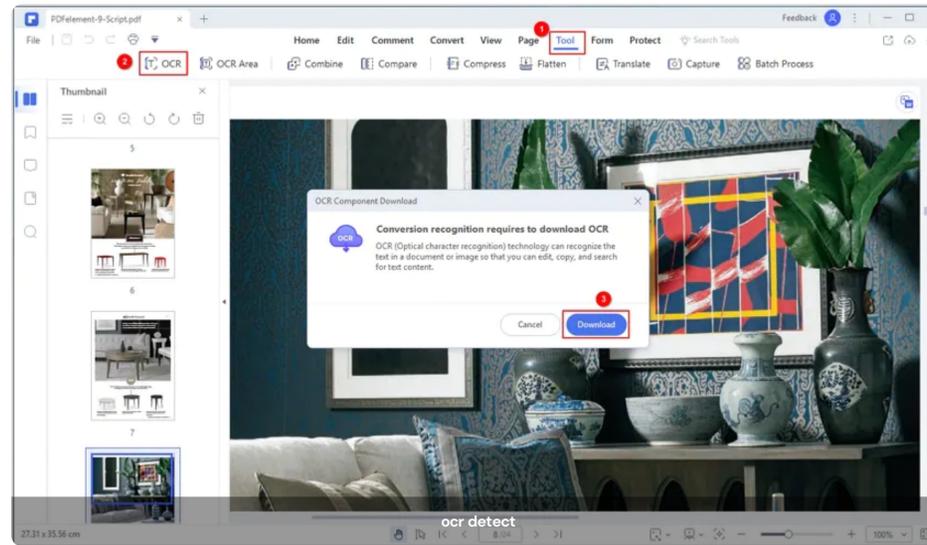
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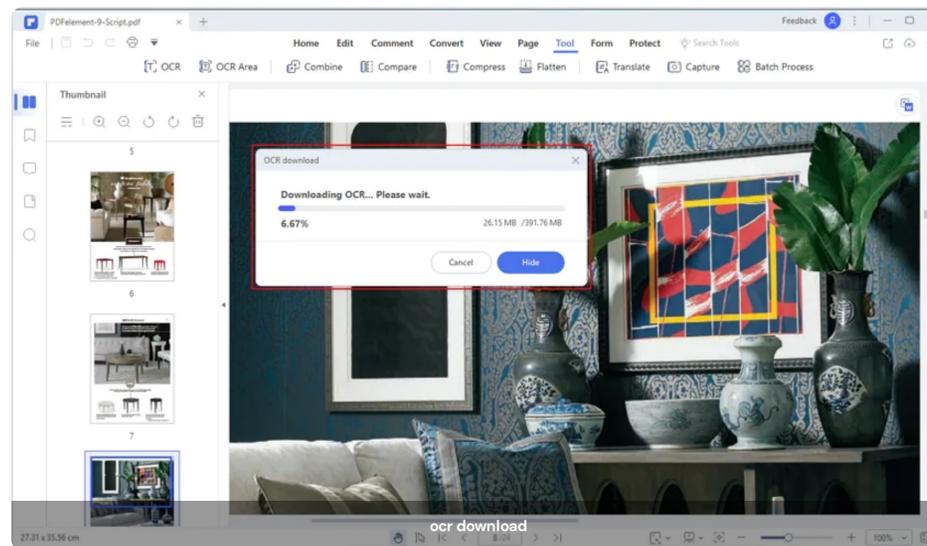
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1. Download OCR.

- If you have not downloaded the OCR plugin yet, you will get the following message to remind you to download OCR when clicking the "Tool" > "OCR" button or the "Perform OCR" in the notice bar



- The progress bar will display the downloading status.



2. Install OCR.

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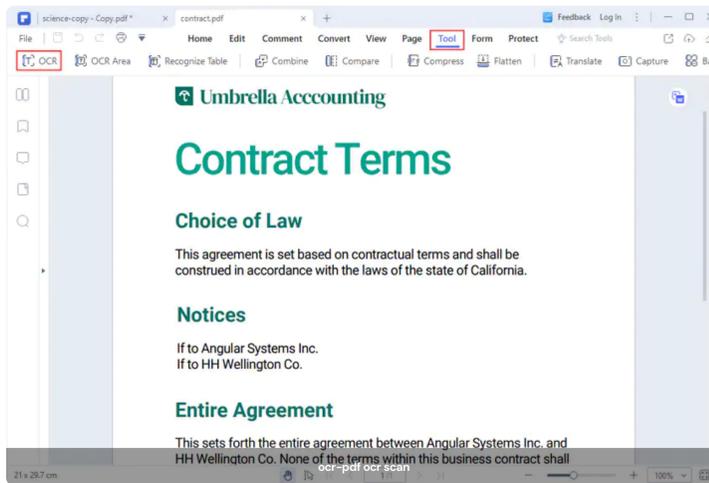
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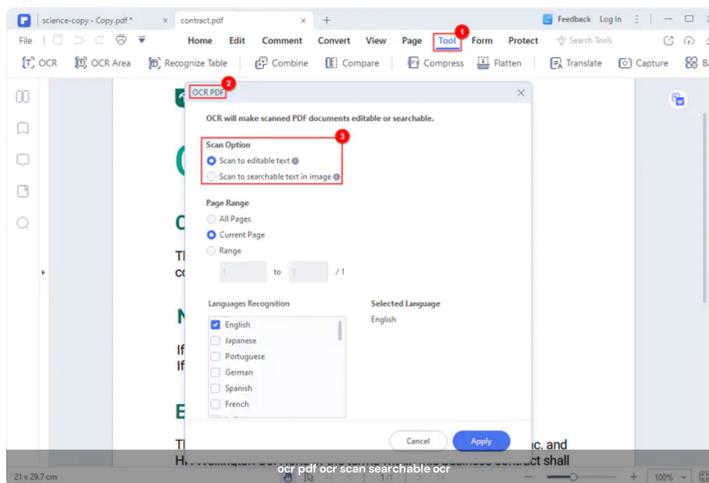
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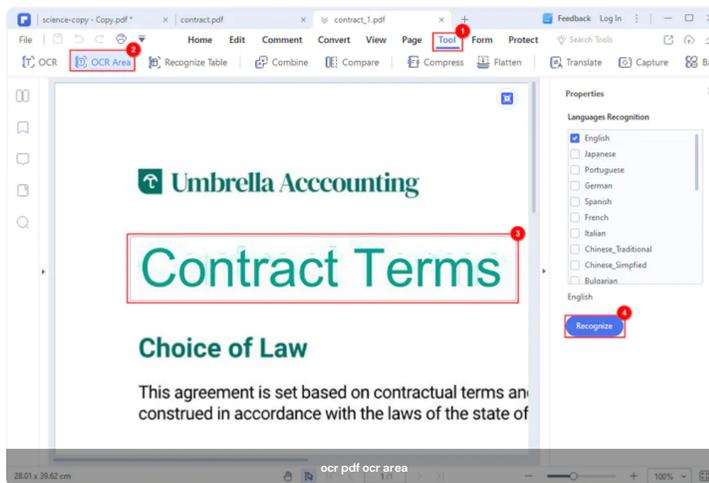
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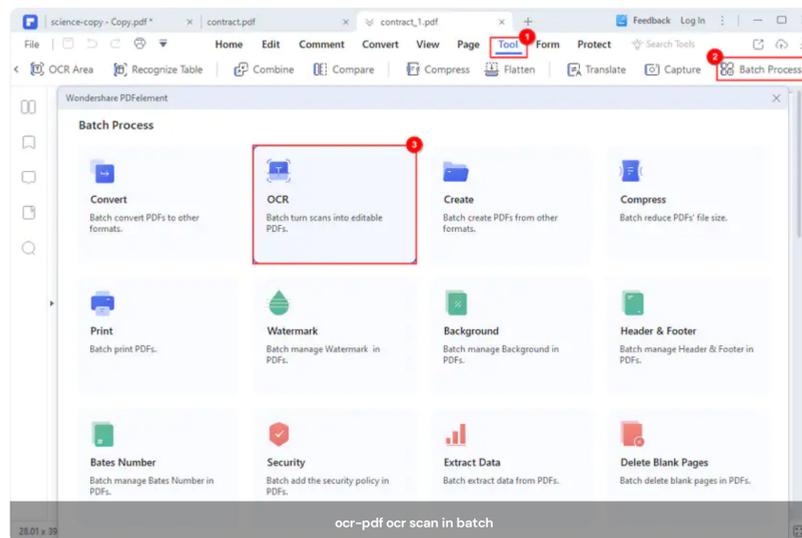


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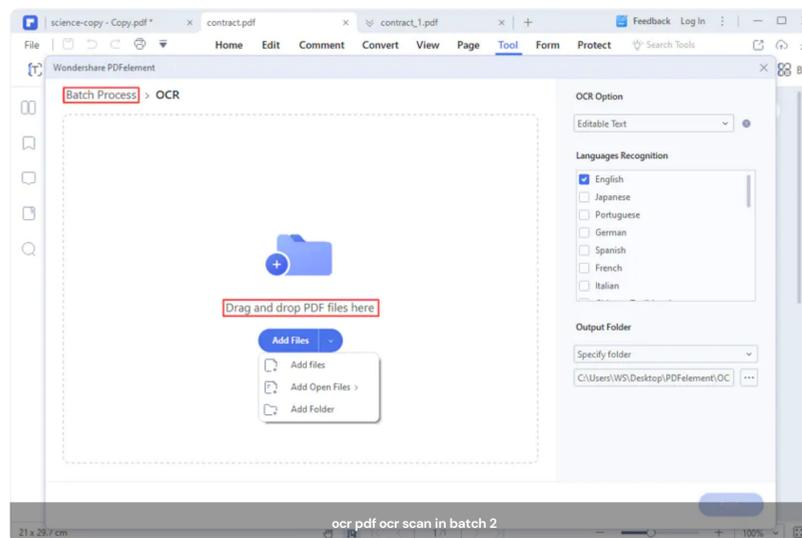
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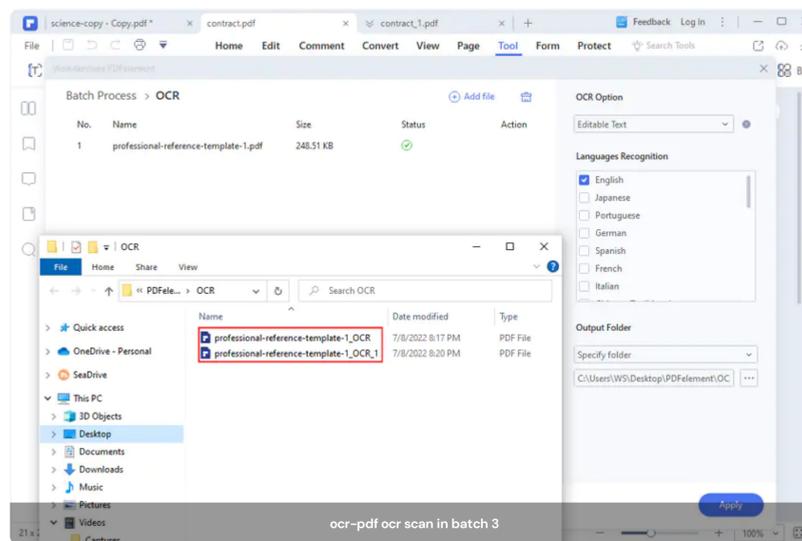
- After you open a file, go to "Tool>Batch Process>OCR". This function allows you to turn scans into editable PDFs in batch.



- You can drag or drop your files into the dashed box area, or you can also click "Add Files" to select your aiming documents. There are three options for you: add files, add open files, or add folder.



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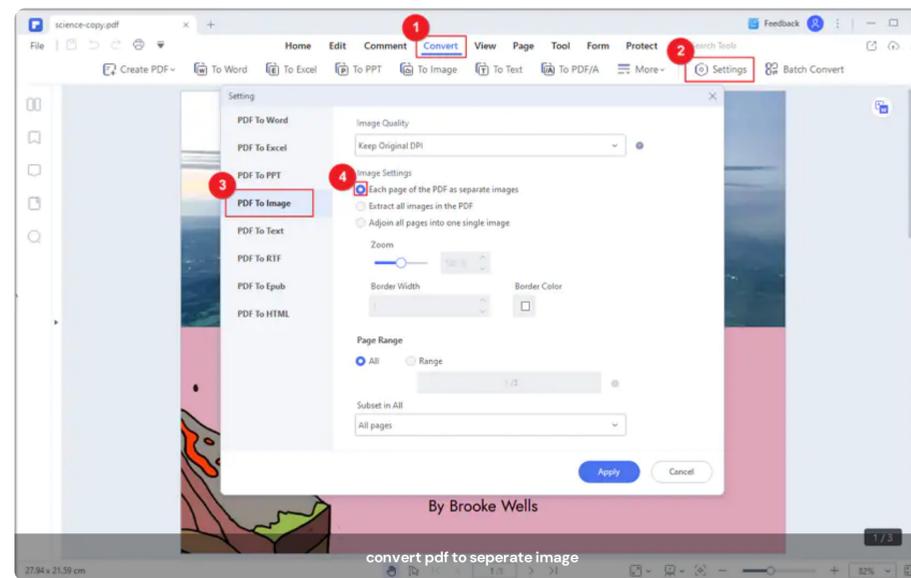
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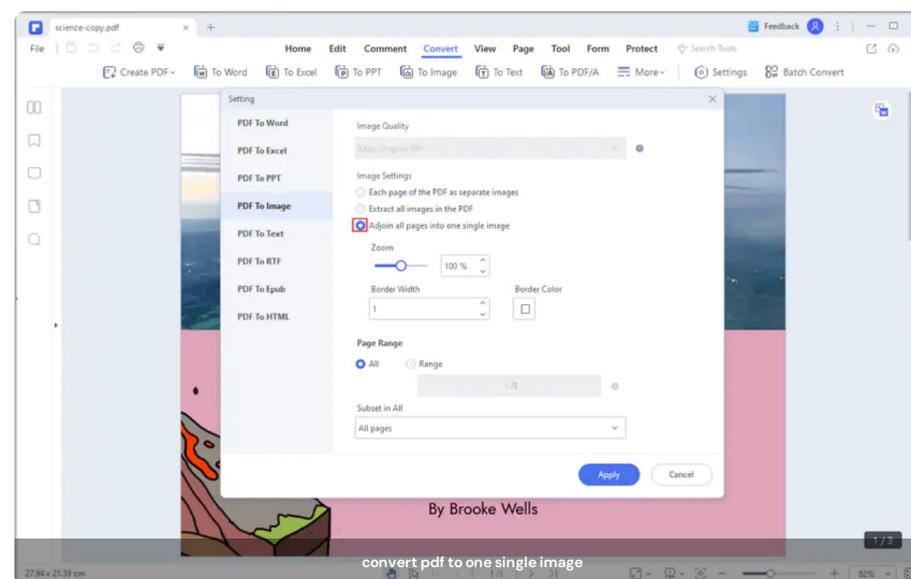
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- Then, click "To Image" button under the "Convert" tab. Alternatively, you can start the converter by clicking the "File" > "Export to" > "Image" button. Therefore, you will get multiple images if your PDF file has multiple pages.

