

Get going in 5 steps

Plan Viewer 2026 is a PDF viewer built for construction professionals. Here is the fastest path from install to your first marked-up plan:

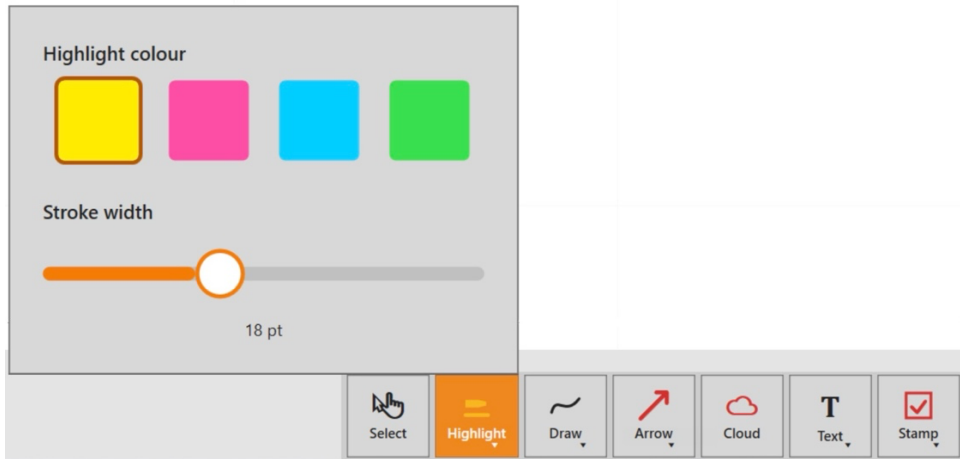
1. **Install.** Run PlanViewer2026Setup-v1.4.x.exe and click through. The installer is code-signed by Volanti Displays Inc. and fetches the .NET 8 runtime automatically if missing.
2. **Launch** Plan Viewer 2026 from the Start menu. Your 30-day free trial starts on first launch — no activation needed.
3. **Open a PDF.** Tap **Open** in the bottom-right toolbar, or drag a PDF onto the window.
4. **Mark up.** Tap a function, Highlight or Draw / Arrow / Cloud / Text / Stamp / Callout / QR, and markup on the document.
5. **Save.** Tap Save — your marks are saved next to the PDF in a sidecar file. The original PDF is never modified

The toolbar - Markup



Tool	Use it to...
Select	Pick existing marks for moving, resizing, or deleting. The "no markup" state.
Highlight	Drag-paint a translucent stripe over text or a region.
Draw	Freeform pen for hand-drawn notes or signatures.
Arrow	Click-and-drag a directional arrow.
Cloud	Drag a rectangle to enclose a region with the AEC revision-cloud border.
Text	Tap a spot to type a floating text box.
Stamp	Tap a spot to drop a pre-formatted "Approved / Reviewed / Signed" stamp with your name and date.
Callout	Two taps: first tap marks the detail on the plan, second tap places the note box — then type. A leader line connects the note to the point.
QR	Tap a spot to stamp a QR code that points to this file (or a web link you choose), with a readable caption underneath.
Undo	Reverse the last markup change.
Redo	Reapply an undone change.
Delete	Remove the selected annotation (with confirmation).

To adjust the settings for items marked with a small triangle in the bottom right, tap the function button again to open the pop-up menu. Touch anywhere outside the popup to close it.



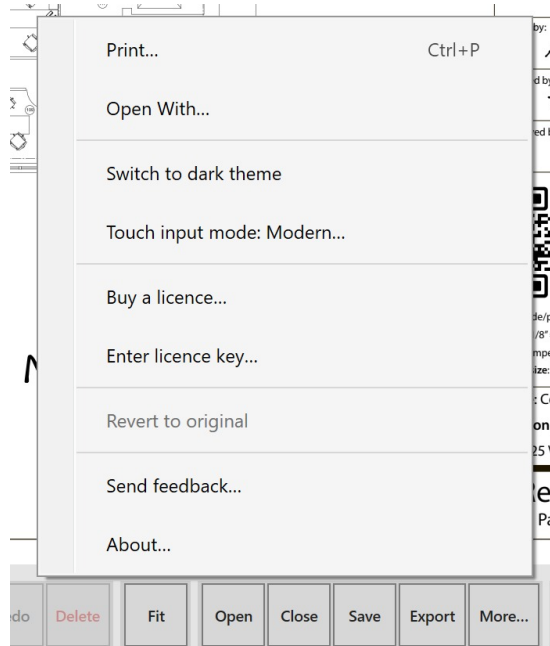
The toolbar – Fit & File



Button	Does
Fit	Resize the current page to fit the screen.
Open	Open a different PDF.
Close	Close the current PDF (prompts to save unsaved markups).
Save	Save markups to a sidecar JSON next to the PDF.
Export	Produce a flattened PDF (markups baked in) for sharing.
More...	Print, Open With, light / dark theme, Touch input mode, Buy a license, Enter license key, Revert to original, Send feedback, About. When a new version is ready, an Update available item appears at the top.
Hide Menu	Collapse the whole toolbar so the full screen shows your plan. A single Menu button stays in the bottom-right corner — tap it to bring everything back. Your choice is remembered next launch.

Window controls. The top-right corner has the standard minimize, maximize / restore, and close buttons, like any Windows app. Double-tapping the window’s top edge also toggles full size. On narrower screens such as tablets, the toolbar automatically compacts (and, if needed, wraps to a second row) so every button stays reachable.

Tap the More... button to access other functions



Updates are checked for automatically. An orange dot on the More... button means a new version is ready — open the menu and tap Update available at the top to download it.

