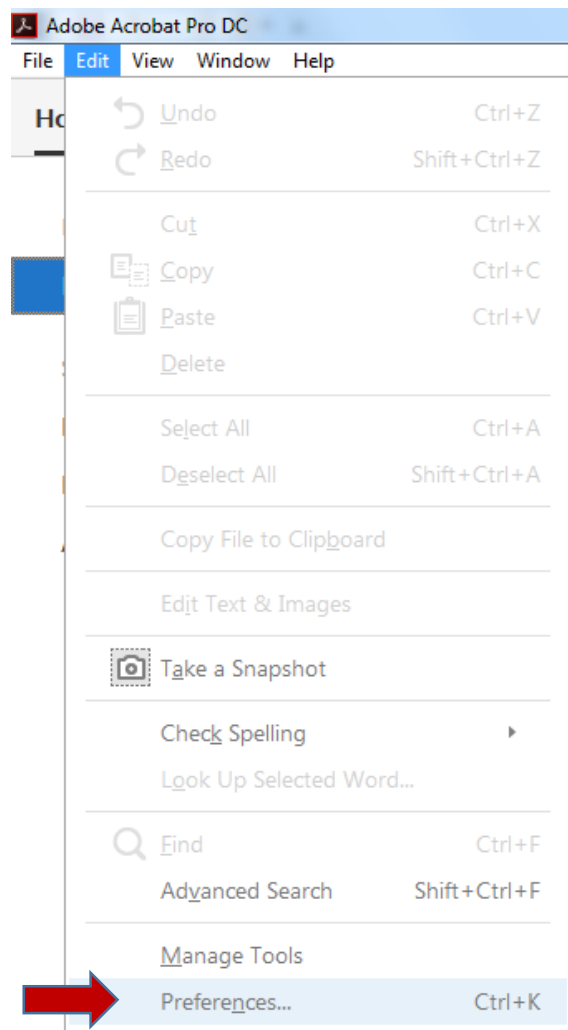


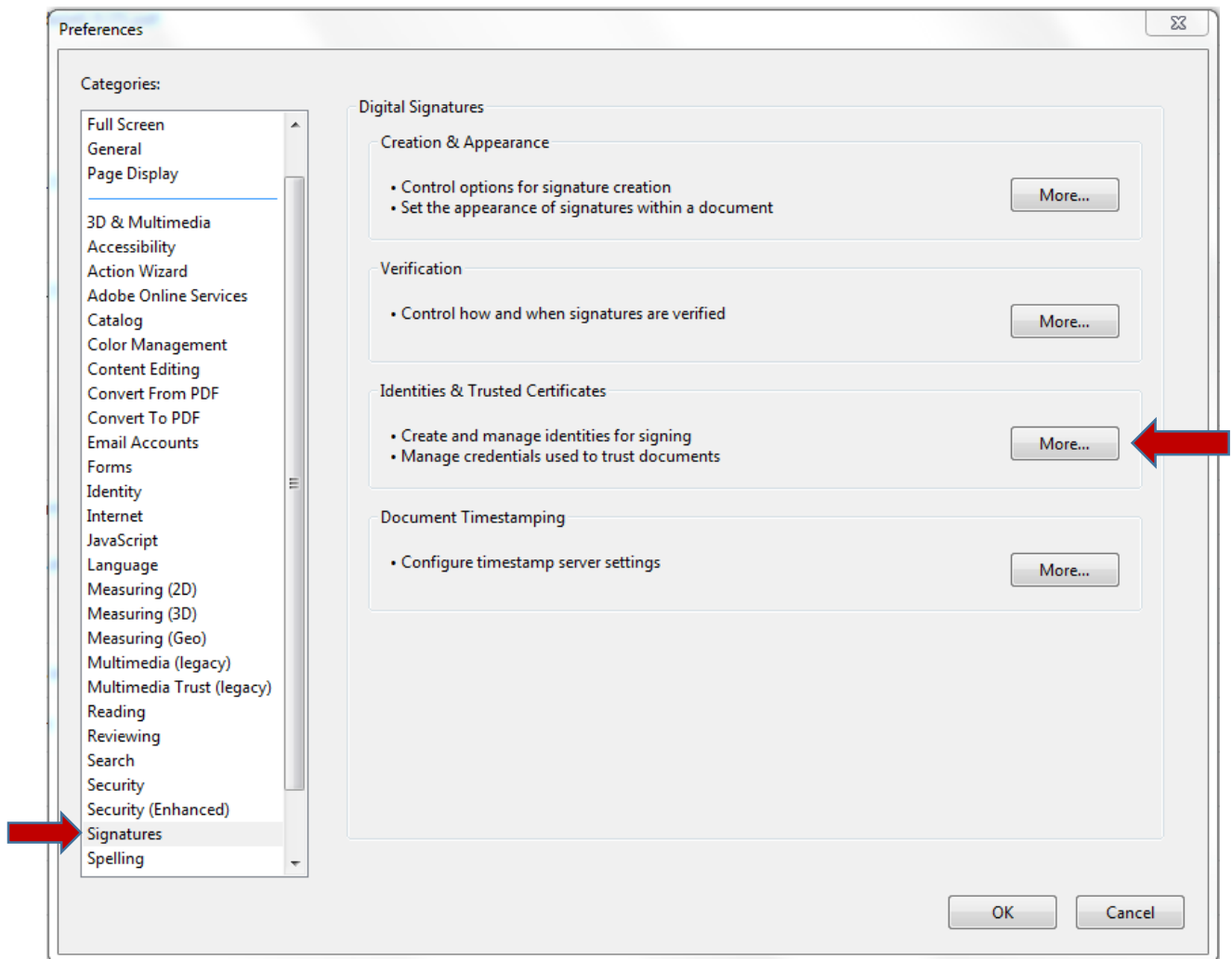
# How to Create a Digital Signature in Adobe

