Annotations (57.1%)   Parsing & extraction (14.3%)

Signatures (19%)   Form filling (11.9%)

Of these respondents, **71.4% tried to add some of these PDF.js features themselves** but ultimately found it too difficult or time-intensive. If your requirements include extending a PDF.js viewer with this type of functionality, an important first step is to spend time understanding all the costs involved in adding these features.

The costs of customizing PDF.js

If you are considering adding these features to your PDF.js Viewer, there are 3 key costs to investigate:

Development cost

the time it will take to learn, code and deploy features in your viewer

Maintenance cost

the time it will take to maintain and support your custom viewer

Opportunity cost

resources spent developing & maintaining your viewer that are not spent improving your core differentiator

Developing with PDF.js Documentation

When customizing PDF.js there is a risk that documentation for the feature you want to add is non-existent, stale or incomplete. If no documentation exists, development occurs in uncharted territory, making it difficult to predict amount of developer resources needed and the turnaround time. A good first step is to read through   closed PDF.js Github issues & open PDF.js Github issues to identify if the features you are interested in adding have been successfully deployed or if documentation is incomplete.