

# PDF Reflow: Convert PDF files into Word documents you can edit

Now you can grab any content you want from a PDF and open it in Word 2013.

Convert a PDF file in Word 2013 by clicking **File > Open** and selecting a PDF file. Word opens the content in a new file.

## How PDF Reflow works

Opening a PDF in Word allows you to copy the content you want—including images and diagrams.

When you copy content directly from a PDF file and paste it into Word, the pasted text doesn't have any formatting. PDF Reflow reconstructs the original layout elements in a Word document where it's easy to copy, paste, and change content.

This document was created in Word and converted to PDF by Word. PDF Reflow works best on PDF files that were originally created in Word or another word-processing program before being converted to PDF.

## Some key facts about PDF Reflow

### Which documents work best with PDF Reflow?

PDF Reflow works best with documents that are mostly text, such as legal, business, and scientific documents. That's because it's optimized to interpret a document's text layout (including lists, tables, and columns).

If a PDF contains mostly images and diagrams, such as a presentation or a brochure, it might not reflow into Word as expected.

### Why doesn't the converted document look exactly like the original PDF file?

Because PDF Reflow converts the original PDF file into a Word file, some things might change. For example, the pages might break differently from the original PDF.

### What happens when PDF Reflow does not detect an element?

Undetected elements appear as plain text or inside a text box. If the element is a chart or a diagram, it might get converted into points on a grid or a bitmap image.

For instance, if PDF Reflow doesn't detect a footnote, the note text might appear as plain text right after its note reference mark, instead of at the bottom of the page, and it won't be linked to the note reference mark.