Display PDF file in articles

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> **Note:** We used to recommend using Google Docs embed viewer. We stopped recommending this approach in 2018, after all major browsers began supporting displaying PDFs and Google stopped updating the Google Docs embed viewer. We now recommend a basic iFrame, as outlined below.

You can display PDFs inside your articles using an iFrame. This allows you to embed your PDFs inside articles similar to how you can embed YouTube videos using an embed code.

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2. Click on Code View (Source) in the WYSIWYG editor to get to the HTML and paste the following code where you want the PDF to appear.

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3. Replace the src URL with the URL of your PDF and save. Be sure to keep the URL in "quotes".

Here's what a PDF looks like embedded in an iframe: