

How to Disable the Chrome PDF Viewer

You can enable or disable Chrome's PDF viewer setting any time you want, as often as you want. The following instructions can be followed for Chrome users on all major operating systems, including [macOS](#), Microsoft [Windows](#), and [Linux](#).

1. Open your Chrome web browser and select the **three vertical dots** in the top right corner.


You can do this from an already open Chrome window. Don't worry, you won't lose the web page you're on—everything will open in a new tab.

2. Select **Settings** from the drop-down list.
3. Select **Advanced** from the vertical menu on the left.
4. Select **Privacy and security** from the submenu that opens.
5. Select **Site settings**.
6. Scroll down through the Permissions list of options and select **PDF documents**.
7. Select **Download PDF files instead of automatically opening it in Chrome** to enable or disable it.

The toggle should appear blue and switched on to the right if enabled. If disabled, it should appear gray and switched off to the left.

How to Disable the Firefox PDF Viewer

You can also use a different third party PDF viewer instead of Firefox's built-in PDF viewer. To change from using the built-in PDF viewer to Adobe Acrobat PDF viewer:

1. Click the menu button  and select **Options**.
2. In the General panel, go down to the **Applications** section.
3. Find **Portable Document Format (PDF)** in the list and click on the entry to select it.
4. Click on the arrow under the **Action** column for the above entry and select Use other. When the list of available application appears, select the Adobe Acrobat PDF viewer.

How to Disable the Microsoft Edge PDF Viewer

1. Open the Microsoft Edge browser and click on the **3 horizontal dots** in the upper right hand corner of the screen.
2. Select **Settings** from the drop down window (towards the bottom).
3. Click on **Cookies and Site Permissions** on the left hand side of the screen.
4. Under **Site permissions** you will see a sub heading called **All permissions**. Find the item **PDF Documents** under **All permissions** and click on the **arrow (>)** to the right of it.
5. Enable the setting **Always open DPF files externally** by clicking on it.

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