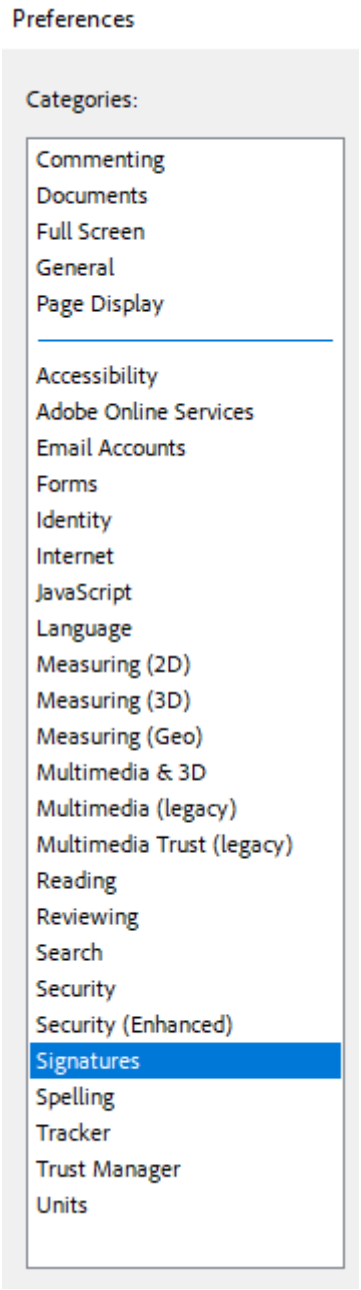
Adobe Acrobat: Creating a digital certificate signature

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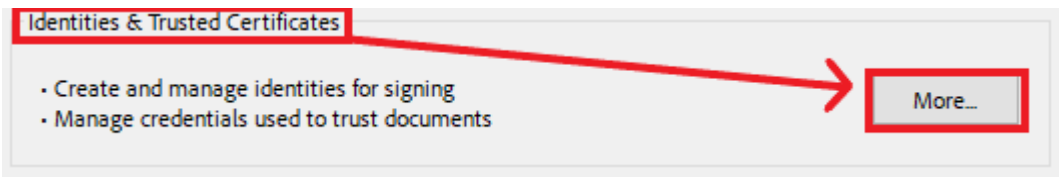
1. Open **Adobe Acrobat**
2. From **Menu**, select **PREFERENCES**:



