How to create a read-only PDF

If needed, a PDF file can be protected from changes and from printing. To create a read-only version of a PDF, open the file using Adobe Acrobat. Open *Document Security* dialog box by clicking *File -> Properties* and choose *Security* tab in *Document Properties* pop-up window.

By default, PDF has no security settings, and *Security Method* shows *No Security*. Choose *Password Security* setting in the drop down box. *Password Security Settings* dialog box will pop up.

Check *Restrict editing and printing of the document* box. Enter a password you would like to use to protect the file, and select permissions for Printing and Changes, and click OK. You'll have to re-enter the password before the window closes.

Save the file and close it.

Now PDF file is read only and print protected (if selected). This very file is read-only. Feel free to try to edit it.

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