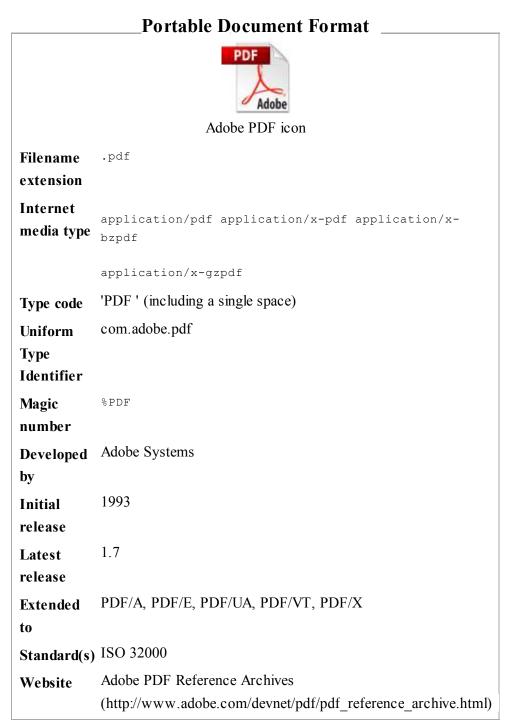
## **Portable Document Format**

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(**PDF**) is a file format used to represent documents in a manner independent of application software, hardware, and operating systems.<sup>[1]</sup> Each PDF file encapsulates a complete description of a fixedlayout flat document, including the text, fonts, graphics, and other information needed to display it. In 1991, Adobe Systems co-founder John Warnock outlined a system called "Camelot"<sup>[2]</sup> that evolved into PDF.

While Adobe Systems made the PDF specification available free of charge in 1993, PDF remained a proprietary format, controlled by Adobe, until it was officially released as an open standard on July 1, 2008, and published by the International Organization for Standardization as ISO 32000-1:2008.<sup>[3][4]</sup> In 2008, Adobe published a Public Patent License to ISO 32000-1 granting royalty-free rights for all patents owned by Adobe that are necessary to make, use, sell and distribute PDF compliant implementations.<sup>[5]</sup>



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