

# I am really struggling to figure out how to reconfigure 'save as pdf' settings on my mac



**paradoxblu**

Community Beginner, 35m ago

Hi, gosh really I'm having a hard time here—any help very much appreciated.

I would like to be able to have more control over exporting my pdf files from various non-adobe applications on my mac desktop computer. In the past, I have used Acrobat Distiller, and the 'print to pdf' feature, but don't have those options anymore.

I'm struggling to find a workable solution, because the files I am saving as pdfs from within the apple pdf print dialogue box are coming out looking quite badly, and are often unreadable and/or monochrome.

I've looked within the community discussions, have not been able to locate a fitting solution, and the organization of the discussions is honestly really overwhelming for my neurodivergent brain when I try to parse all of what's there. Please, if anyone can help me with advice and/or precise links to help me reconfigure my settings (or whatever I need to do to just format the files/web pages I need to save as pdfs, it would truly be a kindness.

Thank you!

(FWIW, I use Acrobat Pro often, and can do page layout in

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various applications, and am good at photo editing, but this particular area, when I'm not producing the layout myself, has evolved away from my present capabilities. Thanks again!)

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Community Expert, 25m ago

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Community Beginner, 22m ago

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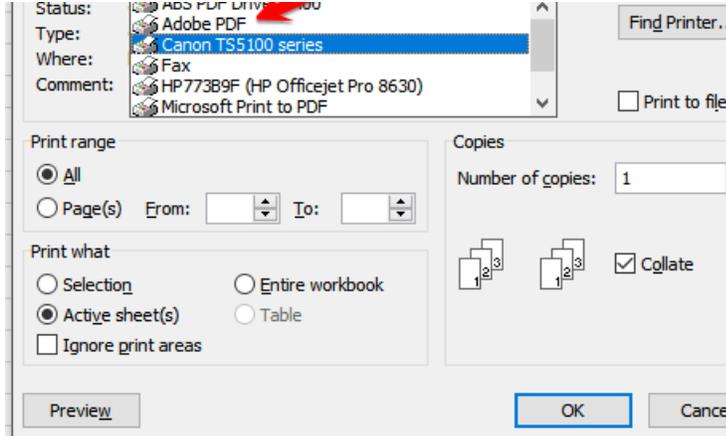


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Community Expert, 12m ago

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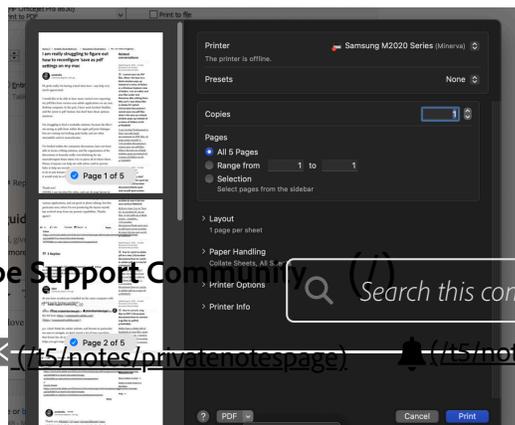
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*Community Beginner, 6m ago*

No, I don't, but I would love it if I did!  
Here are 3 images of what I currently see as far as options for pdf creation and printers using my current browsing window as an example.



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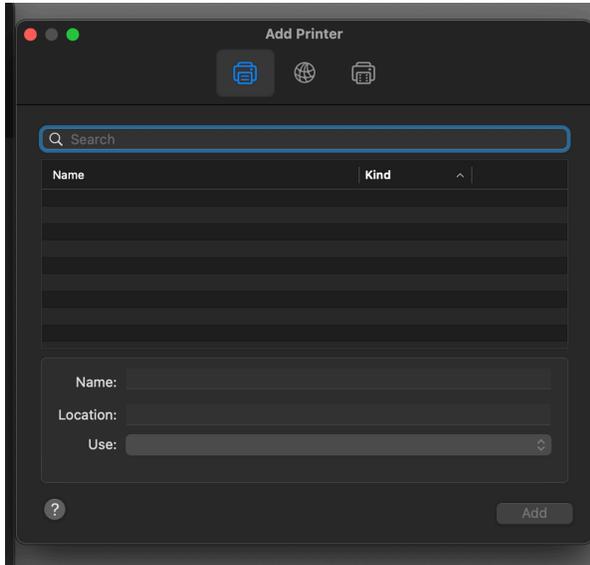
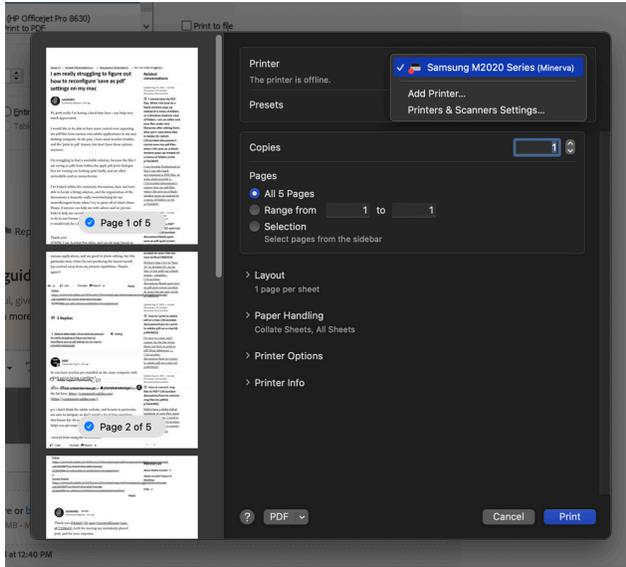
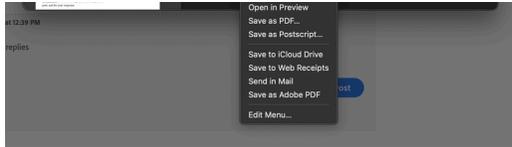


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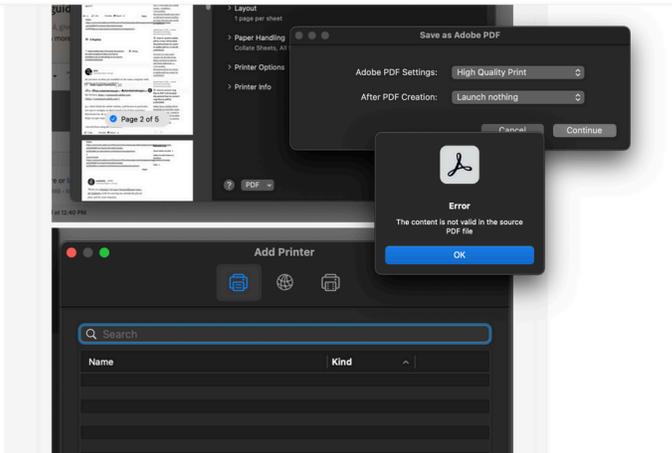
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