

# Overwriting existing files

(mPDF >= 2.3)

Using the class extension (mPDFI), an existing PDF file can be overwritten, replacing specified text with alternatives. For example you may have created a long complex PDF file, and you wish to produce copies with an individual number on each copy without having to re-generate the whole document each time.

**Note:** OverWrite() was written to work on PDF files produced by mPDF. It will work with encrypted files, as long as the same encryption properties are used for the new document. I have also used it successfully with a number of external PDF files, including those produced by Acrobat Distiller (but not if they are encrypted). It will not work with embedded font subsets.

## See

- OverWrite() - Replace specified text strings in an existing PDF file
- mPDFI() - Class constructor for importing files and templates

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