

# 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
<code>[[https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf]]</code>	<a href="https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf">https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf</a>
<code>[[https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf Two Metre Repeaters]]</code>	<a href="https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf">Two Metre Repeaters</a>

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
<code>{{https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf}}</code>	<a href="https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf">twometre.pdf</a>
<code>{{https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf Two Metre Repeaters}}</code>	<a href="https://bcarcc.org/twometre.pdf">Two Metre Repeaters</a>

## Internal Links

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

Code	Result
<code>{{:blog:2019-08-11:twometre.pdf  }}</code>	<a href="#">twometre.pdf</a>
<code>{{:blog:2019-08-11:twometre.pdf  Two Metre Repeaters}}</code>	<a href="#">Two Meter Repeaters</a>


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 PDF icon on the right hand side of the page: 


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
<code>[[/blog/2019-08-11/linking_and_viewing_pdfs?do=export_pdf  Export This Page to PDF]]</code>	

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
<code>[[mpdf&gt;/blog/2019-08-11/linking_and_viewing_pdfs  Export This Page to PDF]]</code>	 <a href="#">Export This Page to PDF</a>

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

Code	Result
<code>[[mpdf&gt; Export This Page to PDF]]</code>	 <a href="#">Export This Page to PDF</a>