2. Convert all pages as one image file.

- Open the Setting dialog window under the "Convert" tab, choose "Adjoin all pages into one single image", adjust other settings as needed, and click "Apply".



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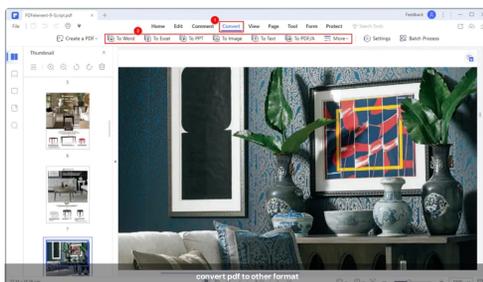
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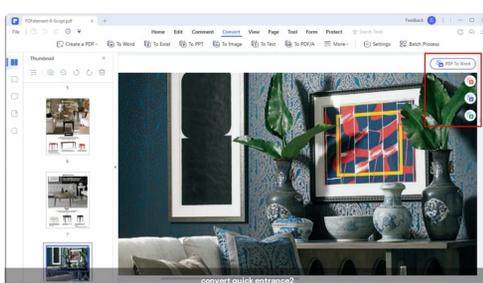
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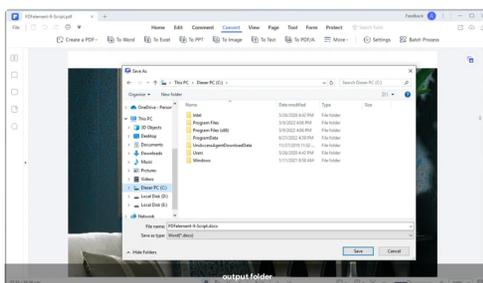
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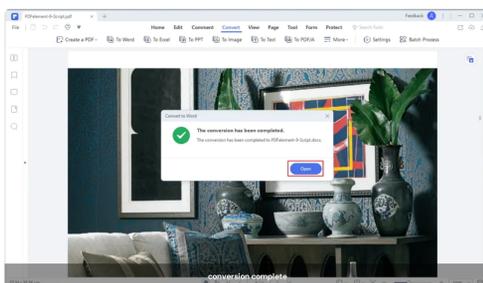
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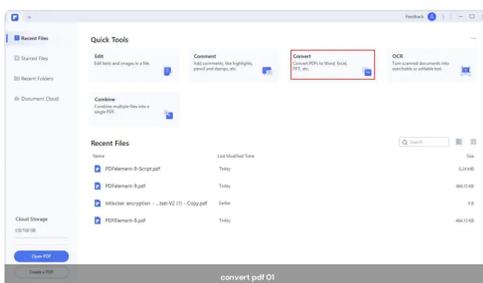


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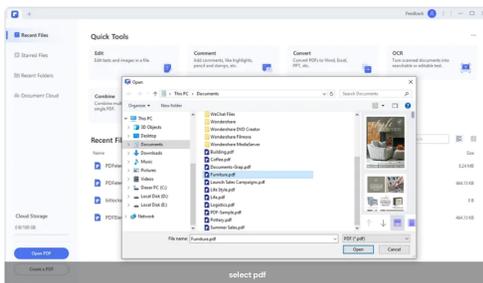


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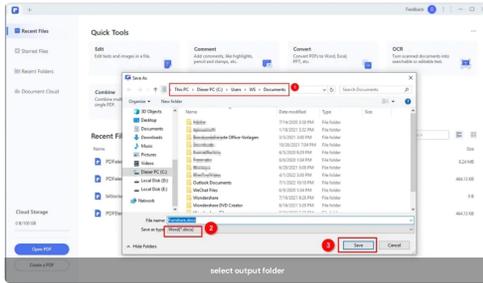
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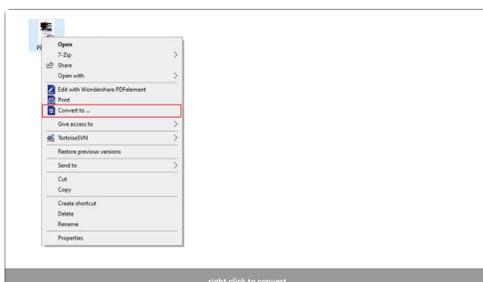
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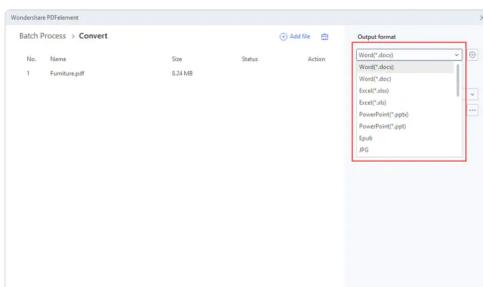
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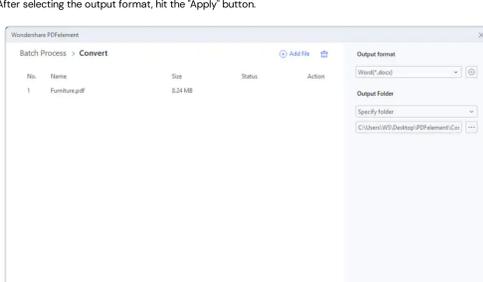
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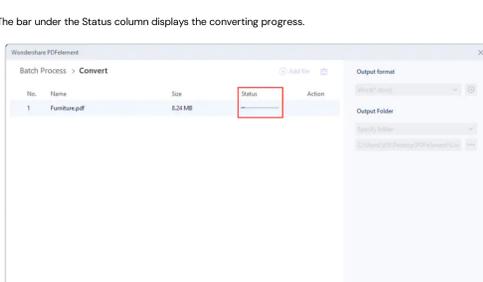
- Then PDFelement will start and pop up the convert window. In this window, you need to select the "Output Format". There are many options available in the drop-down menu.



- After selecting the output format, hit the 'Apply' button.



