

Web-based PDF Document Display Research and Implementation

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Abstract

With the rapid development of the Internet era, there is an increasing demand for file uploading, previewing, downloading and printing, and the traditional methods can no longer meet the modern and efficient work pace. Therefore, this research focuses on achieving fast and efficient adaptive slicing upload, preview clarity optimization and annotation functions for PDF files. The basic concept of pdf.js is introduced, and the parameters of pdf.js and solutions to some problems are described, providing a high degree of flexibility and customizability. The introduction of pdf.js integration methods, including how to integrate pdf.js into existing Web applications through simple steps, shows how to use its rich API interface to achieve the function of interaction with PDF documents. Provides the direction of thinking about the late optimization of pdf.js has been the implementation of the annotation function; through the function, users can directly in the PDF document to do the marking, editing and other operations, which greatly enhances the user's experience. In summary, pdf.js, with its powerful features, flexible parameter selection, and convenient integration, has undoubtedly become the preferred option for the front-end display of PDF documents.

Keywords

PDF Documents; PDF.JS; Web Development.

1. Introduction

1.1. Research Background

With the rapid advancement of internet technologies, digital information technology has become deeply integrated into daily production, life, and learning. According to data released by the China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC), China has a massive number of internet users, with mobile users accounting for a significant proportion, and internet penetration continues to rise steadily. Against this backdrop, both government agencies and private enterprises are increasingly relying on digital file access and sharing to enhance office efficiency. As a result, a substantial volume of documents is being preserved, disseminated, and accessed in electronic formats. Among these, PDF files have gained widespread adoption across various industries due to their cross-platform compatibility, uniform formatting, and high security. However, with the exponential increase in the use of electronic documents, it has become particularly important to handle these files efficiently and securely. In particular, in scenarios involving the transmission and storage of large files, how to mitigate the impact of bandwidth limitations and improve operational efficiency has emerged as a pressing issue. Simultaneously, with the growing complexity of the network environment, malicious actors may embed sensitive content into documents, polluting the digital space and posing serious threats to national security and the public's well-being. Therefore, it is crucial to promptly detect sensitive terms within uploaded documents and notify relevant personnel for revision, as this significantly enhances issue identification and response efficiency, and contributes to the purification of the digital environment. The key to addressing these challenges lies in the processing and presentation of PDF files. Traditional PDF reader plugins are gradually being phased out due to their strong platform dependency and poor user experience. In contrast, the

emergence of HTML5-based PDF rendering engines-such as the open-source tool PDF.js-has offered new solutions for front-end developers. These tools utilize HTML5 and Canvas technologies to parse and render PDF documents directly in modern browsers without relying on any additional plugins, thereby enabling a more convenient and seamless reading experience for users. Accordingly, this study focuses on the methods of displaying PDF documents within web pages, investigates the advantages and limitations of PDF.js in real-world applications, and proposes strategies for performance optimization and enhancement. Through an in-depth analysis of the principles and characteristics of PDF.js, supplemented by case studies of practical optimization, the research aims to provide valuable insights for front-end developers. This will assist them in effectively implementing PDF document display functionalities on web platforms, improving user reading experience while ensuring data security and transmission efficiency.

1.2. Research Objectives

This study aims to conduct an in-depth investigation and comprehensive evaluation of the feasibility, performance, and user experience of using PDF.js as a solution for displaying PDF documents within modern front-end web environments. In response to the challenges associated with rendering PDF documents in web applications, this research seeks to establish a reference framework grounded in real-world application assessments and to offer optimization strategies tailored to various display requirements.

When displaying PDF documents on front-end web pages, developers often encounter challenges related to compatibility, performance optimization, and user experience. Existing PDF preview solutions can generally be categorized into three types: directly using HTML tags, employing third-party libraries, and converting PDF files into images for display. The approach of using HTML tags is straightforward and easy to implement, but suffers from poor compatibility, particularly in mobile browsers. Third-party libraries, such as PDF.js and PDFObject, are commonly adopted solutions. PDF.js offers comprehensive functionality, including selectable and copyable text, whereas PDFObject is easy to use but exhibits limited compatibility in mobile WebView environments. Additionally, there are other third-party libraries-such as vue-pdf and jquery.media.js-that can also support PDF preview functionalities[4].

