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Playing an Alternate Video

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1. Introduction

The example presented in this AcroTeX PDF Blog is based on an idea of Joel Geraci at his **PDF Developer Junkie Blog**. In his article *Best Practices: Video in Acrobat 9*, he gives an example of a rich media annotation what plays a large Flash Video if the user is online, and a smaller, low resolution video, if off-line. He make a demo PDF available, as well as the Flash CS3 project used to build the SWF file.

The example here has basically the same functionality, but is built using Adobe FLEX 3. The MXML file `vidDispList.mxml` from [AcroTeX Blog #6](#) was modified and this new feature was incorporated.

2. Playing an Alternate Video

This example plays an alternate video for the user, when the user is either off-line and the videos cannot be accessed, or, perhaps, the video referenced on the Internet does not exist.



The last entry in the drop-down menu (combo box) is a bogus reference. When this item is selected, a connection error is detected, and the alternate (embedded) video is played. As with [AcroTeX Blog #6](#), the list of videos is passed to `vidDispList.swf` as `FlashVars`, the alternate video is embedded as a resource.

That's pretty much it for now, I simply must get back to my retirement. ☹