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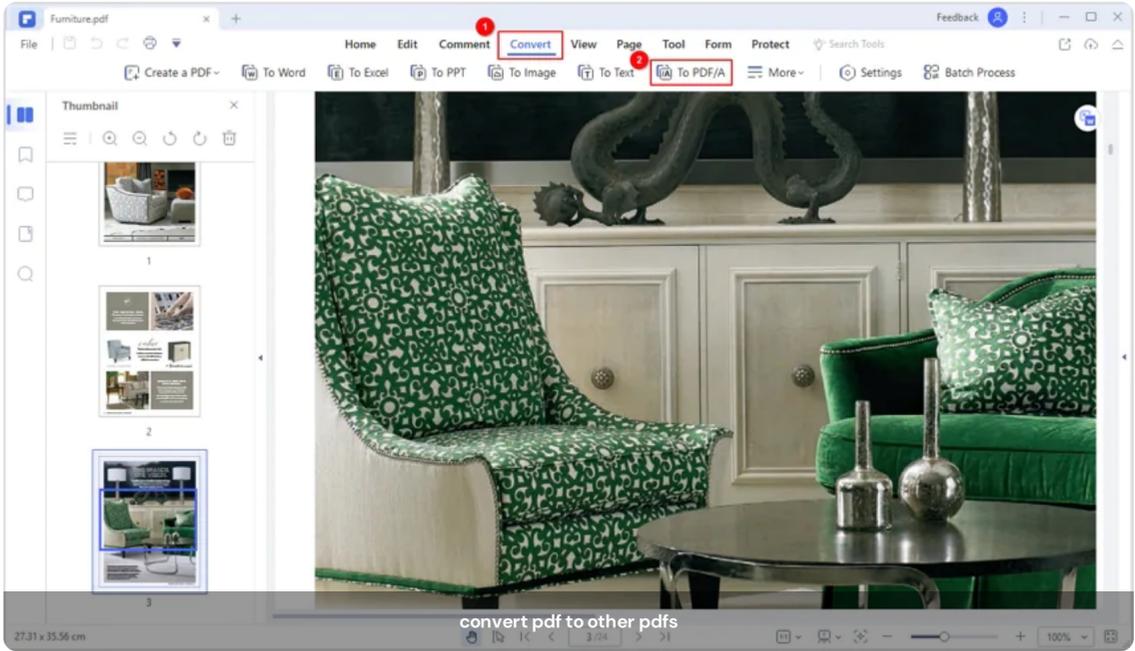
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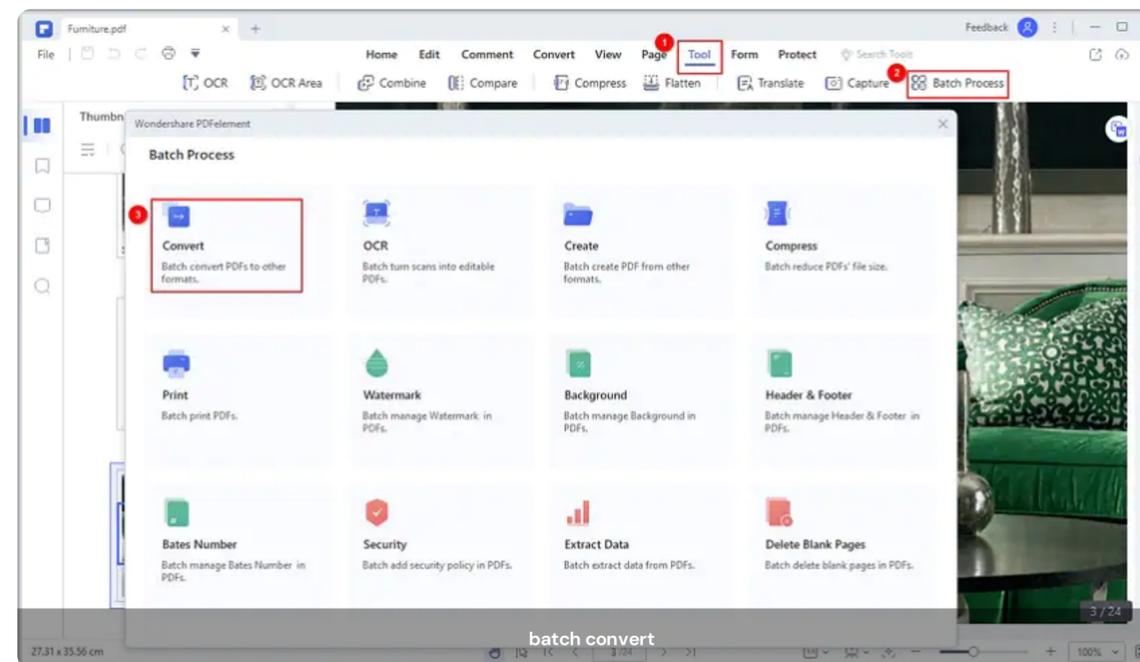
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- Load multiple PDF files, select the output format as needed, and choose the output folder to save the converted files.
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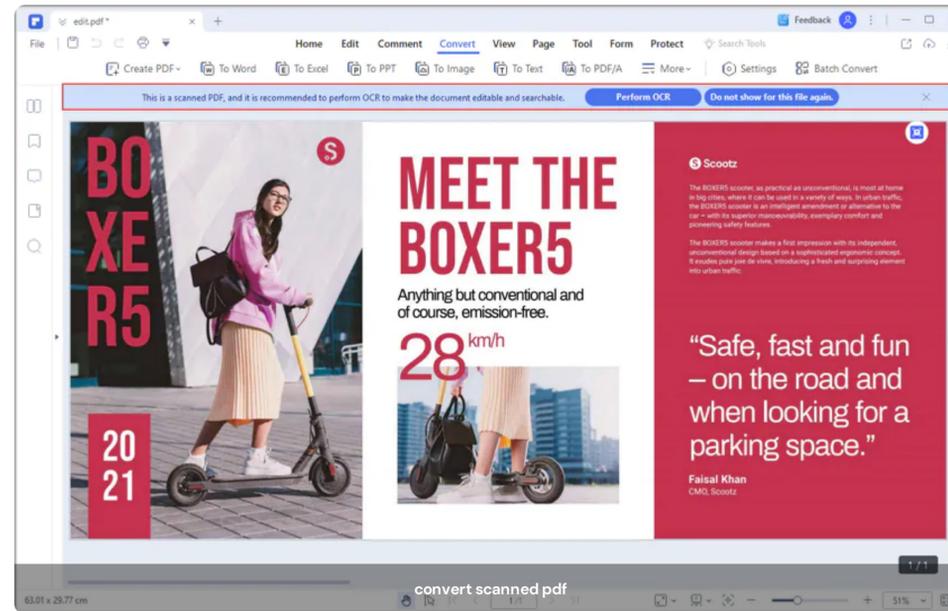
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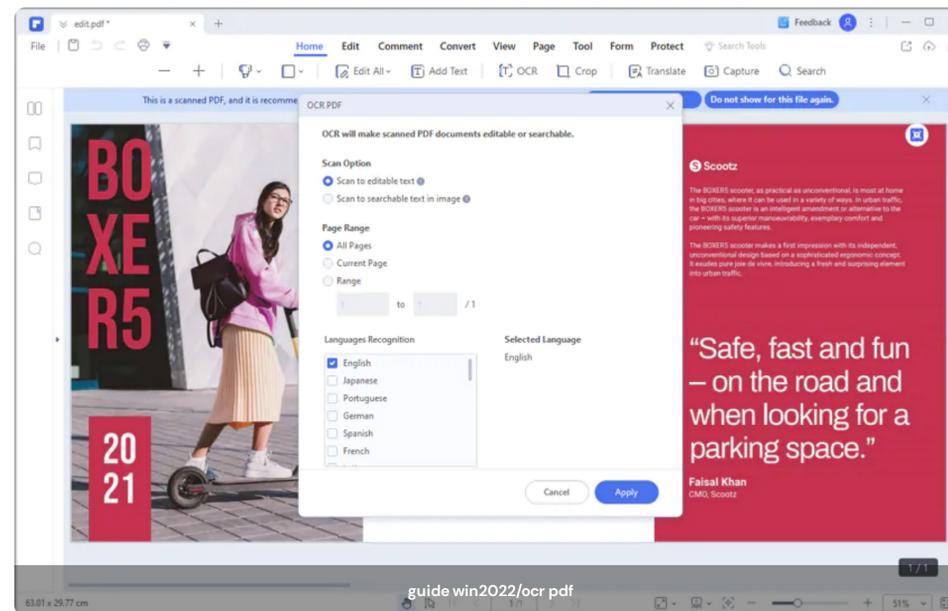
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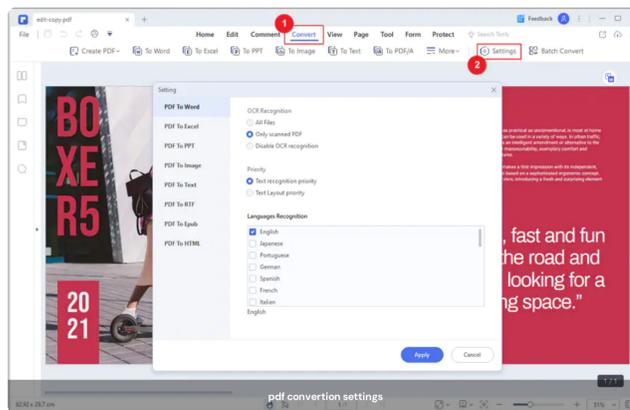
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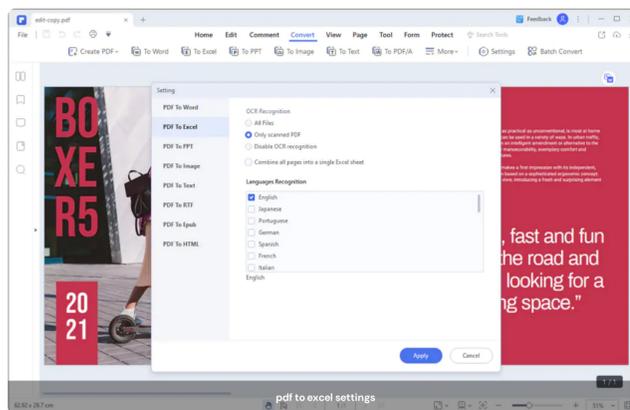
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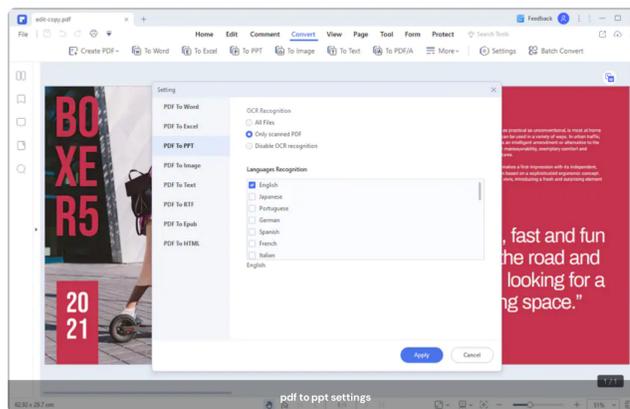
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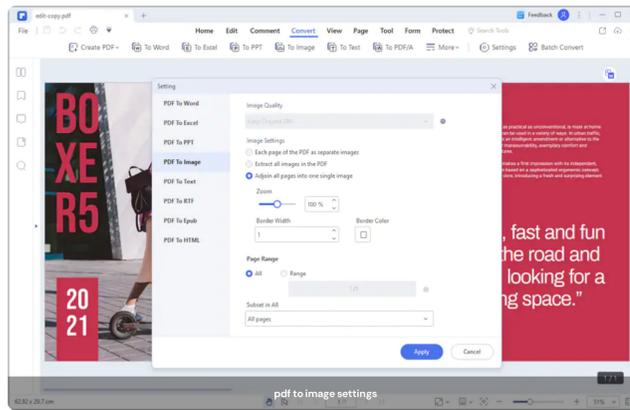
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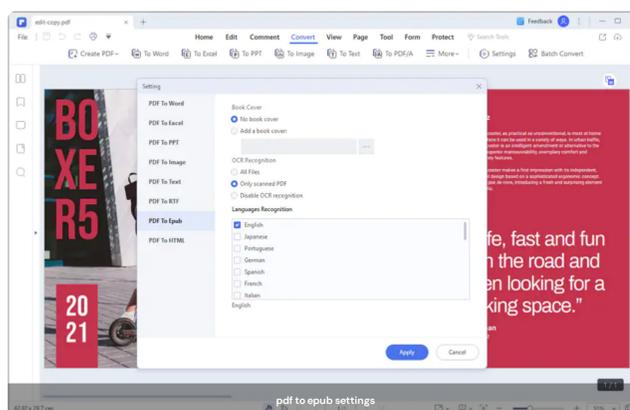
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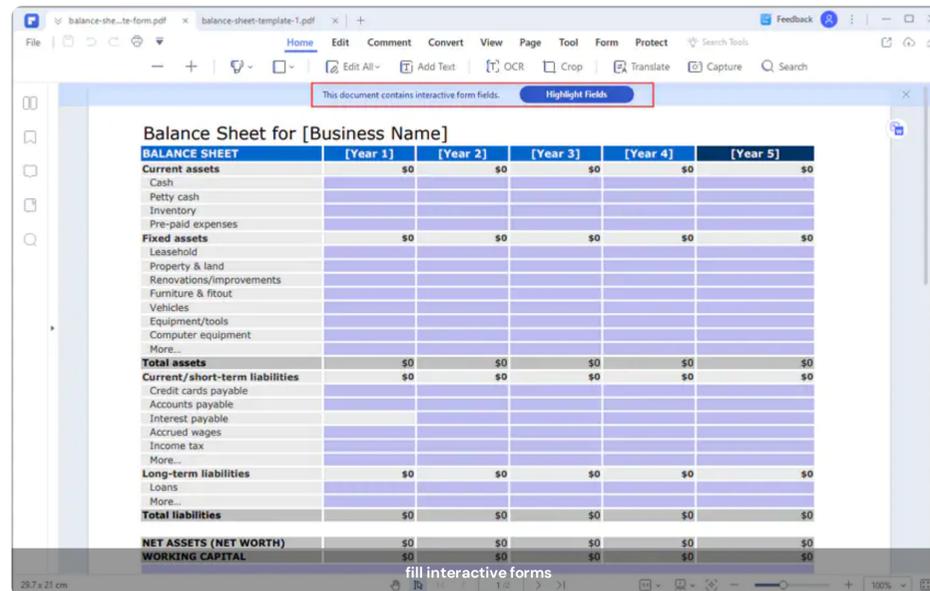
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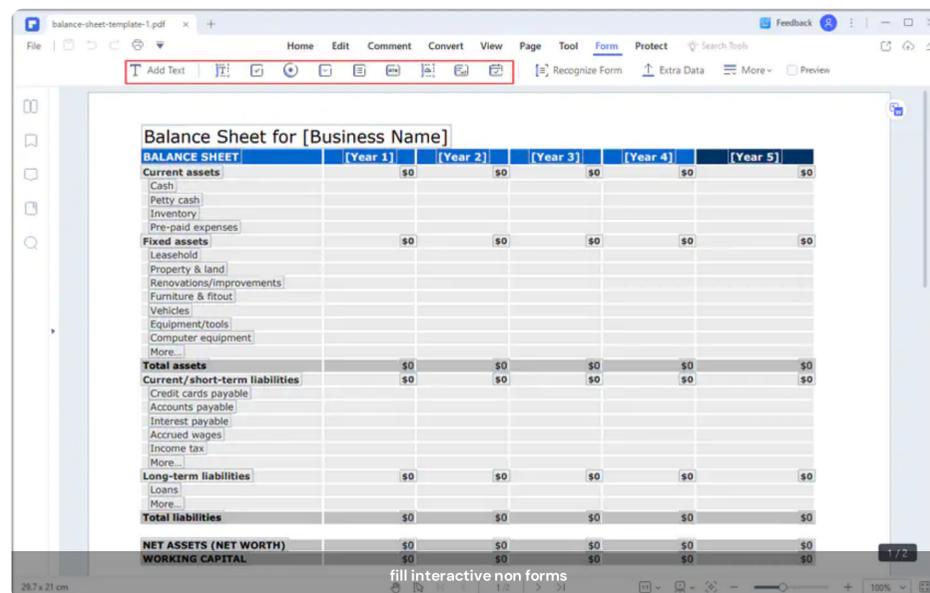
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- Click "File > Save" or press "Command + S" keys to save the form after filling.



2. Fill in non-interactive forms.

If a PDF form contains non-interactive form fields, you can fill in the form directly by using the tools under the "Form" tab. Otherwise, you can click the "Recognize Form" button under the "Form" tab to convert it to interactive forms automatically first.



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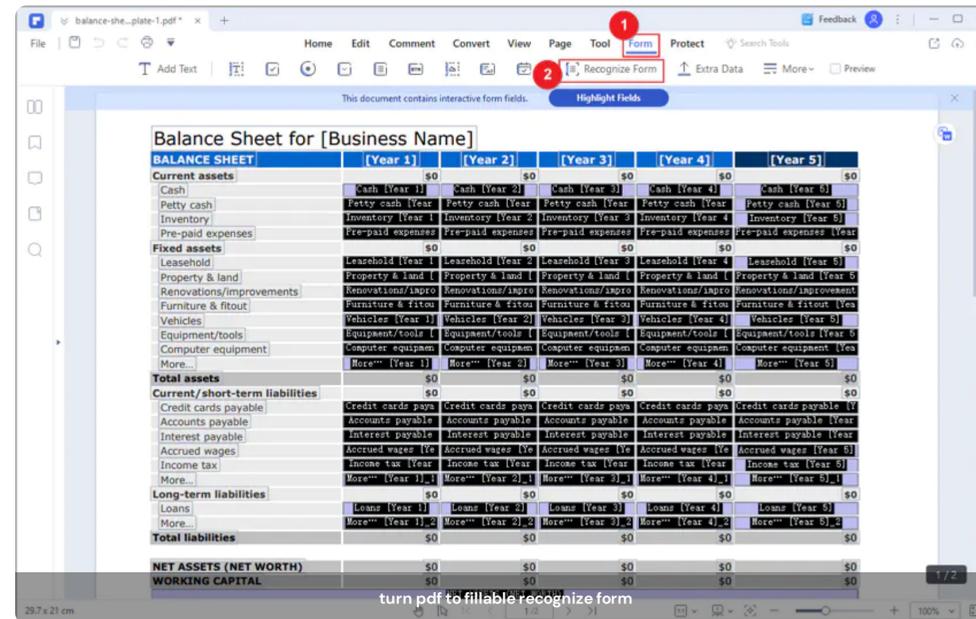
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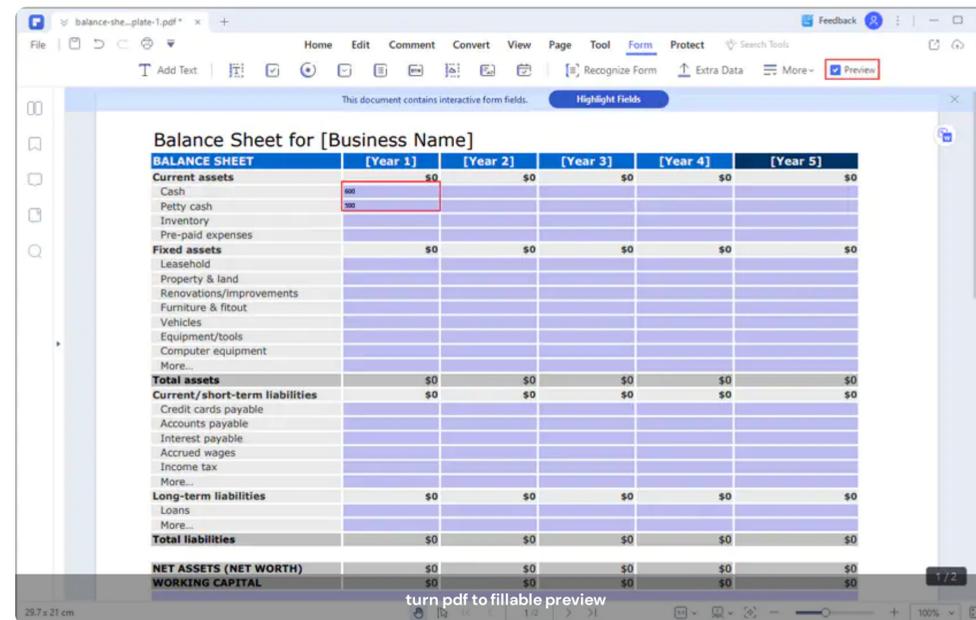
How to Turn PDF to Fillable Form Automatically (Only available in PDFelement Professional)

PDFelement supports creating interactive forms automatically with one click, if your non-interactive PDF form contains blank lines and tables. This feature can dramatically improve your efficiency.

