



# Reduce PDF size effectively with these tips

“Why is this PDF so large?” is a common question, and it can often be difficult to understand what is taking up space in a PDF. This guide covers how to audit the space usage in a PDF and gives suggestions of what to do about it.

## Audit Space Usage

The Audit Space Usage tool in Adobe Acrobat is extremely useful in helping you understand which components of your PDF are contributing to the file size.

It can be found via **File > Save as... > Optimized > Audit space usage...**



Audit Space Usage		
Results		
Description	Bytes	Percentage
Thumbnails	8.492	0,02 %
Images	41.889.446	97,95 %
Content Streams	367.907	0,86 %
Fonts	282.911	0,66 %
Document Overhead	61.467	0,14 %
Color Spaces	6.459	0,02 %
X Object Forms	103.182	0,24 %
Shading Information	7.395	0,02 %
Extended Graphics States	11.383	0,03 %
Piece Information	217	0,00 %
Cross Reference Table	25.720	0,06 %
Total	42.764.579	100 %

OK

In the scenario above, you can see that the PDF contains about 40 MB of images, and all the remaining metadata is negligible.

## Reducing PDF size with Acrobat

Adobe Acrobat comes with a feature called PDF Optimizer, which provides settings for reducing the size of PDF files.

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✓ YES

✗ NO

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