

JetsonPDF.Forms

API Reference

Built from scratch against ISO 32000-2 (PDF 2.0)

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Opening a form & discovering fields

JetsonPDF.Forms opens an existing PDF, exposes its AcroForm fields, queues mutations against them, and saves via a single incremental-update layer. Within one Form instance repeated Save() calls are byte-identical: mutations are re-applied against the original source bytes, never stacked on a prior save.

Type	Description
JetsonPDF.Forms.Form	Entry point. Open a PDF, enumerate Fields, queue mutations, Save.
Form.Open(string, password = "")	Open from disk. Optional owner/user password.
Form.Open(byte[] Stream, ...)	Open from a buffer or stream (read fully into memory).
form.Fields	FormFieldCollection of every discovered field, stable order.
JetsonPDF.Forms.FormFieldCollection	Count, this[name], Contains, TryGet, IEnumerable<FormField>.
collection["Name"]	O(1) lookup by fully-qualified field name; throws if absent.
form.Dispose()	Releases the underlying parsed document (use 'using').

Example

```
using var form = Form.Open("input.pdf");

foreach (var f in form.Fields)
    Console.WriteLine($"{f.Name}: {f.Type} = {f.Value}");

Console.WriteLine($"{form.Fields.Count} field(s)");
```

Inspecting a field

FormField is one fully-qualified field name. A radio group is a single field whose SelectRadio targets the chosen option. Read-only properties describe the field as parsed; Value reflects any mutation already queued this session.

Type	Description
JetsonPDF.Forms.FormField	One AcroForm field; fluent setters return the same instance.
field.Name	Fully-qualified field name (period-joined, §12.7.4.2).
field.Type	FormFieldType — controls which setters are valid.
field.Value	Current value; honours a pending mutation if one is queued.
field.Options	(Export, Display) pairs for combo / list boxes; else empty.
field.MaxLength	/MaxLen for text fields, or null.
field.IsReadOnly / IsRequired	Source /Ff ReadOnly and Required flag bits.
field.Rect / PageIndex	First widget's rect (points, y-up) and page index.
field.IsSigned	True for a signature widget with a populated /V dict.
JetsonPDF.Forms.FormFieldType	Text, CheckBox, Radio, PushButton, ComboBox, ListBox, Signature, Unknown.

Example

```
var field = form.Fields["Photo"];
Console.WriteLine($"{field.Type} @ page {field.PageIndex} " +
    $"rect {field.Rect}");

if (field.Type == FormFieldType.ComboBox)
    foreach (var (export, display) in field.Options)
        Console.WriteLine($" {export} = {display}");
```

Mutating fields

Every setter is fluent (returns the FormField) and type-checked: a wrong-type call throws. Push buttons hold no value; signed signature widgets reject every mutation because the cryptographic byte range covers /AP. SetImage is valid on text, push-button, and unsigned signature widgets.

Type	Description
<code>field.SetText(value)</code>	Text fields and the editable text of a combo box.
<code>field.SetChecked(bool) / Toggle()</code>	Check-box on/off; Toggle reads the current state.
<code>field.SelectRadio(optionName)</code>	Radio group — name matches an /AP /N on-state key.
<code>field.SetChoice(export)</code>	Combo / single-select list box by export value.
<code>field.SetChoices(exports)</code>	Multi-select list box; throws if single-select.
<code>field.SetImage(image, alignment, ...)</code>	Bake an image into /AP /N at the widget rect.
<code>JetsonPDF.Forms.ImageAlignment</code>	Center (default), TopLeft/TopRight/BottomLeft/BottomRight, Stretch.
<code>field.Clear()</code>	Reset one field; button/signature silently skipped.

Example

```
form.Fields["FullName"].SetText("John Smith");
form.Fields["Subscribe"].SetChecked(true);
form.Fields["Plan"].SetChoice("annual");
form.Fields["Photo"].SetImage(
    JetsonPDF.Image.FromFile("sig.png"),
    ImageAlignment.Center, padding: 2);
```

Saving & resetting

Save serializes original bytes plus exactly one incremental-update section (§7.5.6). SingleLayer is the only mode and the default; it is the one to use for signed documents. Form.Clear() queues a reset for every value-bearing field.

Type	Description
form.Save()	Serialize to a byte[] (SaveMode.SingleLayer).
form.Save(string Stream)	Write the bytes to a path or stream.
form.Save(SaveMode)	Explicit mode; SingleLayer is the only member.
JetsonPDF.Forms.SaveMode.SingleLayer	Original bytes + one incremental section; byte-identical on re-save.
form.Clear()	Queue a clear for every text/check/radio/choice field.

Example

```
using var form = Form.Open("input.pdf");
form.Fields["FullName"].SetText("Jordan");
form.Fields["IsActive"].SetChecked(true);
form.Save("output.pdf");

// Repeated saves within one instance are byte-identical:
var a = form.Save();
var b = form.Save();
Console.WriteLine(a.SequenceEqual(b)); // True
```