

5 visions of a PDF future

A PDF Association Panel Discussion

Moderated by Matt Kuznicki, PDF Association Chair

Matt Kuznicki
Chairman
PDF Association



Agenda

- Setup and introduction
- Let's have some vision in 3 minutes apiece!
- Discuss



The future of PDF

- In 1993, PDF was born
- In 2018, PDF is 25 years old, and the dominant final-form electronic document format used worldwide
- In 2043, PDF will be 50
 - Will we still use PDF? If not, what will replace PDF?
 - What role will PDF have? How will it change?
 - Will PDF's key value proposition(s) ever go out of style?
 - What technologies does PDF need in order to grow?
 - In a blockchain world, are PDF's core features still relevant? Or more relevant?
 - Will PDF rise above its lowest-common-denominator roots?
 - Will PDF live forever?



5 visions of a PDF future

www.pdfa.org



Catherine
Andersz

- PDFTron

Richard
Cohn

- Adobe

Harald
Grumser

- Compart

Carsten
Heiermann

- Foxit Europe

Duff
Johnson

- PDF
Association

