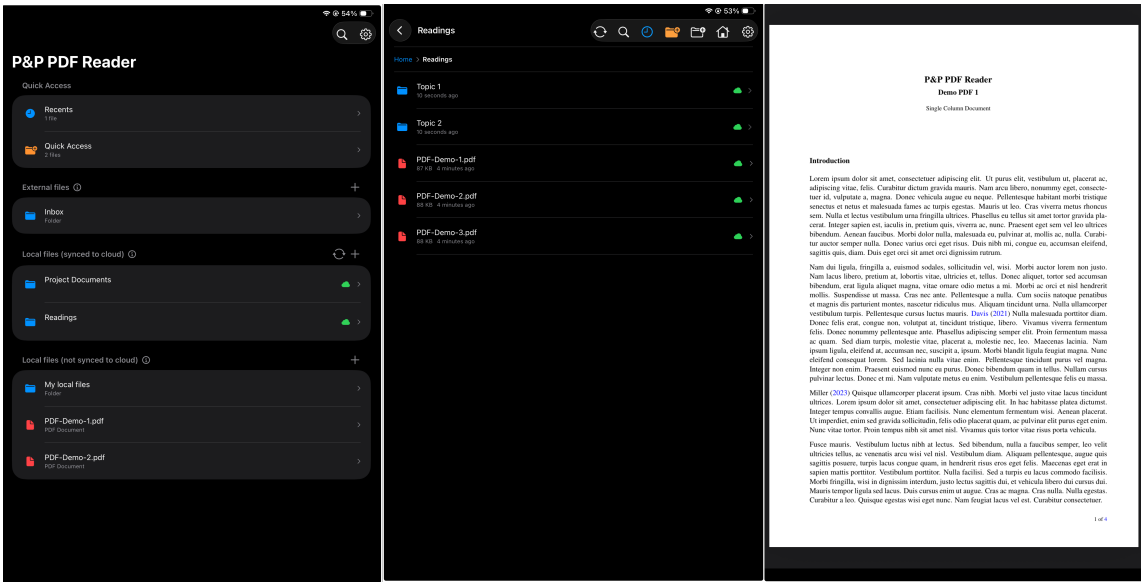
P&P PDF Reader

Read, annotate, and stay on the page.

A quick visual guide to using **P&P PDF Reader** on Apple, Android, and e-ink devices.



Paper-like ergonomics

Hold the tablet like a page and annotate PDFs with the familiar rhythm of paper and pencil.

Paper-like annotation

Interact with the PDF content, not app menus: annotate, highlight, and mark up with zero interface friction.

Designed for focus

The PDF transforms into your workspace, **keeping the stylus tools fully accessible** without the distraction of toolbar menus.

Cloud sync + privacy

Sync PDFs and annotations with cloud storage. Export annotations in the format you choose. All content remain yours.

Learn more and follow updates
(click or double-tap to follow links)

Video tutorials | **Official website** | **Bluesky** | **X**

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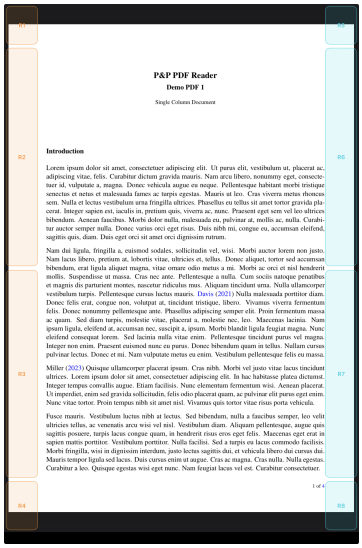
Tip

The defaults are a starting point. After one reading session, open Settings to tune gestures, edge regions, stylus behavior, and view modes for your own hands and workflow.

EDGE REGIONS

Put common controls under your hands.

Eight transparent regions sit along the left and right edges of the PDF view. Each region can respond to tap, double tap, and long press. **All edge regions can be configured in Settings to fit different workflows.**



Edge regions are invisible during normal reading. Show them only while configuring size and behavior.

Default edge-region shortcuts

	Tap	Double tap	Long press
R1	Back to folder	Back to Home	Show contents
R5	Bookmarks	Settings	Quick Access / Recents
R2/R3	Previous page	First page	Do nothing
R6/R7	Next page	Last page	Do nothing
R4	Search word	Crop to text	Ask action
R8	Show annotations	Show thumbnails	Sync file

ERGONOMICS

Hold the device like a page.

