Using LiveCycle Forms with Acrobat and Reader

This is a brief guide to the functionality that is available in an XFA form when viewed with either Acrobat or the free Reader. Please consider the software that the user will have, when you are deciding how to deploy your form.

Option 1:
User has Acrobat, therefore form does not need to be Reader Enabled.

- User can open the form;
- Can fill in the form;
- Can print the form;
- Can attach documents to the form;
- Data connections to databases and web service calls will work;
- Can import and export XML data;
- Paper form barcodes can be dynamically populated;
- Can annotate/comment on static form;
- Can digitally sign the form;
- Can submit the form via email (XML and PDF) and HTTP post;
- User can save the form.

- Provided the user has Acrobat, there are no restrictions.

Option 2:
User has Reader, but the form is not Reader Enabled.

- User can open the form;
- Can fill in the form;
- Can print the form;
- User can submit the form via email (XML only) and HTTP post.

- Cannot attach documents to the form;
- Data connections to databases and web service calls will not work;
- Cannot import or export XML data;
- Paper form barcodes cannot be dynamically populated;
- Cannot apply comments to form;
- Cannot digitally sign the form;
- Cannot submit the form via email (as a PDF);
- User cannot save the form.

Option 3:
User has Reader, and the form has been Reader Enabled using Acrobat.

- User can open the form;
- Can fill in the form;
- Can print the form;
- Can apply comments to static or flat PDF only;
- Can digitally sign the form;
- Can submit the form via email (XML and PDF) and HTTP post;
- User can save the form.

- Cannot attach documents to the form;
- Data connections to databases and web service calls will not work;
- Cannot import or export XML data;
- Paper form barcodes cannot be dynamically populated;
- Cannot apply comment to dynamic form.

Option 4:
User has Reader, and the form has been Reader Enabled using LiveCycle RE.

- User can open the form;
- Can fill in the form;
- Can print the form;
- Can attach documents to the form;
- Data connections to databases and web service calls will work;
- Can import and export XML data;
- Paper form barcodes can be dynamically populated;
- Can annotate/comment on static form;
- Can digitally sign the form;
- Can submit the form via email (XML and PDF) and HTTP post;
- User can save the form.

- No restrictions, unless an option above is not selected in LC RE ES.

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