

ElectronicPDF - Tablet PDF Form Applications Review

PDF Expert for iPad: PDF Expert by Readdle is the best application for handling interactive PDF forms presently on the market for the iPad. Forms can be easily filled in and data saved - users can sign document on tablet screen with signature window. App supports the Global Binding feature, which allows user to type in information in text cell and automatically have it fill in cells that have been set up. Once user has finished filling in and signing form, they can flatten the document preventing it from being altered in the future.

One problem that we encountered with PDF Expert is that it does not support the pdf text field locking feature which limits the text to the visible field. This app allows you to continue entering information and when you exit the cell, your text will be cut off. Readdle is aware of this and hopefully will address issue in future updates.

EZ Reader PDF Pro for iPad: We have not tested this app by Unidocs on iPad - see our review for this app on Android tablets - very powerful, but with some quirky attributes.

RepliGo Reader for Android: This app by Cerience handles PDF forms very well. However, it does not support global binding nor tabbing feature that are incorporated into pdf forms. Text cell locking is supported - you cannot enter more information than visible cell. Documents can be signed on tablet screen using the freehand tool and can be resized and positioned properly within document. App does lack the ability to flatten the document and / or signature which hopefully they will incorporate in the near future. Overall the app works well but could use improvement, especially when compared to PDF Expert.

EZ PDF Reader Pro for Android: Very powerful app by Unidocs [S Korea] - does take some getting used to. Easily handles pdf form entries - does not support text field locking nor tabbing, which is a disappointment. App supports the flattening of both the document and signature, which eliminates any ability to change form contents - a plus! This app allows you to insert images directly into your document - if you need this ability, this is the app to use.

As powerful as this app is, there are quirks to be aware of: 1. If document is not flattened and e-mailed as an attachment, the recipient will be prompted to install the Adobe Korean font pact - once font pact is installed and document is opened in Reader, text boxes that have been filled in will be empty - signature and / or pictures will show! 2. Flattening the document will allow the recipient to open the form and view it properly - no Korean font pact needed. 3. If you add annotations, flatten your document, the recipient will still be prompted to install the the Korean font pact to fully view your text entries + annotations [When you do not install font pact, then annotations added will not show]. If your work requires adding images, then this is the app to use - just be aware of how to handle forms once finished.

This app is also available for the iPad and is the only app we have found that is available for both Android and iPads. We have not test this on an iPad, but suspect the same quirks will be there.

ElectronicPDF - Adding Scanned Signature Image File In Adobe Reader

Step 1: Sign a clean white sheet of paper - using your scanner, scan the signature at 600 DPI, if possible. Once scanned, save your file as a **pdf** to a location that is easily remembered - suggest the folder with the original PDF file.

Step 2: Open your PDF file that has a signature block - click on this signature block and Add Digital ID window will open.

Step 3: Click the Add new digital ID I want to create now, then click Next - in the new window, leave the New PKCS#12 marked

Step 4: In the new window you will enter your **Name + e-mail address**. Optional is Organizational info - the Country/Region should be set to your location [US - United States] Once done, click Next.

Step 5: In this window you will add your **password** - this is required for Digital ID - please write it down. Once done, click the Finish button - your **text** digital id has been set and the new signature window will pop up - scanned image is **not** included at this point.

Step 6: In this new Sign Document window, you will need to enter the password. Now click the **Appearance** arrow - click the **create new appearance** in this window.

Step 7: In the new window that opens, you will need to enter a **title** for your scanned pdf signature. At the bottom of window there are **check boxes** as to other information that will be included - uncheck all that you do not want to include.

Step 8: Now click on the **Import Graphic** - then click on the File button. In the new **Select Picture** window, you will need to click on the **Browse** button and find your scanned pdf signature image file - highlight file, then OK and it will now show in the Sample window [Only pdf files will show in Reader]. Now click OK and your new scanned signature will show in your appearance window from now on for this ID. Click **OK** to add your scanned signature.

Step 9: Once you have signed your document, you must save it as a different file name in the **save** window that popped up. Once you have entered the new file name and saved it, your signature and all entered information will now show in this new file. **Note:** Adobe Reader Rights must be enabled on form to be signed for this to work!