



## This week in PDF: PDF education

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As Adobe rightly grabs headlines with its announcement of the Acrobat 8 family of products, this week in PDF sees the announcement of a series of workflow seminars, the association of a PDF/A resource and updates to both a PDF censorship tool and a network PDF printing solution.

First up, let's talk education. At the start of the year, PDF Tools AG and LuraTech Europe GmbH founded the PDF/A Competence Center. According to Thomas Zellmann, executive chairman of the PDF/A Competence Center, "The interest...was...so great that we decided to team up with other companies to form an association." Founding companies of the Center's new incarnation as an association are callas software GmbH, Compart Systemhaus GmbH, LuraTech Europe GmbH, PDF Tools AG (Switzerland) and PDFlib GmbH. The Center's activities include cooperation on ISO standardization, conducting seminars, building a Web site with a range of information and recruiting additional members. For more information on the PDF/A Competence Center, check out the official Web site (<http://www.pdfa.org/>).

Also doing its bit is Enfocus, which will be continuing its free seminar series through the month of September. Initiated in 2005, the *Enhancing Your PDF Workflow* seminar series was created for designers, printers and publishers, and has since traveled to over a dozen North American cities. The new round of events are scheduled for Washington, D.C. and Seattle, WA on September 26 and 28, respectively. To find out more or sign up, visit the Enfocus Web site (<http://www.enfocus.com/roadshow.php>).

On the software front, Software602 has released a network PDF printer that supports a watched folder interface. Print2PDF 6.0 Server Edition enables workgroups to convert output from any application that can print into a PDF document either interactively or via pre-configured shared folders. Version 6.0 adds email support, real-time watched folders, supports additional file types and can be used to embed files into PDF documents. Full release details can be found on the Software602 Web site (<http://www.software602.com/products/print2pdfserver/>).

Last but not least, Appligent has announced an update to its PDF censorship tool. Redax 4.5 is a plug-in for Adobe Acrobat versions 6, 7 and 8 that permanently and securely removes information from PDF files. Improvements in the new version include enhanced full page redaction and search capabilities as well as a greater range of user options.

Redax 4.5 begins shipping in October. For more, see Appligent.com  
(<http://www.appligent.com/>).

That's it for this week! Until next time...