Note: This example is Adobe Acrobat Pro DC. If you find these instructions do not work for your version of Adobe, please contact your IT support person.

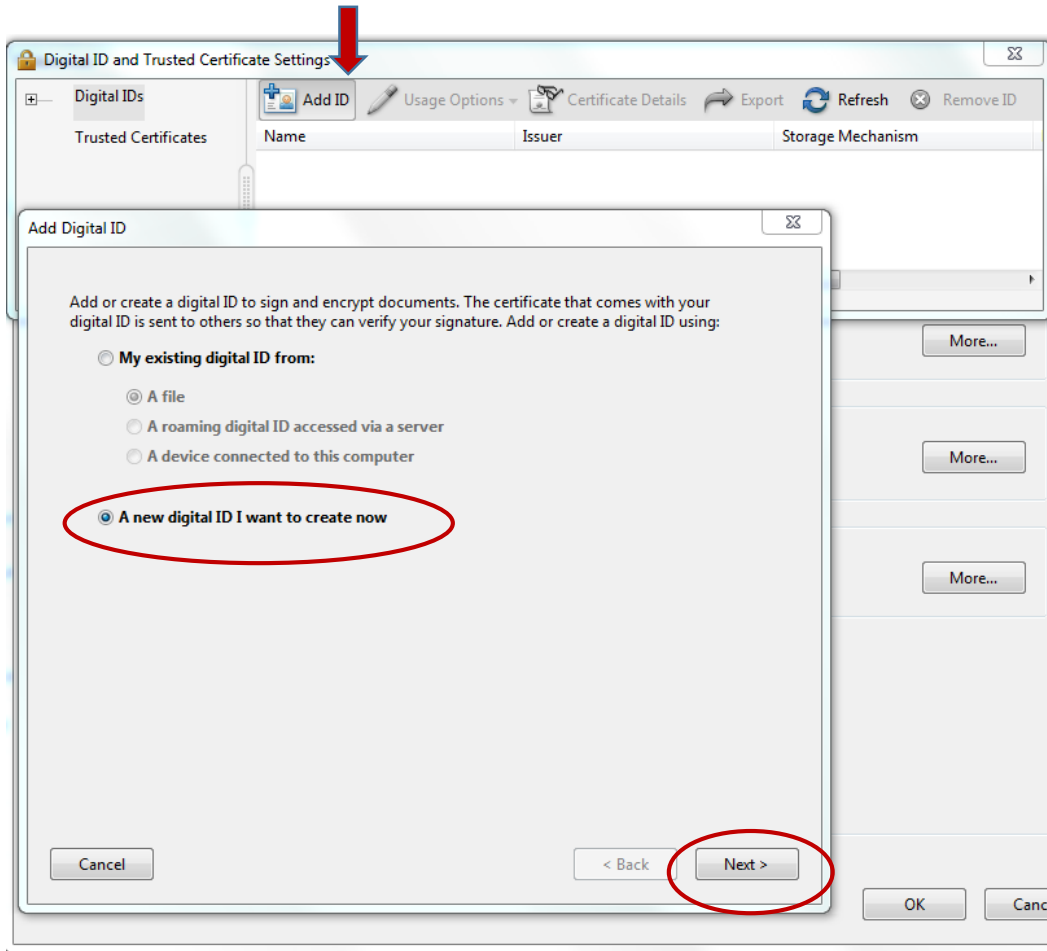
- 1) Open Acrobat Reader and navigate to the Preferences menu, as show below:



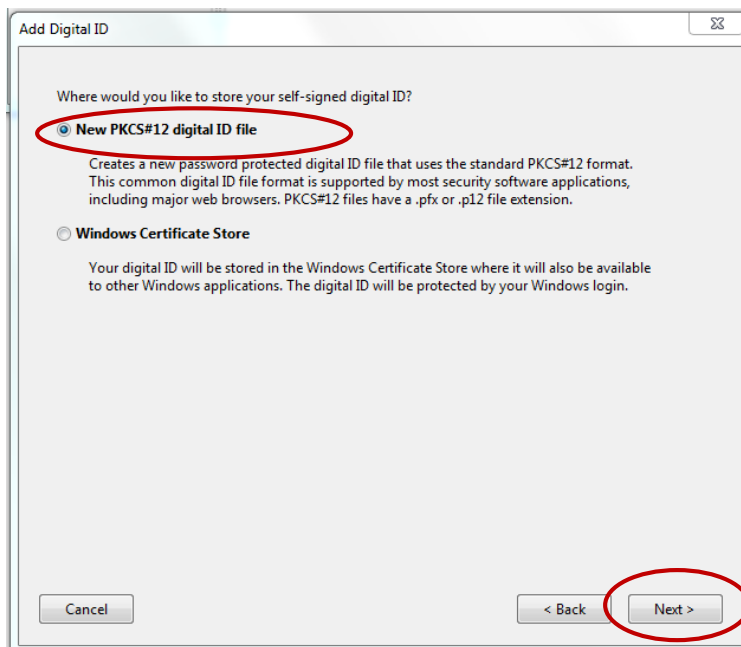
- 2) Under the “Categories” menu, choose “**Signatures.**” Then, next to “Identities & Trusted Certificates,” click “**More.**”