- After opening a non-interactive form in our program, you can click the "Form" > "Recognize Form" button to recognize the blanks and tables automatically, and then you will get the fillable fields created. All the corresponding types of form fields will be automatically named with the text near the form fields.



- Click the "Preview" button, then place the cursor in the field that you wish to fill in, and enter the information requested.



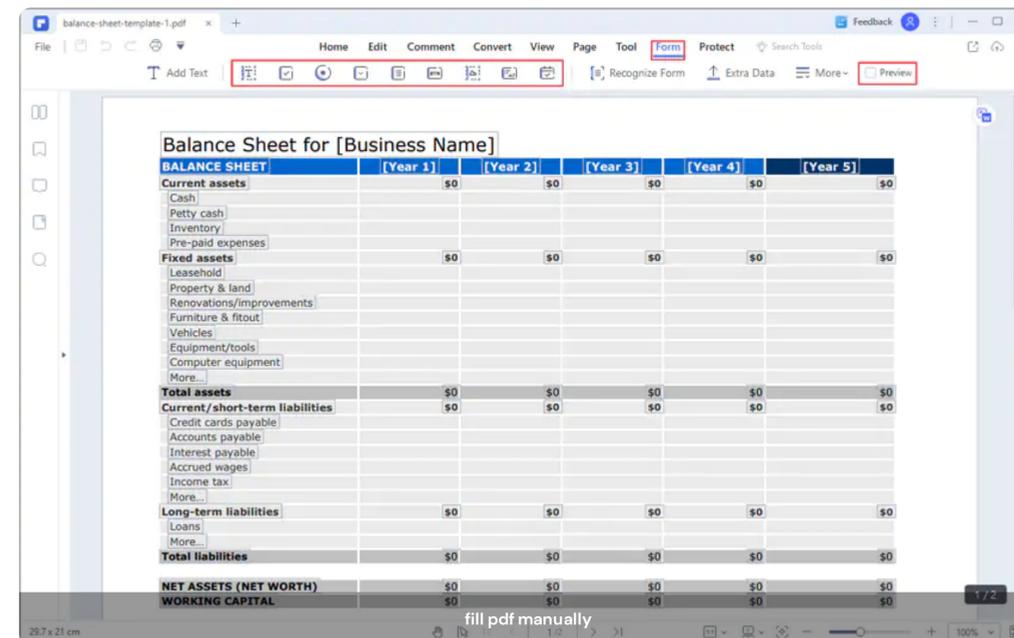


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How to make fillable PDF form manually.

If the file you are working with cannot be recognized automatically to create fillable fields, PDFelement allows you to manually create a fillable form. PDFelement uses a group of buttons to create and design fillable form fields. You can add text fields, check boxes, radio buttons, combo boxes, list boxes, and buttons to create an interactive PDF form.

- Open the PDF file in PDFelement and click the tools under the "Form" tab.
- Select a desired location on the PDF page, and the text field or check box will be added.
- Click the "Preview" button to see the fields you added.



There are basic buttons to create an interactive PDF form:

- Text Field : Let the user type in a text, such as name, email address, phone number, etc.
- Check Box Field : Present yes-or-no choices for individual items. If the form contains multiple check boxes, users can select what they want.
- Radio Button Field : Present a group of choices from which the user can select only one item in the same group.
- Combo Box Field : Let the user either choose an item from a drop-down list.
- List Box Field : Display a list of options the user can select.
- Push Button Field : Create an interactive form element to initiate certain predefined actions, such as opening a file, opening a website, or submitting a form to a web server. This button's appearance can also be customized.
- Image Field : Create a field for users to add an image.
- Signature Field : Create a blank digital signature field for reviewers to sign the document.
- Time Field : Create a date field to show the time.



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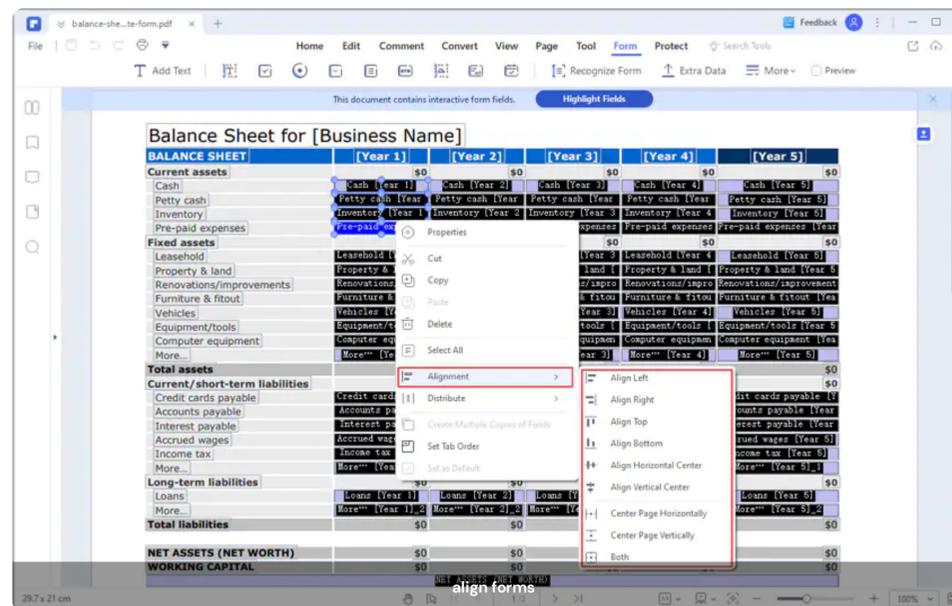
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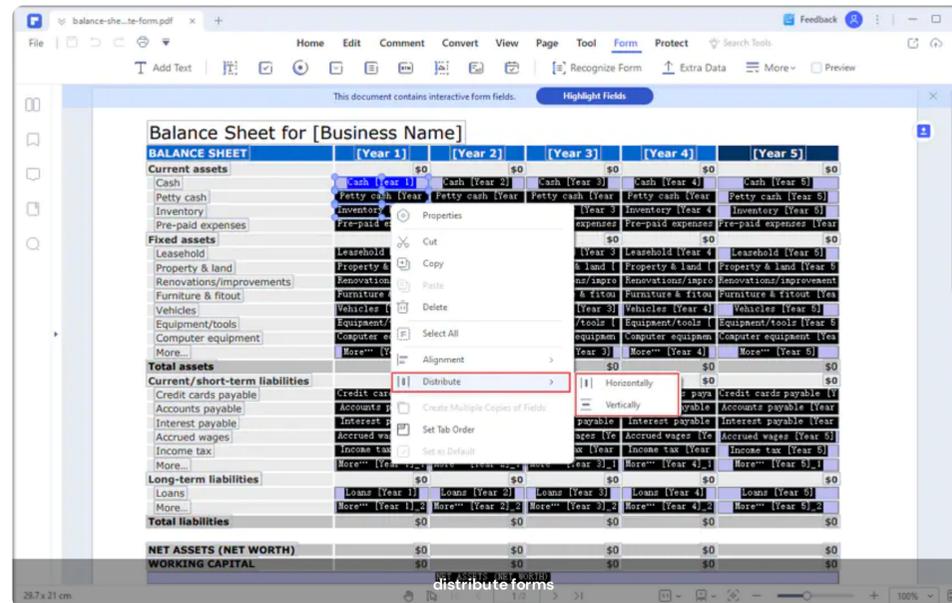
PDF form alignment.

You can align the selected form fields left, right, top, bottom, vertically, or horizontally. Please do the following steps to align the fields:

- Click the "Form" > "Edit" button after opening the interactive form PDF file in PDFelement.
- Hold the "Ctrl" key on the keyboard and select all of the fields that you need at the same time. Alternatively, you can right-click one field to choose "Select All", then all the fields within this page will be selected.
- Click the "Alignment" option in the right-click drop-down list and choose the alignment you want to apply to the selected fields.



- Upon selecting at least three files, the "Distribute" option will be available. You can distribute the selected fields horizontally or vertically. (Note: Please select at least three fields, otherwise the distribute option will be disabled.)



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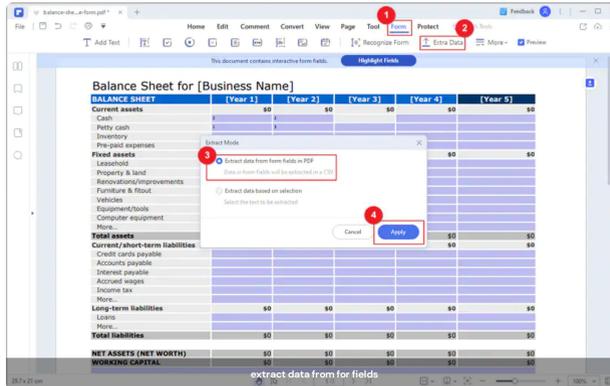
PDFelement can assist you in extracting data from fillable form fields and other kinds of PDFs to CSV files, where you can manage the collected data.

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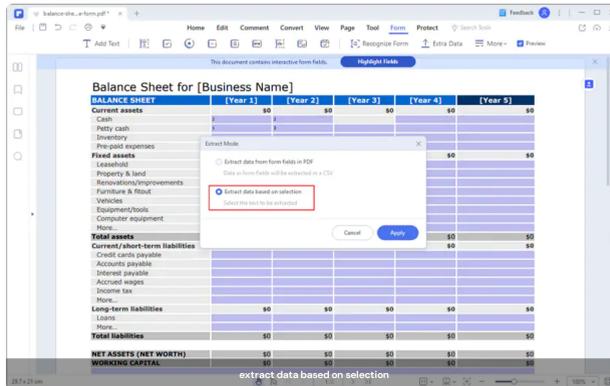
1. Extract data from PDF form fields.

- If your PDF file is the fillable form, you can click the "Form" > "Extract Data" button, then select the option of "Extract data from form fields in PDF" and click the "Apply" button. If your PDF file does not contain the fillable form, please refer to the chapters of "How to Turn PDF to Fillable Form Automatically" or "How to Make Fillable PDF Form Manually" to create the fillable forms first. (If you have not installed the OCR plugin yet, when you click the "Extract Data" button, it will ask you to download OCR first.)

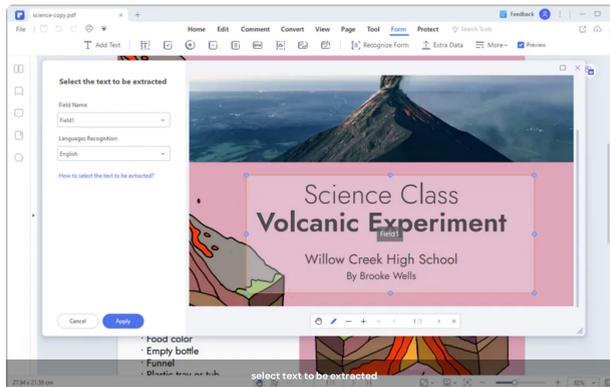


2. Extract data from selected PDF text.

- If your PDF file does not contain any form fields, you can still use our program to extract data from the marked areas whether it is a scanned PDF or a regular PDF.
- After opening your PDF file in the program, click the "Form" > "Extract Data" button and choose "Extract data based on selection".



- Click the "Apply" button, then use your mouse to select the area in the pages you want to extract, and choose the language of your file in the "Languages Recognition" tab.

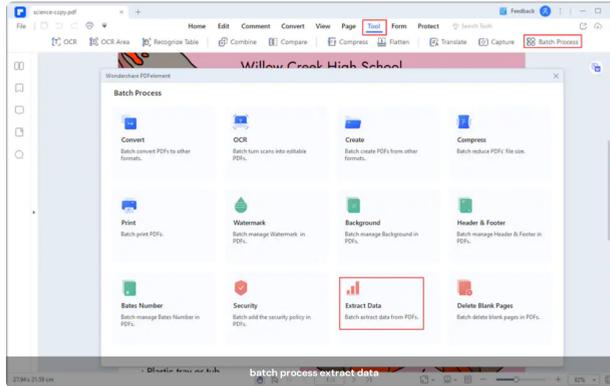


- After selecting all the areas you want to extract, please set the language of the selected texts in the "Language Recognition" option. Next, click the "Apply" button, then save the .csv file in your local folder.

