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DATA MAGNETS.**



New Features in Adobe® Acrobat® 8 Forms

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We last discussed forms in Adobe Acrobat 7 in [Insider #5](#) (December 2005). The new Acrobat 8 Professional significantly enhances the creation and use of forms and widens the usability of forms for users of the free

Adobe Reader®, further extending additional capabilities to the entire project team.

► Create Forms by Automatically Detecting Fields

Regardless of the program that you use to initially author a form—whether it's a page layout program like Adobe PageMaker® or InDesign®, a word processor such as Microsoft Word, or some other authoring program—you can easily convert it into a PDF form by having Acrobat automatically create the form fields for you. [Read More](#)

► Gather Form Data

Another improvement in Acrobat 8 is the forms handling process. Now the completed forms you get back from recipients are automatically collected in a PDF package instead of as individual PDF files. [Read More](#)

► TIP: Customize Form Fields

When you use the Run Form Field Recognition command, the type of fields that are created may not always be the type you need. [Read More](#)

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