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Setting up the worker

pdfjs uses a web worker to process the most tasks which take time such as parsing and rendering a PDF document. The web worker is loaded via the ``workerUrl`` parameter:

```
import { Worker } from '@react-pdf-viewer/core';

<Worker workerUrl="https://unpkg.com/pdfjs-dist@3.4.120/build/pdf.worker.min.js" -->
  <!-- The viewer component will be put here -->
  ...
</Worker>
```

It's up to you to use the ``pdf.worker.min.js`` file from popular services, such as

- <https://unpkg.com/pdfjs-dist@3.4.120/build/pdf.worker.min.js>
- <https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/pdf.js/3.4.120/pdf.worker.min.js>

or download and store it on your server.

Note

It's very important to note that the worker version and the ``pdfjs`` package (mentioned in the *Install pdfjs library* section of [Getting started](#)) have to be the same.

This guide uses the pdfjs v3.4.120. Otherwise, you will see the error message like this:

```
The API version "3.4.120" does not match the Worker version "2.6.34"
```

Or

```
Uncaught Error: Unknown action from worker: undefined
at Worker.MessageHandler._onComObjOnMessage (pdf.js:6846)
```