

# Re: PDF not opening

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There had been an occasion or two where I'd seen this happen. After waiting for a rather long time and not seeing anything, I might leave the room & come back to find the document on the screen. I wish people would adopt techniques that give realistic progress info about what's going on when you're doing a download, etc. Also, I can't figure out how pdf got so popular; seems like we're stuck with it now. It sure has big files that take forever to download, especially for those with dialup (I was one of those till recently). Seems like a Word file would work just fine for most things and would likely be much smaller; free Readers are available for it as well.

"Brian A." wrote:

- > I've seen that issue where it says it's done when in all reality it
- > isn't, yet if you wait long enough it will render. The problem is
- > sometimes it's a very long wait depending on the file size and possibly the
- > sites bandwidth being used.
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- > Brian A. Sesko { MS MVP\_Shell/User }
- > Conflicts start where information lacks.
- > <http://basconotw.mvps.org/>
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- > Suggested posting do's/don'ts: <http://www.dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>
- > How to ask a question: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/555375>
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- > "digiDave" <[digiDave@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:digiDave@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message
- > [news:5606FDA5-7CC0-484A-A57B-B5DA43BE6A6E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:5606FDA5-7CC0-484A-A57B-B5DA43BE6A6E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
- >> I thought, at first, that you were having the same problem as I had. My
- >> problem was with the latest version, but it was the opposite: I click on
- >> a
- >> website to read a pdf and I'd get a little message at the bottom of my
- >> screen
- >> that it was loading & then that it was done. I'd wait & wait but nothing
- >> else would happen. Sometimes, I'd find the opened pdf hiding behind my

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>> open  
>> window, but usually there was nothing— not the open file & not a window  
>> with  
>> an open Adobe Reader. I finally used Add/Remove to get rid of the Adobe  
>> Reader ver 7.0.5 (there was no uninstall with it) and downloaded the  
>> program  
>> again. Seems to work now & I didn't do anything to adjust settings.  
>> Since  
>> your problem with Adobe Reader is so different, I have no idea whether a  
>> new  
>> install would help; you might even have to look around a bit to find the  
>> older version.  
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>> Hope someone else on the forum knows enough to resolve this for you; sure  
>> sounds like an association problem.  
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>> Dave  
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>> "needlove" wrote:  
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>>> I have been using Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 to avoid the bloated resource  
>>> hog  
>>> that that the later versions have become. I don't view a lot of PDF's but  
>>> sometimes I need to and like to have it available. Are PDF's created  
>>> with  
>>> the latest version of Adobe backwards compatible with earlier versions?  
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>>> The file I clicked on (extracted from a zip file) to read was the normal  
>>> red  
>>> PDF/Adobe icon (my system recognized it because I have Adobe installed)  
>>> but  
>>> nothing happened.  
>>> Maybe, a split second dimming of the icon and a flicker of the cursor,  
>>> but  
>>> it didn't open and no corresponding error was logged in event viewer. I  
>>> had  
>>> used my Adobe installation successfully before but have not tried it  
>>> since  
>>> this happened. Not because I'm afraid to, I just haven't run across any  
>>> PDF's  
>>> that looked interesting enough to download.  
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    - ◇ From: Brian A.
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