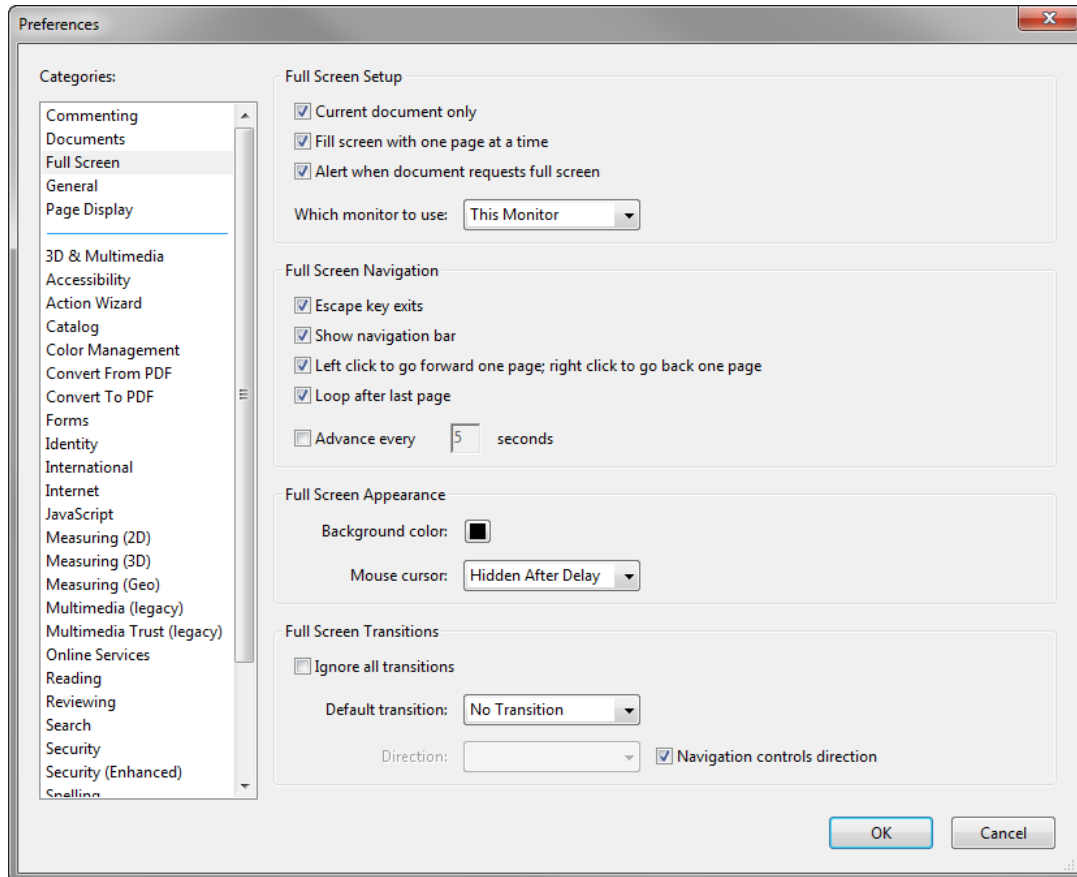


## How to create a PDF presentation

Many designers find it helpful to present their portfolios as digital slide show presentations that run on a laptop, monitor, or digital projector. You can use Adobe Acrobat X Pro to create such a presentation by taking advantage of Acrobat's full-screen mode. When a document is in full-screen mode, users can browse through its pages by clicking on them. When a user clicks on a page, Acrobat advances to the next page of the document. You can also add navigation buttons to a slide show.

You can set preferences so a PDF automatically opens in full-screen mode. You can also specify how page transitions occur so users can view and navigate the PDF like a slide show (**Figure 1**). By default, a page is simply replaced by a new page, but you can use page transitions to make the page dissolve or wipe into the new page.



**Figure 1** Acrobat X Preferences dialog box with Full Screen options

*To make a PDF automatically open in full-screen mode:*

1. Start Acrobat and open a multiple-page document.

For example, you might open a PDF that combines your business card designs.