Table 1. pdf.js Core Layer

Layer	Description
Core	The core layer is responsible for parsing and interpreting the binary PDF data. This layer serves as the foundation for all subsequent layers. It is not elaborated upon here, as direct use of this layer is considered an advanced practice and its API is subject to change. For examples of using the core layer, refer to the PDF Object Browser.
Display	The display layer builds upon the core layer and exposes a more user-friendly API for rendering PDFs and retrieving additional information from the document. This is the API upon which versioning is based.
Viewer	The viewer layer is constructed on top of the display layer and represents the user interface of the PDF viewer in Firefox, as well as in other browser extensions included in the project. It can serve as a good starting point for developing your own viewer. However, if you plan to embed the viewer into your own website, we kindly ask that you do not simply use an unmodified version. Instead, re-skin it or build upon it to suit your needs.

The third approach involves converting PDF files into images for display. While this method ensures cross-browser compatibility, it prevents users from selecting or copying text from the PDF document once it has been rendered as an image. Therefore, it is not recommended for scenarios where document editability or text accessibility must be preserved.

In summary, each front-end PDF preview solution has its respective advantages and disadvantages, and developers must make informed choices based on specific application requirements. This study centers on PDF.js, an open-source library, to comprehensively assess its performance, compatibility, and user experience in practical use cases. Furthermore, optimization strategies are proposed to provide front-end developers with practical guidance and reference. Through this research, we aim to advance the development of PDF document rendering solutions in front-end web environments, enhance user experience and development efficiency, and promote innovation within the front-end technology domain[1].

2. Introduction to PDF.js

2.1. Overview of PDF.js

PDF.js is an open-source JavaScript library developed by the Mozilla Foundation, designed to render PDF documents using HTML5 technologies. Since its integration into the Firefox browser in 2011, it has enabled users to view PDF files directly within modern web browsers without the need for additional plugins or external software. By parsing and rendering the contents of PDF files, PDF.js offers web developers a seamless method for embedding PDF documents into web pages, thereby enhancing the richness and interactivity of content presentation.

As a library built entirely with JavaScript and HTML5, PDF.js exhibits excellent cross-platform compatibility. It operates on virtually all modern browsers, including Chrome, Safari, and Edge, effectively eliminating dependencies on specific platforms or applications. This cross-compatibility allows users to conveniently access and read PDF documents across a wide variety of devices and operating systems.

In addition to basic PDF viewing capabilities, PDF.js supports a range of operations such as searching, zooming, printing, and downloading. All of these functions can be executed directly within the browser environment, without the need for additional plugins or software support, providing users with a more convenient and flexible reading experience[2].

For developers, PDF.js offers a comprehensive and flexible set of APIs, encompassing functionalities such as page navigation, text extraction, and page rendering. These API interfaces provide developers with extensive possibilities, enabling them to extend and optimize PDF.js according to their specific requirements. Through secondary development and customization, developers can implement more personalized features and effects[2].

When working with PDF.js, developers can establish a web-based PDF file parsing and rendering platform via local installation and configuration. This setup requires the installation of environment configuration tools such as Git, Node.js, and npm. A sequence of steps must be followed, including cloning the remote code repository, installing relevant plugins and modules, and building a local web server. Upon completing these steps, developers can successfully integrate PDF.js into their own projects, thereby enabling the display and interaction of PDF documents.

Within the architecture of PDF.js, the core layer is responsible for the fundamental parsing and interpretation of PDF files, while the display layer builds upon the core layer to provide a more user-friendly API for rendering PDF documents. This separation between the two layers enhances the flexibility and extensibility of PDF.js. Additionally, PDF.js renders PDF documents by utilizing the HTML5 canvas element and overlaying a text layer, thereby preserving the original styling and layout of the document[1].

