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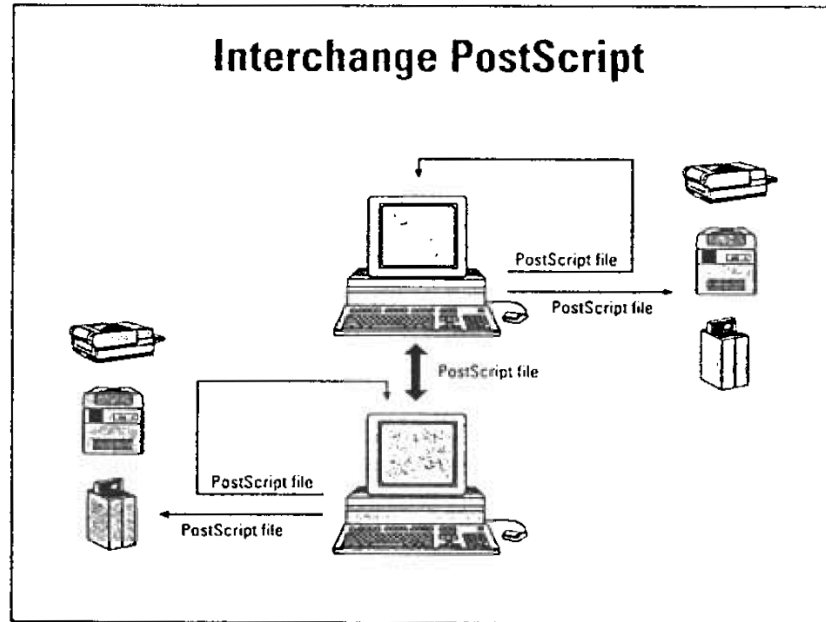


1991: Seybold Computer Publishing Conference San Jose

- First public presentation of the concept of PDF and a brief software demo at the Seybold Conference in San Jose (CA).