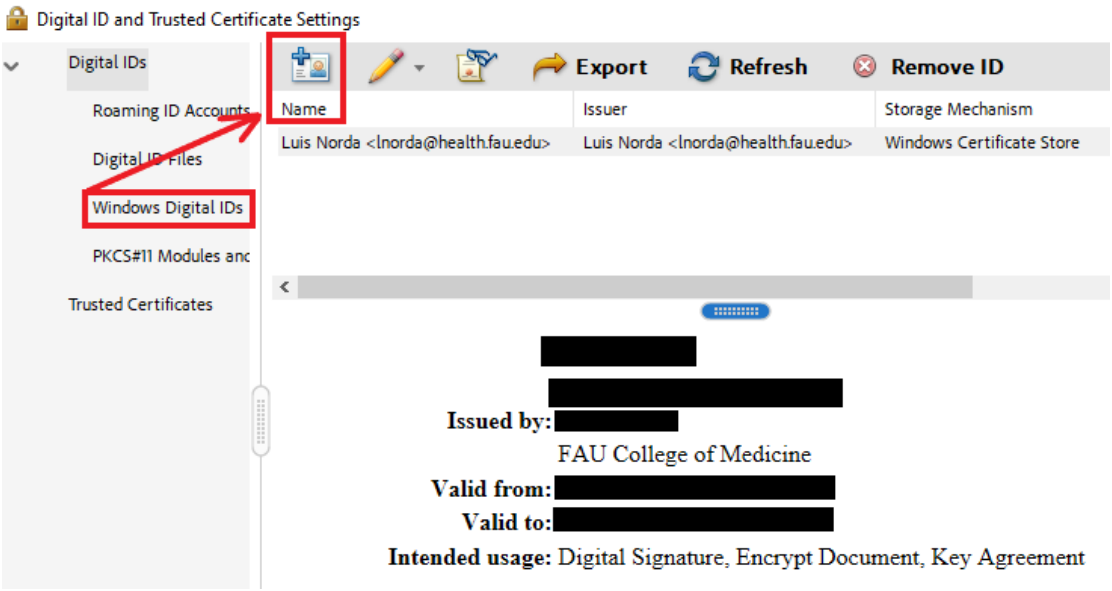
1. Select **Signatures:**



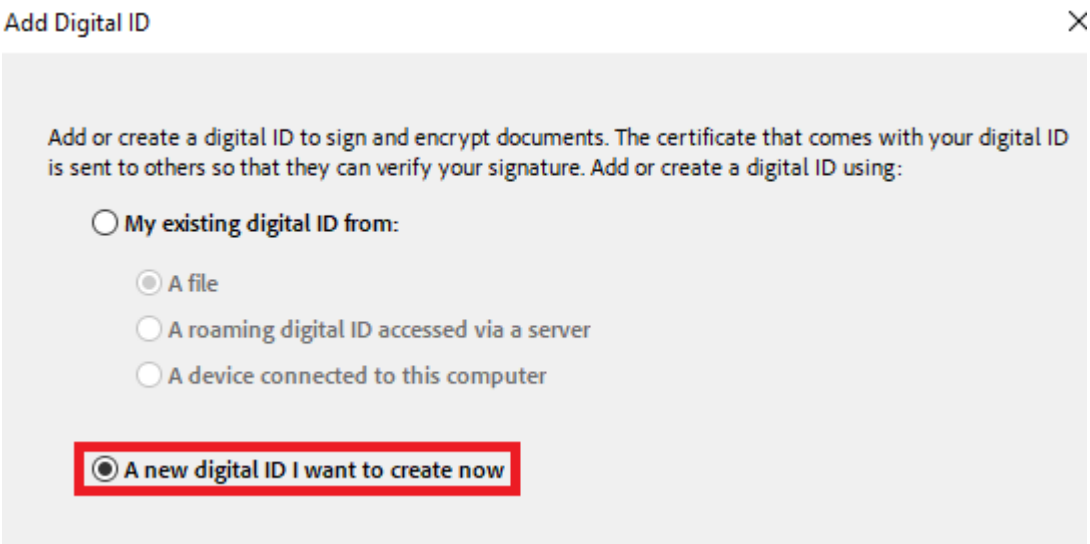
1. Select **More** from the **Identities & Trusted Certificates** category:



1. Select the **Windows Digital ID** tab the select the **NAME** button:



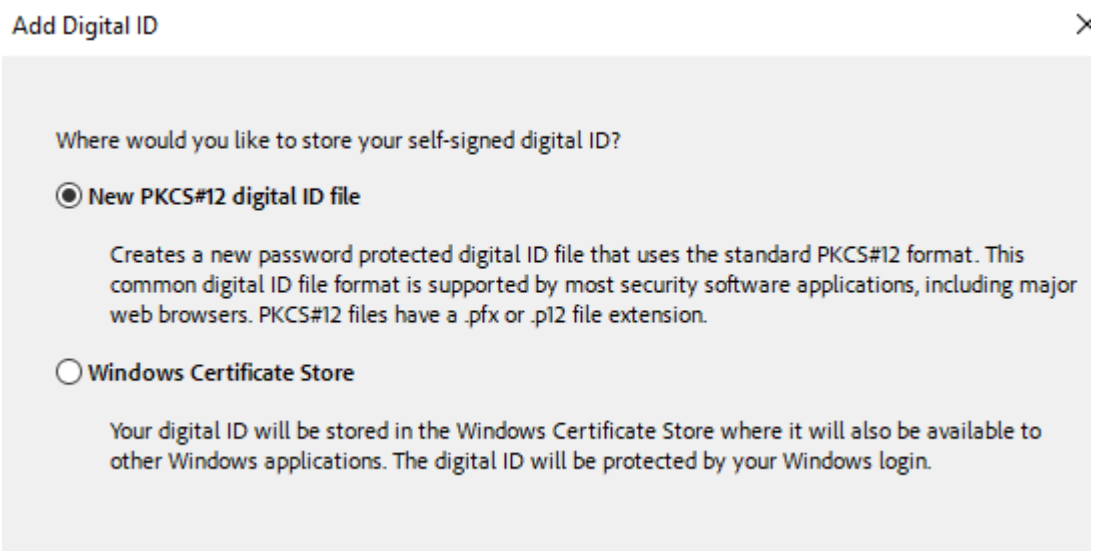
1. Select **A new digital ID I want to create now**:



