How do I use the Windows command line with Acrobat and Adobe Reader?

You can display and print a PDF file with Acrobat and Acrobat Reader from the command line. These commands are unsupported, but have worked for some developers. There is no documentation for these commands other than what is listed below.

Note: **All examples below use Acrobat Reader, but apply to Acrobat as well. If you are using Acrobat, substitute** Acrobat.exe **for** AcroRd32.exe **on the command line.**

AcroRd32.exe *pathname* — Start Acrobat Reader and display the file. The full path must be provided.

This command can accept the following options.

Option	Meaning
/n	Start a separate instance of Acrobat or Acrobat Reader, even if one is currently open.
/s	Suppress the splash screen.
/o	Suppress the open file dialog box.
/h	Start Acrobat or Acrobat Reader in a minimized window.

AcroRd32.exe /p *pathname* — Start Acrobat Reader and display the Print dialog box.

AcroRd32.exe /t path *"printername" "drivername" "portname"* — Start Acrobat Reader and print a file while suppressing the Print dialog box. The path must be fully specified.

The four parameters of the /t option evaluate to path, printername, drivername, and portname (all strings).

    printername — *The name of your printer.*

    drivername — *Your printer driver's name, as it appears in your printer's properties.*

    portname — *The printer's port.* portname *cannot contain any "/" characters; if it does, output is routed to the default port for that printer.*