2. Choose File > Properties.

The Document Properties dialog box appears.

3. In the Document Properties dialog box, click the Initial View tab (**Figure 2**).

4. Select the Open In Full Screen Mode option.

5. Click OK.

The Document Properties dialog box closes.

6. Save the file and close Acrobat.

7. Double-click the file to open it.

The file opens in full-screen mode.

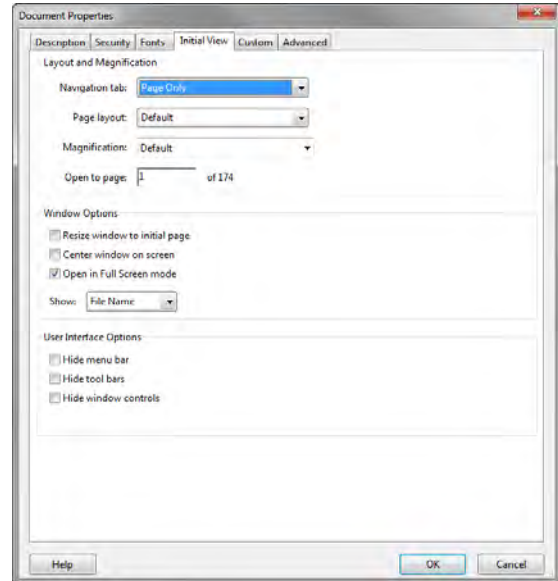
**Note:** A message might appear, warning you that the file is trying to open in full-screen mode. Click OK (Windows) or Yes (Mac OS) in the message box.

8. Click anywhere in the page.

The presentation advances to the next page.

To go back, you can right-click (Windows) or Control-click (Mac OS).

Observe that one page simply replaces another. In the next section, you'll modify this transition.



**Figure 2** Document Properties dialog box

## Adding navigation buttons to a presentation

Acrobat has built-in navigation buttons you can add to your presentation. These buttons are available as an option in the Full Screen area of the Preferences dialog box.

*To add navigation buttons to a presentation:*

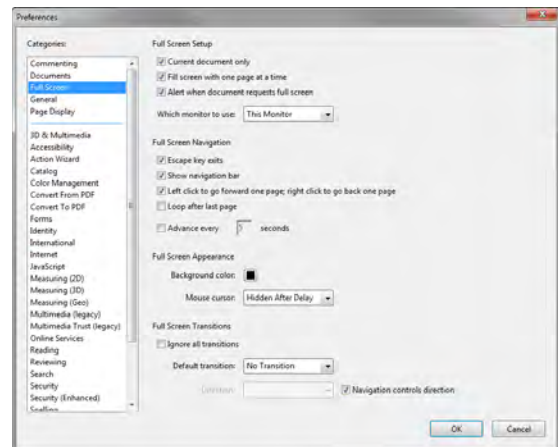
1. Open a multiple-page document in Acrobat.

2. Choose Edit > Preferences (Windows) or Acrobat > Preferences (Mac OS) to display the Preferences dialog box.

3. Click the Full Screen category on the left to display the Full Screen area of the Preferences dialog box (**Figure 3**).

4. Select the Show Navigation Bar option.

5. Click OK to close the Preferences dialog box.



**Figure 3** Full Screen area of the Preferences dialog box

6. Choose View > Full Screen Mode.

Observe that navigation buttons appear in the lower-left corner of the screen (**Figure 4**).



