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'PDF' stands for 'portable document format'. Developed by Adobe Systems, it's a way of creating a document that allows it to be sent to another computer while ensuring that the information it contains and its format and layout appear to the recipient just as the sender intended and can't be changed. To view a PDF, you need an application like Adobe Reader, which can be [downloaded](#) and used for free.

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