P&P PDF Reader is designed so natural grip, thumb contact, and stylus annotation can coexist without turning every touch into an accidental command.



Natural device holding positions while reading and annotating.

Natural grip

Rest thumbs or fingers where they are comfortable instead of pinching only the outer edge.

Stable reading

Use one or both hands while keeping the PDF centered and easy to scan.

Stylus compatible

Hold the device with one hand and annotate with a stylus using the other.

Worth remembering

Comfort is not extra. For long documents, small posture changes are part of the reading workflow.

IMPORT AND SYNC

Pick the right storage mode for the job.

Different reading tasks need different storage behavior. Use cloud-first files when you want constant cloud updates, local synced folders when you want offline speed, and local-only files when the document should stay on the device.

External Files

Cloud-first

Best for PDFs that should remain in cloud storage and update automatically while you read and annotate. Requires internet access.

Local, synced

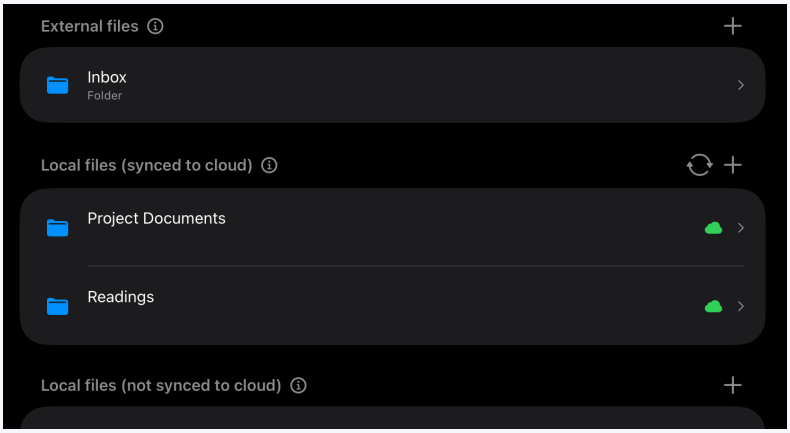
Offline + sync

Best for heavy annotation. Files live on the device for fast reading and can be manually synced back to cloud storage. Files remain available offline.

Local only

On-device

Best for documents that should stay on the device and do not need cloud synchronization. The workflow remains the same.



Import choices and sync paths.

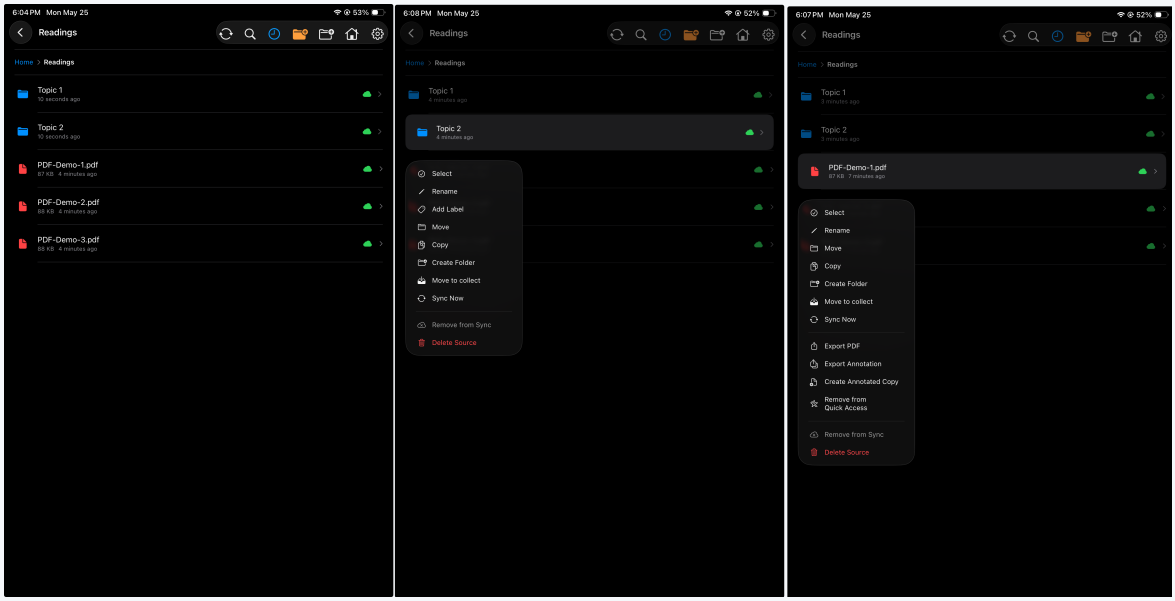
Which one should I choose?

