

Acrobat Reader Installation

RedHat Linux is no longer shipped with a version of the Acrobat Reader. Instead, several less capable programs are included for displaying .pdf files. Fortunately, it is easy to install **acroread**, the .pdf reader from Adobe. This document describes the installation process.

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Download and Install the Package

Open a shell window, as an ordinary user, and enter the following commands:

```
cd /tmp
scp 'whitechuck:/opt/download/AdobeReader*' .
su

    enter your root password at this point

rpm -Uhv AdobeReader*.rpm
```

Fix Up Internationalization

For some reason, this version of **acroread** does not work correctly with the defaults set by RedHat. This is easily corrected.

As root, place the **acroread** shell script under local source control:

```
cd /usr/lib/Acrobat5/bin
ci -l acroread
```

With your favorite editor, edit **acroread**. Just after the comment that starts the file, enter two lines:

```
LANG=C
export LANG
```

You can use **rcsdiff -c** to verify that your editing is correct:

```
rcsdiff -c acroread
```

Test the Package Installation

Open a shell window as an ordinary user, and enter the command:

```
acroread
```

If the Acrobat Reader comes up, your installation is a success.

Configure the Gnome Desktop

To get full use of the Acrobat Reader, we will next make it the default reader that the desktop uses to open a .pdf file. Perform the following menu operations:

Main => Preferences => File Types and Programs

At this point the "File Types and Programs" window will appear; continue:

Documents => Published Materials => PDF document

Press the **Edit** button

and the "Edit file type" window will appear.

From

Default action

choose

Adobe Acrobat Reader

Test this by opening a Nautilus window (it may be on your desktop as *username's Home* where *username* is your username). Click on the image of a .pdf file, and the the Acrobat Reader should start.