PDF.js also demonstrates robust capabilities in addressing cross-origin issues. It can load PDF files either via URLs or data streams and render them within HTML pages. This effectively

mitigates potential cross-origin challenges that may arise when loading and rendering PDF documents across different domains.

In summary, as an open-source library, PDF.js offers a simple, efficient, and cross-platform solution for displaying PDF documents within web front-end environments. It not only streamlines the integration and rendering processes of PDF content but also enhances user experience through improved readability and interactive functionalities. With the ongoing advancement and refinement of HTML5 technologies, along with continuous contributions and optimizations from the developer community, PDF.js is well-positioned to play an increasingly significant role across a broader range of domains and application scenarios in the future.

2.2. Functional Characteristics of PDF.js

As an open-source PDF document rendering library based on HTML5 technology, PDF.js possesses a wide array of compelling features and advantages. First and foremost, it supports the majority of standard PDF features, enabling the accurate rendering of text, graphics, and images. This ensures that users enjoy a reading experience within the browser that is comparable to that of native PDF readers. By leveraging the HTML5<canvas> element for page rendering, PDF.js achieves efficient rendering and drawing of PDF document pages, thereby guaranteeing precise visual representation of the content [2].

Functionally, PDF.js provides a comprehensive set of tools that cater to common user operations such as document navigation, text search, and zooming. With the aid of a navigation toolbar, users can effortlessly switch between pages and quickly locate targeted content. Meanwhile, the search toolbar supports keyword-based queries, allowing users to promptly find the information they need [1]. Additionally, the zoom functionality enables users to adjust the display scale of the page according to personal preferences or specific reading requirements, further enhancing the overall reading experience.

PDF.js demonstrates outstanding performance in terms of accessibility. Through its distinctive text layer technology, users can easily select and copy text content within PDF documents. This not only enhances the document's readability but also offers significant convenience for users with special needs. Such support for accessible reading reflects PDF.js's meticulous attention to user experience.

Another notable advantage of PDF.js lies in its independence. It operates without reliance on any external plugins or software, running directly within modern web browsers. This means that users can open and view PDF files directly in the browser without installing additional PDF reader plugins. This seamless, in-page reading approach greatly enhances user convenience, saving both time and effort.

In summary, PDF.js, as a PDF document display solution based on HTML5 technology, offers not only a comprehensive set of features but also an exceptional user experience. It provides users with a convenient, efficient, and accessible browsing experience, making it an ideal choice for displaying PDF documents within modern web applications[3]. With the continuous advancement of technology and ongoing contributions from the developer community, there is every reason to believe that PDF.js will exhibit even broader application prospects and greater potential in the future.

3. Integration Methods of PDF.js into Front-End Pages

3.1. PDF.js Integration Approaches

This section introduces two widely adopted methods for integrating PDF.js: source code compilation and usage of the pdfjs-dist package. Source code compilation is suitable for users with secondary development requirements, whereas pdfjs-dist is more appropriate for users seeking direct usage without further customization. Regardless of whether source compilation

or a precompiled distribution is employed, the ultimate usage pattern remains consistent: a directory named dist is produced, containing two subdirectories-build, which houses the core code for PDF parsing, and web, which includes the preview UI components. By simply launching an HTTP server within this directory, one can access the PDF.js preview interface. To load an alternative PDF document, it suffices to append a fileparameter to the URL, ensuring the parameter is URL-encoded for correct interpretation.

