

How was it?

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Everything you can type into or tick below is a form field and not a drawing - nineteen fields in six kinds, thirty-five widgets between them. Fill the card in on screen, or print it and use a pen.

1 Who is writing

NAME

STREET AND NUMBER

POSTCODE

TOWN

E-MAIL

HOW YOU HEARD OF US



2 How it went

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Finding your way around

The talks and the workshops

Food and drink

Value for the ticket price

1 not at all · 5 very much indeed

3 What you went to

Opening night

Studio tours

The type workshop

Poster market

Talks in the hall

Closing party

4 Two last things

BEST DAY FOR YOU

ANYTHING ELSE



Clears the card, all nineteen fields of it.

Thank you. Drop the card in the box by the exit, or mail it back.

The same six types as 09.02

Nineteen fields, of six types, in one /AcroForm, and thirty-five widget annotations on the sheet - the four rating rows are four fields with five buttons each, which is why qpdf lists "programme" five times. Beside 09.02 the two sheets share every call and agree about nothing that can be seen: the difference is -borderWidth, -background, -mark, -markSize, -highlight and the colours, and the rest of the look is page content drawn around the boxes.

Why a reader cannot take it away

An appearance stream is an ordinary Form XObject, so there is nothing in the standard that says what a field looks like. What there is is raw material a reader MAY use when it draws one itself: /MK for the frame and the fill, /BS for the line style, /DA for the type and /Q for the alignment. That moment comes at the first keystroke - so everything meant to survive typing is written to /MK as well as drawn, and everything else here is page content, which no field can lose.

/NeedAppearances is not in this file. Every one of the thirty-five widgets brought an appearance stream of its own, drawn by the package - which is also the only thing that makes a design like this one survive being opened in a reader that draws fields its own way.

Check it yourself

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