Switch to dark / light theme flips the app between light and dark. Your choice is remembered for the next launch.

Touch input mode switches between Modern (the default, right for almost every PC) and Legacy. If touch or pinch-zoom ever behaves oddly on a particular machine, switch modes and restart the app — see Troubleshooting.

Common tasks

Interacting

Input	Action
Touch	One-finger drag to pan. Two-finger pinch to zoom (anchored to your fingertips).
Stylus	Use with Highlight and Draw

Input	Action
Mouse	Click-and-drag to pan. Scroll wheel to zoom (anchored to the cursor).
Keyboard	Page Up / Page Down for pages. Ctrl+0 for Fit. Ctrl+Z / Ctrl+Y for undo / redo.

Jump between pages. On multi-page sets, tap Pages (bottom-left) to open the thumbnail strip, then tap a thumbnail to jump straight to that sheet. The strip scrolls by touch; tap Pages again to put it away.


Edit an existing annotation

With the Select tool active, tap any annotation to select it. Selected annotations show:

- **Endpoint handles** on arrows — small white circles at each end. Drag to reshape.
- **Corner handles** on Cloud, Text, Stamp, QR — small white squares. Drag to resize.
- **A dashed bounding box** on Highlight and Draw — drag the body to move.
- **Independent parts** on Callout — drag the note box or the arrow point; each moves on its own.

Press Delete or tap the red Delete button to remove a selected mark.

Add a callout note

Tap Callout, then tap the detail on the plan you want to point at — a small marker appears. Tap again where the note should sit and type your text. Press Enter or tap anywhere outside to finish (Shift+Enter starts a new line). A leader line connects the note to the point. Typing by touch? Tap the small  button beside the text box to bring up the on-screen keyboard.

Tap the Callout button again to choose the colour, text size, leader style (straight, bent, or none) and whether the leader ends in an arrow head.

With Select, drag the note box or the arrow point to fine-tune — each moves independently.

Stamp a QR code on the plan

Tap QR, then tap where the code should sit. The code stores this file's location, and a readable caption is printed underneath as a back-up.

Tap the QR button again to switch between **This file's path** and a **Custom URL** (for example, a link to the drawing in your document system), preview exactly what will be encoded, and set the size.

Important: the code stores the file's location at the moment you stamp it. If the file is later moved or renamed, scanning will no longer open it — the caption underneath remains as

the recovery path. For codes that need to work beyond this computer, save the plan to a shared network location first, or use a Custom URL.

Exported and printed plans keep the code scannable — point a phone camera at it.

Share your reviewed plan

Goal	How
Print with markups	More → Print → choose "Include markups: Yes" → standard print dialog.
Print original only	More → Print → "Include markups: No".
Email or upload	Tap Export. The resulting PDF has your markups baked in; the recipient does not need Plan Viewer.
Open in another app	More → Open With... → choose Bluebeam, Acrobat, Edge, etc.

Keyboard shortcuts

Shortcut	Action
Ctrl+O	Open a PDF
Ctrl+S	Save markups
Ctrl+Shift+E	Export flattened PDF
Ctrl+P	Print
Ctrl+W	Close the current PDF
Ctrl+Z	Undo
Ctrl+Y	Redo
Ctrl+0	Fit page to screen
Page Up / Down	Previous / next page
Delete	Delete selected annotation
Esc	Close the open popup or dialog

Troubleshooting

If...	Try this
The app crashes on launch	Look for the file PlanViewer-crash.log on your Desktop. Open it in Notepad; the first lines describe the failure. Send the file to support with a one-line description of what happened.
A PDF won't open	Try opening it in Edge or Acrobat to confirm the file is good. If it works there but not in Plan Viewer, use More → Send feedback to attach the PDF.
Touch isn't responding on the toolbar	Confirm Windows touch works in other apps (Settings → Devices → Touchscreen). Restart Plan Viewer. If the issue persists, restart Windows — sometimes the touch driver loses sync after sleep.
Pinch-zoom feels wrong on one particular PC	More → Touch input mode — switch between Modern and Legacy, then restart the app. Modern is right for almost all hardware; Legacy exists for unusual touch drivers. Switch back the same way.
The popup configure panel doesn't close	Tap anywhere on the document (outside the panel). If it still won't close, tap Select on the toolbar.
I can't activate my license	Confirm internet connectivity. Recheck the license key for any leading or trailing spaces. If still failing, contact support with your key — they can reset an activation if you've hit the per-key limit.
A scanned QR code doesn't open the file	The file was probably moved or renamed after the code was stamped — the QR stores the location at stamping time. Use the caption printed under the code to find the file, then stamp a fresh QR.

FEEDBACK & ASSISTANCE

Open the **More** menu → **Send feedback...** — this drafts an email to support with your app version and Windows info pre-filled. Attach a screenshot or sample PDF, send.

Licensing

Plan Viewer 2026 has three paths to a licensed install:

1. Free trial — 30 days

Starts automatically on first launch. No account, no online check. All features enabled.

2. Volanti hardware unlock — automatic

Plan Viewer app detects a connected Volanti display and unlocks itself. Customers who buy a Volanti touchscreen never see the trial timer or activation prompt.

3. Activated license — after the trial

- Open the More menu → Buy a license... — your browser opens the checkout.
- Complete the purchase. A license key is emailed to you.
- Back in the app: More → Enter license key... → paste the key → Activate.

The activation is remembered on this PC for future launches.

LICENSE CONNECTIVITY

Activation needs internet at the time that you enter the key. After that, the license works offline for about 14 days at a time before requiring online license connectivity.

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