

Importing a PDF File

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QUESTION


I have a PDF document that I need to import into Chief Architect. How do I do this?

ANSWER

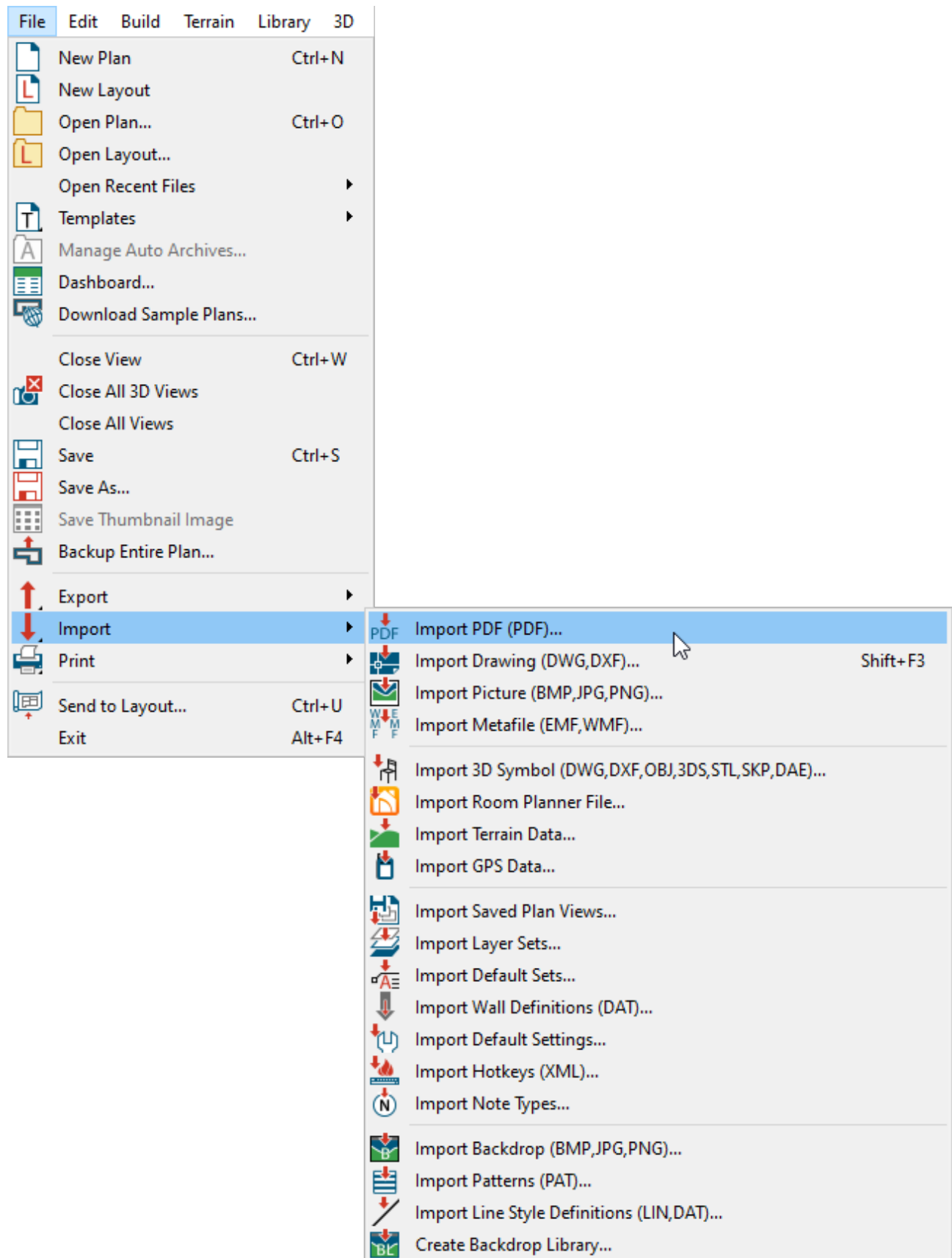
It's possible to import PDF files in Chief Architect X5 and newer versions in plan views, cross section/elevation views, CAD Details, and layout files.

