

# How to install the PDFlib Block Plugin

The Block plugin works with the following Acrobat versions:

- ▶ Acrobat 7/8/9 Standard, Professional, and Pro Extended on Windows
- ▶ Acrobat 8/9 Professional on the Mac.

The plugins don't work with Acrobat Elements or any version of Adobe Reader.

*Note* The plugin contains multiple language versions of the user interface and will automatically use the same interface language as the Acrobat application if possible. If the plugin does not support the selected Acrobat language it will start with the English user interface.

**Installing the PDFlib Block plugins for Acrobat 7/8/9 on Windows.** To install the PDFlib Block plugin and the PDF form field conversion plugin in Acrobat, the plugin files must be placed in a subdirectory of the Acrobat plugin folder. This is done automatically by the plugin installer, but can also be done manually. The plugin files are called *Block.api* and *AcroFormConversion.api*. A typical location of the plugin folder looks as follows:

C:\Program Files\Adobe\Acrobat 9.0\Acrobat\plug\_ins\PDFlib Block Plugin

**Installing the PDFlib Block plugins for Acrobat 8/9 on the Mac.** With Acrobat 8/9 on the Mac the plugin folder is not directly visible in the Finder. Instead of dragging the plugin files to the plugin folder use the following steps (make sure that Acrobat is not running):

- ▶ Extract the plugin files to a folder by double-clicking the disk image.
- ▶ Locate the Acrobat application icon in the Finder. It is usually located in a folder which has a name similar to the following:

/Applications/Adobe Acrobat 9.0 Professional

- ▶ Single-click on the Acrobat application icon and select *File, Get Info*.
- ▶ In the window that pops up click the triangle next to *Plug-ins*.
- ▶ Click *Add...* and select the *PDFlib Block Plugin* from the folder which has been created in the first step. Note that after installation this folder will not immediately show up in the list of plugins, but only when you open the info window next time.

*Note* The plugins are delivered as universal binaries which can be used on Intel and PPC systems.

**Troubleshooting.** If the PDFlib Block plugin doesn't seem to work check the following:

- ▶ Make sure that in *Edit, Preferences, [General...], General* the box *Use only certified plug-ins* is unchecked. The plugins will not be loaded if Acrobat is running in Certified Mode.
- ▶ Some PDF forms created with Adobe Designer may prevent the Block plugin as well as other Acrobat plugins from working properly since they interfere with PDF's internal security model. For this reason we suggest to avoid Designer's static PDF forms, and only use dynamic PDF forms as input for the Block plugin.