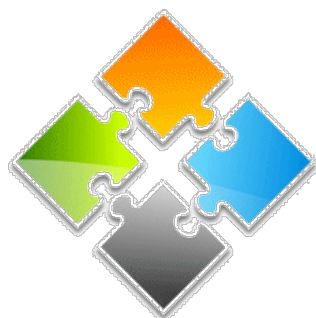




PRESS RELEASE

Soft Xpansion presents new Functionality in Version 8 of its PDF Software Development Kit

(Bochum, Germany, April 11, 2013) PDF and PDF/A are the standard file formats for digitally based communication and long-term document archiving. Both formats were made official ISO standards years ago.



Soft Xpansion allows for the high relevance of PDF and PDF/A. The company regularly publishes new versions and version enhancements of its PDF Software Development Kit (SDK). The SDK enables software developers to seamlessly implement the creation, editing and display of PDF and PDF/A files into their own 32- and 64-bit Windows applications.

The SDK may be used in Windows projects based upon a variety of platforms. Developers may use C++ (the language of the SDK core), the .NET platform (C# or VB) or languages that support the COM interface (for example Delphi or C++ Builder). It also includes ActiveX and .NET Controls (Forms or WPF) and the possibility to implement the display of PDF documents in Internet Explorer, as well as capabilities to fill PDF forms without the installation of additional components.

With the SDK functionality implemented, end users do not need any extra programs to create, edit and view PDF or PDF/A files. The libraries are completely independent and do not require any specific system components or any additional software that is not already included in Microsoft Windows.

The SDK consists of separate sub-libraries, modules and extensions, which may be bought and implemented separately. Thanks to this concept, soft Xpansion is able to offer a flexible pricing system. With this system, developers only pay for the components that are really needed. The PDF Xpansion SDK can be used on any current 32-bit and 64-bit version of Windows: Windows 8, 7, Vista, XP, Server 2008 and 2008 R2.

New in Version 8

Since the release of version 8 in October 2011, soft Xpansion has constantly optimized and enhanced the SDK. Currently, the list of enhancements includes the following features:

- Improved performance for the import of EMF to PDF and in PDF drawing / printing
- Higher quality of image interpolation for Direct2D drawing
- Incremental updates for any document revision and for PDF/A files
- Support of trusted identities
- Font substitution
- Support of settings for WIA scanners

- Barcode support in PDF documents (barcode library), create and read barcodes
- Custom document properties
- Documents signing in "PKCS#7 detached" format
- Signing with the hash algorithms SHA256, SHA384, SHA512
- Sign with signatures in format 6 (Adobe Acrobat 10 compatible)
- Data interface for access to portfolio data and portfolio navigator (import/export)
- Improved interactive text editor for PDF Quick Viewer (for example form fields or pop ups)

Pricing

The prices for the basic SDK library to create PDF files start at 950,- Euros. Various license types and components are available. The price list follows the idea to offer separable SDK components and modules. Therefore, it allows a flexible adaptation to the actual clients` demands on the solution. Detailed information on the SDK is available in the PDF Xpansion SDK Guide. The Guide and a trial version are available for download on the [product page](#).

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The SDK is based upon the company`s PDF Xpansion technology, which is also used by several [partners and customers](#). Moreover, Soft Xpansion has implemented the technology into its own [Perfect PDF & Print 8 product family](#). The family members consist of retail desktop applications and freeware.

About Soft Xpansion

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