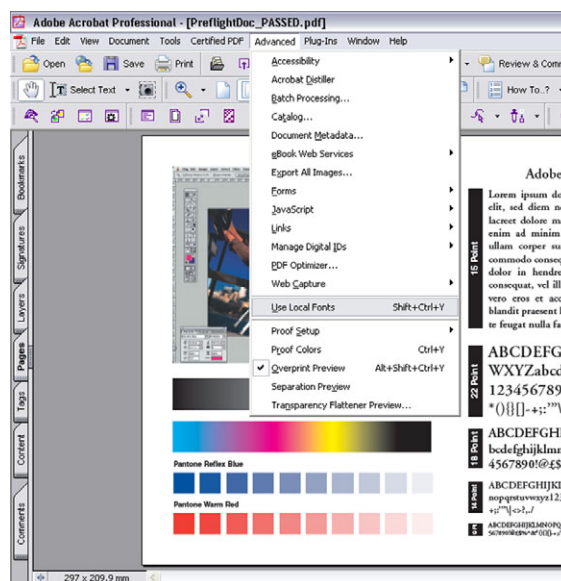


Common PDF Display Problems

You might assume that once you have created your PDF with all of the fonts correctly embedded, Acrobat will then display your document as anticipated. This is not always the case. There are a few options within the application itself, which will affect the way a PDF is displayed on screen. This document deals with two of the most common problem areas - “local fonts” and “overprinting” options.

Why you should NOT be using ‘Local Fonts’

Under the Advanced menu is the option ‘Use Local Fonts’. This does ‘exactly what it says on the tin!’ and uses the fonts resident on your machine to render the PDF being viewed, rather than the fonts embedded in the PDF. This can cause no end of problems, and it is best that the option is turned off. See the image below.



How do I check my PDF is ‘Overprinting’ correctly?

“Overprint Preview” is also under the Advanced menu, and can be seen in the image above. Most applications automatically apply overprinting and knockout values to items put on a page. Usually, black text will overprint, and white text on a coloured background will knockout the background.

To check if the PDF you are viewing has any specific overprint or knockout requirements, check the “Overprint Preview” option. You will then see the PDF exactly as it will print, and not the composite screen image that is the default screen view in Acrobat.