



Scribe PDF

FOR ARCHITECTS

32 TOOLS · DRAWINGS, SUBMITTALS & PERMITS

The permit set, the RFI, *the site visit.*

Permit sets, RFIs, submittals, specifications: every PDF that moves through an architecture practice, handled on-device in one app, without emailing files between six different tools.

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TOOLS IN ONE APP

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FILES LEAVE YOUR DEVICE

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APP, SCHEMATIC TO CLOSEOUT

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Built for the paperwork behind the drawing set.

An architecture practice runs on PDFs: permit sets submitted to the building department, RFIs answered during construction, submittals reviewed for the contractor, specifications bound for the project manual. Scribe PDF covers what happens to every one of those documents from schematic design to closeout.

Why on-device matters here: fee proposals and contract values are exactly the files that shouldn't round-trip through someone else's server. Every tool below runs locally, inside Apple's app sandbox. Nothing is uploaded to process a PDF.

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tools, organized
into six clear
workflows

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platforms:
iPhone, iPad,
and Mac

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servers your
project data
touches

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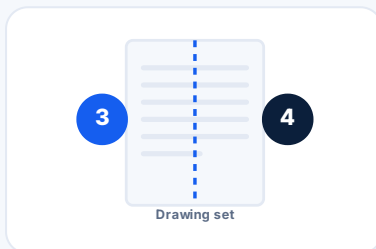
app, from
schematic to
closeout



Merge PDFs

Create & Organize

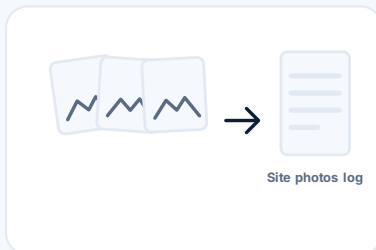
The permit submission needs one file, not six exports. Merge the site plan, the structural sheets, and the specifications into a single PDF for the building department.



Split PDF

Create & Organize

A 200-sheet drawing set needs the mechanical sheets pulled out for the MEP consultant and the structural sheets pulled out for the engineer, without re-exporting from the drafting software.



Images to PDF

Create & Organize

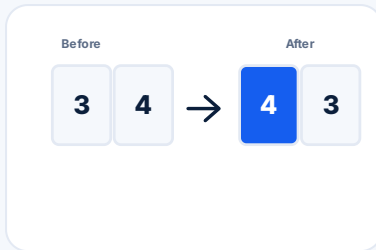
Thirty photos from a site visit become one clean PDF for the punch list, with no separate scanner and no re-typing the notes.



Clipboard to PDF

Create & Organize

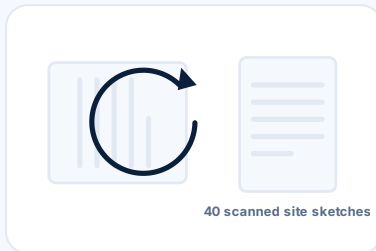
Copy a room schedule straight out of the drawing software and paste it into a one-page PDF for the client update, without a screenshot tool in between.



Page Organiser

[Create & Organize](#)

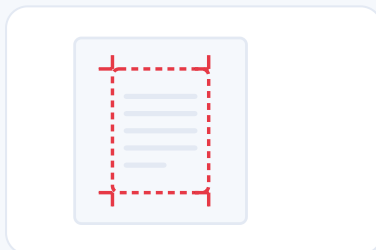
The submittal package came back from the printer with the finish schedule ahead of the door schedule; reorder the pages to match the spec index before it goes to the contractor.



Rotate Pages

[Create & Organize](#)

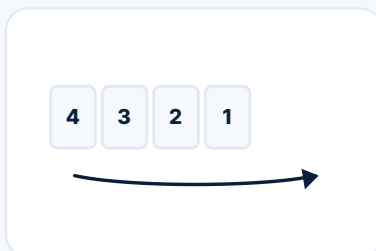
Half of the 45 scanned as-built markups arrived sideways. Rotate every page back to portrait in one pass before they go into the closeout binder.



Crop Pages

[Create & Organize](#)

A scanned site survey has a wide margin from the surveyor's printer; crop it to match the rest of the bound drawing set.



Reverse Pages

[Create & Organize](#)

The scanner fed 35 pages of RFI responses in reverse order. Flip the page order back to chronological sequence before the submittal log review.

Read & Extract

Get the room schedule, the specifications, and the words out of a PDF and into something usable.



OCR

[Read & Extract](#)

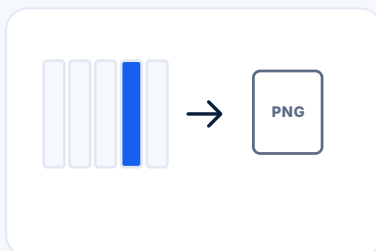
A ten-year-old paper permit approval has to be referenced for a renovation, but it's a photocopy. OCR turns it into real, selectable, searchable text before it goes in the project archive.



Extract Text

[Read & Extract](#)

Pull just the accessibility clearance paragraph out of a 40-page code review into plain text, ready to drop into the submittal without retyping.



Extract Pages

[Read & Extract](#)

Export only the site plan sheet from a 150-sheet drawing set as a clean PNG for the client email, with no screenshotting and no re-opening the full set.



Table Extraction

[Read & Extract](#)

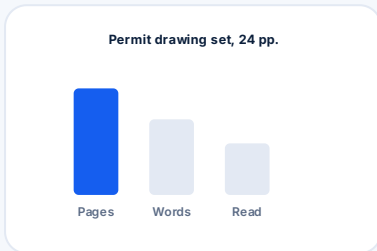
A door and window schedule is buried in a PDF export from the drafting software. Pull it straight into a real spreadsheet, cell by cell, instead of re-keying every entry.



