

PDF Tools on Linux (yellow indicates non-FOSS / Proprietary Software)

[Document Viewer](#) – View only, native on many Linux distros

[PDF Mix Tool](#) – Merge, split, extract, add, delete, rotate

[PDF Arranger](#) - Merge, split, rotate, crop in a nice GUI interface

[Scribus](#) – Create and edit, manage page layout (similar to Adobe Design)

[Okular](#) – Document viewer, supports many formats, sidebar, thumbnails and bookmarks

[PDF4QT](#) – Versions for viewing, light editing and comparison tools (four total)

[Xournal++](#) - Hand notes taking, and powerful editor

[PDFsam](#) – Split, merge, extract, sign, rotate, fill forms. Paid tier available.

[Inkscape](#) – Powerful photo edit software, works well with PDF to edit

[Gimp](#) – Photo editing software, works with PDF documents to edit and arrange

[Master PDF Editor](#) – Proprietary software, free version has watermark, paid tier for full features

[ilovepdf.com](#) – Online editor, not suited for sensitive documents (proprietary)

[LibreOffice Draw](#) – Powerful full featured edit, fill, and sign function

Other honorable mentions:

[Foxit](#) - Intuitive UI, supports scanning to PDF, add comments, add/verify digital signatures, OCR, Encrypt/Protect, ChatGPT

[PDFchain](#) - (old), fill, merge, split, rotate, repair corrupted pdf, change metadata, add watermark

[Zathura](#) - (terminal based with GUI viewing for hardcore nerds)

[Sejda PDF Desktop](#) – Free to use but with daily limits, or paid tier for unlimited. Very good UI

[Qoppa](#) - Free trial, paid software - Create, full edit, OCR, Fill and Sign, Watermark, DocuSign integration, Redaction tools, Batch processing, Convert to/from MS 365 files, many other tools for paid users

[PDF UnlockR](#) – Unlock/Decrypt protected PDF documents

Other methods:

[Install Adobe Acrobat on Linux](#) (not maintained since 2013)

Use a [Virtual Machine](#) to run a Windows Operating System and use Adobe Acrobat Premium

Resources for more learning on these PDF tools:

Scribus tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqazFFzUAPc6U1RcNRBMeCK6Hg3g_S6aN

Okular documentation: <https://docs.kde.org/stable5/en/okular/okular/okular.pdf>

Xournal++ documentation: <https://xournalpp.github.io/guide/>

PDF4QT video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWcisC-wu-M>

Inkscape: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqazFFzUAPc5lOQwDoZ4Dw2YSXtO7lWNv>

Gimp: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqazFFzUAPc4vITMJJaF3Fnqh3pccSMnC4>

Master PDF Editor documentation: <https://code-industry.net/masterpdfeditor-help/>

Foxit PDF Tutorial: <https://www.foxit.com/support/tutorial.html>

Sejda PDF Instructions per task: <https://www.sejda.com/pdf-editor>

Qoppa PDF documentation: <https://www.qoppa.com/files/pdfstudio/guide/>

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