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Adobe FrameMaker

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You can use **Adobe FrameMaker** to create informative PDFs for all of your technical writing needs. Although it is about 30 years old, it is still helpful and is very versatile. It is a great technical writing tool that is essential to learn in the field.

You do, however, have to pay a subscription fee in order to use Adobe FrameMaker for personal use. It is recommended to get a free trial of FrameMaker before you pay a monthly fee. Many employers in the technical writing industry use Adobe FrameMaker.

What are the benefits of using FrameMaker?

- Powerful authoring
- Produce engaging documentation
- Reach a global audience
- Improve morale and productivity

There are several steps that you should take before you get started in FrameMaker. They are as follows:

1. Create an account at [Adobe.com](https://adobe.com)
2. Download the free trial of FrameMaker
3. Install on your Windows PC

It is fairly easy to insert an image in FrameMaker. You can right align, left align, or center your image. Here is an example image:



Here is a table that compares Adobe FrameMaker with Microsoft Word

| Adobe FrameMaker | Microsoft Word |
|---|---|
| Ability to cross-reference content | Ability to use spell-checker |
| Complex auto-numbering across files | Document Templates provide easy access to brochures and so on |
| Built in support for structured content | Inexpensive subscription fee |

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