

# Annotation()

(mPDF >= 2.2)

Annotation – Add an Annotation to the document

## Description

```
void Annotation ( string $text [, float $x , float $y [, string $icon [, string $author [, string $subject [, float $opacity [, array $colarray [, mixed $popup ]]]]]]] )
```

Adds an Annotation to the document. An annotation is like a Tooltip on a webpage. The Annotation marker, like those of "Sticky Notes" in Adobe Reader. When the reader passes the cursor over, it will display a popup text box.

The exact position on the page can be specified using *x* and *y*, or left to position automatically. If *x* and *y* are not specified, the Annotation will be inserted at the current position of writing in the document. The *x* position (horizontal) can be overridden by the variable *annotMargin*, which can be used to force the Annotation marker to display in the right margin.

**Note:** All text to do with an annotation (text, author, subject) is rendered with the system font and can therefore contain any Unicode character even if the document font restricts to a specific codepage.

**\*\* SetUserRights was removed in mPDF 2.4 \*\***  
Annotations cannot be moved or deleted by the reader

## Parameters

*text*

This parameter specifies the text to appear in the popup text box

*x*

Sets the *x* position of the (bottom left edge of the) Annotation marker, set in mm from the left of the page.  
**BLANK** or omitted or 0 uses the current writing position on the page, unless overridden by *\$annotMargin*.

*y*

Sets the *y* position of the (bottom left edge of the) Annotation marker, set in mm from the top of the page. When Annotation markers are used within the text (*annotMargin=FALSE*), the marker is raised by the current lineheight to appear above the text.  
**BLANK** or omitted or 0 uses the current writing position on the page.

*icon*

Sets the appearance of the Annotation marker.  
**BLANK** or omitted uses **DEFAULT** i.e. 'Note'

**Values** (case sensitive)

Note  
Comment  
Help  
Insert  
Key

NewParagraph  
Paragraph  
**DEFAULT:** Note

**Note:** The default is "Comment" when using Annotations from HTML markup `<span title="">` when `title2annots` is **TRUE**

*author*

This specifies the name of the Author which will appear at the top of the popup text box.  
**DEFAULT:** BLANK

*subject*

This specifies the text to appear in the Annotation properties.  
**DEFAULT:** BLANK

*opacity*

Sets the opacity of the Annotation marker. Values must be greater than 0 and  $\leq 1$ .  
**BLANK** or omitted or 0: sets the opacity to the value of `annotOpacity` (**DEFAULT** 0.5), unless `annotMargin` forces the Annotations to appear in the margin, when the **DEFAULT** is 1

*colarray*

An array containing RGB color specification, which determines the colour of the Annotation marker background  
**DEFAULT** array(255,255,0) i.e. Yellow

*popup*

Specify whether to show the popup box for the annotation when the PDF document is opened, and optional specify its dimensions and/or position.  
**BLANK** or omitted, 0 or "0" - the popup box is not shown.  
Any other value forces the popup box to appear when the document is opened.

An array of 2 numbers will set the X and Y position in mm e.g. `popup=array(30, 30)` will show a popup box with the top left corner 30mm from the top of the page and 30mm from the left of the page.  
An array of 4 numbers will set the X and Y position and also the width and height in mm e.g. `popup=array(30, 30, 80, 50)` will show a popup box with the top left corner 30mm from the top of the page and 30mm from the left of the page, a width of 80mm and a height of 50mm.  
Note that the PDF Reader (e.g. Adobe Reader) may reposition the popup box as it pleases.

## Changelog

Version	Description
2.2	The function was added.
2.4	Annotations cannot be moved or deleted
4.3	Parameter <i>popup</i> was added

## Examples

Example #1

```
<?php

$mpdf=new mPDF();
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Hallo World</p>');
$mpdf->Annotation("Text annotation example");
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Hallo World</p>');
$mpdf->Output('filename.pdf');

?>
```

#### Example #2

```
$mpdf=new mPDF();

// The Annotation markers will appear 10mm in from the right margin of the page
$mpdf->annotMargin = 10;

// The Annotation markers need no transparency as they appear in the margins
$mpdf->annotOpacity = 1;

$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Hallo World</p>');

$mpdf->Annotation("Text annotation example\nCharacters test:\xd1\x87\xd0\xb5
\xd0\xbf\xd1\x83\xd1\x85\xd1\x8a\xd1\x82", 145, 24, 'Comment', "Ian Back", "My Subject", 0.7,
array(127, 127, 255));

$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Hallo World</p>');
$mpdf->Output('filename.pdf');
```

### See Also

- `annotMargin` - Specify the x (horizontal) placement of Annotation markers
- `annotOpacity` - Specify the default opacity used for Annotation markers
- `<annotation>` - Custom HTML tag - equivalent to **Annotation**
- `title2annots` - Convert all HTML element *title* attributes to Annotations

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