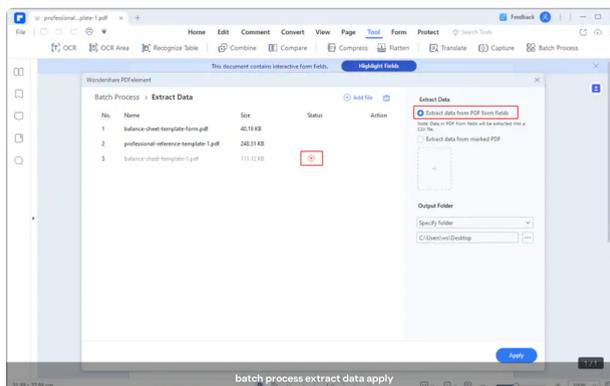
3. Extract data for batch process.

The batch process is an excellent tool if you have a form that has been filled in multiple times to collect different data, or if you have PDFs that you need to extract data from the same area.

- After opening the program, please click the "Tool" > "Batch Process" > "Extract Data" button.



- In the Extract Data window, add multiple files whose data you want to collect. Please note data extraction process is only supported on documents with form fields. If you add non-interactive forms, there will be a " " mark in the document's status. Click the "..." button to select the output folder. Next, click "Apply" to start the process. After completing, you can open the extracted .csv file in the output folder.



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Import/export PDF form data.

Importing and exporting form data is only available in PDFs with interactive form fields. All the options for importing and exporting form data will be unavailable when you open ordinary PDFs or non-interactive forms.

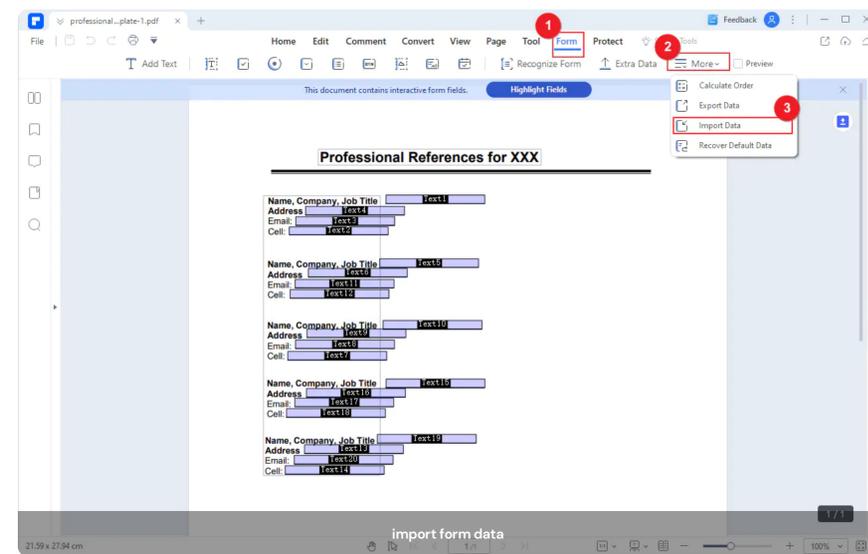
Note:

The import and export data can only be Form Data Format (.fdf).

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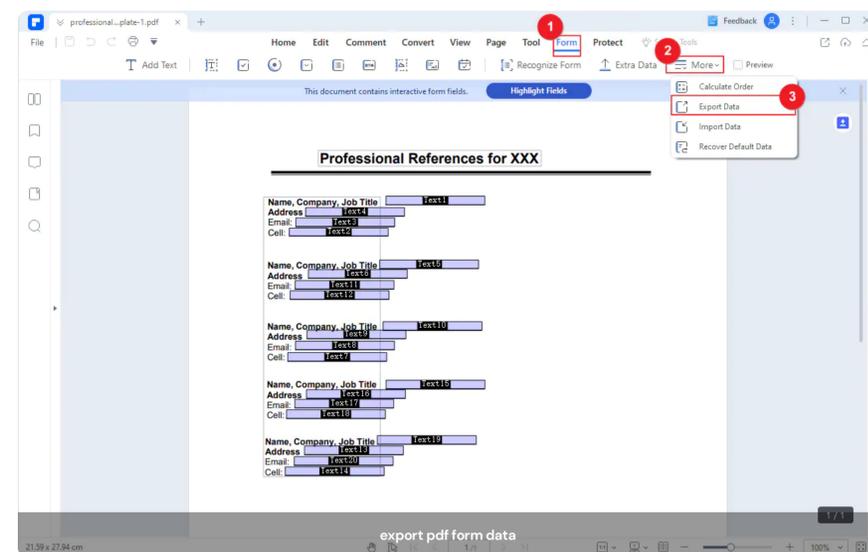
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1. Import form data.



- If you received a data-only file in .fdf format, you can use the data import feature to view the data in the original file by importing the information in the PDF file.
- Click the "Form" > "More" > "Import Data" button to select the .fdf format file to import its data to the corresponding PDF file.

2. Export PDF form data.



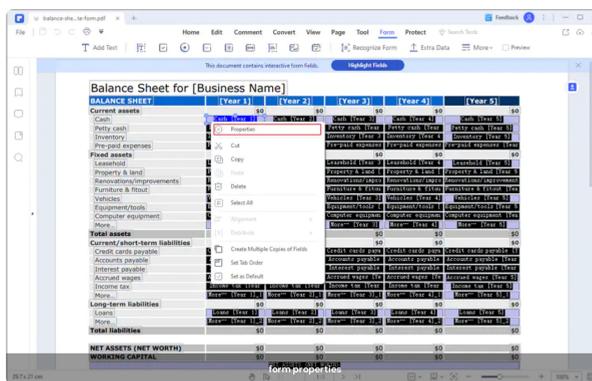
- Click the "Form" > "More" > "Export Data" button to choose the folder to save the export data and rename the file, and then it will export the data in a .fdf format, which is a data-only file.

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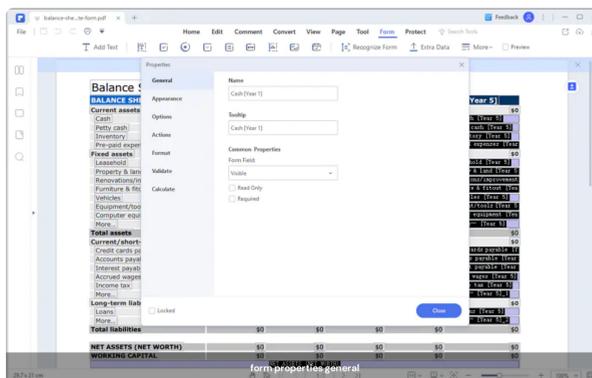
PDF form properties.

When you add the text field, check box or radio button, etc., you can drag the edge of the box to resize it or move it to another place. Press the Delete key to delete it. When you open an interactive form in PDFelement, you can right-click a form field and select the "Properties" option to change the settings of the field in the pop-up Properties dialog box. For different fields or boxes, you will get different properties. Here is an example of the Text Field Properties:

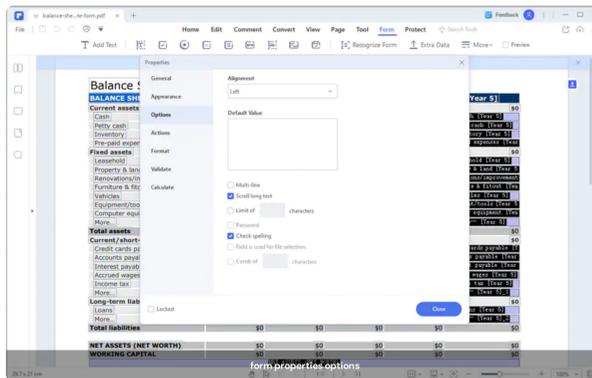


(Note: You can hold the Ctrl key and select multiple fields or boxes at the same time, right-click one to choose Properties, and the common properties will be enabled to change. Then the properties for all the selected fields or boxes will be changed)

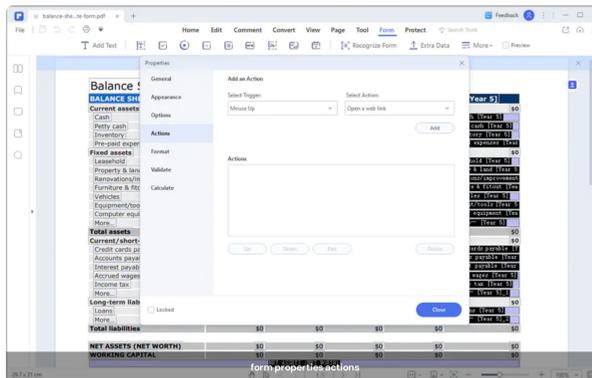
- General: You can set the field name, tooltip, and common properties.



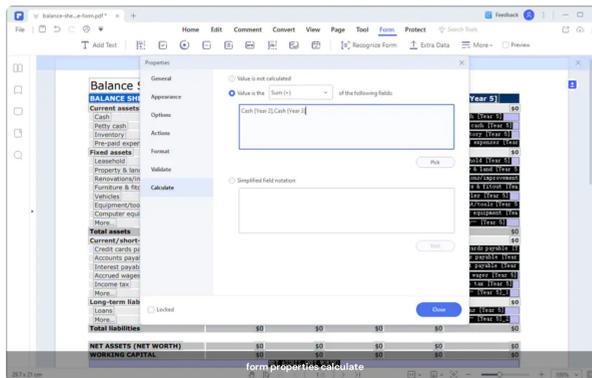
- Appearance: You can set borders and colors, and the font/size/color of the filled-in text.
- Options: You can set the alignment of the filled-in text and the default value of the field. Set multi-line, scroll long-text, password, or limit the characters available for that text field. It also has the spell check function of the filled-in text.



- Actions: You can set the field actions. For example, you can choose "Open a web link" in the "Action", and click the "Add" button to enter the website link in the new dialog box.



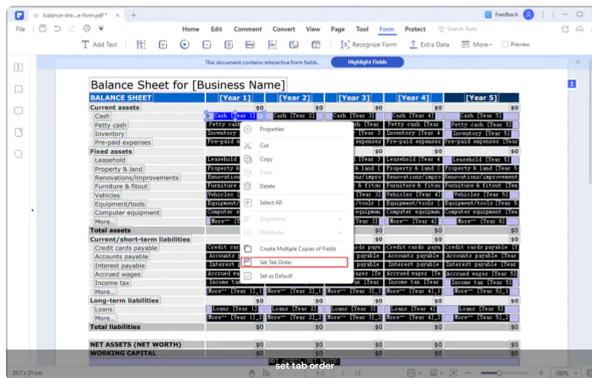
- Format: Set the format category for this field.
- Validate: Set the value of this field.
- Calculate: Set the calculation of the fields. Choose the calculation as you want, and click the "Pick" button to pick the fields that you want to calculate. For example, the following is the Cash [Year 1] properties, so it means Cash [Year 1] = Cash [Year 2] + Cash [Year 3].



Set tab order.

You can set the tab order of the form you created. The order number will show on the top left corner in the form field. By default, the tab order is the order of creating these fields and buttons. You can change to set the tab order as needed.

- After opening the interactive form PDF file in PDFelement, please a form field, then right-click it to choose "Set Tab Order".
- The default order will show, then you can click the field or button one by one as the new order you want. After setting, click the "Preview" button, fill in the field or button using the Tab key as the order you set.



Note:
You can only set a tab order within one page.

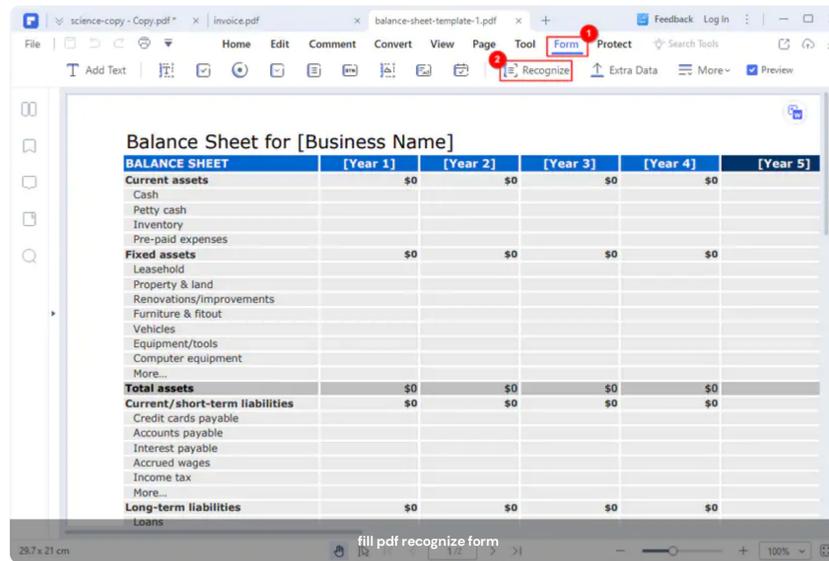
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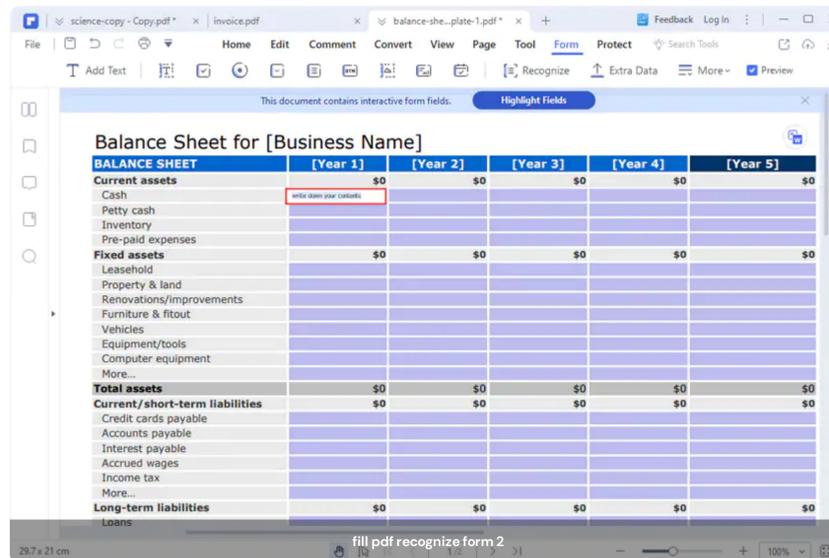
Recognize PDF form.

