Adobe Acrobat Reader under Linux

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DESY

Current status

> Adobe Acrobat Reader 9 is the latest version for Linux

> … and it is unsafe

> RHEL actively removes it from installation

> Zeuthen site (among others) follow this

> No new Adobe Acrobat Reader in sight

> Need for alternatives

Alternatives to Adobe Acrobat Reader

> Linux PDF readers … e.g. Evince, GPdf, Okular, KPDF, Xpdf, …

- Probably none is full replacement for Acrobat Reader - Especially forms are problematic
- SL6 (and more SL5) feature rather old versions

> Chrome Brower includes PDF reader

- SL6 too old for recent Chrome browser
- Support for yet another browser @DESY

> WINE and Acrobat Reader 10/11

- Unclear "roadmap" & Huge support load

> Windows Terminal Server and Acrobat Reader 11

- Only works when online – no alternative for laptops
- Needs password for access
- Increase of licensing costs

> Virtual Machine with Windows and Acrobat Reader 11

- Huge management overhead
- Increase of licensing costs

Summary

> No really appealing alternatives to Adobe Acrobat Reader on Linux

> Users of recent Ubuntu desktops seem to have slightly better options