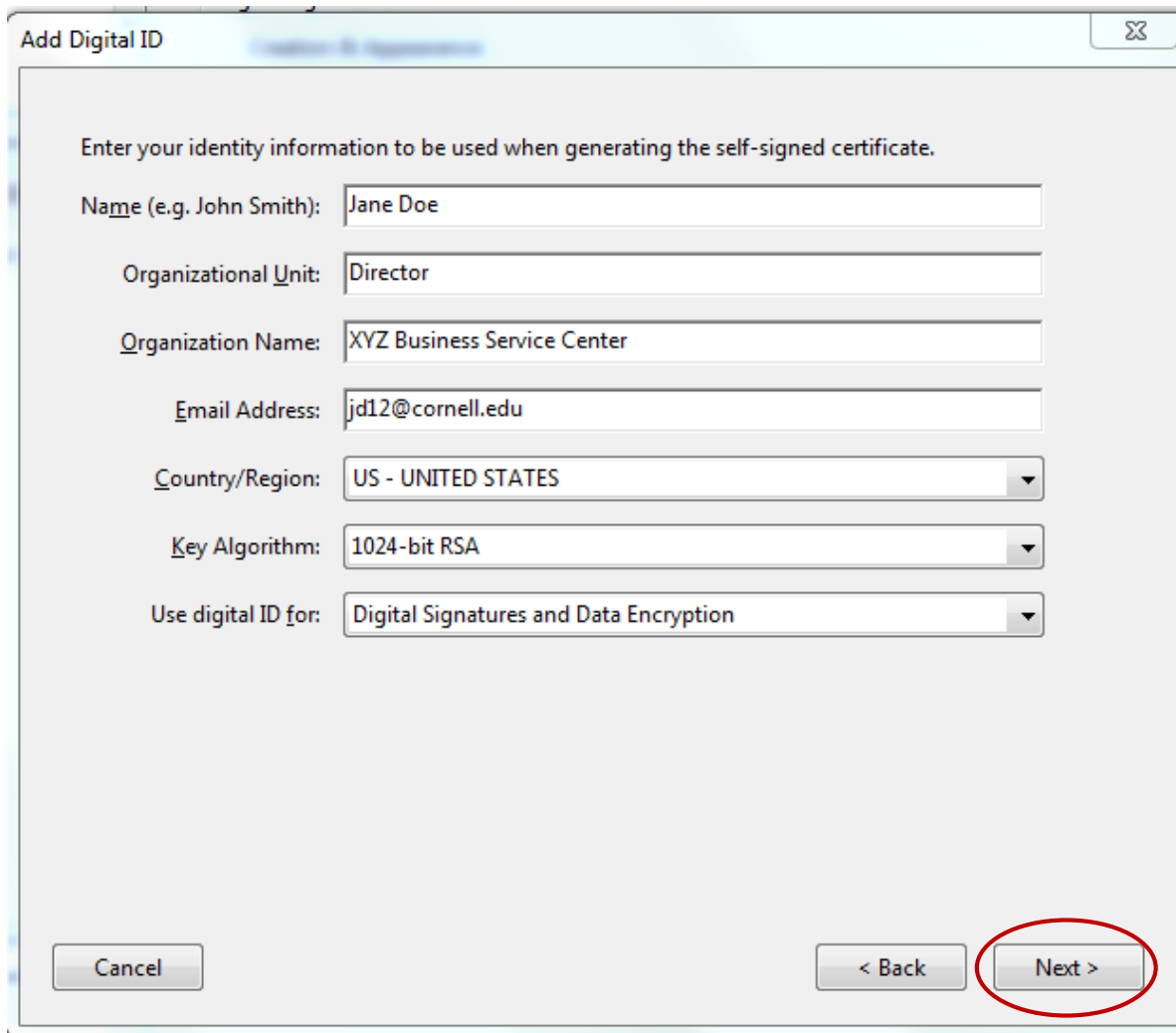
3) Click “Add ID,” then select “A new digital ID I want to create now,” and lastly click on “Next.”



4) Ensure that “New PKCS#12 digital ID file” is selected, as shown below. Then click “Next.”



- 5) Fill out the appropriate portions of the window below. Do not change *Country/Region*, *Key Algorithm*, or *Use digital ID for*. Click “**Next.**”



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Add Digital ID". The dialog contains several input fields and dropdown menus. The fields are: Name (Jane Doe), Organizational Unit (Director), Organization Name (XYZ Business Service Center), Email Address (jd12@cornell.edu), Country/Region (US - UNITED STATES), Key Algorithm (1024-bit RSA), and Use digital ID for (Digital Signatures and Data Encryption). At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Cancel", "< Back", and "Next >". The "Next >" button is circled in red.

Enter your identity information to be used when generating the self-signed certificate.

