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# How to compare two PDF documents side by side

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At times you will need to read two PDF (https://www.foxitsoftware.com) documents side by side to compare contents, make changes, and even copy content from one to the other. Whatever the issue is, with foxit reader (https://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf-reader/), you've got two easy ways to do it. You can allow multiple instances of Reader to be open at the same time or use the Split View feature.
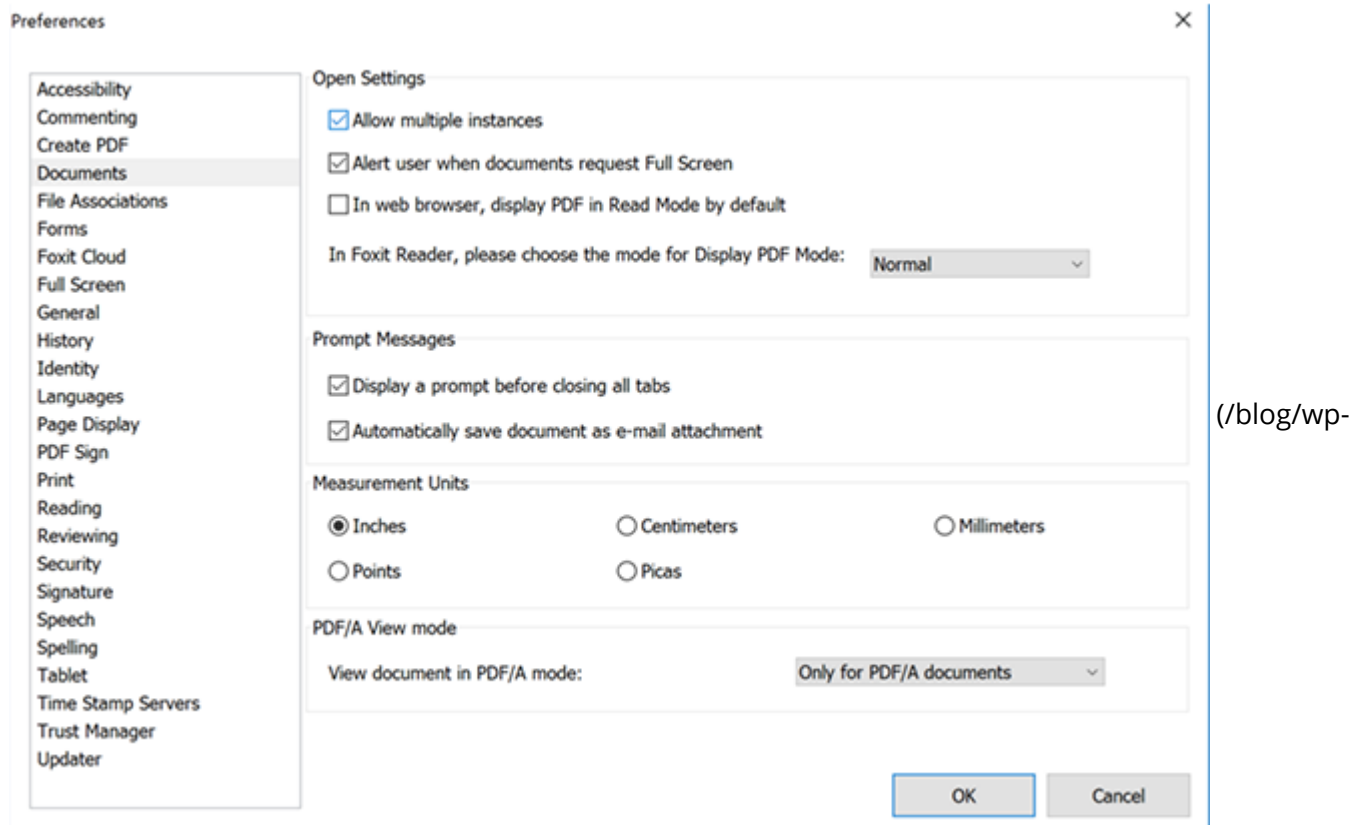
**Allow multiple instances**

To bring up  an additional Foxit Reader window, just enable the "allow multiple instances" feature. Just go to File -> Preferences -> Documents -> and check "Allow multiple instances".

