

Signing PDFs in Adobe with InCommon PDCs

Precondition: Request and install PDC into the Operating System certificate store by following the instructions at

https://www.4help.vt.edu/sp?id=kb_article&sys_id=bd608e7edb25f600515ff209af961983

Signing:

1. Click Tools -> Certificates
2. In the toolbar, select “Digitally Sign”
3. Click and drag an area for your digital signature
4. When prompted for a Digital ID, select your installed PDC and click “Continue”
5. Click “Sign”

Validate a signature for the first time:

1. Click on the digital signature
2. The signature will show as INVALID. Click “Signature Properties...”
3. Click “Show Signer’s Certificate...”
4. In the left-hand column, select “InCommon RSA Standard Assurance Client” and then select “Trust” in the tab menu to the right.
5. Click “Add to Trusted Certificates...”
6. Click “OK”
7. Check the box “Use this certificate as a trusted root” and click “OK”
8. Click “OK”
9. Re-validate all signatures by clicking “Validate All Signatures” in the toolbar.

Note: After following the steps to verify a signature for the first time, the InCommon RSA Standard Assurance Client CA is trusted in Adobe as a trusted root and will verify future signatures from PDCs signed by that CA. If you go to validate a signature on a different computer or installation of Adobe, you must follow the steps again for that computer or installation.