In addition to recognizing text and images, PDFelement can also accurately recognize PDF forms, helping users copy and edit the form contents.

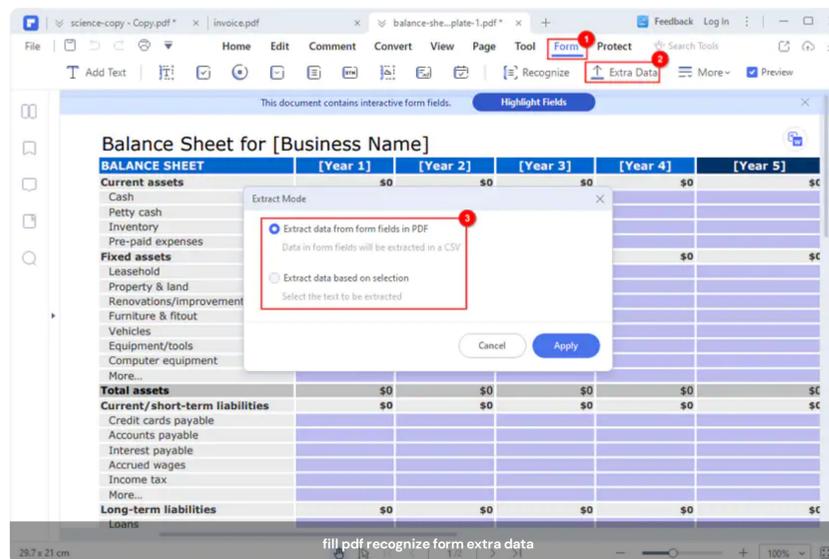
Click on "Form>Recognize", then PDFelement will automatically recognize the form fields in your PDF file.



After the recognition process, the form turns out to be editable. You can tap texts or copy contents to fill in the form.



You can also tap "Extra Data" to deal with your form data. If you select "Extract data from form fields in PDF", then data in form fields will be extracted in a CSV. And if you choose "Extract data based on selection", you can select the texts to be extracted.



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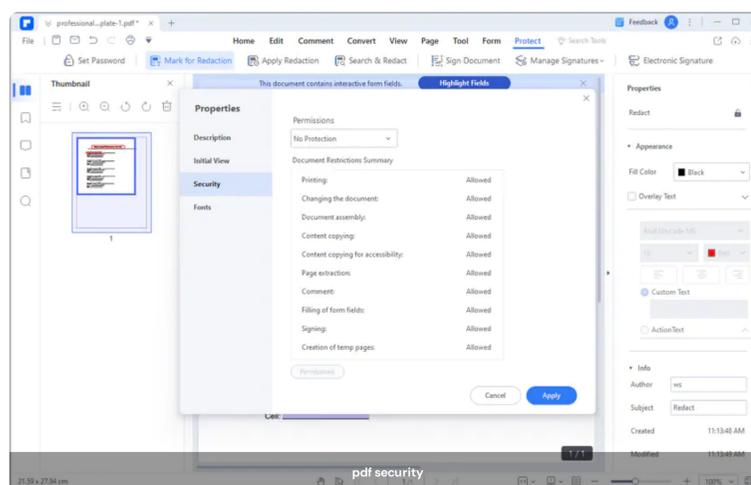
Some PDF files may contain restrictions preventing actions such as printing, editing, copying, etc.

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1. Check PDF permissions.

To review the permissions that have been listed on the file, click the "File" > "Properties" > "Security" button.

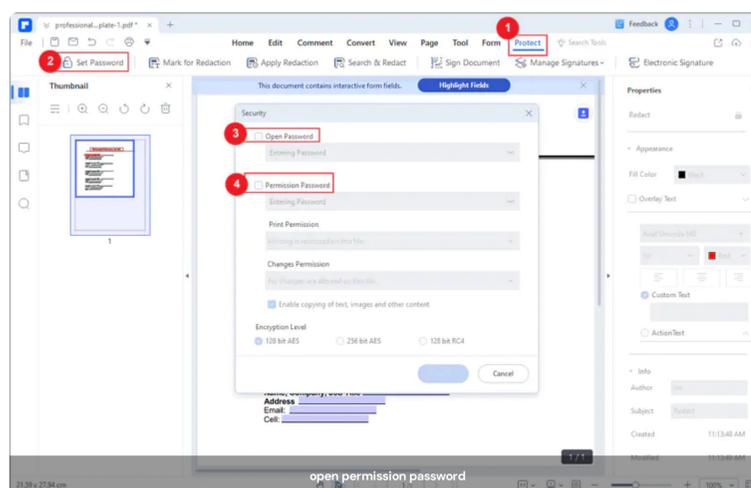


2. Add open/permission password.

You can add a password to a PDF document to limit access and restrict certain features, such as printing, copying, and editing. There are two kinds of passwords that could be applied to a PDF file: Open Password and Permission Password. When you set the Open Password, anyone who tries to open the PDF file must type in the password that you specified. When you set a Permission Password, anyone who wants to change the restrictions must type the Permission Password. Please note that if a PDF is secured with both types of passwords, it can be opened with either password.

Tip:

There is no way to recover a password from the PDF if you forget it. We recommend that you keep a backup of the passwords that you have used to protect your PDFs. Click the "Protect" > "Set Password" button to set the Open password or Permission password. In the new dialog box, you will get:



Open Password settings:

- Password—type the password that users must type to open the document.

Permission Password settings:

- Password—type the password that users must type to change the permission settings. If the file is opened in PDFelement, the user can view the file but must enter the permissions password to change the file's security and permissions settings.
- Printing Permission—specify the printing resolution in which users are allowed for the PDF document.
- Changes Permission—define which editing actions are allowed in the document.
- Enable copying of text, image and other content—defines whether copying of text, images, and other content is allowed.

3. Remove open/permission password.

To remove the password from a PDF file by PDFelement, you must enter the password first. After opening the PDF file, click the "Protect" > "Set Password" button, type the permission password if requested, then uncheck all the options in the new dialog box to remove the password.

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The Redaction feature allows you to remove sensitive information from your document prior to making it available to others.

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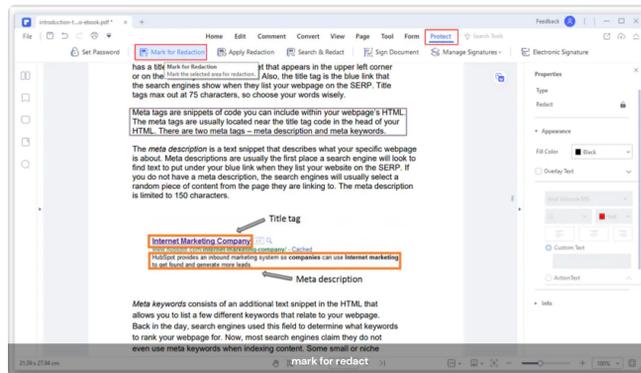
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1. Mark for redaction.

The following options will allow you to mark the text or graphics for redaction:

To mark the text or graphics for redaction, do the following:

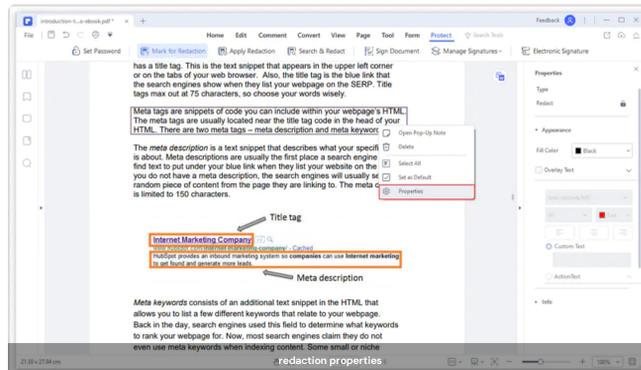
- Select the "Protect" > "Mark for Redaction" button (You will get a pop-up dialog window to provide the instructions, and you can check the option of "Don't show again" if you already know the instructions).
- (Optional) Double-click an image to mark an entire image which will be in a red rectangle.
- (Optional) Hold the pointer over the text you want to redact and drag a rectangle around it.
- Once you bring the pointer to the rectangle, it will be filled with black color. Once you move the pointer away, it will return to a red rectangle until you apply the redaction.



2. Set redaction properties.

You can set redaction properties, such as the appearance and the author, and so forth. The properties can only be set before you apply the redaction to the document.

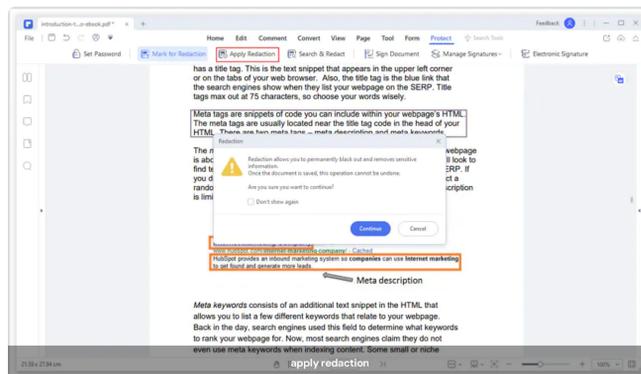
Right-click the marked area and choose "Properties", and the Redaction Properties panel will pop up on the right side. You can change the settings under the Appearance and Info tabs.



3. Apply redactions.

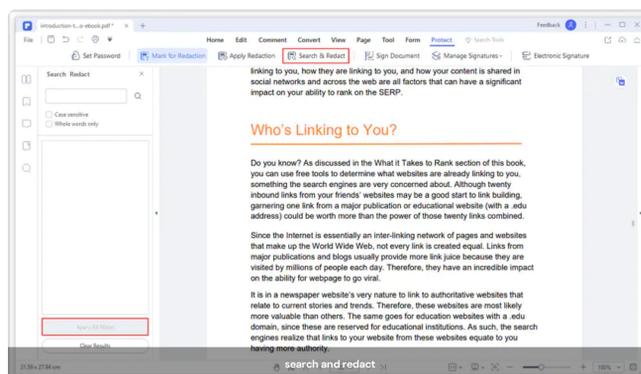
You need to apply the redactions after marking the text or graphics you want to redact. To apply the redaction, do the following:

- A warning will pop up to confirm that you indeed wish to apply the redaction, or if you wish to cancel.
- A dialog box pops up to give a warning message and ask if you are sure to apply the redaction or not.
- Select "Continue" after you have marked all content that you want to redact.



4. Search and redact.

You can redact multiple texts using the Search and Redact tool.



- Select "Protect" > "Search & Redact" button. Then type the text you wish to find and redact in the search box on the left-side Search and Redact panel.
- Check the item in the search result list, and it will help you redact the text automatically.
- Click the "Apply All Marks" button, and you will get the warning message to ask if you are sure to remove them permanently.
- Click the "OK" button if you are sure to remove it.

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1. Digital signature

A digital signature acts as a traditional handwritten signature that can be used to authenticate the identity of a user as well as the document content. It stores information about the signer along with the date, time, and state of the document when it was signed.

About digital ID

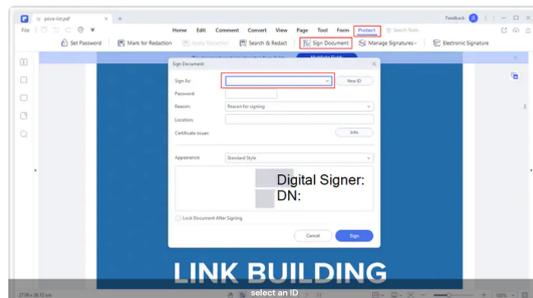
Digital ID is the identity of a person/organization, which contains your name, email address, serial number, expiration date, and the name of the company. A digital ID contains two keys, one is a public key (certificate) that is used to encrypt or lock data, and the other is a private key that is used to decrypt or unlock data that is encrypted.

You can distribute the certificate that contains the public key and other identifying information to those who need it to verify your identity, validate your signature, or encrypt a document for you. Only your private key can unlock information that was encrypted using your certificate. For security purposes, make sure to store your digital ID in a safe place.

You can not only obtain a digital ID from a trusted third-party provider called a Certificate Authority (CA). However, you can also create a self-signed digital ID with PDFelement. Digital IDs are usually protected by a password, which you can store on a computer in PKCS#12 file format, or in the Windows Certificate Store.

