

## SUCCESS STORY

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## activePDF WebGrabber Helps to Provide Child Profile Reports Proven to Assist in the Faster Recovery of Abducted Children

**Company: Project SafeChild**

**Industry: Non-profit Organization**

**Product(s) Used: activePDF Server/WebGrabber**

### Solution Spotlight

Project Safe Child joins forces with Fingerprint America and uses activePDF WebGrabber to help provide easy access to child profile reports that are proven to assist in the faster recovery of abducted children.

### Company Overview

A missing child is every parent’s worst nightmare. Even with the best parental care, almost 2,100 children a day, or 2 children a minute are reported missing each year. Project Safe Child (PSC) was founded by a group of concerned parents who were alarmed by the increasing number of child abductions occurring throughout the U.S. Its sole mission is to provide families of victims and law enforcement agencies with assistance in finding a missing child. In the past, technology has been severely lacking in the area of child safety and preventative abduction measures and so these parents felt compelled to contribute their skills and align with technology companies around the world to assist parents in protecting their children.

PSC’s software solution, the KidFriendlyID Card, is designed to provide children and parents with the necessary tools should they ever find themselves in an abduction situation. The ID cards can be attached to a child’s personal items - they do not contain names or photos, just a personal id number, advice for the child, a toll free telephone number and instructions if the card is found. Additionally, PSC has developed an online resource for parents to maintain an up-to-date, easily accessible Personal ID Kit containing comprehensive information, including pictures and fingerprints, about their children. PSC hosts many events across the nation in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies and corporate sponsors to help create profiles and ID cards for children using the software version of their online resource. High-quality PDF reports of each child’s profile can be generated within minutes, effectively centralizing vital information about each child and enabling parents to provide critical details as quickly as possible in the event of abduction.

## Business Challenge

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It often takes parents up to three or four days to retrieve the necessary information required to assist in the search for a missing child. Additionally, many U.S. police departments collect data on local children but parents do not have an easy way to share that information with other jurisdictions in the case of child abduction. Every lost hour reduces the chance of safe recovery. With minimal technology available to assist families of missing individuals, PSC founders decided to create a software application (KidFriendlyID) that would provide the functionality necessary to organize specific information imperative to the recovery of a family member. In order to present a complete solution to parents and law enforcement agencies, PSC needed a reliable method of distributing the information collected and a report generator was required.

## activePDF Solution

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In order to integrate report generation capabilities from the KidFriendlyID application, PSC first considered using a report generator that offered the option to export output in PDF format. After evaluating several solutions with this functionality, PSC realized that it would be too complicated in the long run and would add significant overhead to support such a process. With the implementation of activePDF WebGrabber, parents now enter their child's vital data and any pertinent photos via a HTML form in a secured area of the Project Safe Child website. Once completed, they then click an icon that builds an ASP report on the back end. Once the report has been built, users have the option to download the report in PDF format using activePDF WebGrabber technology. Parents receive a fingerprinting kit – they then take the child's fingerprints and return the results to PSC. The prints (and photos, if necessary) are scanned into the system. In the case of abduction, a PDF containing all the necessary information can be generated instantly. The PDF file is then emailed to all police jurisdictions within a certain radius, as well as to federal authorities if the child is believed to have been taken over state lines.

## Results

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Project Safe Child has participated in numerous searches for missing children across the country and they are acutely aware that when a child goes missing time is of the essence. With PDF reports easily accessible from any platform, this solution provides the ability to have and distribute up to date information about a missing child almost instantly, increasing the chances of recovery.

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## About activePDF WebGrabber

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activePDF WebGrabber dynamically renders HTML to PDF, while retaining embedded styles. Virtually anything that can be viewed in a web browser can be converted to PDF, independent of the server-side rendering language. A programmable COM object, activePDF WebGrabber can be easily integrated into existing applications providing a robust PDF generation/reporting solution.