

# How to install the PDFlib Block Plugin

The Block Plugin works with the following Acrobat versions:

- ▶ Acrobat 8/9/X/XI/DC on Windows
- ▶ Acrobat 8/9/X/XI/DC on OS X/macOS

The Plugin doesn't work with Adobe Reader/Acrobat Reader.

**Installing the PDFlib Block Plugin 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 *AcroForm-Conversion.api*. A typical location of the plugin folder looks as follows:

```
C:\Program Files\Adobe\Acrobat XXX\Acrobat\plug_ins\PDFlib Block Plugin
```

For 32-bit versions of Acrobat running on 64-bit Windows the first part should be

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\...
```

**Installing the PDFlib Block Plugin for Acrobat X/XI/DC on OS X/macOS.** Proceed as follows to install the plugin for all users:

- ▶ Double-click the disk image to mount it. A folder with the plugin files will be visible.
- ▶ Copy the plugin folder to the following path in the system's *Library* folder:

```
/Library/Application Support/Adobe/Acrobat/XXX/Plug-ins
```

Alternatively you can install the plugin only for a single user as follows:

- ▶ Click the desktop to make sure you're in the Finder, hold down the *Option* key, and choose *Go, Library* to open the user's *Library* folder.
- ▶ Copy the plugin folder to the following path in the user's *Library* folder:

```
/Users/<username>/Library/Application Support/Adobe/Acrobat/XXX/Plug-ins
```

**Installing the PDFlib Block Plugin for Acrobat 8/9 on OS X/macOS.** 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:

```
/Applications/Adobe Acrobat XXX
```

- ▶ Single-click on the Acrobat application icon, open the context menu, and select *Show Package Contents*.
- ▶ In the Finder window that pops up navigate to the folder *Contents/Plug-ins* and copy the *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 chooses its interface language automatically. Currently English, German and Japanese interfaces are available. If Acrobat runs in any other language mode, the Block Plugin uses 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 are not loaded if Acrobat runs 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.
- ▶ The screen output may be incorrect when using the Block Plugin with Acrobat XI on OS X/macOS with a Retina display (Block names displayed at wrong positions). In this case you must adjust the screen output once with the menu item *PDFlib Blocks, Adjust Screen Output for Retina Display*. This is required only once and will be done automatically when Acrobat is launched next time. When replacing the Retina display with a non-Retina display the adjustment must be disabled again.

