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preparePreText()

(htmltoolkit >= 2.4)

PreparePreText - Prepares text to be output ignoring the HTML markup

Description

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string preparePreText ( string $text [, string $formfeed ])
```

Prepares text to be output ignoring the HTML markup. This is useful to output a large text file (e.g. a PHP script file) using WriteHTML(). This will surround the text with tags whilst preventing tags included in the text from being parsed. It also allows use of a text string marker (formfeed) to be replaced by a formfeed in the output file.

Note: Prior to mPDF 5.1 you should use the \$mode parameter of WriteHTML() as '2' to avoid parsing the text for style tags. See example below.

Parameters

text

This parameter specifies the text string to prepare.

formfeed

formfeed specifies the string to be replaced by a formfeed in the output file. **DEFAULT**: "//FF//"

Return value

Returns a text string.

Changelog

Version Description 2.4 Function was added.

Examples

Example #1

```
<?php
include("../mpdf.php");

$text = file_get_contents('scriptfile.php');
$text = preparePreText($text);

// Default spaces/tab in mPDF is 8 as specified by HTML spec.

// Notepad and other text editors use a value of 6
$mpdf->tabSpaces = 6;

// If 'scriptfile.php' is iso-8859-1 or win-1252 encoded, use
$mpdf->allow_charset_conversion=true;
$mpdf->charset_in='windows-1252';

$mpdf->WriteHTML($text, 2);
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$mpdf->Output();
exit;
?>
```

See Also

- WriteHTML() Write HTML code to a PDF file
- tabSpaces Specifies the number of spaces to substitue for a **TAB** character
- allow_charset_conversion Parse the character set of any input text from the HTML, or allow setting of the value *charset_in*
- charset_in Define the character encoding of any input HTML

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