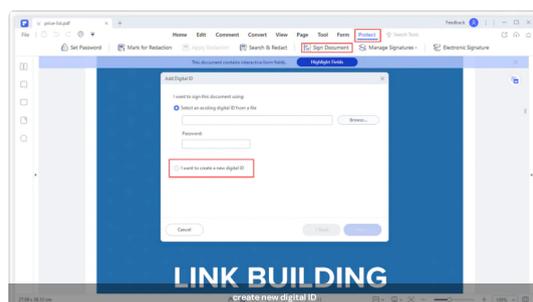
Sign a PDF

Open a PDF that already has the Signature field and click the "Protect" > "Sign Document" button, then choose your ID to sign.



Create a signature

If you do not have an ID yet, click on the "New ID" button, select the "I want to create a new digital ID" option, and then click the "Next" button.

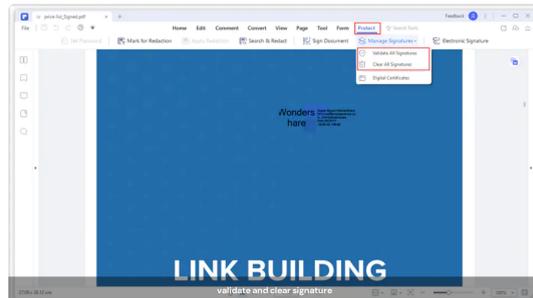


- New PKCS#12 digital ID file—Stores the digital ID information to a file with the extension .pfx on Windows and .p12 on Mac OS. You can use the files interchangeably across different operating systems.
- Windows Certificate Store—Stores the digital ID to a common location. Other windows applications can also retrieve it.

Validate and clear signature

To validate the signatures, please click the "Protect" > "Manage Signatures" > "Validate All Signatures" button, it will pop up a Signature Validation Status message box which describes the validity of the signature.

To remove the signatures, please click the "Protect" > "Manage Signatures" > "Clear All Signatures" button, which will assist you in removing all of the digital signatures within a PDF file.

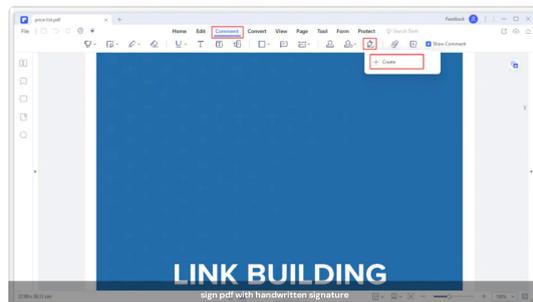


2. Handwritten signature

The signature feature allows you to sign PDF with a handwritten signature, including uploading an image signature, drawing a signature, and typing a handwritten signature.

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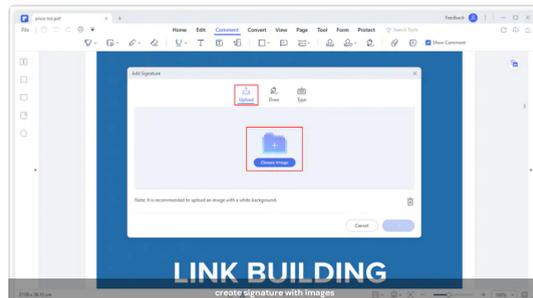
Click the "Comment" > "Signature" button, and tap on the "+ Create" button to create your handwritten signature.



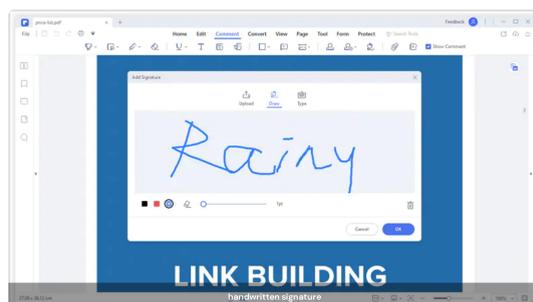
Create handwritten signature

There are three options for adding a handwritten signature, including "Upload", "Draw", and "Type".

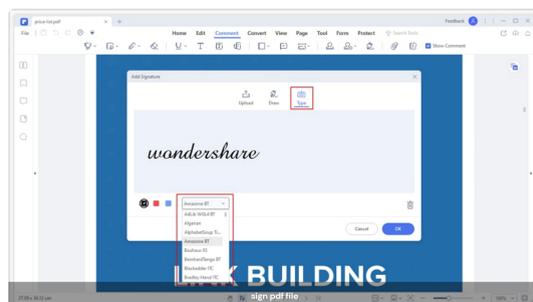
- Tap on the "Upload" tab, and click "Choose Image" to upload an image signature saved on your computer. After uploading the image, click the "OK" button.



- You can draw your name directly under the "Draw" tab. Also, you can select the color of the signature as you like.



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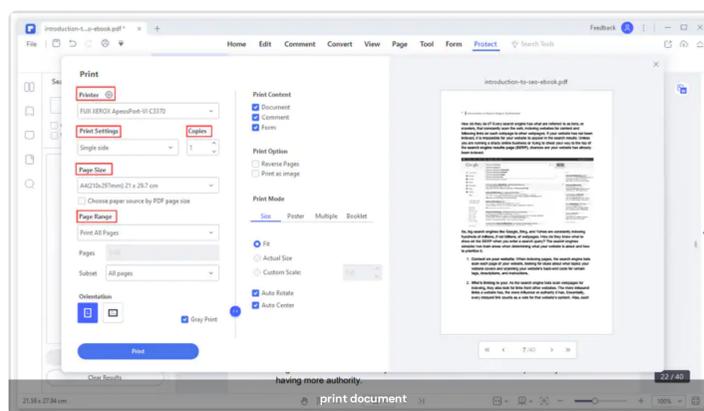
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1. Print a PDF document

Printing is a process for reproducing text and images. When you have finished reading a helpful article or designing a PDF form, you may need to send it to an inkjet or laser printer and print it out. To print a PDF, please do the following:

- Make sure you have installed the printer successfully.
- Click the "File" > "Print" button.
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- Click the "Print" button.

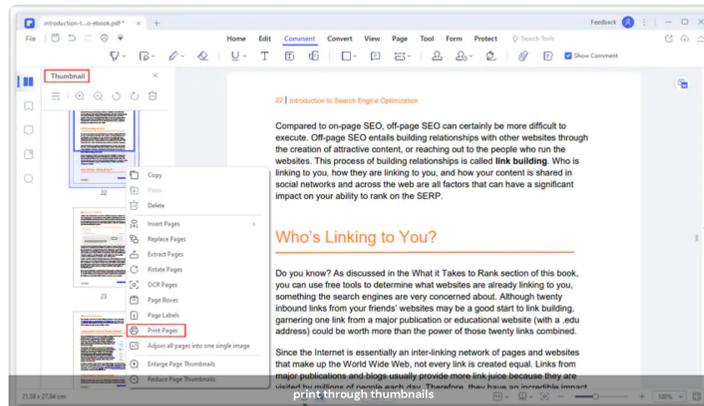


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- To print a portion of a page, you need to use the "Crop" tool.
- Select the "Crop" button by choosing "Page">"Crop".
- In the pop-up window, use the mouse click to drag the area that you want to print and adjust other settings, and click the "Apply" button to crop.
- Click "File" > "Print" button print this cropped page.

3. Print multiple pages through page thumbnails

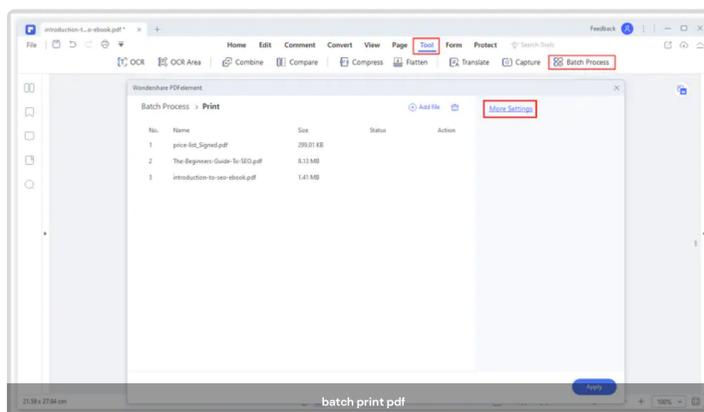
To perform a quick print, you can select multiple pages in a document from the thumbnail list.



- Open the document that you want to print, and then click the Thumbnail panel on the left navigation panel.
- Ctrl-click to select multiple pages from the document.
- Select "Print Pages" from the right-click menu, and then do the settings to print.

4. Print multiple PDF files in batch

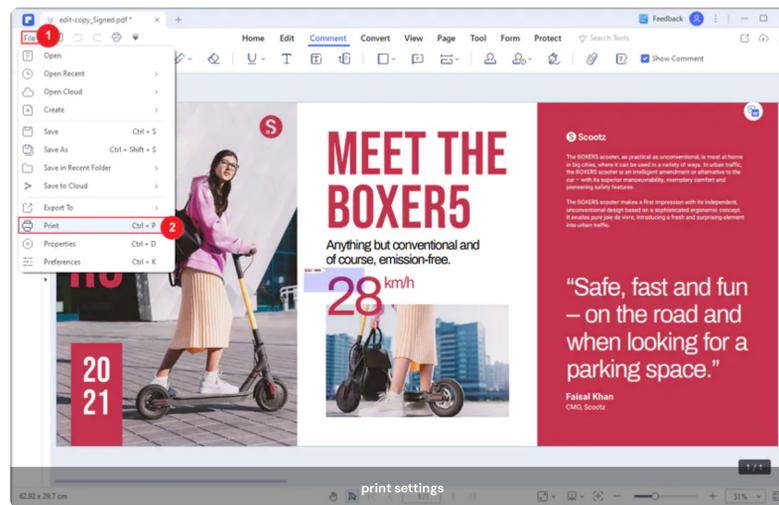
What's more, you can batch print multiple PDF files. Click the "Tool" > "Batch Process" button, and then select the "Batch Print" option. In the pop-up window, upload the PDF files you want to print. For the print settings, you can click "More Settings" to set the print settings as needed.



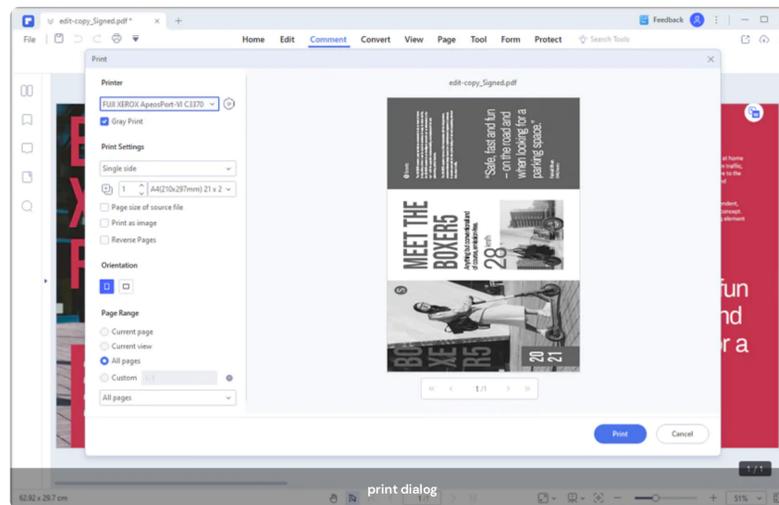
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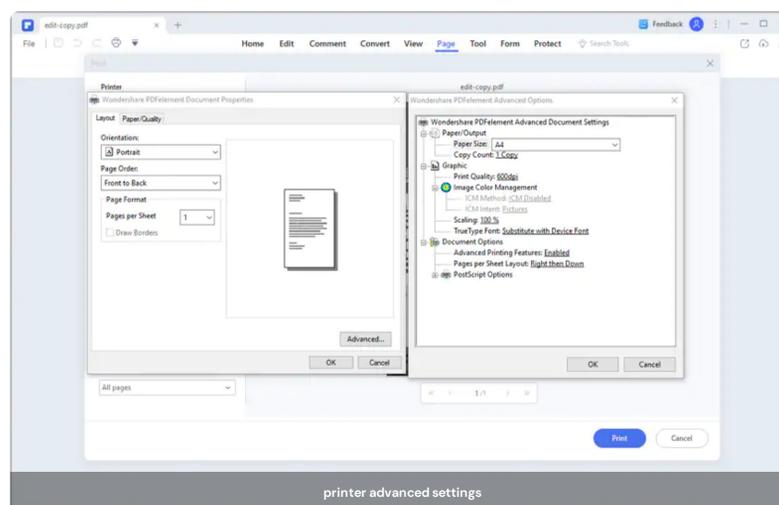


This dialog is the final step before printing. You can modify the printer in this dialog as well. Be aware that changing the printer may affect the page setup if the newly selected printer has a different paper size. For instance:



- Printer: choose the printer that you wish to use.
- Grey: select to print with colors or black and white.
- Print Settings: set to print on a single side or both sides of the paper.
- Copies: set the number of copies you need to print.
- Paper: select A3, A4, A5, or other paper sizes to print.
- Print Option- "Page size of source file" – choose paper size according to the PDF page size. "Print as Image"- allows you to print the PDF pages in the image format. "Reverse Pages" – Prints pages in the reverse order.
- Orientation: choose a Portrait or Landscape to print.
- Page Range: specify the page range you want to print. Subset-Provides options for setting a non-contiguous page range. "All Pages" – Prints all the pages within the specified range. "Odd pages"- Prints only pages with odd numbers within the specified range. "Even pages" – Prints only pages with even numbers within the specified range.

