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Basic Acrobat SDK Questions

What Is Acrobat?

Adobe Acrobat® 5.0 consists of a suite of applications and utilities for creating, modifying, indexing, searching, displaying, and manipulating PDF (Portable Document Format) files. For further information about the Acrobat product, see the Acrobat Main Page.

Viewer Applications
- Acrobat Reader™ for viewing, navigating, and printing PDF documents.
- Acrobat for adding navigational links, annotations, and security options, in addition
to the functionality provided by Acrobat Reader.

Tools For Creating PDF Files
- Acrobat Distiller® for creating PDF files from PostScript files from your favorite applications (including desktop publishing software).
- Acrobat PDFWriter for creating PDF files from your favorite business applications using only the **Print** command.

Other Applications
- Acrobat Capture® plug-in with OCR (Optical Character Recognition) for creating text-searchable PDF documents from scanned paper originals.

What Is the Acrobat SDK?

The Acrobat Software Development Kit (SDK) is a "toolbox" that contains samples (example source code), header files (to compile the samples), type libraries, simple utilities, and documentation.
These tools help you design and develop:
- Acrobat plug-ins that extend the functionality of Acrobat and Acrobat Reader (the Acrobat viewer products).
- External applications that communicate with and control Acrobat.

Where Can I Get the Acrobat SDK?

The Acrobat SDK is available on the Adobe Public Web Site. The Acrobat SDK also is included on a CD with membership to the Adobe Solutions Network (ASN) Developer Program. We encourage you to join the ASN Developer Program to receive developer technical support, marketing assistance, and other benefits.
To access the Acrobat SDK, see the Acrobat SDK Main Page. For more information on the ASN Developer Program and how to join, see the ASN Developer Program Home Page.

What Parts of the Acrobat SDK Are Not Freely Available on the Web?

Technical support for the Acrobat SDK ("Acrobat Developer Support") is not included for free. It is available to Adobe Solutions Network (ASN) Developer Program Premium members or may be purchased (except in Japan). For more information, see the ASN Developer Program Home Page.