

# Invoice download links

Add download link in `historical_invoices.html.erb` and `open_invoices.html.erb`. As parameter we add the `invoice.id`.

```
<%= link_to('PDF', :action => :download_invoice_pdf, :id => invoice.id) %>
```

Add download link in `customer_invoice.html.erb`. Here we must add the controller where the function is.

```
<%= link_to('Download PDF', :controller => :public, :action => :download_invoice_pdf, :id => @invoice.id) %>
```

In the `public_controller.rb` we add the function below.

```
# Generate and download invoice PDF file
def download_invoice_pdf
  unless @authenticated
    must_log_in()
    return
  end
  @invoice = Invoice.find(params[:id])
  if @invoice && @power_user || @invoice && @invoice.ccustno == @customer.ccustno
    pdf = PdfInvoice.new(@invoice)
    send_data pdf.render,
      filename: "BTI Invoice_#{@invoice.id.strip}.pdf",
      type: "application/pdf"
  else
    flash[:error] = "Invoice not found."
    redirect_to @back_url
  end
end
```

First we verify that the user is logged in. Then we search for the Invoice with the given parameter invoice id. Then we verify that the user has the right to see the invoice. Then we create a new instance of the PdfInvoice Class. `send_data` sends the given binary data to the browser. As we do not specify that we want to show the file (disposition: "inline"), it will be downloaded automatically.