



Release Notes

SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe (SAP Netweaver 7.01 & SAP Netweaver CE 7.11)

Component

SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe (IFbA)
SAP NetWeaver 7.01 & SAP NetWeaver CE 7.11

Business Value

The following is a list of new features in this release:

- **Offline Interactive Forms Inbound Data Processing Infrastructure**
In an offline interactive forms scenario, an interactive form is sent to the end user with pre-filled data. This form is then opened by the user on the client side using the Adobe Reader with no connection to an SAP system. Once the form is filled and completed by the user, the user could email this form back to the defined recipient or upload it to the SAP system once online.

The new offline interactive forms data processing infrastructure provides built-in support for processing the data from the inbound PDF sent back via email.

Using the new infrastructure, a mail inbound handler can be configured for handling PDFs sent back via emails. This built in handler not only supports the extraction of XML based data and the form template information out of the PDF, but is also capable of converting this XML based data into data dictionary based structures suitable for processing in SAP application modules.

This built-in support for inbound data processing in offline forms scenarios considerably reduces the development effort for such offline form scenarios.
- **New features in the Adobe LiveCycle Designer 8.1**
The new Adobe LiveCycle Designer available with SAP NetWeaver 7.01 & SAP NetWeaver Composition Environment 7.1 has a number of new features. To name a few, syntax checking support for JavaScript and Formcalc and possibility to import XForms definitions from host languages such as .XDFL(Output format from IBM Workspaces Forms Designer), .XHTML, .XML and HTML
- **User Interface for the configuration of Job Profiles
(NOT available in SAP NetWeaver 7.01 but only in SAP NetWeaver CE 7.11)**
Jobs profile is a set of standard instructions to modify a request made to the Adobe Document Services(ADS). It enables users or administrators to customize and enhance the behavior of ADS through centrally defined rules.

Job Profiles are available in Interactive forms since the SAP NW 7.0. The new User interface for configuring Job Profiles make it easy for users and administrators to



create, copy, edit and delete Job profiles on a server. The new UI is available as part of the SAP NetWeaver Administrator on the SAP NetWeaver J2EE server.

- **Support for external operations on the Adobe Document Services(ADS) using Job Profiles**

ADS supports so called external operations to execute services related to PDF and print output outside of the ADS. An external operation is/has to be implemented by a “connector” which takes care of actually passing on parameters and calling the external functionality. Job Profiles have to be used to call for example other Adobe LiveCycle products like Adobe LiveCycle Rights Management through external operations.

- **Output of multiple form templates in a single PDF**

Rather than creating several PDFs, it can be more convenient to create a single PDF for all the form templates – for example, related documents to be attached to an email. ADS can now be instructed by the print program to return a single PDF.

Description

SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe is an part of the SAP NetWeaver platform and ships with SAP NetWeaver

This note attempts to give a high level overview of the new features in SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe delivered in the SAP NetWeaver 7.01 and SAP NetWeaver CE 7.11 releases