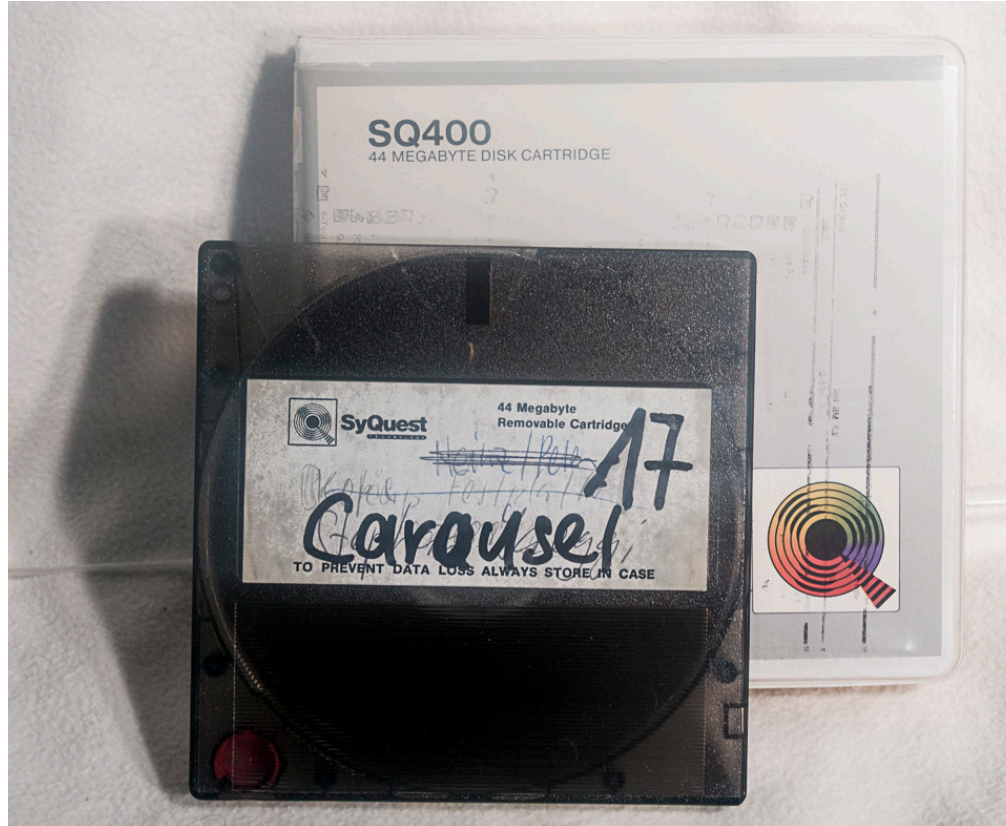
1991: Interchange PostScript Whitepaper



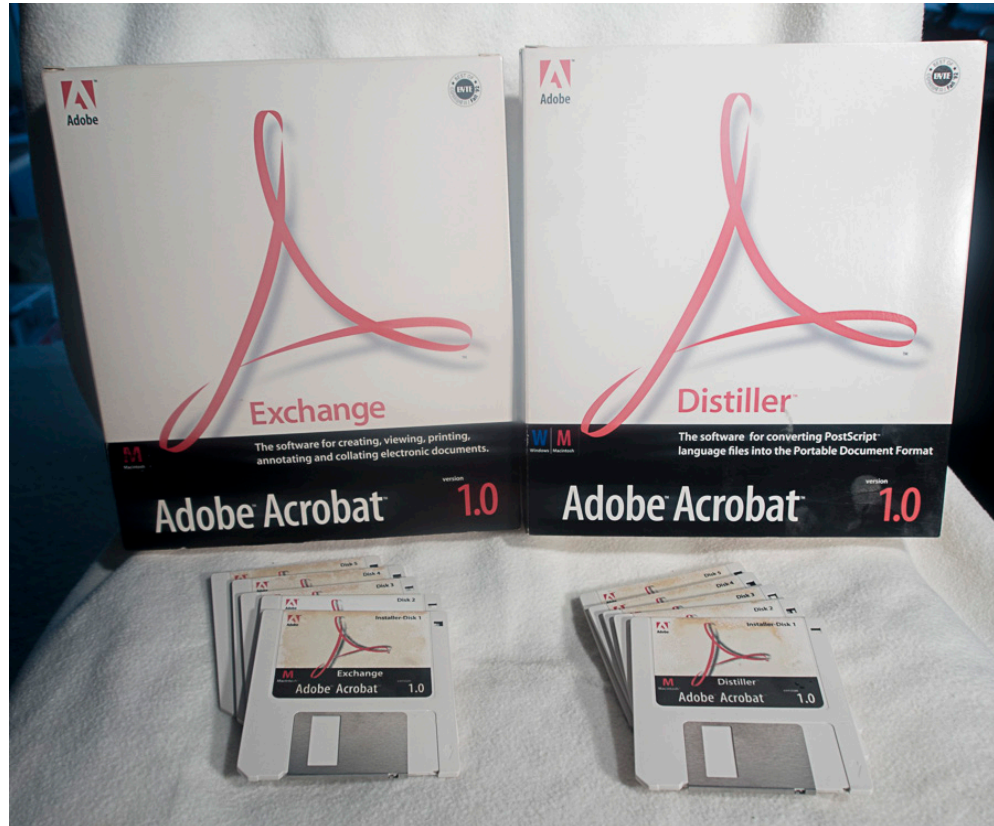
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1992: Carousel Beta Test

