

What the specimen was filled in with

8 fields, read with tclpdf's own parser - the one [pdf import] takes a page over with. Nothing is installed for it and nothing is started: no qpdf, no Java, no output format to parse.

name (text)

value	Erika Mustermann
flags	Required
tooltip	As held in the register of members
on the page	1 widget on page 1

remark (text)

value	Ich kann bei Lesungen aushelfen.
flags	Multiline
tooltip	Anything the form has no field for
on the page	1 widget on page 1

salutation (combo)

value	Frau
exports as	F
options	F = Frau, H = Herr, D = Keine Angabe
flags	Combo
tooltip	How we address you in writing
on the page	1 widget on page 1

interests (listbox)

value	Lesungen , Ehrenamt
exports as	books , help
options	books = Lesungen, kids = Kinder und Jugend, help = Ehrenamt
flags	MultiSelect
tooltip	More than one with Ctrl or Cmd
on the page	1 widget on page 1

rate (radio)

value	supporting
default	full
flags	Radio
tooltip	The rate under clause 4
on the page	3 widgets on page 1

newsletter (check)

value	yes
tooltip	May be withdrawn at any time
on the page	1 widget on page 1

member (text)

value	M-2026-0117
flags	ReadOnly
tooltip	Given by the office
on the page	1 widget on page 1

reset (button)

value	- empty -
flags	Pushbutton
tooltip	Puts every field back
on the page	1 widget on page 1

Check it yourself

Two other readers answer the same question, and where they differ it is worth knowing why. qpdf enumerates WIDGETS: a radio set of three buttons is three rows there and one field here, a field with no widget does not appear at all, and its "alternativenam" falls back to the field name where the file writes no /TU. PDFBox enumerates fields, as this does, and agrees with it field for field on every document tested.

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tclsh examples/09.03-form-read.tcl out.pdf any-form.pdf
qpdf --json --json-key=acroform any-form.pdf
java -cp tools/Mustang-CLI-2.25.0.jar tools/formcheck.java any-form.pdf
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Two kinds of file are refused rather than half-answered. An ENCRYPTED one: a field name and a text value are strings, and strings are what a security handler encrypts - measured on a 40-bit RC4 form, /FT and /Ff come through and every /T and /V is binary rubbish. An XFA form: its data lives in an XML stream in a format defined outside the PDF standard, and the /AcroForm fields beneath it are a shadow copy that need not agree with it - "-xfa 1" asks for that copy where it is what you want. [pdf info] says which of the two you have.