

Comparison of traditional HTML Form versus Acrobat Reader PDF pureForms

Benefits of online form

Online forms can either be traditional html form or the universal Acrobat Reader's form. Their benefits are:

1. User need not print out form to hand-fill form, then mail or fax in completed form. Less hassle, no delay.
2. Your database can directly and instantaneously capture user entered data, resulting in less organizational cost or manual reentry errors.

Acrobat Reader based forms have distinct advantages and is outlined in the following comparison matrix.

	Features	HTML Form	PDF pureForms
1	Technology based on	Simple HTML tags	Adobe Reader (AR)
2	Fill-able	Yes	Yes
3	Data entered directly into database? To see a DEMO, click here FREE forms hosting by us, see Hosting services .	Yes	No, if only using AR Yes , use AR + our service . A winning feature.
4	Technology based on open standards	Yes	Universal (free Adobe Reader)
5	Create complex Form Layout, e.g. IRS Form 1040, Application for employment, Multiple-choice questions form.	No	Yes
6	Create screen forms to look identical to existing printed forms	No, because of 5	Yes
7	Work with Netscape Navigator & Internet Explorer browsers	Yes. Old browsers do not support lots of desirable features.	Yes, but only newer versions (version 4+)
8	What software the public must have to use forms	Free browser	Free browser and free Acrobat Reader
9	What are the benefits of online forms if after online fill-in, user still must mail in form with a real signature.	Store image of signed form with online form's data	Store image of signed form with online form's data
10	For (9), why do I want online data?	You can instantaneous retrieve form's data when user calls for service, even when you have not yet received mailed form.	Same as HTML form's answer. Fulfilled dream of a paperless office.
11	User did no online fill-in, just mailed or fax in completed form. What automation can my company get, if any	None	PDF form can be scanned in and its data automatically captured into database. Reduce human error and cost.
12	For (11), why you cannot scan in HTML to do the same automatic data capture?	Because of (5), data scan is not too recognizable.	High degree of recognition, practical to use scanning.
13	Can I email my partially filled form to be completed by my wife oversea?	No, the filled data is not saved	Yes. A winning feature.
14	Can I do digital signature?	Yes, at cost	Yes, free.
15	Can I include audio, video in form?	Yes	Yes
16	Most forms flicker/refresh when I click submit button. Can you prevent that problem?	No, they all flicker	Yes, data updated with no flicker
17	Who host my web forms and database server?	Any ISP	Any ISP
18	Do I still need you after you designed my forms?	No	No