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## Steps to make interactive PDF buttons to display alternate content

- 1. Set up your InDesign document, using separate layers for each alternate view. Create a base layer for static content, include buttons on the base layer, but do not assign any actions to the buttons in InDesign. Turn off all layers except the base layer. InDesign will export all of the layers, but they will remain hidden, until you reveal them in Acrobat.
- 2. Export to an interactive PDF from InDesign, be sure to check on Create Acrobat Layers.
- 3. Open the PDF on Acrobat, (I'm using Acrobat DC and InDesign CC 2015). Select Layers View (the pancake icon at the top left), or View> Show/Hide> Navigation Panes> Layers. Go to Tools> Prepare Form, (the Acrobat button tools are within the Form tools). You should see all of your InDesign buttons, identified by their name, as well as all of the InDesign layers, with only the base layer visible. Now you can tell the buttons what to do.
- 4. Turn on the layer visibility for the first layer by selecting the box to the left of the layer name, an eyeball will appear in the box. With the base layer and first layer visible, click on the first button to select it and do a right click (or control-click) on it to view the button properties. Select the action tab, choose Set Layer Visibility> Add> (OK)> close. Save your PDF.
- 5. Close the layers view and stop Form editing (or close and re-open your PDF), now when the first button is clicked, you will see the base layer and first layer combined. The layers can overlap any way you prefer, depending on how your InDesign file was set-up.
- 6. Repeat step 4 for the other buttons, assigning each button to the appropriate layer.
- Note: The little close box on each layer doesn't turn off the layer, it only sends you to the previous view, I don't know if there is a way to do that in Acrobat. An alternative to the little close button for each box would be to add a close all windows button.