Table 2. pdf.js structure

Prebuilt	
build/	
pdf.js	- display layer
pdf.js.map	- display layer's source map
pdf.worker.js	- core layer
pdf.worker.js.map	- core layer's source map
web/	
cmaps/	- character maps (required by core)
compressed_tracemonkey-pdftk.pdf	- PDF file for testing purposes
debugger.js	- built-in debugging features
images/	- images for the viewer and annotation icons
locale/	- translation files
viewer.css	- viewer style sheet
viewer.html	- viewer layout
viewer.js	- viewer layer
viewer.js.map	- viewer layer's source map
LICENSE	

Integration with modern front-end frameworks such as Vue and React is also straightforward. One only needs to place the pdfjs-dist directory within the project's public folder and reference its address via an iframe. Unless specific customization is required, it is recommended to utilize the pdfjsLib directly, as the PDF.js viewer offers a robust and feature-complete solution. It enables the decoupling of the preview functionality from the business logic by isolating the PDF functionality into an independent preview service, thus allowing seamless integration on both web and mobile platforms. Moreover, the PDF.js viewer offers excellent compatibility-it can function properly even in legacy browsers such as Internet Explorer and in Firefox versions embedded within domestic operating systems.

Table 3. iframe code display

```
<iframe
  src='http://your-project-address/public/pdfjs/web/viewer.html?file=http://your-project-address/your-file'
  height='100%'
  width='100%'
  border='0'
/>
```

3.2. Performance Enhancement via PDF.js Parameters

In web front-end development, the display of PDF documents plays a critical role in determining the overall user experience. It is therefore essential to comprehensively consider multiple key performance indicators to ensure users enjoy a smooth, efficient, and satisfactory interactive experience. These key indicators include loading time, interaction response time, rendering quality, and usability.

The primary metric is loading time, which directly affects the user's perception of initial wait time. Excessive loading durations may lead to user impatience and abandonment of the page. Therefore, optimizing loading time is the foremost priority in enhancing overall user experience. Technical strategies such as reducing resource load times and optimizing server responses can significantly improve user satisfaction with page load performance.

The second critical factor is interaction response time, which evaluates the system's responsiveness to user operations such as page navigation, zooming, and text search. Prolonged response times may cause the interface to feel sluggish, thereby impairing the fluidity of user interactions. Enhancing code efficiency and increasing processing speed are effective approaches to minimize user-perceived latency, thus significantly improving the smoothness of interactive operations.

Rendering quality is directly tied to the readability and visual presentation of document content. Clear text and high-resolution images are fundamental to ensuring users can accurately extract information. Enhancing rendering quality improves the precision with which users comprehend the document content, thereby optimizing the overall reading experience.

Lastly, usability evaluates the completeness of PDF document functionalities and the user interface's intuitiveness. Practical features such as zooming, search, and bookmarks-as well as an interface that is straightforward and easy to operate-are critical benchmarks for assessing usability. A feature-rich and user-friendly PDF viewer can substantially boost user productivity and satisfaction.

The PDF.js viewer offers numerous parameters for customizing PDF previews. The App_options.js file is primarily used to examine the default configuration options, while App.js is mainly responsible for handling parameters received through the address bar. These parameters enable the implementation of most practical functions, including zooming, search, and bookmarks [1].

Table 4. pdf.js parameter description document location

<div>/src/web/app_options.js</div> <div>/src/web/app.js</div>
<pre>if ("disableworker" in hashParams 66 hashParams["disableworker"] === "true") { waitOn.push(loadFakeWorker()); } if ("disablerange" in hashParams) { AppOptions.set("disableRange", hashParams["disablerange"] === "true"); } if ("disablestream" in hashParams) { AppOptions.set("disableStream", hashParams["disablestream"] === "true"); } if ("disableautofetch" in hashParams) { AppOptions.set(</pre>

When loading PDF files across domains, we are often restricted by the browser's Same-Origin Policy. This security mechanism is designed to protect web environments by preventing malicious scripts from accessing data on one domain from another, thereby maintaining cross-origin data integrity and preventing unauthorized access. However, in specific application scenarios, it is indeed necessary to load PDF files from different domains, which makes it challenging to implement such functionality solely through conventional parameter settings.

To address this issue, a common approach is to employ a server-side proxy to bypass the restrictions imposed by the Same-Origin Policy. However, this method may increase server load and requires additional configuration and ongoing maintenance. An alternative and more flexible solution involves embedding annotations or metadata within the PDF files to indicate their original source (origin).

