Helpsheet on Evenlogic's demonstration of dynamic LiveCycle forms

LiveCycle forms is a powerful technology marketed by Adobe that allows the development of sophisticated offline and online dynamic PDF electronic forms. The demo form provides a simple demonstration of some of the capabilities of the technology.

LiveCycle forms do not operate in all environments and a number of restrictions apply. These are well-documented elsewhere. A useful link in relation to this is http://www.adobepress.com/articles/article.asp?p=2158443&seqNum=4, which is to a chapter of an excellent book on LiveCycle Designer by J. P. Terry that gives a good explanation of issues concerning different PDF viewers, browsers and devices.

The following summarises key points that apply to the use of the demo form:

PDF viewer

The form is for use on a PC or laptop and must be viewed in Adobe Acrobat or the free Adobe Reader (version 9 or later). The latest version of Adobe Reader (version DC) can be downloaded from https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/. Note that like all PDF LiveCycle forms, the demo form is not supported on iPad and Android tablets.

Use of the form directly on a user's PC

The demo form may be downloaded and saved to the hard disk of a user's PC. It can then be used directly (i.e. not within a browser window) with Adobe Acrobat or the free Adobe Reader.

• Use of the form within a web browser

The demo form may also be used with Adobe Acrobat or the free Adobe Reader, within a web browser window. Some browsers, such as Internet Explorer, normally support Adobe Reader as their default PDF viewer. Other more modern browsers, such as Google Chrome, are preconfigured with their own default PDF viewer; in these cases, the browser needs to be re-configured to make Adobe Reader its default viewer.

Saving of filled-in forms

The demo form has not been enabled to save completed or part completed copies of the form in Adobe Reader. If a working copy is saved, the copy that is saved is the version of the form that was downloaded originally and without any data. Completed or part completed copies of the form can however be printed.

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