

How to Save Adobe Illustrator Files in Other Formats JPEG, PNG, EPS, PDF, and More.

Adobe Illustrator offers lots of options for saving files. Learn how to save AI files in other formats, including JPEG, PNG, EPS and PDF.

For an illustration, infographic, or anything that needs to be printed, the best option is to save it as a high resolution JPEG.

Go to File > Export > Export As. Type in a filename and set Format to JPEG.

Set how you want to save your artboards, then hit Export to continue. On the JPEG Options screen change the Color Model if you need to, and choose a quality.

Under Options, set the output resolution. Screen (72dpi) will produce a file the same size as your original document and should be OK to use on the web. Choose High (300dpi) for a high-res image. This will be good enough for printing.

Click OK to save the file.

When you need to save an image like a logo or icon for use on the web, especially if it has a transparent background, then you should save your AI file as a PNG.

Go to File > Export > Export for Screens. Select the Artboards tab. If there's more than one artboard in your image, choose the ones you want to output.

Under Formats, set Format to PNG and Scale to 1x.

Click Add Scale. This will create the settings for a second image, so set the Scale option to a new relative size. 3x, for example, will output an image three times taller and wider than the original.

Add more sizes if you need them. Click Export Artboard to save your images. The simplest way to save an Illustrator file as a PDF is through the Save As option. However, if you are using more than one artboard this will combine them all into a multi-page PDF.

There's a simple trick to save artboards as separate PDF files:

Go to Export > Save for Screens.

In the dialog box that opens, click the Artboards tab and select those that you want to save.

In the right hand column set Format to PDF, then hit Export Artboards. It may take a few seconds to output large or complex files.

When done, your files will, by default, be saved in their own separate subfolder.