Specifically, annotations can be added to different versions of PDF files to record the URL or other identifiers of their original source. Then, when loading these PDF files on the client side, the application can extract such annotation information and handle the files accordingly based on their origin. For instance, the loading mechanism can be adjusted, distinct UI elements can be displayed, or specific business logic can be executed depending on the source indicated.

The advantage of this approach lies in its ability to avoid server-side modifications by embedding metadata directly into the PDF files themselves. In this way, regardless of where the PDF file is hosted, the client-side code can accurately identify its original source and handle it appropriately. Moreover, this method offers considerable flexibility, as various types of annotation information can be embedded into the PDF file according to specific business requirements to accommodate different application scenarios.

Table 5. Origin Modification Location Code Display

```
// blob:URLs from other origins, so this is safe.
if (origin !== viewerOrigin && protocol !== "blob:") {
  // throw new Error("file origin does not match viewer's");
}
```

The PDF.js viewer also provides two parameters, namely `disableStream` (enable or disable streaming) and `disableAutoFetch` (enable or disable automatic fetching), which are used to control the file loading mode to facilitate dynamic loading of extremely large PDF documents.

`disableStream`: This parameter determines whether streaming is enabled. By default, PDF.js loads PDF files in chunks into memory rather than loading the entire file at once. This chunked streaming significantly reduces the initial loading time and allows users to begin viewing the first page of the document earlier. However, in certain scenarios-such as when random access to different pages is required-streaming may not be the optimal choice. By setting `disableStream` to true, streaming is disabled, and the entire file is loaded in a single operation instead.

`disableAutoFetch`: This parameter controls whether automatic prefetching is enabled. When auto-fetching is enabled, PDF.js proactively loads data for subsequent pages before the user reaches the end of the currently viewed page. This ensures a seamless reading experience by minimizing delays during continuous scrolling. However, for very large files or in bandwidth-constrained environments, automatic prefetching may lead to unnecessary bandwidth consumption or excessive memory usage. By setting `disableAutoFetch` to true, automatic loading is disabled, and subsequent pages are only fetched upon explicit user request.

Table 6. Dyamic loading reaction time display

Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time	Waterfall
d5127ea40c9bd416...	206	fetch	pdf.viewer.js:1	65.9 kB	267 ms	
d5127ea40c9bd416...	206	fetch	pdf.viewer.js:1	65.9 kB	125 ms	
d5127ea40c9bd416...	206	fetch	pdf.viewer.js:1	65.9 kB	102 ms	
d5127ea40c9bd416...	206	fetch	pdf.viewer.js:1	65.9 kB	50 ms	

4. Research on PDF Document Display Solutions in Front-End Web Pages

4.1. Implementation Approach for PDF File Annotation

Pdf.js Express is a JavaScript library built upon PDF.js. It enables developers to embed PDF documents into web pages and provides a comprehensive set of APIs and functionalities for controlling and manipulating these documents. One of the distinctive features of Pdf.js Express lies in its robust annotation capabilities, allowing users to annotate and mark up PDF documents. To implement similar functionality, it is essential to conduct an in-depth analysis of the structural composition of PDF.js-rendered pages.

