

Selecting a Signature Handler

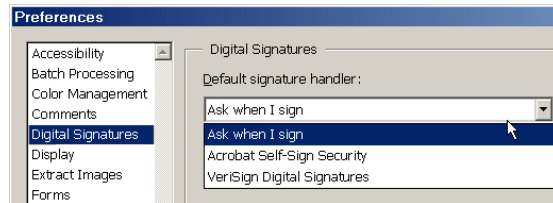
At the beginning of the chapter I noted that there were a number of different signature handlers. Each of these is a plug-in, and all are supported by Acrobat. What we have used in this chapter is the default plug-in, Acrobat Self-Sign Security. We have seen how to add, verify and manage signatures using Acrobat's tools. The individual plug-in will determine how the signatures are used and managed.

The Acrobat CD contains three third-party signature handler plug-ins.

- * VeriSign Document Signer
- * SignIt Document Signer and Server
- * Entrust Security plug-in.

Set your default signature handler in the Digital Signatures Preferences dialog box.

1. Select **Edit | Preferences | General**.
2. Click on **Digital Signatures** in the left pane of the Preferences dialog box. As you can see in the figure below, I have two different signature handlers installed.



Digital signature preferences with multiple signature handler options.

3. Select a default signature handler. The dropdown menu lists all handlers installed in the Acrobat Plug-ins folder
4. Select **Verify Signatures When Document Is Opened** to determine if signatures will be verified automatically when a document is opened.
5. Click on **OK**.