Saving SharePoint Word or Excel Document as a PDF

There are many times when you may require to save a Microsoft Word document, or Excel spreadsheet as a PDF directly into SharePoint. The following guide will show you the best method using software you have installed on your computer.

Opening the word/excel file from SharePoint, saving back to SharePoint as PDF

Using SharePoint Online, navigate to the Word or Excel document you wish to convert and save as a PDF. Open the file on your local Word or Excel application by selecting the box to the left of the document, and clicking on "Open in Excel/Word" as shown below. This method does **not** work when editing the file via the "Open in Excel/Word **Online**" option.

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When you open a sharepoint file in your Local Office Apps, you may receive the below dialog box, please click "OK".



Once the file is opened in Excel or Word 2010, you can now save back to SharePoint directly from within Word/Excel by selecting "File" and the "Save As" as shown below.



At this point, you will need to review the file name length. **Filenames over 28 characters (including spaces) may not save back to SharePoint.** If the filename is too long, please rename at this time. Once renamed, you will click the "Save as type" dropdown menu below the filename, select "PDF" as shown below and Save.

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