

ABBYY® FineReader® Engine 12

Windows®, Linux® and Mac®

	WINDOWS	LINUX	MAC
Recognition			
BMP, DCX, GIF, JBIG2, JPEG, JPEG 2000, PCX, scanned PDF, digitally created PDF incl. password-protection, PDF/A, PNG, TIFF, (For Windows version only: WIC-compatible, WDP, DjVu)	+	+	+
Text documents (doc, docx, rtf, htm / html, txt, odt); tables (xls, xlsx, csv, ods); presentations (ppt, pptx, odp)	New	New	New
OCR - Recognition of machine-printed text	210 languages	210 languages	210 languages
Hebrew, Thai, Vietnamese	+	+	+
Gothic script OCR: Latvian, Slavonic languages, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish	+	+	+
Burmese (technical preview) and Farsi OCR	New	New	New
Georgian OCR	New	New	New
OCR for simple mathematical formulas	New	New	New
Arabic OCR	Enhanced with ML	Enhanced with ML	Enhanced with ML
Korean OCR	Enhanced with ML	Enhanced with ML	Enhanced with ML
Japanese OCR	Enhanced with ML	Enhanced with ML	Enhanced with ML
Chinese OCR	Enhanced with ML	Enhanced with ML	Enhanced with ML
Recognition of dates, times and addresses in Japanese and Arabic	Enhanced	Enhanced	Enhanced
Data extraction from Machine Readable Zones in IDs (MRZ)	New	New	New
Data extraction from Business Cards	+	+	+
ICR - Recognition of hand-printed text	126 languages	New: 126 languages	New: 126 languages
OMR - Checkmark recognition	+	New	New
OBR - Barcode recognition	+	+	+

Detection of differences in text

'Compare Documents' module for comparison of two document versions	New	New	New
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Image Pre-Processing Tools

Auto-cropping and auto-splitting of dual-pages	+	+	+
Filtering of color stamps and marks, noise removal & local contrast improvement	+	+	+
Adaptive binarization	+	+	+
Camera OCR	+	+	+

Layout Reconstruction

Document layout reconstruction, incl. internal structure and formatting	+	+	+
Detection and recreation of balanced columns of text	New	New	New
Detection of tables and layout reconstruction	Enhanced	Enhanced	Enhanced

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Easy Development			
Scanning utility	Enhanced	–	–
Native 64-bit support	+	+	+
Code samples and predefined processing profiles	+	+	+
Built-in recognition on multi-core CPUs	+	+	–
Multithreading capability	+	+	–
Parallel processing of many single-page documents	+	+	–
Parallel processing of multi-page documents	+	+	+
Ready-to-use components for creating user interface	+	–	–

Export Settings

Broad range of export settings, such as RTF, DOCX, TXT, ODT, CSV, XLS(X), HTML, PDF, PDF/A, XML, PPTX, ALTO, EPUB, FB2, image formats	+	+	+
Export to vCard (for Business Card Data)	+	+	+
Export to JSON (for MRZ Data)	New	New	New
Export to HTML5	New	New	New
Faster export to XML with non-deskewed coordinates	Enhanced	Enhanced	Enhanced
Direct export of list elements to XML	New	New	New
ALTO 3.1 export format	New	New	New
Direct export to memory	+	+	+
Export to XPS	+	–	–

PDF Export

Export to PDF 2.0 and PDF/UA	New	New	New
Export to PDF/A-1a, PDF/A-1b	+	+	+
Export to PDF/A-2 (a,b,u), PDF/A-3 (a,b,u)	New: PDF/A-2b, PDF/A-3b	New: PDF/A-2b, PDF/A-3b	New: PDF/A-2b, PDF/A-3b
Ability to use Unicode characters during PDF encryption	New	New	New
Export to Tagged PDF	Enhanced	Enhanced	Enhanced
Preservation of original annotations and bookmarks in PDF	+	+	–
Ability to detect text layer in PDFs and skip OCR	+	+	–
Fast export of PDFs with many pages	+	+	+

Technology Improvements

Document Classification powered by ML and NLP	Enhanced	Enhanced	Enhanced
Access to information about individual recognition variants	New	New	New
Usage of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for accuracy and layout reconstruction	New	New	New
Ability to open the PDF, DjVu, WIC and WDP files from memory	+	PDF only	–
Ability to specify resolution for rasterisation during PDF opening	+	+	–
Full support for ZUGFeRD®-compliant PDF (import & export)	+	+	+

Licensing

Support for Cloud (Amazon® EC and MS Azure®) and virtual environments	New	New	–
Network licensing	+	+	–
Backup Network License Manager for higher fault-tolerance	+	+	–

- + already available in the version 11
 – feature currently not available / planned

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