PDF in Webpage

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* Creating of PDF using Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro and LiveCycle Designer ES And making the respective Service.

We can create PDF forms from existing word, pdf or such documents; also by scanning a page and by creating them from scratch or templates of LiveCycle.

Making the forms are pretty simple steps. To submit the forms you need a “**HTTP Submit”** button.

Give it the url of a service. In the example we use “test\_pdf.php” as a service. The service in the example uses pretty basic PHP codes. The steps to follow are:

1. Check if method is POST.
2. Connect to your database.
3. Save the variables from form using $\_POST[ ‘’], keep fields names same as defined in LiveCycle.
4. Perform necessary database queries.
5. Close the Connection.

* Displaying PDF on a webpage with elements filled out

To display a pdf on a webpage, we can use a library called **FPDF.** Please visit [www.fpdf.org](http://www.fpdf.org) for more details.

Now the basic code requirements it the **fpdm.php** file to show already existing PDF documents.

The extract of the “fpdm” is available under “**Scripts -> form filling by Oliver** “in the above mentioned website.

The **form filling** script has an example of how to assign the data to show in an already existing pdf files.

Also you can look into the “trial.php” file in the “fpdm “Directory.

The Basic steps involved are:

1. Require the particular file, fpdm.php.
2. Assign the data to show the necessary fields in a array.
3. Then create the new pdfm giving the Name of the PDF file.
4. Load all the fields with the Necessary parameters.
5. Use the Merge () function and
6. Use the Output () function to output the pdf. You can pass in any of the 4 parameters to the Output.

Note: If you get an error: **FPDF-Merge Error:** Fast Web View mode is not supported then you will need to convert your pdf form using “**pdftk”** which is explain in the “**Script->form filling”.**

EXAMPLE : “test\_test\_test.php”

This file displays an existing pdf on the web browser. After filling out First name, you can submit the form which will do a HTTP post and go to database insert your first name and display it again as simple “echo”.