View Acrobat PDF files in ArcCatalog

In **ArcCatalog** (not in an ArcMap session), **click** on **Customize > ArcCatalog Options**. In the **ArcCatalog Options** window, **click** on the **File Types** tab and then on the **New Type** button.

In the **File Type** window, enter "PDF" in **File Extension** field and "Acrobat Document" in **Description of Type** field. Click **OK** in **File Type** window and **OK** in **ArcCatalog Options** window.

Use this same process to view other files types that may not be read by ArcCatalog like .exe files.