Need continuous cloud updates	Use External Files.
Need the smoothest heavy annotation	Use Local, synced.
Need private on-device storage	Use Local only.

FOLDER VIEW

Browse, organize, and check sync status.

Folder view behaves like a clean file browser. Open PDFs, move through nested folders, and use long press when you need file or folder actions.



Folder view with folders, PDF files, and sync badges. Long press a folder or PDF to show the context menu.

Long press a folder

Use the folder context menu to organize folders and manage the documents inside them.

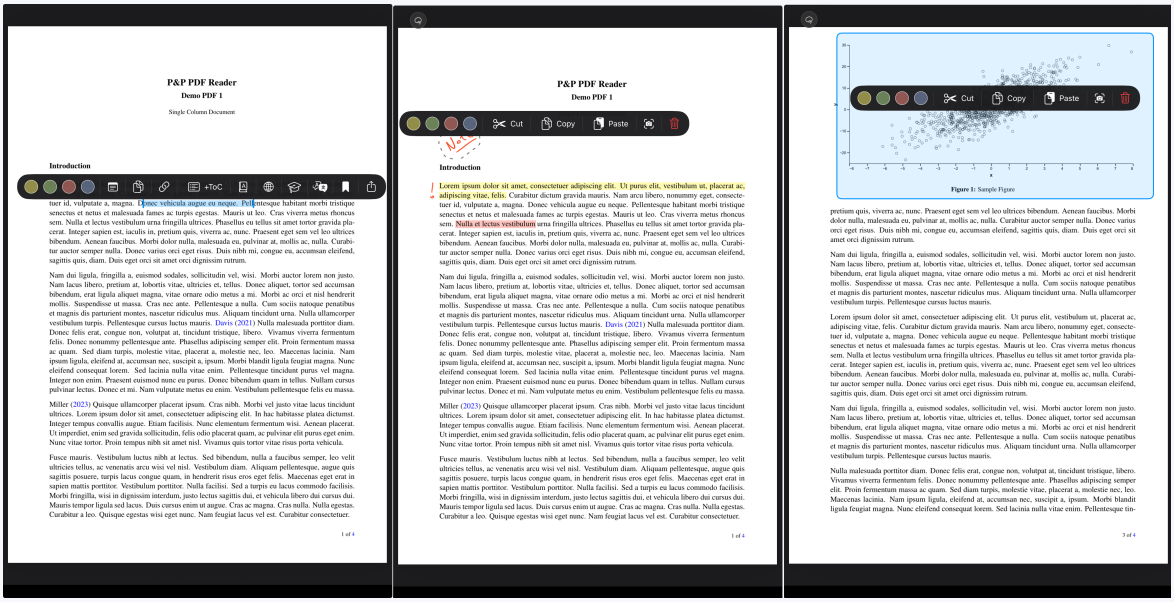
Long press a PDF

Open the context menu for document-level actions such as moving, copying, managing, or inspecting the file.

PDF VIEW

Let the page become the workspace.

When a PDF is open, the app is designed to keep interface elements out of the way. Your stylus handles annotation; fingers handle movement and navigation.



Full-screen PDF reading and annotation view with context menus for text selection (left panel) activated by a a stylus long-press, lasso selection (center panel) activated with a configured tool shortcut, and rectangular lasso (right panel) activated by a long press on the stylus when lasso mode is active.

Stylus writes

The pen tool is always active and ready, like a pencil on paper. Trigger erase and lasso tools with stylus gestures.

Fingers navigate

Use edge regions, swipes, and taps for page turns, history, links, bookmarks, and other document actions.

Menus appear only when useful

Context menus appear around selected text, highlights, lasso selections, or file actions.

The reading loop

1. Read
2. Mark up
3. Jump to a reference
4. Swipe back

The goal is to keep the document central while still giving you fast access to bookmarks, search, table of contents, thumbnails, sync, and view controls.