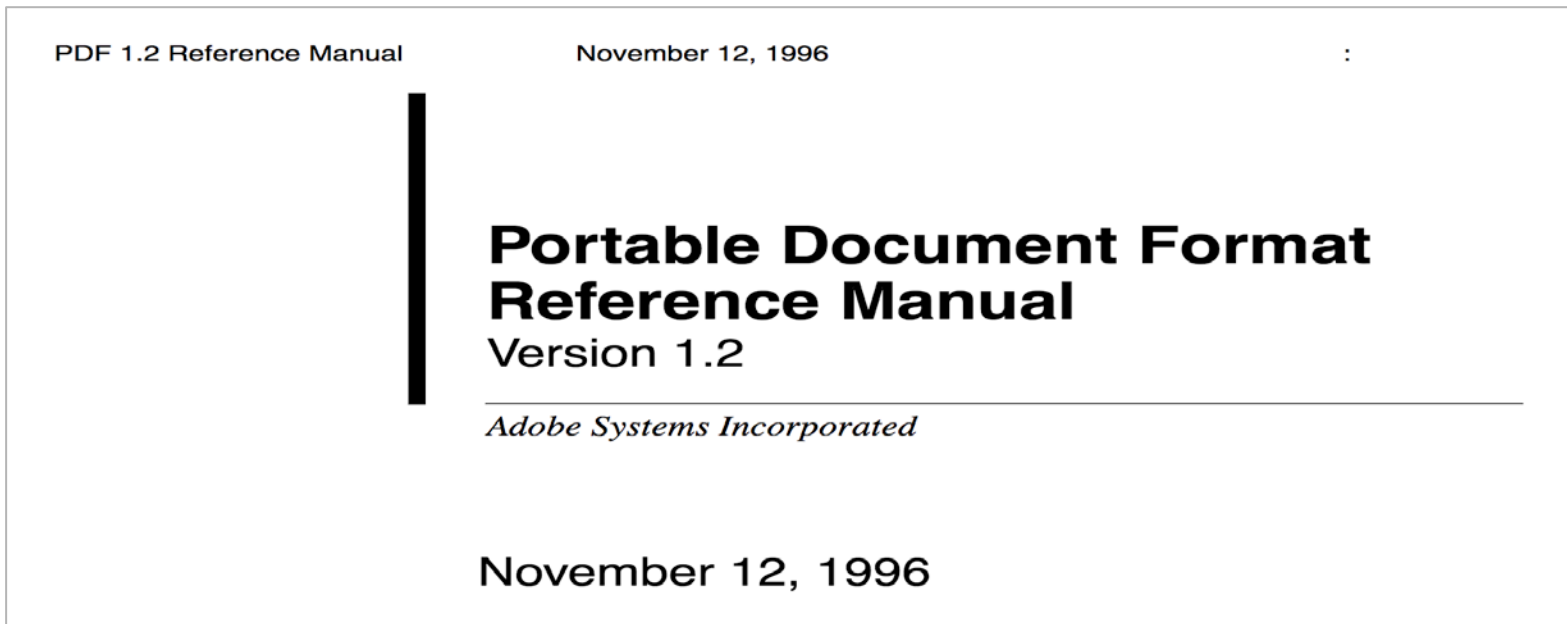


1993: Acrobat 1.0



1996: Portable Document Format Reference Manual 1.2

- CMYK and spot colors



1998: White paper «PDF for Prepress»

- Created by prepress experts in Germany and Switzerland
- Presentation at Seybold Seminars Boston (March 1998)

Positionspapier
»PDF in der Druckvorstufe«

White paper
“PDF for prepress”

PDF Expertenrunde
Deutschland/Schweiz
März 1998

PDF Experts Roundtable
Germany/Switzerland
March 1998



1999: PDF-Workflow

- Four tutorials for Heidelberg and Creo (> 1 mio. downloads)



2000: PDF Reference 1.3

- Full compatibility with PostScript 3

PDF Reference

second edition

Adobe Portable Document Format
Version 1.3

Adobe Systems Incorporated



INTERNATIONAL ISO 15930-1:2001(E)
STANDARD

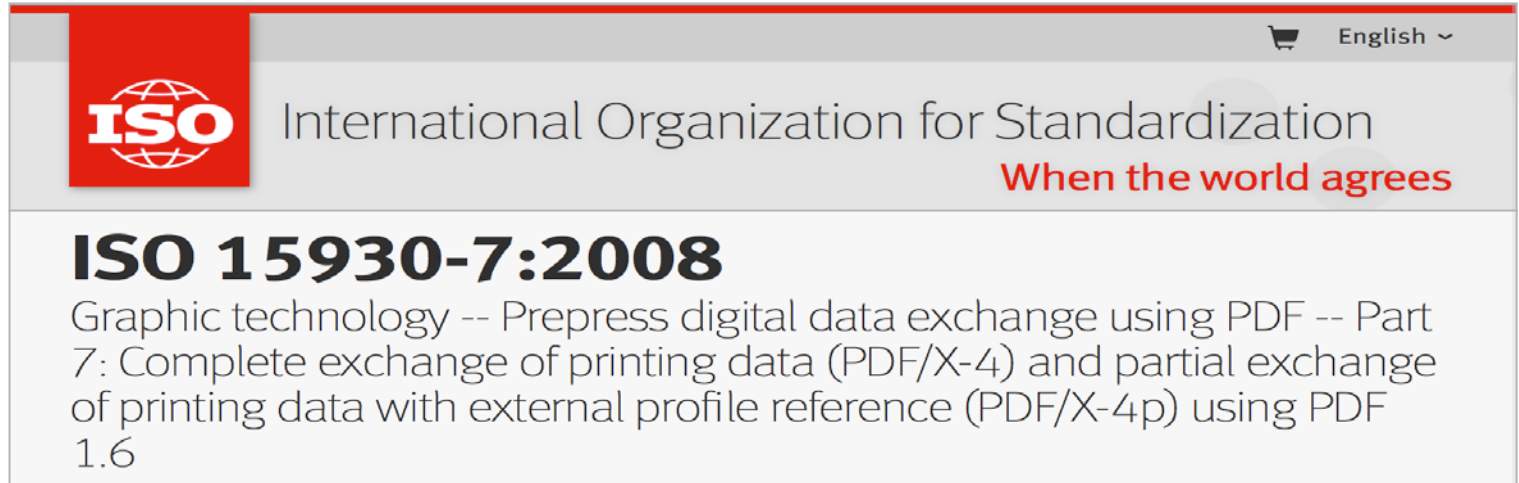
INTERNATIONAL ISO
STANDARD **15930-3**

First edition
2002-09-01



2008: PDF/X-4 (an other 10 year anniversary!)

