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# useSubstitutions

(mPDF >= 4.2)

useSubstitutions - Specify whether to substitute missing characters in UTF-8 (multibyte) documents

# **Description**

## void useSubstitutions

Specify whether to substitute missing characters in UTF-8(multibyte) documents. Characters which cannot be displayed in the current set font, will be substituted by characters in the Adobe core fonts (Symbol, Zapfdingbats etc.), or the backup font(s) specified in the variable in \$this->backupSubsFont the config fonts.php configuration file.

**Note:** Prior to mPDF 5.0 useSubstitutions controlled the behaviour of character substitution when using Adobe core fonts, and useSubstitutionsMB was used for character substitution in multibyte/utf-8 documents. For mPDF >= 5.0 character substitution for documents using core fonts is always enabled.

### **Values**

useSubstitutions = TRUE | FALSE

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**TRUE**: enable substitution **FALSE**: disable substitution

DEFAULT: FALSE

## Changelog

Version	Description
4.2	Variable was added. Controlled behaviour when using Adobe core fonts
5.0	Changed to control behaviour of multibyte documents

# **Examples**

## Example #1

```
<?php
include("../mpdf.php");
$mpdf=new mPDF('UTF-8');
$mpdf->useSubstitutions = true;
$mpdf->WriteHTML("Hallo World");
$mpdf->Output();
?>
```

**Note:** This may add significantly to the processing time for large files.

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