



Macintosh OS X (10.4) Using Preview and Adobe Reader

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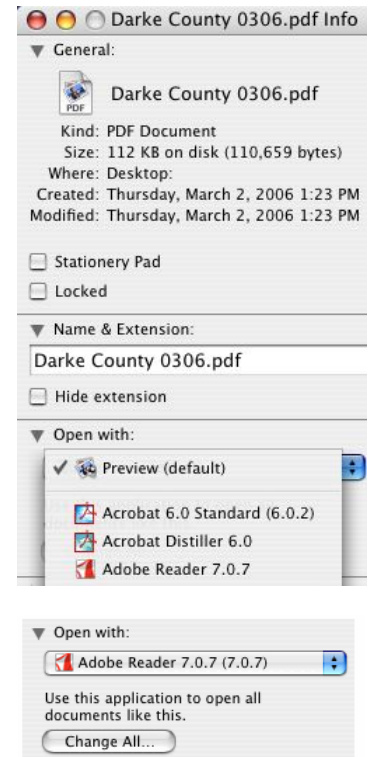
Several users have shared further information regarding the ability to use Macintosh's default PDF viewer, Preview, and Adobe Reader. Below is information as shared by the various users.

From a MDECA user on 6/14:

Mac OS X troubleshooting Adobe Reader browser issue:

If you are experiencing problems with documents not opening in the browser PDF viewer, it may be due to which application is set as default to open PDF documents. Computers running OS X have a built-in application called Preview which is set as the default viewer for PDF documents.

Find (or create) a PDF document on your hard drive. Click once on the document to highlight it and then select File >> Get Info..



Look to see what program is default under Open with:

- If *Preview* is default, click on the arrow to show the drop down menu and choose Adobe Reader 7 (see graphic above). Once Reader is selected, click the button Change All (see graphic below).
- If *Adobe Reader 7* is the only version installed on the computer and is configured correctly, this should prompt Reader to open in the browser interface.

From a MVECA user on 6/13:

Two options are:

1. Download and install Acrobat Reader 7.07 from the Acrobat Web site. Then, bring a pdf file of any subject to the computer's desktop. Holding the Control key and clicking on the pdf file brings up a contextual menu (just like right-clicking on a PC). In that contextual menu, Get Info is one of the choices – select that. In the new window that opens, “Open With . . .” is one of the choices. You have the option to navigate and choose which application (in this case, Acrobat Reader) to open the pdf file with. At that same location, there is a button to “use this application to open all documents like this”.
2. I believe I'm correct also that when Acrobat Reader 7.07 opens the first time, you are prompted with an option to make it the default application for opening .pdf files.