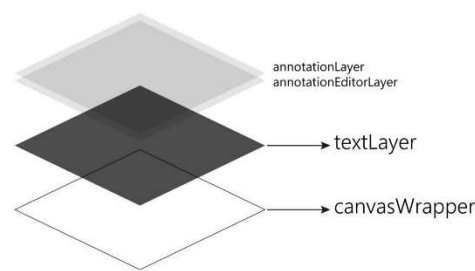
Table 7. pdf.js code structure display

```
<html dir="ltr" mozdisallowselectionprint style="--loading-bar-end-offset:17px;">
<head>
</head>
<body tabindex="1">
  <div id="outerContainer"></div>
  <div id="printContainer"></div>
  <div class="xl-chrome-ext-bar" id="xl_chrome_ext_{A0B361DE-01F7-4376-B484-639E48D010D0}" style="display: none;">
    <input id="fileInput" class="fileInput" type="file">
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

During the analysis of the page structure, it can be observed that each PDF page is encapsulated within a container named "page." Within this container, the page consists of a Text Layer and a Canvas Wrapper layer. The Text Layer is positioned above the Canvas Wrapper and primarily supports text selection functionality. Additionally, recent versions of PDF.js have introduced

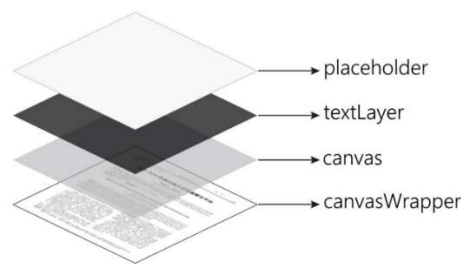
basic annotation features, resulting in the presence of two more layers on the page: the annotation layer and the annotation editor layer. Upon analysis, it is found that the text in the Text Layer is rendered transparently, while the actual visual content of the PDF page is rendered on the Canvas Wrapper layer. With a clear understanding of this layered structure, we can formulate a practical approach for implementing annotation functionality.

Table 8. pdf.js code structure display



We can opt to insert a custom drawing layer between the Text Layer and the Canvas Wrapper layer. This drawing layer should have a transparent background to ensure that it does not obscure the display content of the PDF document. All annotations should be rendered on this drawing layer. This approach preserves the native text selection functionality while enabling the drawing of various graphical annotations. To further enhance the user experience, we may insert a placeholder layer at the topmost level. This layer ensures that, even in editing mode, users can easily select the content of the PDF document without being obstructed or interfered with by annotations.

Table 9. pdf.js modification layer structure show



4.2. Steps for Implementing PDF File Annotation

(1) Monitoring Text Selection Events

First, it is necessary to monitor user interactions related to text selection. This is typically achieved by adding event listeners to the canvas where the PDF is rendered. Specifically, we listen for mousedown, mousemove, and mouseup events to track the user's mouse activity and determine when the selection begins and ends.

(2) Extracting the Selected Text Range

When a user selects a portion of text, it is essential to extract the corresponding text range. This can be accomplished by utilizing the text layer provided by PDF.js or by implementing a custom text extraction method. Through this, both the content and positional data of the selected text on the PDF page can be retrieved. Such information is critical for accurately calculating the spatial position of the text, which serves as the foundation for implementing annotation functionality.

(3) Computing the Coordinates of the Corresponding Elements

Once the selected text range is identified, the next step is to calculate its precise position on the page. Using the positional data of text elements provided by PDF.js, it is possible to accurately determine the bounding rectangle of the selected text. This calculation ensures that annotations are rendered precisely at the intended location, thereby avoiding any displacement or misalignment.

(4) Converting to Canvas Coordinates

Since the PDF page may be subject to scaling, rotation, or translation to fit the viewport, it is necessary to convert PDF coordinates to canvas coordinates. By applying the appropriate matrix transformations, annotations can be accurately rendered on the canvas in alignment with the user-selected text. This step is vital to ensure both the precision and visual fidelity of the annotation.

(5) Rendering Annotations on the Canvas

Finally, annotations are rendered on the canvas using the Canvas API. Various graphical elements such as rectangles, lines, text, or other shapes can be drawn to represent the user's annotation content. In addition to rendering annotations, interactive features may also be incorporated-for example, enabling users to click on an annotation to display additional information or to initiate editing. These enhancements improve the overall user experience and make the annotation system more flexible and user-friendly.

Table 10. Annotation display