Clicking the "Printer Properties" button next to the "Printer" option, you can set the page "Orientation" to be Portrait or Landscape, set "Page Order" and "Page Format". Clicking the "Advanced..." button, you can set the "Paper Size", "Print Quality", "Scaling", etc.





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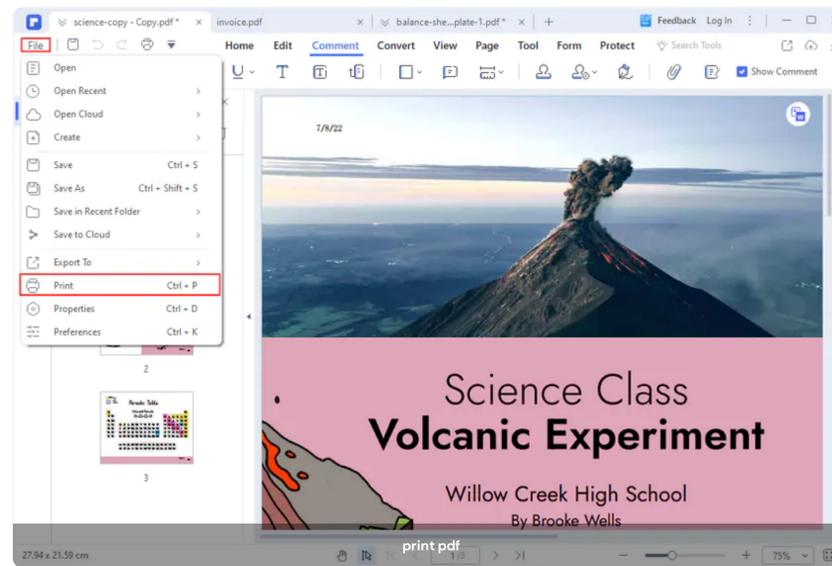
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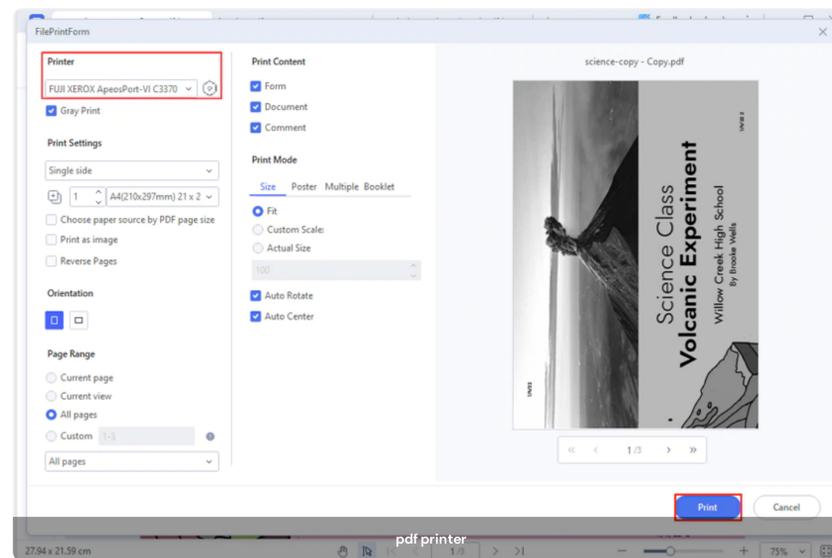
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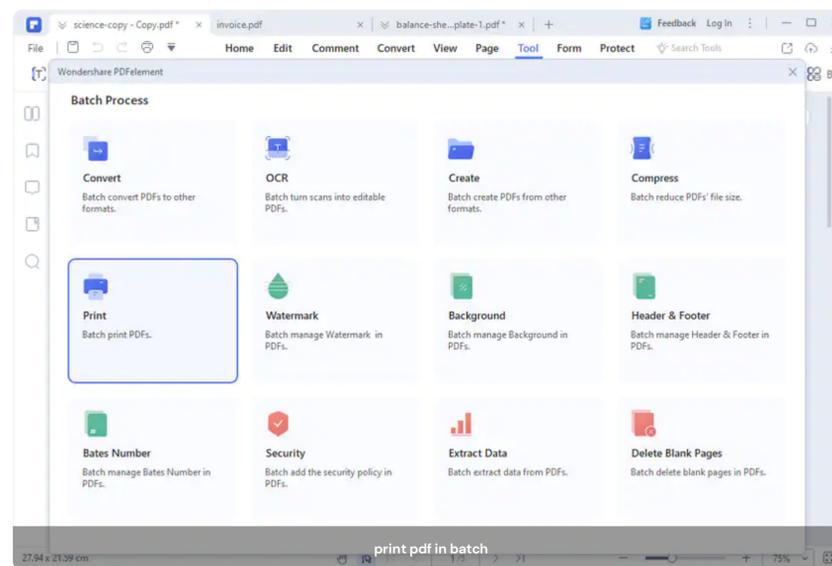
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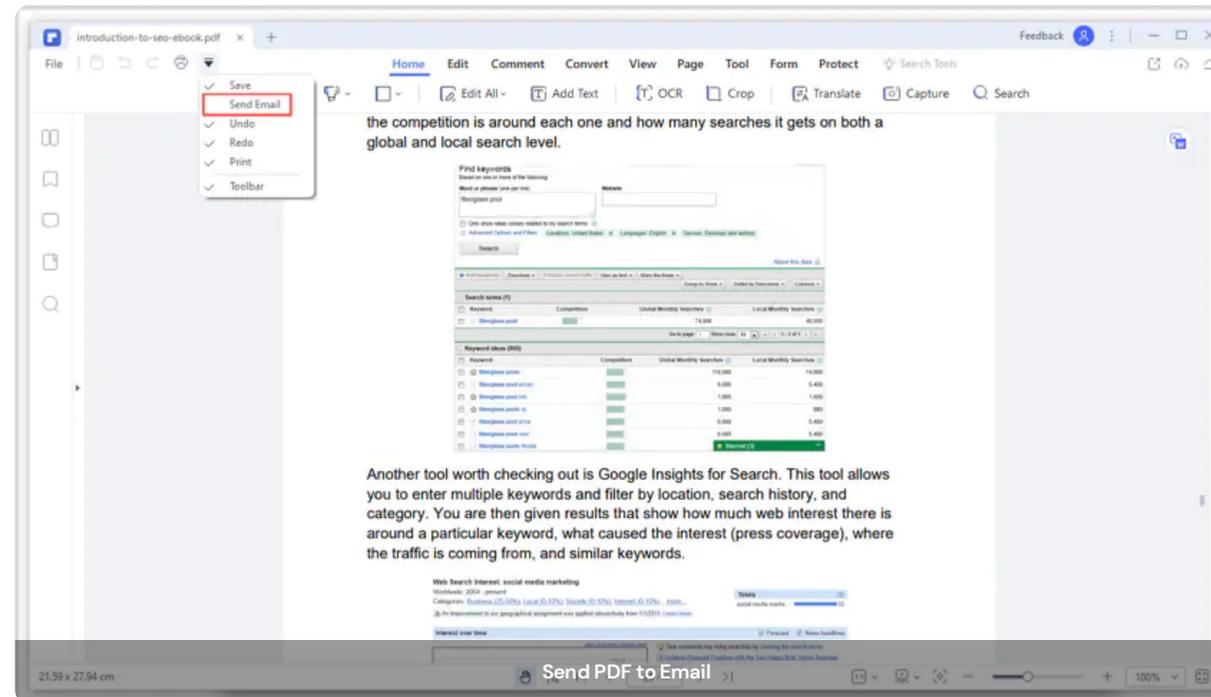
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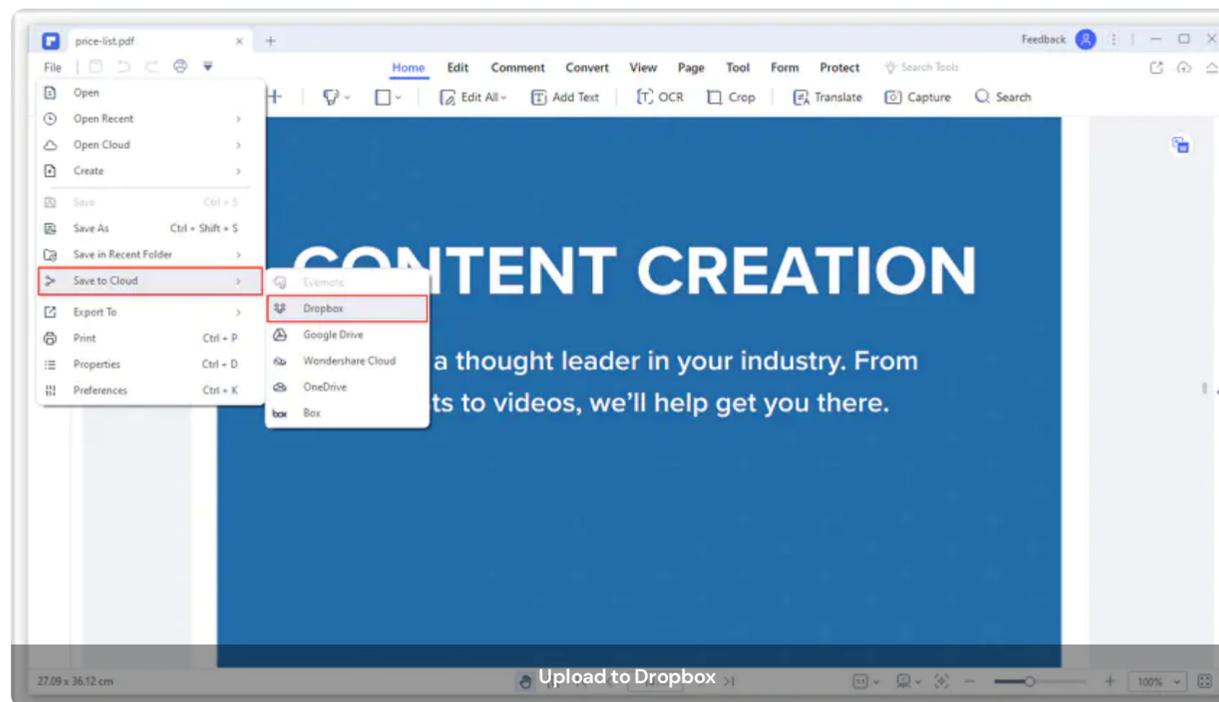
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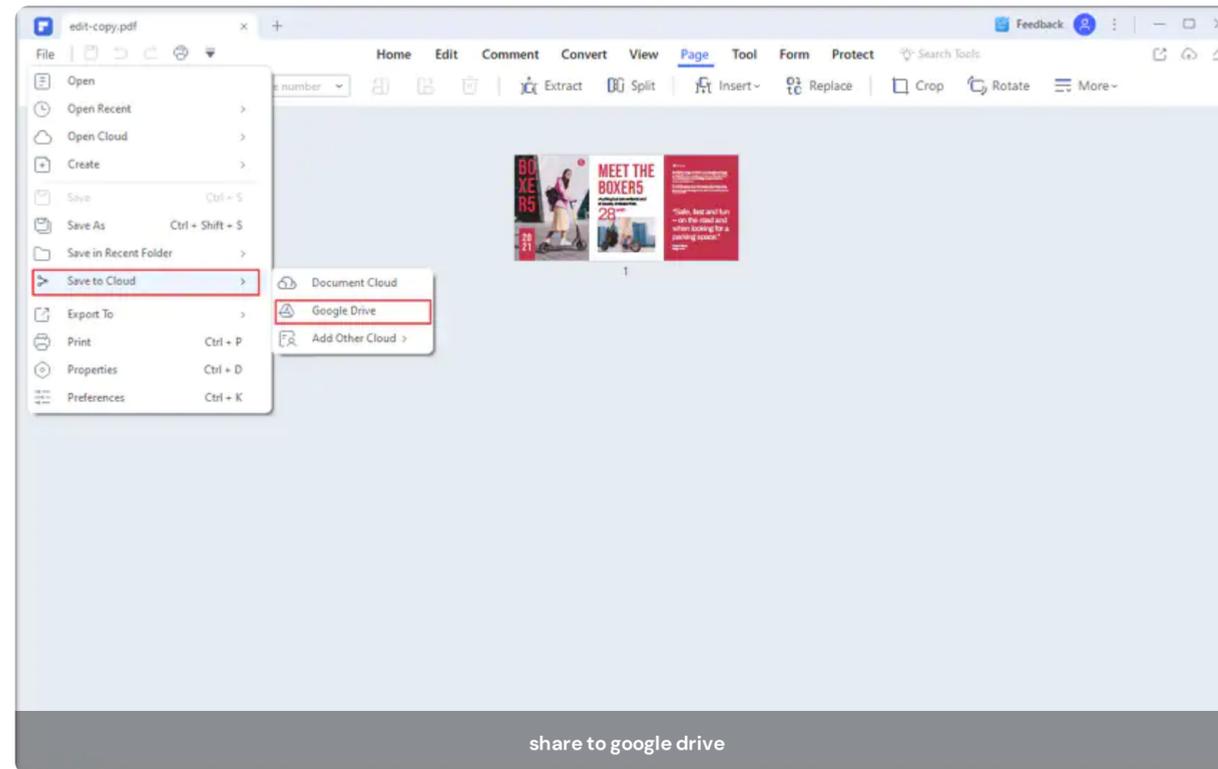
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