



DRAWBOARD^{pdf}

Release Notes: Version 4.0.0

About this release

Highlights

- Completely revamped user interface with new brand color
- Removed app bars - all menu items and app options are now in a brand new left-hand-side menu system, in preparation for Windows 10 design guidelines.
- Drawboard Online Premium tier no longer exists - Pressure Sensitive Inking and Audio Inserts are now standard
- No more 5-tab limitation
- New rectangle cloudy tool
- Laser Inking - it's like a laser pointer for your pen!

Release 4.0 is a significant milestone for Drawboard PDF. It showcases excellent new features and rectifies an impressive number of user-detected bugs.

As Drawboard PDF continues to expand its user base, we are doubling down on stability and optimization. Drawboard is also working on its applicability for the engineering and construction industries. If you are from these or related industries, we would love to hear from you.

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Features

- New UI design for workspace page including hamburger style menu, which can be hidden for unobstructed viewing (tap the menu icon).
- CTRL-O opens the document explorer
- Added new rectangle cloud tool
- Laser Inking option added to settings
- Added large tile support
- Added ability to flatten a single page
- Added warning for too many open files / Removed 5 file limitation
- Added ability to turn off annotation selection
- Help is opened when F1 is pressed
- 'Premium Features' has been deprecated. Pressure Sensitive Inking and Audio Inserts are now included as standard.
- Added ability to close all documents.
- Added new page counter
- Added recent files and quick-access save buttons to main menu
- Added ability to undo a page rotate
- Visual feedback when document has unsaved changes
- User can now select number of actions kept in memory for undo (App Options > Annotations)
- Complete user interface revamp
- Removed App Bars
- All menu items now in left-hand-side (LHS) menu
- Entire new color scheme

- 'x' button on each tab turns green when changes are yet to be saved. Before closing, prompt is given to save changes
- Document File Info shows quick-view file information.
- Walkthrough tour
- New welcome screen
- Processing message added to inform user when application is busy
- Allow user to refresh page using F5
- Added CTRL-G as a shortcut to Goto page.

Improvements

- Removed max zoom option.
- Line select with right pen button changed to rectangle select
- Removed app bars
- Improved ink smoothing
- Changed default side of favourites to right.
- Added relative zooming - zoom level is now relative to size of the page being viewed
- Custom page number now brings up on-screen number pad instead of keyboard
- Set progressive rendering to off by default.
- Added document count at top of tabs panel
- Added auto-save per annotations.

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- Added ability to load complex pdfs on startup.
- Sending user to UserVoice when navigating to help.
- Bounding box handles are now squares
- Added stability for autosaves
- App resume now returns zoom level to previous state
- Font size in text box reflects font size in text box editor
- Updated keyboard shortcuts
- Improved thumbnails.
- Bonus: Radial Menu now bounces better around your screen!
- Autosave disabled by default.
- Single-page page manipulation and annotation tools for single pages now in '...' icon next to individual pages in pages panel
- Document View and Layout options include toggle switches for Night and Continuous Modes
- Document Annotations options include toggle switch for Show Annotations
- Support and Feedback and Tutorials buttons merged to App Options as 'Help'. All support is now in the Drawboard User Hub, and this section links to this webpage.
- Improved exception tracking
- Group selection marquee around ink strokes improved
- Improved erasing
- Removed clear unsaved option for clearing annotations
- Optimized startup speed
- Reduced app payload size (by approx. 50%)
- Removed social logins from the app

Bug Fixes

- Corrections to address crashes when rotating all pages on large documents
- Corrected issue where space bar changes page when in bookmark and search
- Corrected issue where bookmarks with same name navigated to same destination in document
- Fixed issue with line and arrow vanishing when in select mode and another tool was engaged.
- Added markup history symbols for images and notes.
- Improved inking - faster, smoother.
- Fixed black screen issue with some PDFs. Corrupt file message appears instead.
- Improved performance of scratch (temporary files) and thumbnails.
- Corrected issue where trial countdown was showing up after activation key was entered OR user is logged in with provisioned credentials
- Corrected issue where removing text review annotations would crash the app
- Corrected issue where signature fields in forms would not allow signature insert
- Corrected issue where text entry popup in forms was positioned offset
- Disabled Clear All option when no recent files exist.
- Added Save As... option when original file location is unavailable
- Added incremental change saving for every ink stroke
- Corrected issue where resizing text-insert bounding box opened edit popup
- Corrected issue where inserted text would change location

- when page was rotated
- Corrected issue where bookmarks were showing for deleted pages
- Corrected issue where predictive search prevented user from searching with same prefixed character
- Markup history now dynamically updates whilst panel is open
- Corrected issue where text was not selectable until app restart
- Corrected issue where cut/paste and copy/paste would leave artifacts in source location on a page
- Improved caching of pages for faster rendering (actual page and page thumbnail panel)
- Corrected issue when using Annotate Using Touch, dragging using touch would resize annotations instead of move annotation
- Corrected issue where inserted signature would not rotate when page was rotated
- Corrected issue where undoing a delete on any shape would reset opacity of said shape to 100%
- Highlighter can now have opacity set
- Corrected crash that occurred when navigating to URL links
- Corrected issue causing rubber stamps to not be deletable / movable / undoable
- Corrected issue where text would not remain selected when zooming and snapping
- Corrected issue where search result would not remain selected when zooming and snapping
- Corrected smart zooming to include mouse
- Corrected issue where text would not resize correctly as text box resizes
- Corrected ink configuration where touch smoothing was being applied on stylus input
- Corrected issue where two finger scroll would draw ink just before second finger was placed on the canvas
- Corrected selection issue where selection marquee was left on the canvas after when an item was selected
- Corrected issue with trial period sessions
- Removed semantic zoom (redundant with new pages panel)
- Corrected arrow and line insert problems with touch
- Corrected issue where touch annotation would pan instead of ink on first-use of a tool
- Corrected issue where toggling between tabs would crash application
- Application now properly handling password protected documents.
- Corrected issue where deleting an annotation would freeze application
- Multi-select now shows each individual annotation's bounding box
- Corrected issue where multi-select would not retain annotation relational spacing
- User can now interact with document while search panel is open
- Corrected range of issues with undo/redo
- Corrected issue where app would sometimes crash when opening files and rendering document
- Corrected issue where signatures in signatures manager were lost after adding and then restarting application

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- Image insert now intelligently resizes an image upon insert, instead of the user having to define an image crop area
- Corrected issue where file size increased even when annotations were removed
- Corrected all issues where internet was required for app features to be unlocked
- Corrected issue where text box would not insert at specified location on document
- Corrected issue where favorites toolbar was not keeping favorites between app sessions
- Corrected freeze during highlight
- Corrected issue where app would add arbitrary password to PDF document
- Corrected issue where undoing text review annotation would remove all layered elements (e.g. strikethrough and highlight would both be removed). Now only removes last-applied.
- Corrected issue where keyboard was popping up for no reason when opening a document
- Corrected issue where zoom controls were randomly vanishing
- Corrected issues where dragging selection gripper on text would deselect initial selection.