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Creating Custom Dynamic Stamps with Adobe® Acrobat® 8

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In Adobe Acrobat, you can add an online stamp to a PDF document in much the same way you apply a rubber stamp to a paper document — for instance, to show the document's approval status or the date it was received. We first looked at creating Adobe PDF Stamps with Acrobat 7.0 about a year ago, in [Acrobat Insider #11](#). That issue generated quite a bit of feedback from our readers.

Many questions revolved around custom stamps, especially custom stamps containing dynamic fields that automatically derive values from preset user profile information and computer system information such as the current date and time. So this month I show you how to create a dynamic custom stamp by following three steps:

► Set Identity Preferences

To get started, it's important to fill in your Identity Preferences. This is the information that Acrobat uses for signatures, dynamic stamps, comments and elsewhere. [Read More](#)

► Create a Custom Stamp

The first step in creating a custom stamp is to choose a starting image, such as a company logo or the original artwork used to create one of your existing rubber stamps, like a "Document Received" stamp. [Read More](#)

► Add Dynamic Fields

The easiest way to make a custom stamp dynamic is to copy a field from one of the dynamic stamps that comes with Acrobat and paste it onto your new custom stamp. [Read More](#)

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▶ **TIP: Rotating Stamps**

A stamp is initially placed in orthogonal format, but it's easy to rotate it.

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