Now whenever you double-click a new PDF file, Foxit Reader will open in a separate window.
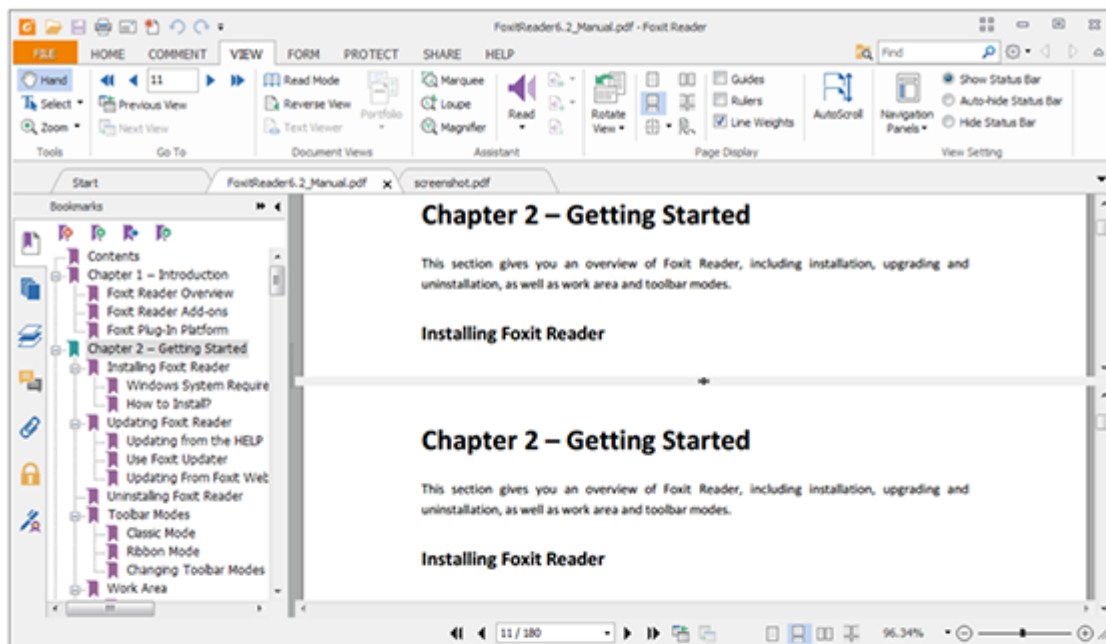
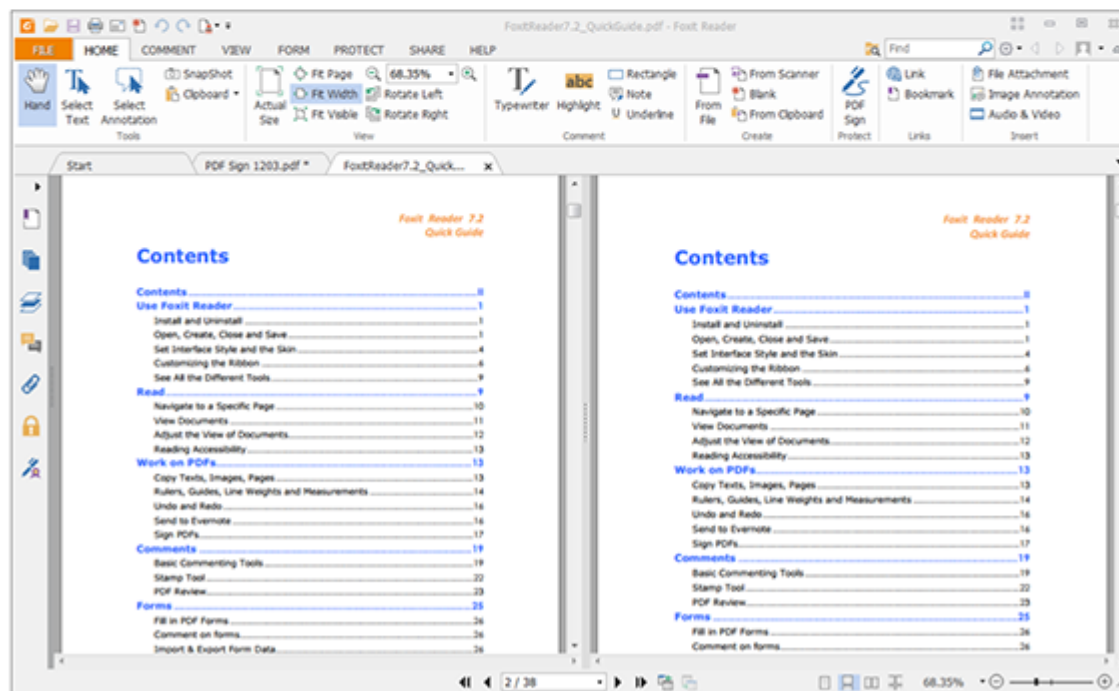(/blog/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Reader-Preference.png)

**Split View**

If you want a side by side—or top and bottom—comparison of different pages within the same document, you can use Foxit Reader's split view feature to view different instances of a document within the same tab. To do this, simply click View > Split, then choose whether you want to split your view vertically or horizontally.

## Horizontal Split View

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## Vertical Split View

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With this feature, you can scroll, zoom, or turn to other pages in one pane without having it affecting the other.

With Foxit PhantomPDF, all it takes is a few clicks to view two or more files at once without having to switch back-and-forth between tabs.