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**Questions about PDFs**

Where to begin?! 😞

Okay, so I am working on a paper, and before I can actually write anything, first I need to do lots of research!!

As I am busy reading articles and reports and papers, I need some way to HIGHLIGHT the material which supports my thesis.

And here is my (technical) problem...

Twenty years ago - back when I was in college - this would have involved using markers and red pens, but unfortunately all of my research in the modern world is being done using the Internet.

**So I am looking for an easy and secure way to be able to HIGHLIGHT text on webpages and save it to my computer, so it can ultimately serve as research material for my paper.**

Back when I was a Windows person, I would have addressed this problem as follows...

- Find an article online
- Use Adobe Acrobat Professional to PDF it
- Open the Saved PDF
- Use Adobe Acrobat Professional to Highlight the relevant text
- Resave the PDF

For most things (e.g. MS Word docs, Webpages, other PDFs, etc), this approach worked great!!

Unfortunately, Adobe Acrobat Professional costs like \$800?!

**Questions:**

1.) For some weird reason, I don't even have Adobe Acrobat Reader on my new MBP.

Is Adobe Acrobat Reader safe???? (I thought it was a malware trap?!)

2.) Is there any open-source software that would mimic what I described Adobe Acrobat Professional doing?

3.) Any other ideas?

Really I'm just looking to highlight text from web pages and then save them as a PDF so that when I go back to my "Research Folder" and am looking through 20-30 articles, I can easily find the excerpts that I needed for my research paper!!

Hope that makes sense?!

Sincerely,

Debbie

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