<div>Abstract</div> <div>The predictive learning of spatiotemporal sequences aims to generate future images by learning from the historical frames, where spatial appearances and temporal variations are two crucial structures. This paper models these structures by presenting a predictive recurrent neural network (PredRNN). This architecture is enlightened by the idea that spatiotemporal predictive learning should memorize both spatial appearances and temporal variations in a unified memory pool. Concretely, memory states are no longer constrained inside each LSTM unit. Instead, they are allowed to zigzag in two directions: across stacked RNN layers vertically and through all RNN states horizontally. The core of this network is a new Spatiotemporal LSTM (ST-LSTM) unit that extracts and memorizes spatial and temporal representations simultaneously. PredRNN achieves a state-of-the-art prediction performance on three video prediction datasets and is a more general framework that can be easily extended to other predictive learning tasks by integrating with other architectures.</div>	<div>1 Introduction</div> <div>As a key application of predictive learning, generating images conditioned on given consecutive frames has received growing interests in machine learning and computer vision communities. To learn representations of spatiotemporal sequences, recurrent neural networks (RNN) [17, 27] with the Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) [9] have been recently extended from supervised sequence learning tasks, such as machine translation [22, 2], speech recognition [8], action recognition [28, 5] and video captioning [5], to this spatiotemporal predictive learning scenario [21, 16, 19, 6, 25, 12].</div>
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Through the aforementioned steps, we have successfully established a fully functional, efficient, and reliable PDF annotation system, providing users with a seamless and convenient document annotation experience. This system not only meets the fundamental requirements for document annotation but also possesses the following key features and advantages:

User-Friendly Interface: The system offers prompt responsiveness and precise capture of user actions, enabling users to easily perform text selection, add annotations, and edit annotations directly on PDF documents. Without the need for complex workflows, users can efficiently accomplish annotation tasks in a straightforward manner.

Operational Consistency: All annotation operations are carried out within a unified platform, featuring a clean and intuitive user interface that is easy to understand and operate. This consistent user experience facilitates more efficient task execution, thereby enhancing user productivity and satisfaction.

Visualization Effect: The annotation system is capable of intuitively rendering user annotations directly onto the PDF document by drawing graphical elements such as rectangles, lines, and text. This visual representation enables users to clearly understand both the content and location of annotations. Such visualization not only enhances users' comprehension and

awareness of the annotations but also strengthens the overall interactive experience between the user and the document.

Conflict Avoidance: Through precise calculations of text selection ranges, coordinate transformations, and rendering processes, the system ensures that there is no interference between text selection and graphical annotation. Users can freely select text and add annotations without affecting the normal display and editing of the text. This conflict avoidance guarantees the stability and reliability of the annotation system.

Flexibility and Extensibility: The annotation system is implemented following a modular design approach, endowing it with excellent flexibility and scalability. The system can be further extended and optimized in accordance with specific requirements, thereby accommodating the evolving needs and diverse application scenarios of users.

5. Summary and Outlook

This study conducts an in-depth investigation into the approaches for displaying PDF documents in web front-end environments, with a particular focus on the architecture, operational mechanisms, and practical performance of PDF.js in web applications. Through detailed analysis, it presents optimization strategies for enhancing the functionality of PDF.js.

PDF.js leverages JavaScript-based open-source technologies in conjunction with HTML5 standards such as Canvas and SVG to enable seamless rendering and display of PDF documents. Its asynchronous parsing and rendering architecture ensures efficient handling of large PDF files, thereby significantly improving the user reading experience. By interpreting the structural information within PDF files and converting it into canvas drawing commands, PDF.js dynamically renders document content in the browser. Furthermore, it offers a rich set of interactive features including page scaling, keyword search, and drag-based pagination, facilitating more convenient and intuitive user interactions with PDF documents.

In practical applications, PDF.js was integrated into web front-end systems for PDF document display and evaluated against traditional methods. The results demonstrate that rendering with PDF.js not only significantly accelerates page loading times but also delivers smoother scrolling and page-turning experiences. Additionally, it supports real-time keyword searching, greatly enhancing both the readability and user-friendliness of PDF documents.

In conclusion, this study affirms the remarkable advantages of PDF.js in rendering PDF documents within web front-end environments. Its well-defined architecture and robust operational performance significantly enhance rendering efficiency and user interaction. Moving forward, we aim to further explore the potential applications of PDF.js in mobile platforms and diverse usage scenarios, with the goal of extending its adoption across broader domains to deliver superior PDF document display experiences.

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