- Support for native transparency



The screenshot shows the top part of the ISO website. On the right, there is a shopping cart icon and the text "English" with a dropdown arrow. On the left, the ISO logo is displayed in a red square. The main text reads "International Organization for Standardization" followed by the tagline "When the world agrees" in red. Below this, the title "ISO 15930-7:2008" is shown in large bold letters, followed by a detailed description of the standard.

English

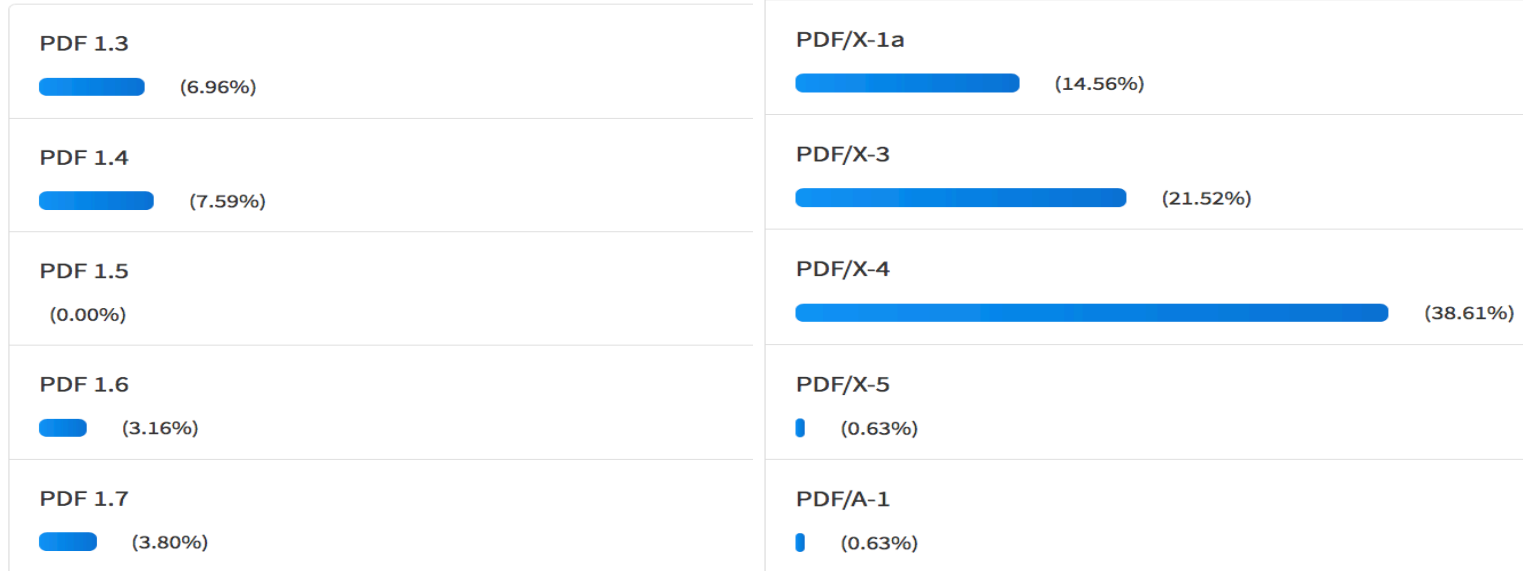
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Graphic technology -- Prepress digital data exchange using PDF -- Part 7: Complete exchange of printing data (PDF/X-4) and partial exchange of printing data with external profile reference (PDF/X-4p) using PDF 1.6



2016: Survey on PDF-AKTUELL

- Which PDF format to you prefer for print production?



2019: PDF/X-6 (ISO 15930-9)

- Based on PDF 2.0

ISO/CD 15930-9

Graphic technology -- Prepress digital data exchange using PDF -- Part 9: Complete exchange of printing data (PDF/X-6) and partial exchange of printing data with external profile reference (PDF/X-6p and PDF/X-6n) using PDF 2.0

General information 

Current status : Under development



Thank you!

Any questions?

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