SIGNiX PDF Characteristics

AcroForms Documents

For AcroForms (PDFs made with Acrobat), we support PDF version 1.5 and up. The older the version, the more likely clients will be able to open it without upgrading their installation of Acrobat or Reader.

The documents must be unencrypted.

For signature fields, we just need regular PDF signature fields. Each field must be positioned over a signature line in the document, and each field must have a name that is unique within the document.

In addition to signature fields, we also support what we call signature information fields. These are regular PDF fields that we automatically update at signing time with information about specific signatures.

Right now we support one kind of signature information field, the signing date field. This is a plain text field that we will fill automatically with the time of signing. By default, the date is in U.S. Eastern time zone, and only shows the date, not the time. When the documents are uploaded, there is a field in the transaction metadata that allows this field to be formatted arbitrarily, include the time, and be reported in other time zones, or in UTC (Zulu). However, the time zone is not sensitive to the location of the signer, since we don't know where they are. The time zone and format that this field will be reported in is fixed at the time we receive the documents.