

11.1 Installing the PDFlib Block Plugin

The Block Plugin works with the following Acrobat versions:

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

The Plugin doesn't work with Acrobat Elements or any version of Adobe Reader.

Installing the PDFlib Block Plugin for Acrobat 8/9/X/XI 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:

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C:\Program Files\Adobe\Acrobat 11.0\Acrobat\plug_ins\PDFlib Block Plugin
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Installing the PDFlib Block Plugin for Acrobat 8/9/X/XI on the Mac. With Acrobat 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 *Adobe Acrobat* application icon in the Finder. It is usually located in a folder which has a name similar to the following:

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/Applications/Adobe Acrobat 11.0
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- ▶ Single-click on the Acrobat application icon, open the context icon, and select *Show Package Contents*.
- ▶ In the Finder window that pops up navigate to the *Contents/Plug-ins* folder and copy the *PDFlib Block Plugin* folder which has been created in the first step into this folder.

Multi-lingual Interface. The PDFlib Block Plugin supports multiple languages in the user interface. Depending on the application language of Acrobat, the Block Plugin will choose its interface language automatically. Currently English, German and Japanese interfaces are available. If Acrobat runs in any other language mode, the Block Plugin will use the English interface.

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 Acrobat'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.