Find in PDF

[Read & Extract](#)

Find every reference to "fire rating" across a 180-page specification book before the code review: every match, across every page, in seconds.



Document Stats

[Read & Extract](#)

Check the page count and read time on a draft specification book before it goes to the contractor, a quick sanity check before the real review.



PDF to Markdown

[Read & Extract](#)

Convert a consultant's report PDF into clean Markdown so it drops straight into the project wiki, headings and bullet points intact.

Protect & Secure

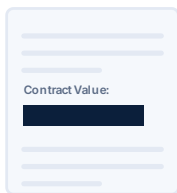
Lock what's confidential, remove what shouldn't travel, and prove what changed between issues.



Password

Protect & Secure

Encrypt the confidential fee proposal before it's emailed to the client: real password protection, not a folder that just looks locked.



Redact

Protect & Secure

Black out the contract value and vendor pricing before a drawing set is shared publicly for a design award submission: gone for good, not just covered.



Watermark

Protect & Secure

Stamp "NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION" across every page of the schematic design set before it's shared with the client for review.

TITLE
Permit Drawing Set

AUTHOR
Halden Root Architecture

SHEET REVISION
Rev C

Metadata

Protect & Secure

Set the Title, Author, and Sheet Revision fields correctly on the final drawing set before it's archived: the details a project search actually reads.

AUTHOR
arc@hrc.com

FILE PATH
/Projects/2026/permit_set_v01.pdf

Removed before external release

Strip Metadata

Protect & Secure

Strip the drafter's name and internal file path out of a PDF before it's shared externally with the client.



Bates Number

Protect & Secure

Stamp ARC-000001 through ARC-002200 across every page of a permit submission package, sequential and consistent, the way the building department expects it.

Sign & Mark Up

Sign it, stamp it, mark it up, ready for the reviewer or the client.

RFI Response

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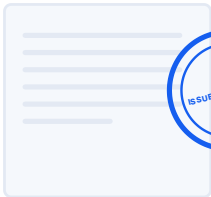
Due: 10/01/2026



Fill & Sign

Sign & Mark Up

Fill in the RFI response fields and add a signature before the contractor's deadline, with no printing, signing, or re-scanning.



Stamp Library

Sign & Mark Up

Stamp ISSUED FOR PERMIT across the completed drawing set the moment it's approved, before it moves to the contractor.

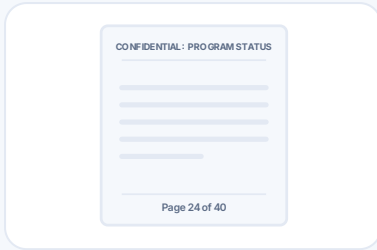


Milestone
changed:
confirm w/ sched.

Annotate

Sign & Mark Up

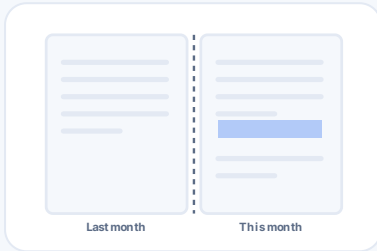
Highlight the detail that changed since the last issue and leave a comment for the consultant, directly on the sheet.



Headers & Footers

[Sign & Mark Up](#)

Add "For Review Only, Not For Construction" and automatic page numbers across a 60-sheet drawing set before it goes out for distribution.



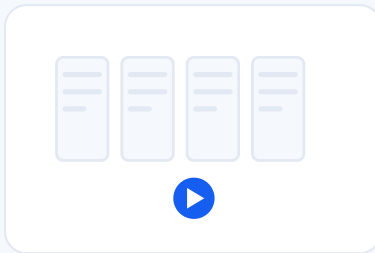
Compare PDFs

[Sign & Mark Up](#)

See exactly what changed between the schematic design set and the design development set, side by side, before presenting to the client.

Present & Listen

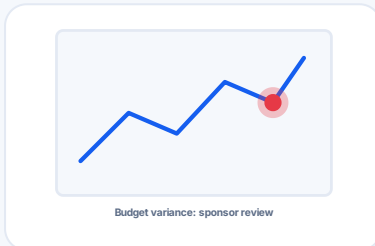
Take the design into the client meeting, or into your commute.



Slideshow

Present & Listen

Present the design full-screen to the client, straight from the PDF, with no separate deck to keep in sync with the drawing set.



Presenter Mode

Present & Listen

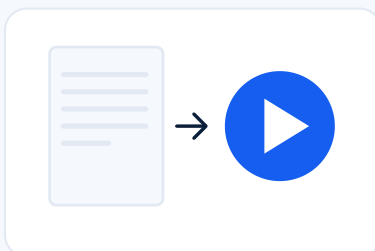
Walk the client through the floor plan with on-slide markup, pointing straight at the detail that matters.



Read Aloud

Present & Listen

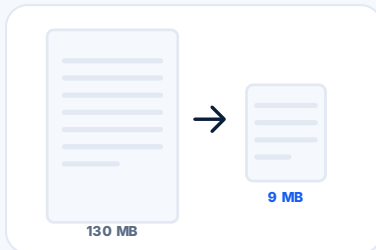
Have a 20-page geotechnical report read aloud on the commute in, instead of squeezing the reading in before the site visit.



PDF to Audiobook

Present & Listen

Turn the continuing education reading into an MP3 for the commute, with the license renewal deadline closing in.



Compress PDF

[Optimize](#)

A 150MB scanned survey batch won't attach to an email. Compress it down to something that actually sends, without losing legibility.



Merge Layers

[Optimize](#)

Flatten the CAD layers the drafting software leaves behind in its PDF export, so the drawing prints clean for the file instead of blank.



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