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Portable Document Format (PDF) is a file format developed by Adobe in 1992 to present documents,

including text formatting and images, in a manner independent of application software, hardware, and operating systems.

Based on the PostScript language, each PDF file encapsulates a complete description of a fixed-layout flat document,

including the text, fonts, vector graphics, raster images and other information needed to display it.

PDF has its roots in "The Camelot Project" initiated by Adobe co-founder John Warnock in 1991.

PDF files may contain a variety of content besides flat text and graphics including logical structuring elements, interactive elements.

The PDF specification also provides for encryption and digital signatures, file attachments, and metadata

to enable workflows requiring these features.