1. You will have two options to choose from:

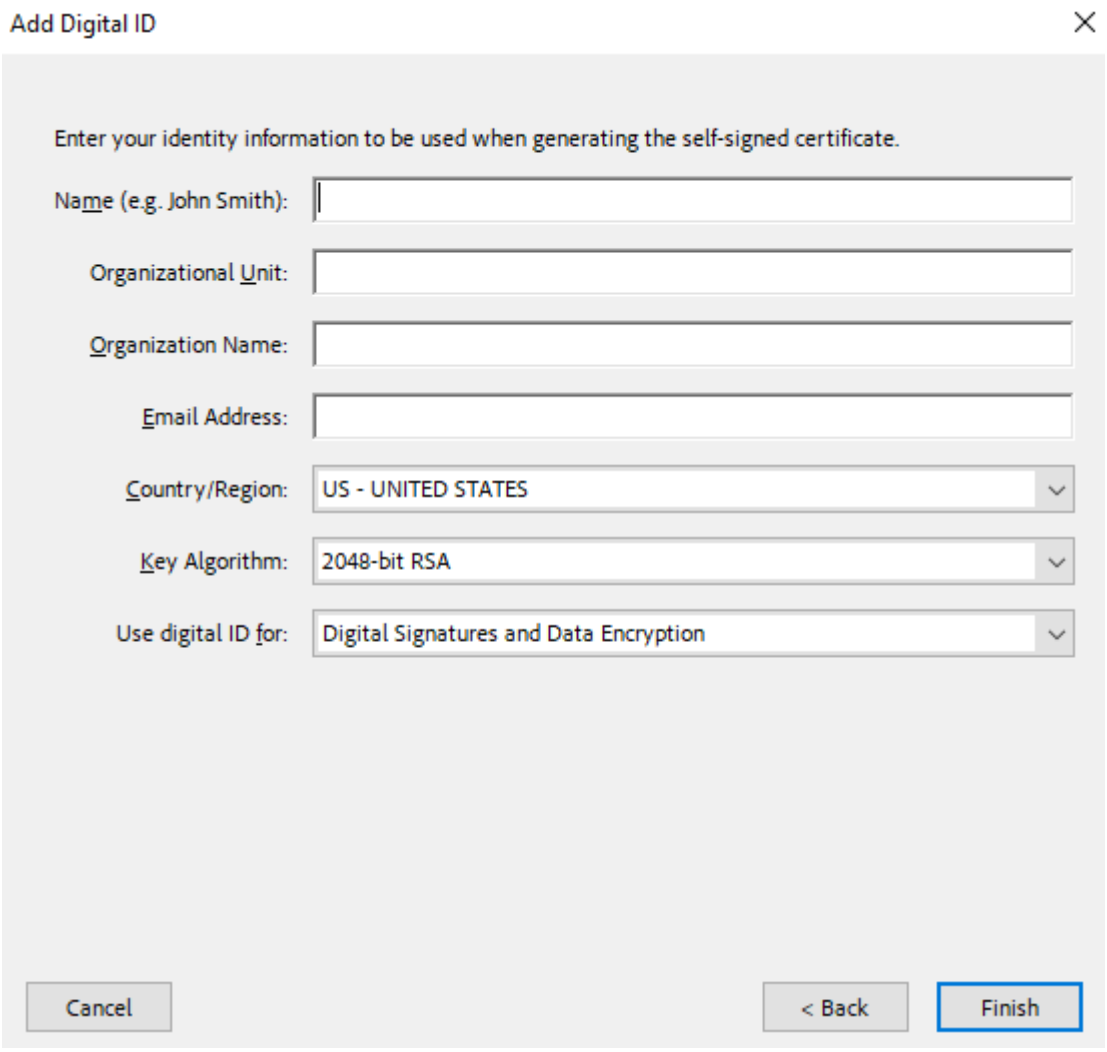
- **New PKCS#12 Digital ID File**:
    - This option creates a local file (with a .pfx extension on Windows and .p12 on macOS) that contains your digital ID.
    - The file is password-protected and can be moved between different computers and operating systems.
    - You need to back up this file securely because if it's lost or corrupted, you won't be able to use your digital ID.
- **Windows Certificate Store**:

- This option stores your digital ID in the Windows Certificate Store, a centralized location on your Windows computer.
- Other Windows applications can access the digital ID from this store, making it more integrated with the system.
- This method ties the digital ID to the specific computer and user, and it cannot be easily transferred to another computer.



1. Fill out the fields below and click Finish:

- If you choose **New PKCS#12 Digital ID File** you will have to create a password for the signiture then click Finish


Add Digital ID
Enter your identity information to be used when generating the self-signed certificate.
Name (e.g. John Smith):
Organizational Unit:
Organization Name:
Email Address:
Country/Region:
US - UNITED STATES
Key Algorithm:
2048-bit RSA
Use digital ID for:
Digital Signatures and Data Encryption
Cancel
< Back
Finish