STYLUS GESTURES

Write first. Switch tools only when needed.

Stylus gestures keep annotation direct: write with the pen, briefly switch to lasso or eraser, highlight or select text with a long press, then return to writing. **Tool switching can be configured in Settings to fit different workflows. Default behavior:**

P Pen always active

Start handwriting immediately, without needing to open menus to select a tool.

H Long-press text

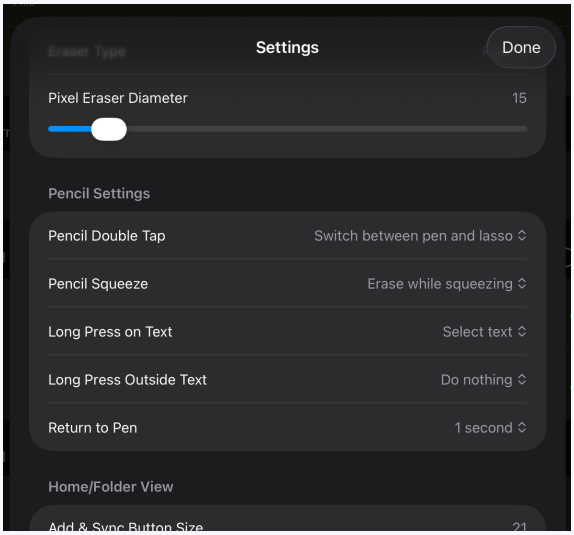
Long-press text with the stylus to highlight or select it, depending on your Settings.

L Switch to lasso

Use your configured shortcut for lasso; in Settings.

E Scratch out to erase

Scratch back and forth across ink to erase handwritten strokes.



Stylus gesture settings and configurable return-to-pen behavior.

Natural default

The pen is always available because the most common annotation action should feel like putting pencil to paper. Use Settings to tune supported gestures, eraser and highlighting behavior, and return-to-pen timing.

FINGER GESTURES

Move through the PDF without reach-ing for menus.

Finger gestures are configurable, but the defaults are designed for reading flow: page turns, undo/redo, fit page, and navigation history. **All gestures can be configured in Settings to fit different workflows.**

Default gesture map

Gesture	Default action	Why it helps
Two-finger tap	Undo	Reverse an annotation without a toolbar.
Two-finger double tap	Fit page	Return to a comfortable full-page view.
Three-finger tap	Redo	Restore the last undone action.
One-finger swipe left	Next page	Move forward like turning a page.
One-finger swipe right	Previous page	Move back one page.
Two-finger swipe left	Go forward	Move forward through navigation history.
Two-finger swipe right	Go back	Return from links, citations, fig-ures, or another PDF.
PDF link double tap	Follow link	Open URLs, cross-references, pages, figures, and citations.

Links are special

Double-tapping a PDF link follows it. This behavior is always available so links be-have predictably.

Pinch zoom can be off

The default avoids accidental zooming while holding the device or resting fingers near the page.

QUICK PDF SWITCHING

Reference another document without losing your place.

Quick switching keeps nearby documents available over the current PDF. Open a reference, check it, then return through navigation history.

1 Long-press R5

Edge gesture opens Quick Access and Recents over the current PDF.

2 Choose a PDF

Open the document you want to compare, cite, or continue.

3 Swipe back

Use two-finger swipe right to return to the original PDF.

4 Swipe forward

Use two-finger swipe left to return to the other PDF again.

Best use case

Use Quick Access for the PDFs that belong together: an article and supplement, a textbook and notes, a paper and a bibliography, or two versions of the same document.

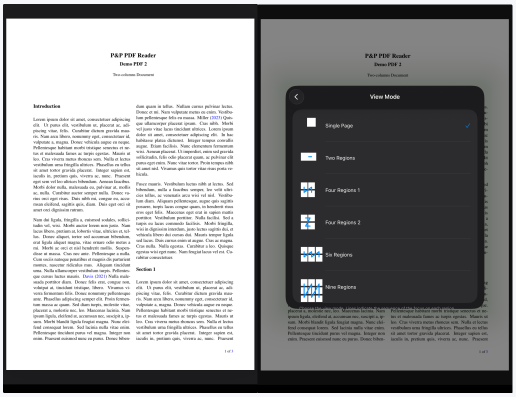
CROP AND VIEW MODE

Make dense pages easier to read.

