Linking and Viewing PDFs

There are many ways to link, view, or create PDF in Dokuwiki.

External Links

The first way to link to an external pdf is to use `[[  ]]` brackets as one would for links:

Code	Result
`[[https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf]]`	https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf
`[[https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf|Two Metre Repeaters]]`	Two Metre Repeaters

This works, but notice the "Earth" icon on the left of the link, identifying that it's a link to an external webpage. We can change this identifying icon to a PDF by using the `{{  }}` brackets instead, which are also used for images:

Code	Result
`{{https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf}}`	twometre.pdf
`{{https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf|Two Metre Repeaters}}`	Two Metre Repeaters

Internal Links

These brackets also work for internal files that are stored on our server (like images):

Code	Result
`{{:blog:2019-08-11:twometre.pdf |}}`	twometre.pdf
`{{:blog:2019-08-11:twometre.pdf |Two Metre Repeaters}}`	Two Meter Repeaters

Using the PDF.js Plugin, it's also possible to display a local pdf in a window. For example,

```
{{pdfjs 600px,300px>:blog:2019-08-11:twometre.pdf}}
```

gives:

Note, that the width (`600px`) and length (`300px`) parameters are optional. Also, this doesn't work with external links.

Export Page To PDF

Finally, thanks to the DW2PDF Plugin, Dokuwiki pages can be easily exported as PDFs using the

simply by adding `?do=export_pdf` at the end of a URL. Quick caveat: counter intuitively, this time, the `[[  ]]` brackets must be used:

Code	Result
`[[/blog/2019-08-11/linking_and_viewing_pdfs?do=export_pdf |Export This Page to PDF]]`	Export This Page to PDF

To add the fancy PDF icon, I manually added `mpdf → {NAME}?do=export_pdf` to the InterWiki Links configuration file with the PDF icon so that this can be used instead:

Code	Result
`[[mpdf>/blog/2019-08-11/linking_and_viewing_pdfs |Export This Page to PDF]]`	Export This Page to PDF

Or, if the page to export is the one containing the link, this works too:

Code	Result
`[[mpdf>|Export This Page to PDF]]`	Export This Page to PDF