

# SetWatermarkText()

(mPDF >= 2.2)

SetWatermarkText – Set the text to use as a Watermark

## Description

```
void SetWatermarkText ( [ string $text [, float $alpha ]])
```

Set the text to use as a Watermark. The watermark is a semi-transparent background printed on each page, used for text such as "DRAFT". The watermark will be added to each page when the Footer is printed if the variable showWatermark is set to 1 or TRUE.

**Note:** Prior to mPDF 2.2 the function setUnvalidatedText() was used. SetWatermarkText() is now the preferred form.

## Parameters

*text*

This parameter defines the text to use for the watermark. The text should be UTF-8 encoded, but should not contain HTML mark-up tags. If the text is blank, it will clear the watermark text, so nothing appears.

**DEFAULT:** BLANK

*alpha*

This parameter defines the transparency value (alpha) to use for the watermark: either text or image. The Value should be between 0 and 1.

**DEFAULT:** 0.2

## Changelog

Version	Description
2.2	The function was added.
2.2	Parameter <i>alpha</i> was added
3.0	Parameter <i>text</i> changed to be optional
3.0	No parameters are required from v3.0 onwards e.g. \$mpdf->SetWatermarkText(); can be used as well as: \$mpdf->SetWatermarkText("");

## Examples

### Example #1

```
<?php
$mpdf=new mPDF();
$mpdf->SetWatermarkText('DRAFT');
$mpdf->showWatermarkText = true;
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Hallo World</p>');
?>
```

### Example #2

```
// htmltoolkit contains a function strcode2utf() to convert htmlentities to UTF-8 encoded text
<?php
$mpdf=new mPDF();

$wm = strcode2utf("&#1575;&#1610;&#1604;&#1575;&#1578; &#1601;&#1610;&#1605;&#1575;
&#1575;&#1610;&#1604;&#1575;&#1578; &#1601;&#1610;&#1605;&#1575;");
```

```
$mpdf->SetWatermarkText($wm, 0.1);  
$mpdf->showWatermarkText = true;  
$mpdf->WriteHTML('<p>Hallo World</p>');  
  
?>
```

### See Also

- <watermarktext> - HTML equivalent of SetWatermarkText()
- SetWatermarkImage() - Set an image to use as a Watermark
- watermarkImageAlpha - Specifies the transparency (alpha value) for the watermark image
- watermarkTextAlpha - Specifies the transparency (alpha value) for the watermark text
- showWatermarkText - Specifies whether or not to show/print the watermark text
- showWatermarkImage - Specifies whether or not to show/print the watermark image
- watermark\_font - Specifies the font to use for Watermark text

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