

# WriteHTML()

(mPDF >= 1.0)

WriteHTML — Write HTML code to the document

## Description

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void WriteHTML ( string $html [, int $mode [, boolean $initialise [, boolean $close ]]])
```

Write *html* code to the document.

**Note:** Prior to mPDF 4.2 a fatal error was caused if *html* was passed as a **NULL** value, **FALSE** or an undefined variable.

## Parameters

*html*

UTF-8 encoded HTML code to write to the document.

*mode*

Controls what parts of the *html* code is parsed.

### Values

- 0 - Parses a whole *html* document
- 1 - Parses the *html* as styles and stylesheets only
- 2 - Parses the *html* as output elements only
- 3 - (For internal use only - parses the *html* code without writing to document)
- 4 - (For internal use only - writes the *html* code to a buffer)

**DEFAULT:** 0

### Mode #0 (DEFAULT)

Metadata:

- title is read from <title>...</title> tags
- subject, keywords and author are read from <meta ...

Charset:

- if *\$allow\_charset\_conversion* = **TRUE** and a charset= statement is present, mPDF will attempt to convert all the following HTML input from the specified charset to UTF-8

CSS styles:

- any CSS found between <style>...</style> tags
- stylesheets specified by @import url(\*.css)
- stylesheets specified by <link rel="stylesheet" href=""

NB Stylesheets with media="all" or media="screen" will always be parsed.

The variable *\$disablePrintCSS* will determine whether stylesheets media="print" are parsed or not.

Anything between <style> tags is then discarded.

If <body> tags are found, all *html* outside these tags are discarded, and the rest is parsed as content for the document.

If no <body> tags are found, all remaining *html* is parsed as content.

### Mode #1

The *html* input is only parsed as CSS style information only.

The code does not have to be surrounded by <style> tags, so you can pass the contents of a stylesheet directly - see Example #1.

### Mode #2

If <body> tags are found, all *html* outside these tags are discarded, and the rest is parsed as content for the document.

If no `<body>` tags are found, all *html* is parsed as content.  
Prior to mPDF 4.2 the default CSS was not parsed when using *mode* #2

#### *initialise*

Set **TRUE** or **FALSE** to determine whether to initialise all buffers, starting all HTML elements from new. See example 2 for use. You must start with a `WriteHTML()` that calls *initialise=TRUE*  
**DEFAULT: TRUE**

#### *close*

Set **TRUE** or **FALSE** to specify whether all HTML elements are closed, and buffers cleared. See example 2 for use. You must end with a `WriteHTML()` that calls *close=TRUE*  
**DEFAULT: TRUE**

## Changelog

Version	Description
2.0	Using <code>WriteHTML</code> without the <i>mode</i> parameter no longer clears any CSS styles already imported.
2.1	Parameters <i>initialise</i> and <i>close</i> introduced.
4.2	Accepts <b>NULL</b> string as paramter without error. Parses default CSS when using <i>mode</i> as 2

## Examples

### Example #1

```
<?php
$mpdf=new mPDF();

$stylesheet = file_get_contents('style.css');
$mpdf->WriteHTML($stylesheet,1);
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Hallo World</p>', 2);

$mpdf->Output();
?>
```

### Example #2

```
// You can write parts of HTML elements by using the initialise and close parameters:
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>This is the beginning...', 2, true, false);
$mpdf->WriteHTML('...this is the middle...', 2, false, false);
$mpdf->WriteHTML('...and this is the end</p>', 2, false, true);
```

## See Also

- `allow_charset_conversion` - attempts to read any charset declaration in the HTML code
- `disablePrintCSS` - prevents stylesheets set for print media being parsed
- `ignore_invalid_utf8` - prevents mPDF from failing if text contains invalid UTF-8 characters
- `charset_in` - specify the input text character set if not UTF-8
- `biDirectional` - specify whether mPDF should test for RTL text
- `allow_html_optional_endtags` -specify whether mPDF should try to accommodate optional HTML endtags
- `restoreBlockPagebreaks` - keep current HTML tags/CSS styles active when forcing a page-break or formfeed