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The best free PDF to Word converter: convert PDFs the easy way

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With a great free PDF to Word converter, you can transform those PDF documents into Word files effortlessly while keeping the original formatting.

The best PDF to Word converter is Investintech Free Online PDF to Word Converter, which allows you to convert as many documents as you like, with no limits on page count and no watermarks on the finished documents. However, it's not your only option, so we've also rounded up our top picks of the best tools around, so you can choose the one that's right for you.

PDFs, or portable document format files, were developed to make it easier to share documents between different computers and operating systems with minimal editing or modification. Unfortunately, while these documents are easier to share and print, they're also hard to edit without a specialist software.

This limitation makes PDF to Word converters an extremely vital tool in any work setting. As the PDF format became mainstream, interoperability with Microsoft Word, the leading word processing application, grew tremendously. Luckily, a slew of reliable PDF to Word converters were developed, and we tested the top free ones to gather the best of the bunch in one place.

Here are our top picks for the best free PDF to Word converters. Each of these has specific strengths and key selling propositions, so we'll leave it up to you to decide which is the most ideal for your needs. And, if you need to keep your PDFs in their current format, also check out our guide to the best [free PDF editors](#).



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2. WPS PDF to Word Converter

An accurate and impressive free PDF to Word converter

Operating system: Windows, Android

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- + Splits and merges documents
- + Batch conversion
- + Maintains original layout
- Five-page limit



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converter as well. In our test on

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3. Wondershare PDFElement

A full PDF conversion suite in one neatly designed package

Operating system: Windows, macOS, iOS, Android



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- ⊕ Supports multiple file types
- ⊕ Document protection
- ⊖ Five-page limit

With this free PDF to Word converter, you can create, convert, edit, and even sign PDF documents. It works on Windows and Mac and has a full-feature word processor much like MS Word that gives you a great deal of control over the documents, text, and images you want to manipulate. You can insert comments anywhere in your file, have someone else review and sign the document once it is ready, and easily share it with collaborators.

There were a few interesting advanced features with this product as well. For example, you can protect specific sections of your document so that only recipients who have the required permissions can see that information, and you can even download an app for iOS and Android to work on your PDF conversions on the go.





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4. Nitro PDF to Word Converter

Great for text, but not a good choice for image-heavy documents

Operating system: Windows

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- ⊕ Easy to learn and use
- ⊕ Creates, edits and converts
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- ⊖ Only five conversions per month

With Nitro PDF converter, you can upload batches of files, but your converted files are emailed to you so you need to provide an email address to receive your documents. Also, it is only available as a 14-day trial, and you are restricted to five conversions per month. This is a pretty tight limit that seriously restricts the usefulness of the product, in addition to the fact that it only works on Windows.

This free PDF converter converts text accurately but images are sometimes distorted in the output file. Other potential problems include random spaces or unexpected line breaks appearing in your final document. However, these issues are pretty minor and can be corrected manually unless you have large batches of files to convert at a time.



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5. UniPDF

Works well with simple documents, but struggles with formatting

Operating system: Windows

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- + Images preserved quite well
- + Small, lightweight app
- Some text formatting lost
- Three-page limit

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to long upload or download times
personal terminal, you do not have to
trust your documents or information with a third party, which is important if you work with sensitive data.

UniPDF's conversion accuracy leaves much to be desired, though. In some cases, the converted text can be dramatically different in size compared to the original, and columns sometimes run into each other. Accordingly, UniPDF is best for users who have only the simplest of documents to convert to Word.

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