Name (e.g. John Smith): Jane Doe

Organizational Unit: Director

Organization Name: XYZ Business Service Center

Email Address: jd12@cornell.edu

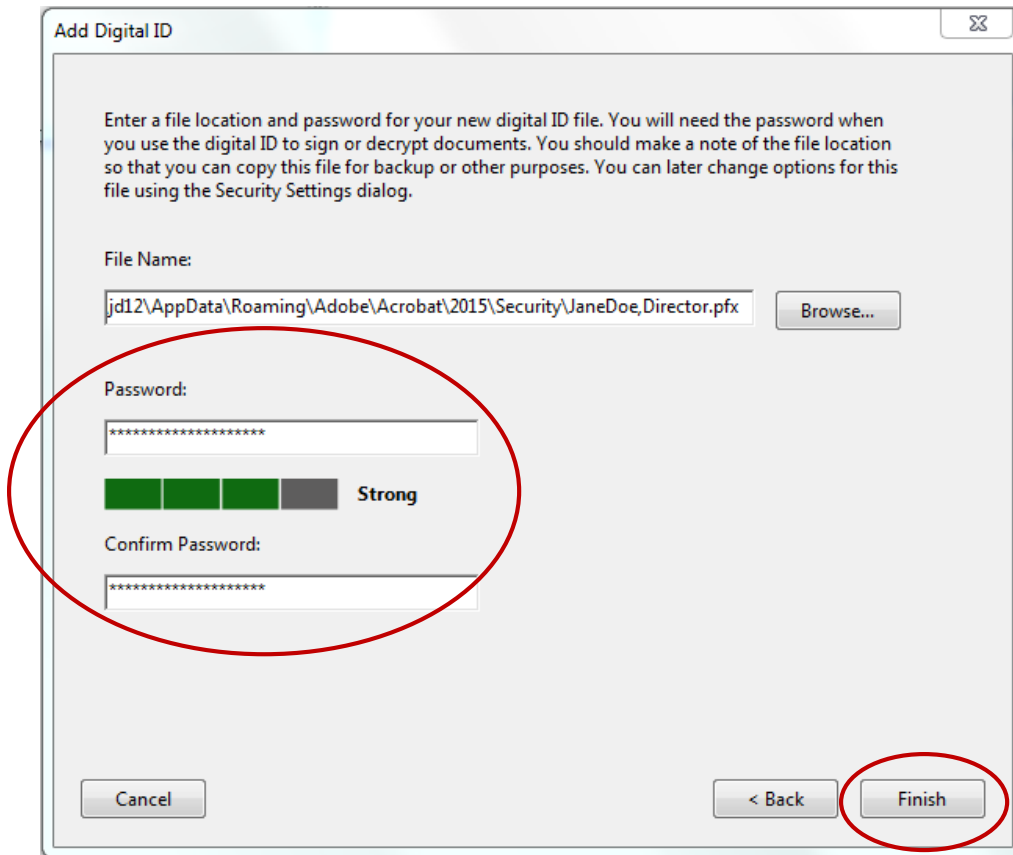
Country/Region: US - UNITED STATES

Key Algorithm: 1024-bit RSA

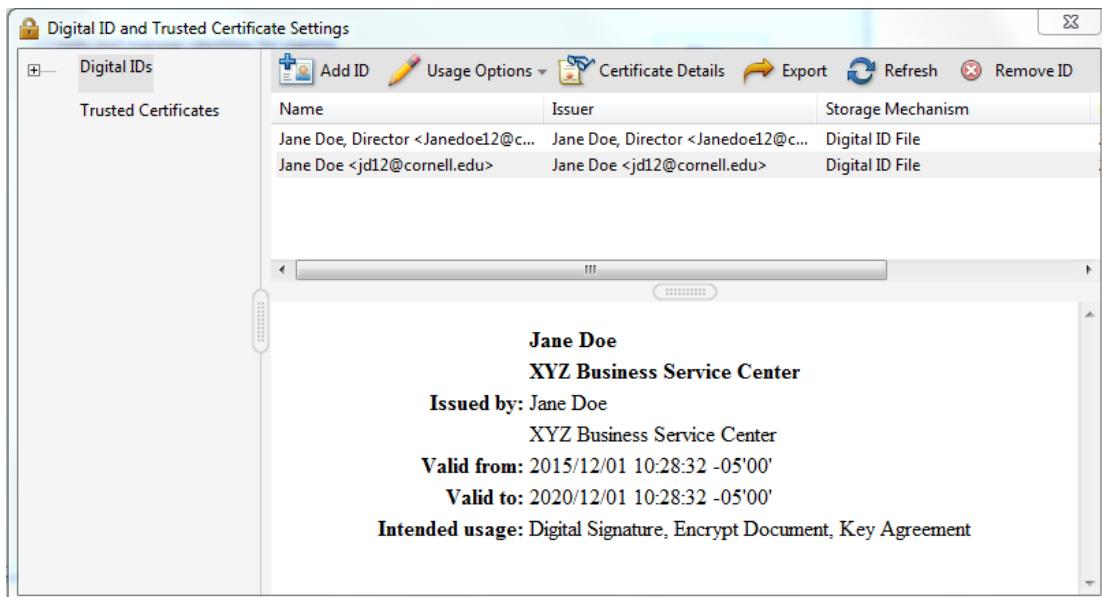
Use digital ID for: Digital Signatures and Data Encryption

Buttons: Cancel, < Back, Next >

- 6) **Choose a password** for your digital signature. Note: If you forget this password, you will have to create a new digital signature as there is no password recovery mechanism. Click **“Finish.”**



- 7) View your new digital signature. You can now use your digital signature to sign Adobe Acrobat forms. The next section of this “How To” document covers signing documents in Adobe Reader.

