

Interactive Designer supplement

The Interactive Designer is an eDocBuilder option that provides your users with a sleek, responsive way to customize templates. It is offered to eDocBuilder users at an additional charge.

Once your eDocBuilder login has been registered to use the Interactive Designer, you can set individual templates to use the ID instead of the forms client. This enables some new options for the template and for its fields; it also applies some limitations.

New features provided by the ID

- Improved speed and responsiveness
- Any field can be moved or rotated to the exact position your end user desires (if you permit it). Images can be interactively resized or re-cropped after uploading.
- Granular control over which changes your end user can make to fields

eDocBuilder features that the ID cannot support

These limitations generally apply to how the ID presents your document. If you use these features in Creator, they may still apply to the final generated output. This may be confusing for your end user because it removes the "What You See Is What You Get" experience. However, in some cases, the extra processing done to the final output may be useful.

- The designer will only display fields where the field input comes directly from the end user. No vdp uploads, no field scripting (html or vb), no having one field always copy another. (However, scripting can be used for fields that appear only in the production file.)
- No force-fit text. The end user has control over the font face and size of all text fields (among the fonts you upload to your template).
- No "reformat types", like phone number formats. What your user types is what will be put in.
- No rich text input. The user can change the font face, size or color of text, but the entire field uses the same settings.
- No support for response sets.

Activating the Interactive Designer for a template

On the Template Info tab is the choice for whether to use the Interactive Designer with this template:

The screenshot shows the eDocBuilder interface with the 'Template Info' tab selected. The template name is '_NewScrapBook'. The 'Can be used with' section has 'Use with Interactive Designer' selected. The 'Allow adding text' and 'Allow adding images' checkboxes are checked. The 'Bleed' field is set to 0.00 Points. The 'Save Changes' button is visible at the bottom.

Once you choose the Interactive Designer, two new options appear for the template:

When checked, they will allow the end user to add his/her own text or images to the document in any arbitrary location. There will probably be templates that you do not wish to enable this for, so by default they will be left unchecked.

Next, the individual field objects on the Field Setup page will have a new tab to them called “Rules”:

The image shows two screenshots of a software interface, specifically the 'Rules' tab for field setup. The top screenshot is for a field named 'coverimagethree' and the bottom is for 'covertitle'. Both screenshots show a preview of the field on the left and a list of permissions on the right. The 'Rules' tab is selected in both.

coverimagethree

Summary | Field Type | Data Capture | Format | Field Scripting | Stacking Groups | Positioning | Rules

- Can delete field
- Can move field
- Can resize field
- Can rotate field
- Can change z-order
- Can put behind background

Cropping: crop to any aspect ratio

Minimum field size: w 0 h 0

Maximum field size: w 9999 h 9999 Points

covertitle

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- Can style text
- Can change font face
- Can change font color

Minimum font size: 10

Maximum font size: 200

The individual checkboxes here let you make the decision, for each individual field, whether the end user is allowed to:

- delete, move, resize, or rotate, the field;
- if he can resize it, the max and minimum size allowed
- whether he can change the z-order (also called “stacking order”)
- what kind of cropping is permitted (image fields only)
- whether he can style the text (apply bold, italic, underline, or change the leading or horizontal scaling) (text fields only)
- whether the font can be changed, and what font size range is allowed (text fields only)