Importing large, or multiple PDF files into a plan or layout file can result in program slowness.

To import a PDF file

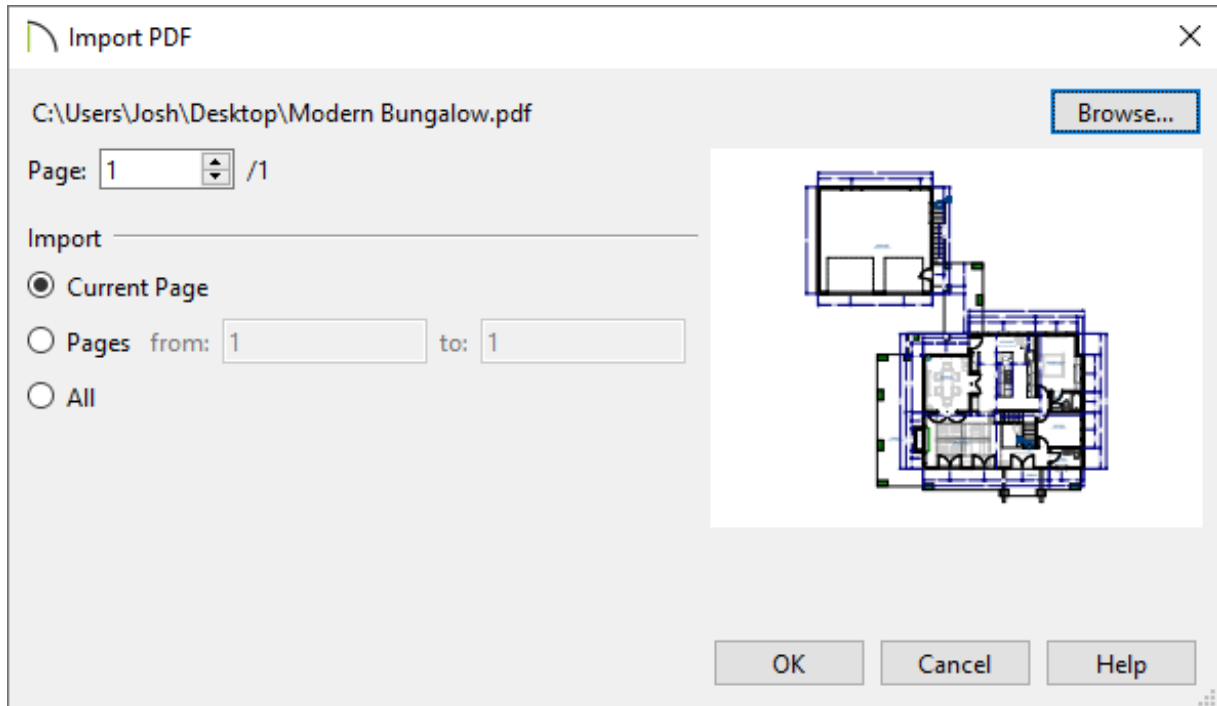
1. **Open**  the file you'd like to import a PDF file into, and navigate to **File> Import>**

PDF  from the menu.



2. Select the PDF file that you wish to import and click **Open**.

3. In the **Import PDF** dialog that displays, select which pages you wish to import, then click **OK**.



Note: When multiple pages are imported, a separate PDF box is created for each page.


Also, in X11 and newer program versions, if the PDF source file is edited or modified, the imported PDF will update/refresh to accommodate the change within the Chief Architect file it was imported in to.

4. Once imported, the PDF will be located on the "Picture/PDF Boxes" layer in X15 and newer versions

In X14 and prior versions, imported PDF files, as well as images, can be found on the "CAD, Default" layer.

Note: Some PDF files can contain both 2D and 3D information; however, Chief Architect can only support 2D data in an imported PDF file. When a 3D PDF file is imported, it may display text, a static image of the 3D model, or it may not import at all.

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