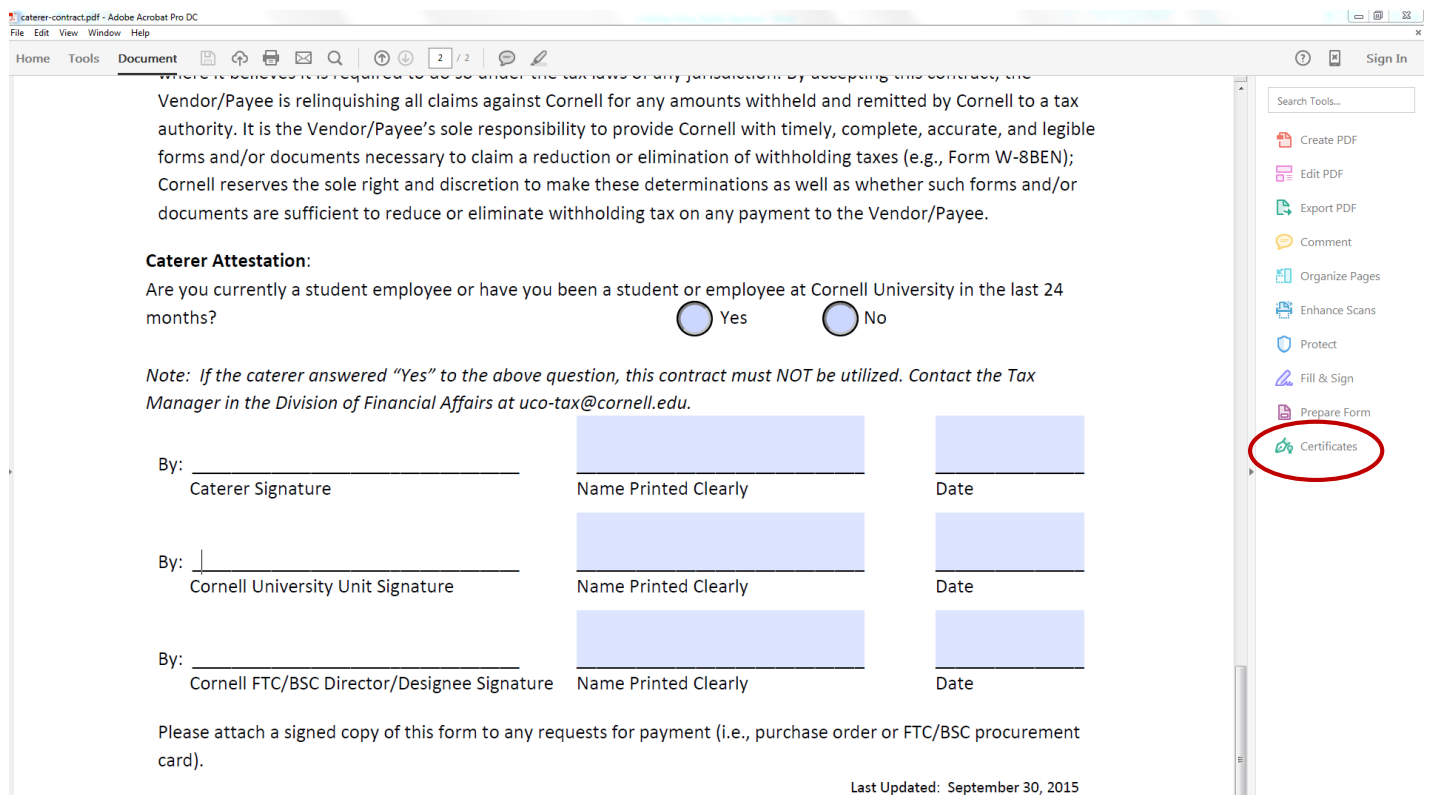


# Sign an Adobe Document with Your Digital Signature

- 1) Make ALL necessary changes (if any) to your document first, before signing. Caution: If any changes are made after the signature is in place, the document will display a note indicating changes that were made after signing.
- 2) Click on **“Certificates”** in the menu bar on the right of the screen. This will cause a new tool bar to open at the top of the screen.

**Note:** If you do not have “Certificates” as an option in the menu on the right, you will need to take the following additional steps to add this option to the menu:

- Select “Tools” (upper left portion of screen)
- Locate “Certificates” and click “Add”



- 3) Select **“Digitally Sign”** and follow the instructions in the pop-up windows. You will be selecting the area where you wish the signature to appear and then entering your password. You will be instructed to save the document and then your signature will appear.

