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Redaction with Acrobat Standard 9

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Adobe provides their Acrobat Reader program for free, but if you want to create Acrobat files, there are a number of options including Acrobat Standard for \$299 and Acrobat Professional for \$499. Most of the Professional features, save one, is irrelevant to my work. The one feature I wish Acrobat Standard had is Redaction, but now I've figured a work-around for Acrobat Standard.

- Open the PDF file you want to redact in Acrobat Standard.
- Select **Tools | Comment & Markup | Rectangle Tool**.
- Select the area to redact with your mouse. *(It should draw a red box around your selection.)*
- Now right-click the selection and select **Properties ...**
 - Select the **Appearance** tab.
 - Change the **Color:** to black and the **Fill Color:** to black and click OK.
- Now save the PDF file as a TIFF (.tiff) file with a new name. You will generate one .tiff file per page.
- Now close and reopen Acrobat Standard.
- **Select File | Create PDF | From File ...** and reassemble the document, page by page.
- Save it as a PDF file and voila! Redaction!

Yeah, it's a little more work than using the Redaction Tool in Acrobat Professional, but it saves \$200!

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