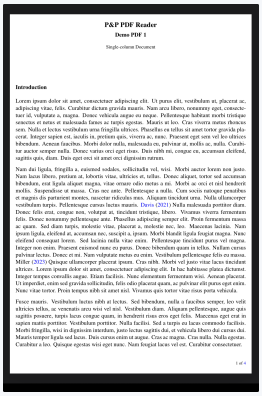
Crop to text temporarily removes blank margins from the reading view. View mode divides the page into four or nine regions for two-column and three-column documents. Pinch to zoom is also available in Settings. Crop-to-text and view modes can be used together.



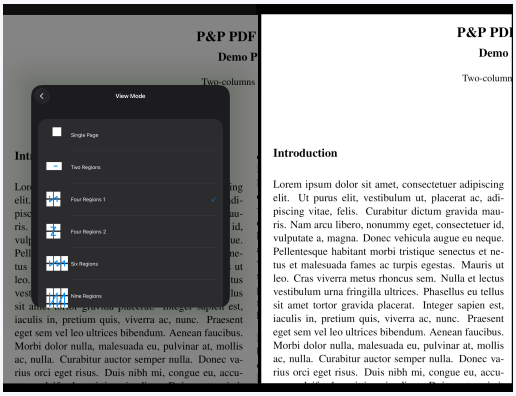
Single-column document in single-page view mode **before crop-to-text** is activated.



Two-column document in **single-page view mode**.



Single-column document in single-page view mode **after crop-to-text** is activated.



Two-column document in **four-region view mode with crop-to-text** activated.

Double-tap R4

Toggle crop to text from the lower-left edge region. The PDF file itself is not changed.

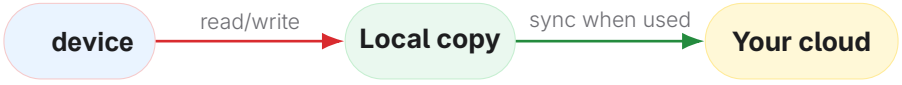
Double-tap R5

Choose a view mode from Settings while staying in the PDF view. The PDF file itself is not changed.

SYNC AND PRIVACY

Your documents stay yours.

100% private. The app is designed around user ownership of PDFs, annotations, and reading data. Cloud synchronization uses the user's own cloud storage when enabled. PDF documents remain in their original format.



Sync keeps documents accessible while leaving ownership and storage control with the user.

Privacy principles

- PDFs remain under user control.
- Annotations remain under user control.
- The app does not collect reading data.

Sync principles

- External Files are cloud-first.
- Local synced files work offline first.
- Manual sync is available for local synced folders.

FIVE-MINUTE PRACTICE

Learn the feel before changing settings.

Use this short routine with any sample PDF. It teaches the default reading and annotation flow quickly.

Practice routine

1. Open a PDF from Home or Folder view.
2. Write one short handwritten note with a stylus.
3. Long-press text with a stylus to create a highlight.
4. Swipe left with one finger to go to the next page.
5. Double-tap a PDF link, then swipe right with two fingers to return (two-finger swipe left to go forward again).
6. Double-tap R4 to crop to text.
7. Long-press R5 to open Quick Access and Recents.
8. Long-press R8 to sync if you are working in a local synced folder.

When something feels accidental

Open Settings and reduce or disable the gesture that conflicts with your grip. The edge region size and gesture assignments are fully configurable and meant to be adapted to user preferences.

When something feels slow

P&P PDF Reader is optimized for effortless annotation. Add frequently accessed documents to Quick Access and prefer local, synced storage for heavy handwriting sessions.

GESTURE CHEAT SHEET

The defaults at a glance.

Use this page as a quick reminder while learning. Most defaults can be changed in Settings.

Write on PDF	Write with a compatible stylus.
Highlight or select text	Long-press text with your stylus.
Switch to lasso	Use your configured lasso shortcut.
Erase handwriting	Scratch across the ink.
Undo	Two-finger tap.
Redo	Three-finger tap.
Fit page	Two-finger double tap.
Next / previous page	One-finger swipe left / right.
Follow PDF link	Double-tap the link.
Go back from link or PDF	Two-finger swipe right.
Show Quick Access / Recents	Long-press R5.
Crop to text	Double-tap R4.
Sync local synced file	Long-press R8.

Keep reading. Keep writing.

Stay on the page. Learn more at **www.pp-pdf-reader.com**