

Creating PDFs from smartphone photos

Single or multi-page PDF files can be quickly and easily created from smartphone photos.

Download and install the “Adobe Scan Digital PDF Scanner” app on the smartphone.

The first time you open the app, you will need to sign in. You can use your Messiah College username and password to do so.

Open the app and touch the screen to activate the camera. It will search the view window for a document and automatically crop to the corners (Figure 1). It is important that the document be in a well-lit space with some contrast between the document and its background. Continue with each page that should be included in a single file. Once all pages are captured, touch the thumbnail of the images in the bottom right of the capture screen.

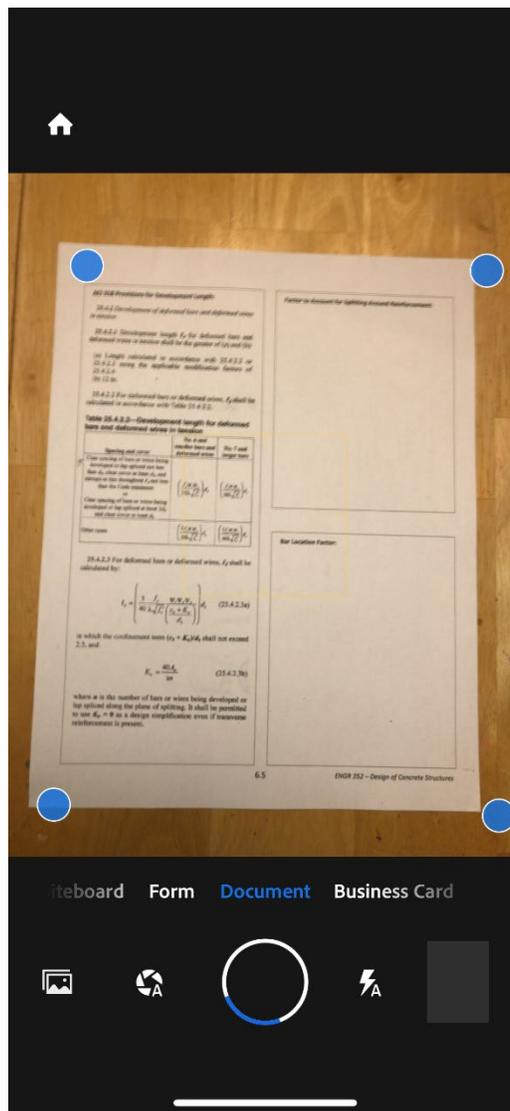


Figure 1. Adobe Scan image capture screen

This will open the document editing pane of the app (Figure 2). Pages can be cropped or edited via the toolbar at the bottom of the page. Click the pencil next to the default file name to give the file a meaningful name to help you stay organized. When finished, touch “Save PDF” at the top of the screen.

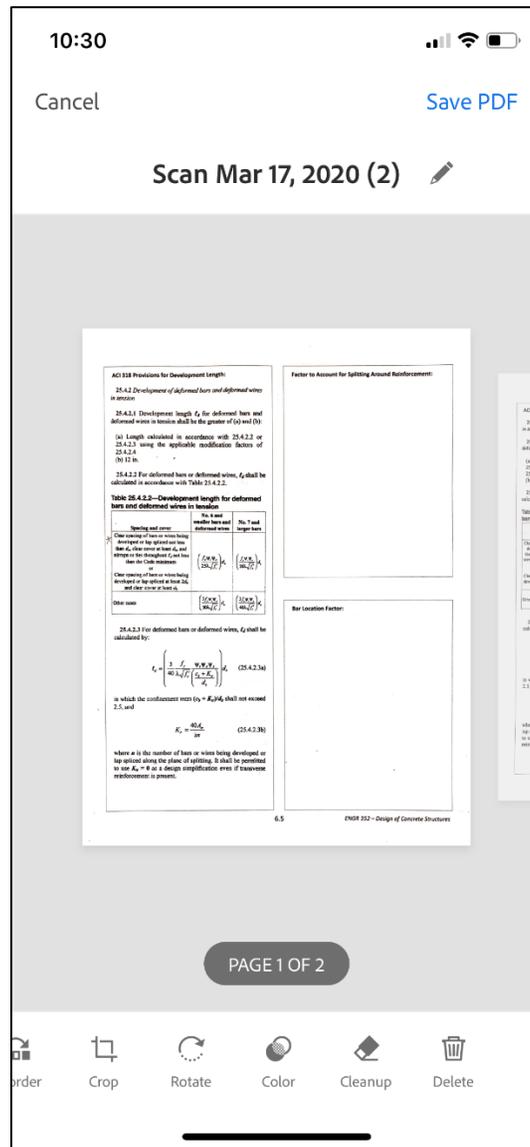


Figure 2. Adobe Scan document editing window

This action opens the document management pane of the app (Figure 3). Use the share link in this view to email the file or upload it to any of the document sharing/storage tools on your smartphone. Click the camera icon at the bottom of the screen to begin capturing another file.

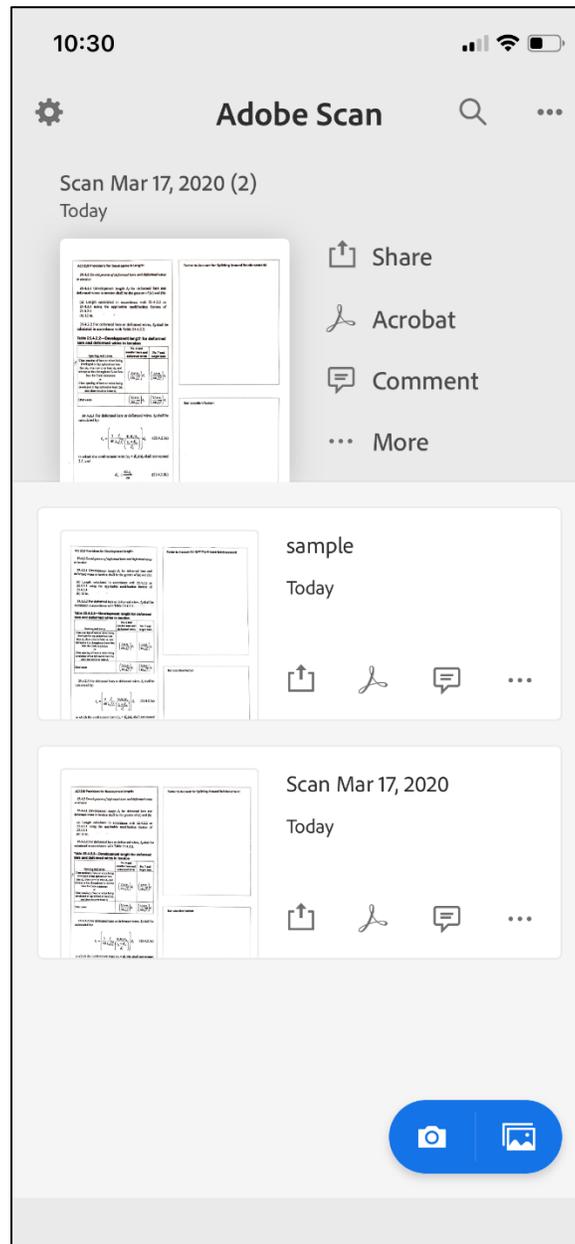


Figure 3. Adobe Scan document management pane

If you have the Canvas Student app installed on your phone, you can also submit the scanned pdf direct to the Canvas assignment by selecting the Share a Copy option and then selecting Submit Assignment (you may have to turn on this option by selecting More first).

