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(http://www.marketwatch.com/story/foxitr-announces-investment-

by-amazoncom-2011-12-06) to bring better PDF support to Kindle hardware and software.

The Kindle already supports PDF software (but from experience I'll tell you that it's nothing to brag about), but Amazon hopes that by working with Foxit it can "make the customer experience for PDFs on Kindle even better."

The terms of the investment were not disclosed.

"Kindle has long supported PDF as a document format that is independent of application software, hardware, or operating systems," said Jeff Blackburn, senior vice president, business development, Amazon.com. "Foxit has an industry-leading PDF technology that we think will make the customer experience for PDFs on Kindle even better -- we're excited to back such a great team."

It's likely that Amazon is interested in Foxit for more than just rendering PDF documents, and

we could see PDF editing and annotating coming to the Kindle.

Regular readers will know that I'm a big fan of the Foxit PDF reader and have recommended it here on several (https://www.zdnet.com/blog/hardware/thanksgiving-techsupport-survival-kit-2011-edition/16466) occasions (https://www.zdnet.com/blog/hardware/giving-a-pc-as-agift-how-to-set-it-up-for-someone-who-doesnt-knowhow/16685). The Foxit PDF reader is a solid product and an excellent replacement for the Adobe PDF Reader.

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