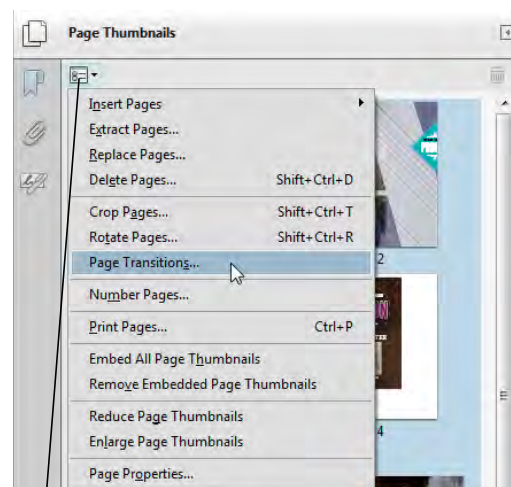
**Figure 4** Navigation buttons in presentation

## Adding a page transition

Page transitions—such as fades, wipes, or dissolves—can add interest to your document. As with many multimedia features, you may want to use these on a limited basis so as not to distract from the content. For example, you might choose a simple transition, such as a fade, and use the same transition throughout your presentation.

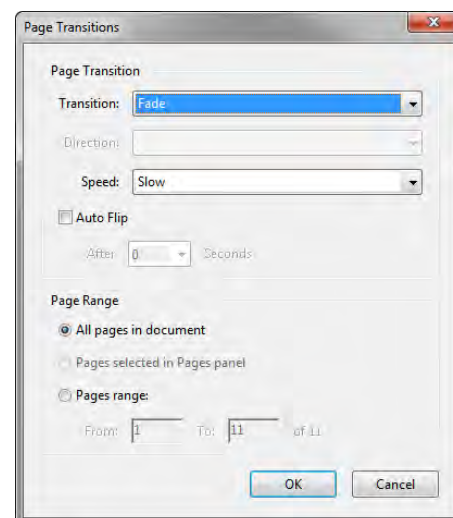
*To add a page transition:*

1. Open a multiple-page document in Acrobat.
2. In the Pages Thumbnails panel, select the page thumbnails you want to apply the transitions to, and choose Page Transitions from the options menu (**Figure 5**).
- The Pages Transitions dialog box appears (**Figure 6**).
3. Choose a transition from the Transition menu, such as Fade.
4. Select a speed for the transition from the Speed menu, such as Slow.
5. Click OK to close the Page Transitions dialog box.
6. Choose View > Full Screen Mode.
7. Click on the page and observe the transition.



Page Thumbnails options menu

**Figure 5** Page Thumbnails panel



**Figure 6** Page Transitions dialog box

### Making transitions advance automatically

In some cases, you may want to set up a presentation that runs by itself. You do so through the same Page Transitions dialog box you used in the previous section.

*To add an automatic transition:*

1. Open a multiple-page document in Acrobat.
2. In the Pages Thumbnails panel, select the page thumbnails you want to apply the transitions to, and choose Page Transitions from the options menu.

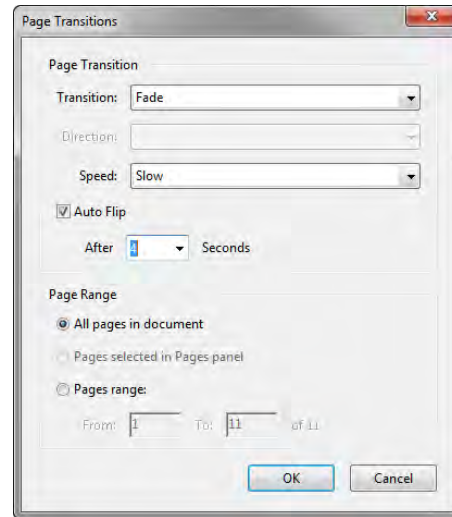
The Page Transitions dialog box appears (**Figure 7**).

3. Select the Auto Flip option.
4. Select a number of seconds from the menu below Auto Flip.
5. Click OK to close the Page Transitions dialog box.
6. Choose Edit > Preferences (Windows) or Acrobat > Preferences (Mac OS) to display the Preferences dialog box.
7. Click Full Screen on the left to display the Full Screen area of the Preferences dialog box.
8. Select the Loop After Last Page option.

This ensures that your presentation will continue after it reaches the last page.

9. Click OK to close the Preferences dialog box.
10. Choose View > Full Screen Mode.

Observe that the presentation runs on its own and loops after it reaches the last page.



**Figure 7** Page Transitions dialog box