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Reader vs Preview

What is Adobe Reader & Pro?

- Reader is a PDF viewer

- Pro is a PDF viewer, creator, and editor

What is Preview?

- An image viewer

- A PDF viewer

What can Adobe Reader do?

- Export a PDF: Word, PPT, Excel, JPEG, or RTF

- Add comments

- Request e-signatures

- Fill & Sign

- Add a stamp

- Use a certificate

- Send for comments

What can Adobe Pro do?

All of what Adobe Reader can do and …

- Edit a PDF
- Create a PDF
- Combine files
- Organize pages
- Scan & OCR
- Protect a PDF
- Redact a PDF

- Compress a PDF
- Prepare a form:
- Convert to PDF
- Use print production
- Measure objects
- Compare files
- Add rich media

- Use guided actions
- Prepare for accessibility
- Apply PDF standards
- Add search index
- Use JavaScript
- Create custom tool

What can Preview do?

- View, print, and share PDFs and images

- Add to and rearrange pages in a PDF

- Rotate and flip any page in a PDF

- Add bookmarks to a PDF

- Fill out forms in a PDF and add signatures to a PDF or image

- Add text, shapes to a PDF or image

- Add objects to a PDF or image (in this sense, an object is an image)

- Annotate a PDF or image (two ways)

and …

What can Preview do?

- Resize, rotate and flip an image

- Remove background from an image

- Select a color in an image and convert it to transparency

- Adjust color and size of an image

- Select and copy text from an image or PDF

- Select text from a PDF or image and have it read out loud

- Check grammar and spelling

- Export a PDF or image to PDF, HEIC, JPEG, JPEG-2000, OpenEXR, PNG, or TIFF

and …

What can Preview do?

- Take screenshots and import photos directly from a camera

- Quickly cull unwanted images from a large collection

- Play slideshows of party photos

- Crop, resize, and edit images for use on your website

- Convert images to many different formats

- Scan paper documents with a scanner

- Annotate PDFs with highlights, notes, and shapes

- Fill out and sign PDF-based forms digitally, rather than going to the trouble of printing and signing manually

and …

What can Preview do?

- Rearrange and delete PDF pages, and merge PDFs

- Examine image metadata

- Identify photos with Visual Lookup

    … and maybe more.

What Preview cannot do

- Editing of text or deleting images

- Editing marks using formal editor's marks

- Automatic page numbering

- Table of contents creation

- Interactive PDF form creation

- PDF to Microsoft Office formats conversion

- Support PDF/A and PDF/X

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