How to Stop Microsoft Edge Opening PDFs (Make Them Open in Adobe)

By default, Microsoft Edge often opens PDF files inside the browser.
Follow these steps to make PDFs download instead, so they can open in **Adobe Acrobat Reader**.

Step-by-Step Guide (Easy Method)

1. Open Microsoft Edge

- Click the **Edge** icon on your computer.

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2. Open Settings

1. Click the **three dots (···)** in the top-right corner.
2. Select **Settings**

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3. Search for PDF Settings

Instead of clicking through menus:

- Click in the **Search settings** box on the left
- Type:

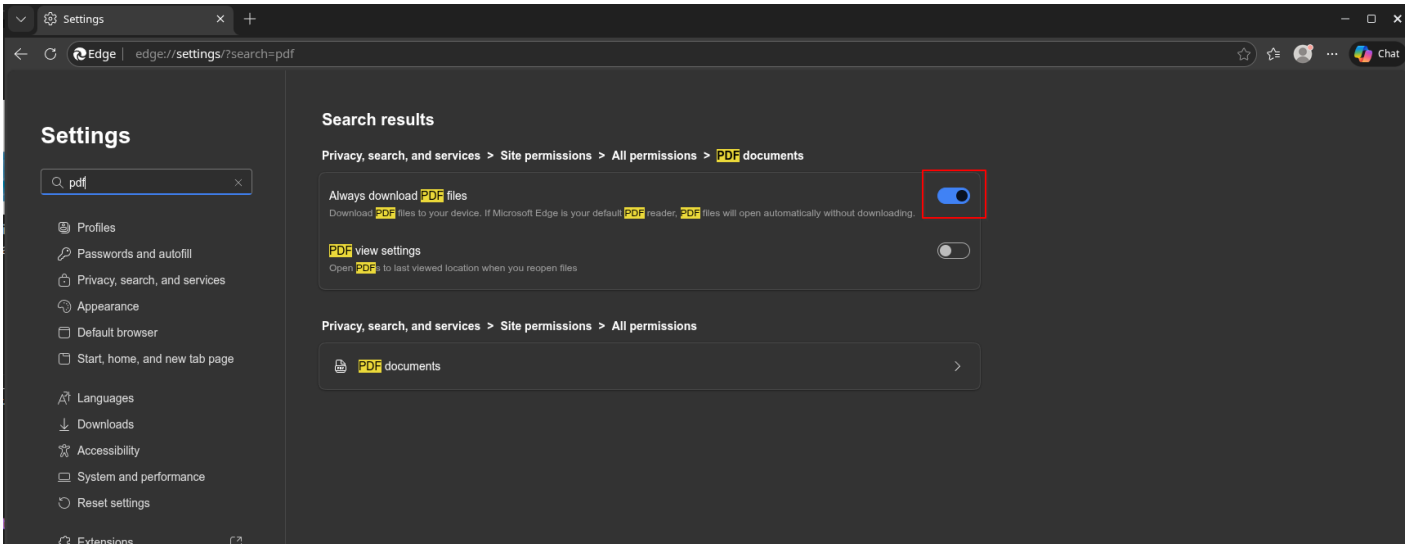
`PDF`

This will quickly bring up the PDF options (as shown in the screenshot).

4. Turn On “Always Download PDF Files”

Under **PDF documents**, switch on:

- **Always download PDF files**



What This Does

Once enabled:

- PDFs will **no longer open inside Edge**
- They will instead **download automatically**
- Staff and Students can then open them using **Adobe Acrobat Reader**

Optional Extra Step (Recommended)

To ensure Adobe opens PDFs by default:

1. Right-click any PDF file
2. Select **Open with → Choose another app**
3. Choose **Adobe Acrobat Reader**

4. Tick:

 Always use this app to open PDF files

Finished!

Now PDFs will download and open in Adobe instead of Edge.

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