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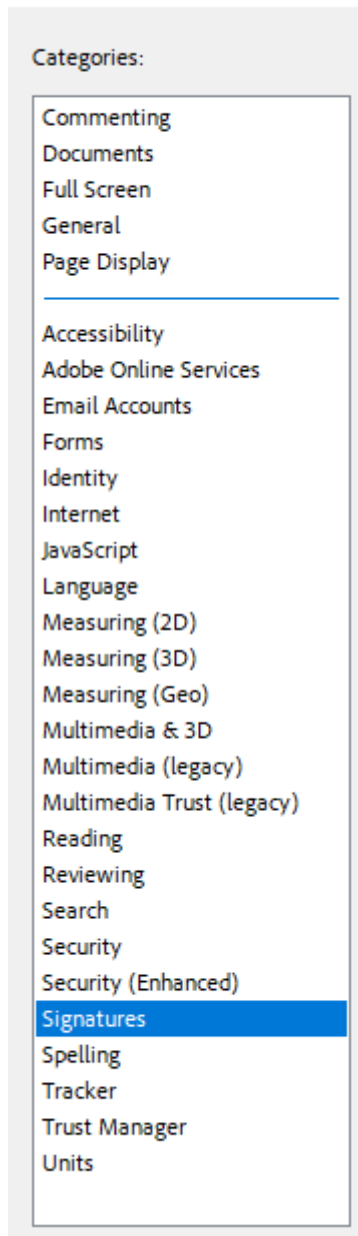
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1. Open **Adobe Acrobat**
2. From **Menu**, select **PREFERENCES**:

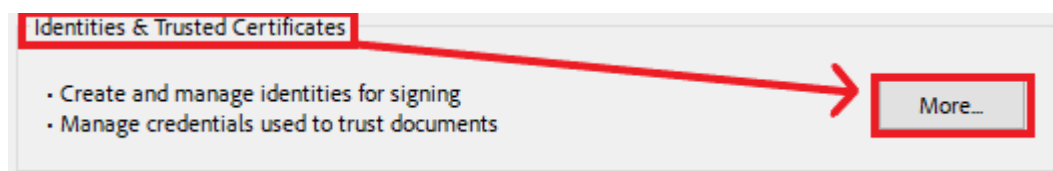


1. Select **Signatures**:

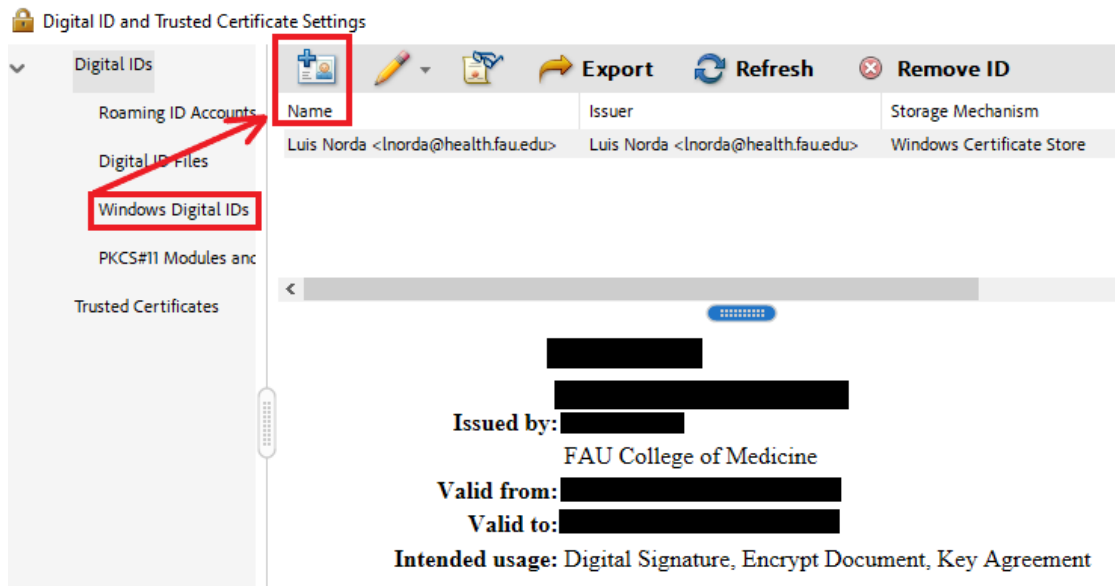
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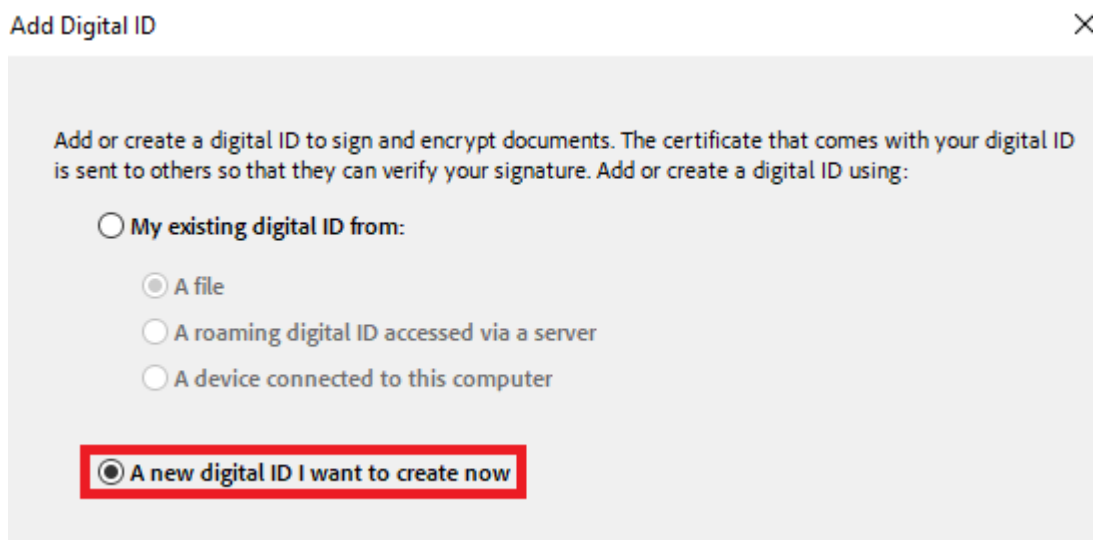
1. Select **More** from the **Identities & Trusted Certificates** category:



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.

Add Digital ID



Where would you like to store your self-signed digital ID?

New PKCS#12 digital ID file

Creates a new password protected digital ID file that uses the standard PKCS#12 format. This common digital ID file format is supported by most security software applications, including major web browsers. PKCS#12 files have a .pfx or .p12 file extension.

Windows Certificate Store

Your digital ID will be stored in the Windows Certificate Store where it will also be available to other Windows applications. The digital ID will be protected by your Windows login.

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 signature then click Finish

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:

Key Algorithm:

Use digital ID for:

Cancel

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Finish