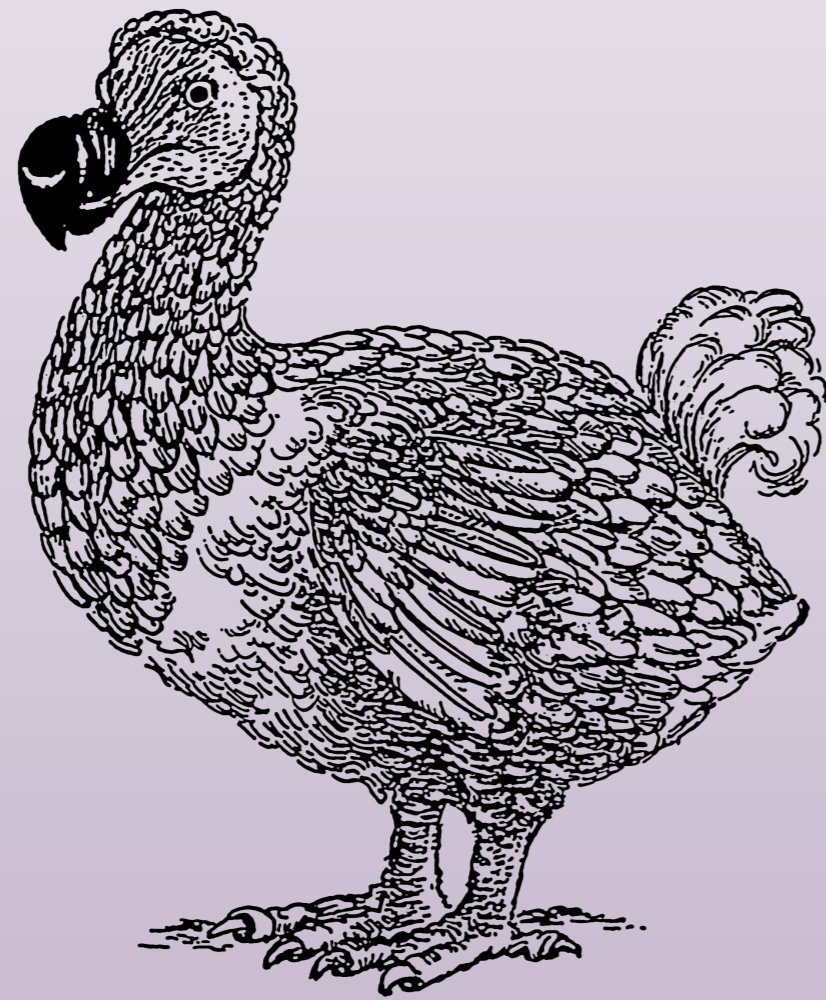


# Viewing Bad

A comparison of current PDF viewers






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# Prerequisites

- Too many features in PDF
- Vast variety of viewers
- Focus on Linux and MacOS
- Wine is no option

# TL;DR: Suggestions

If you need...			
Forms	MPE, Foxit R., (Okular)	MPE, Foxit R.,	Acrobat R.
Annotations	MPE, Foxit R.?, (Okular)	MPE, Foxit/Ac-	robat R.?
JavaScript	MPE?	Acrobat Reader,	MPE?
SyncTeX	TeXstudio, qpdfview, Zathura	Skim, TeXshop, TeXstudio	TeXstudio, Sumatra
Prepress	PDF Studio Pro	Acrobat Pro,	PDF Studio Pro



MPE = Master PDF Editor (unregistered)

Foxit Reader for Linux is outdated, but often good enough.

Foxit supports annotations generally well, but crashes as often as Adobe Reader.

# Annotations

- Basic annotations in several viewers
- Usable comment workflow only in a few
- Adobe and Foxit Reader crash often

- : Master PDF Editor, PDF Studio, Able2Extract
- : Acrobat Pro + above

 Qoppa PDF Studio Pro 2019 crashes with ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt forms.

# What do you need?

- Presentations with JavaScript on Linux? 😞
- Print filled forms with an open source viewer? 😞
- ...