

How to replace text from PDF in C# and PDF.co Web API

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Source Code Files:

ByteScoutWebApiExample.csproj

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<Project ToolsVersion="12.0" DefaultTargets="Build" xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/developer/msbuild/2003">
  <Import Project="$(MSBuildExtensionsPath)\$(MSBuildToolsVersion)\Microsoft.Common.props" Condition="Exists('$(MSBuildExtensionsPath)\$(MSBuildToolsVersion)\Microsoft.Common.props')" />
  <PropertyGroup>
    <Configuration Condition="'$(Configuration)' == ''">Debug</Configuration>
    <Platform Condition="'$(Platform)' == ''">AnyCPU</Platform>
    <ProjectGuid>{1E1C2C34-017E-4605-AE2B-55EA3313BE51}</ProjectGuid>
    <OutputType>Exe</OutputType>
    <AppDesignerFolder>Properties</AppDesignerFolder>
    <RootNamespace>ByteScoutWebApiExample</RootNamespace>
    <AssemblyName>ByteScoutWebApiExample</AssemblyName>
    <TargetFrameworkVersion>v4.0</TargetFrameworkVersion>
    <FileAlignment>512</FileAlignment>
  </PropertyGroup>
  <PropertyGroup Condition="'$(Configuration)|$(Platform)' == 'Debug|AnyCPU' ">
    <PlatformTarget>AnyCPU</PlatformTarget>
    <DebugSymbols>>true</DebugSymbols>
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<DebugType>full</DebugType>
<Optimize>>false</Optimize>
<OutputPath>bin\Debug</OutputPath>
<DefineConstants>DEBUG;TRACE</DefineConstants>
<ErrorReport>prompt</ErrorReport>
<WarningLevel>4</WarningLevel>
</PropertyGroup>
<PropertyGroup Condition=" '$(Configuration)|$(Platform)' == 'Release|AnyCPU' ">
  <PlatformTarget>AnyCPU</PlatformTarget>
  <DebugType>pdbonly</DebugType>
  <Optimize>>true</Optimize>
  <OutputPath>bin\Release</OutputPath>
  <DefineConstants>TRACE</DefineConstants>
  <ErrorReport>prompt</ErrorReport>
  <WarningLevel>4</WarningLevel>
</PropertyGroup>
<ItemGroup>
  <Reference Include="Newtonsoft.Json, Version=10.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=30ad4fe6b2a6aeed, p
    <HintPath>packages\Newtonsoft.Json.10.0.3\lib\net40\Newtonsoft.Json.dll</HintPath>
    <Private>True</Private>
  </Reference>
  <Reference Include="System" />
  <Reference Include="System.Core" />
  <Reference Include="System.Xml.Linq" />
  <Reference Include="System.Data" />
  <Reference Include="System.Xml" />
</ItemGroup>
<ItemGroup>
  <Compile Include="Program.cs" />
  <Compile Include="Properties\AssemblyInfo.cs" />
</ItemGroup>
<ItemGroup>
  <None Include="packages.config" />
</ItemGroup>
<Import Project="$(MSBuildToolsPath)\Microsoft.CSharp.targets" />
<!-- To modify your build process, add your task inside one of the targets below and uncomment it.
      Other similar extension points exist, see Microsoft.Common.targets.
<Target Name="BeforeBuild">
</Target>
<Target Name="AfterBuild">
</Target>
-->
</Project>

```

ByteScoutWebApiExample.sln

```

Microsoft Visual Studio Solution File, Format Version 12.00
# Visual Studio 2013
VisualStudioVersion = 12.0.40629.0
MinimumVisualStudioVersion = 10.0.40219.1
Project("{FAE04EC0-301F-11D3-BF4B-00C04F79EFBC}") = "ByteScoutWebApiExample", "ByteScoutWebApiExamp
EndProject
Global
  GlobalSection(SolutionConfigurationPlatforms) = preSolution
    Debug|Any CPU = Debug|Any CPU
    Release|Any CPU = Release|Any CPU
  EndGlobalSection
  GlobalSection(ProjectConfigurationPlatforms) = postSolution
    {1E1C2C34-017E-4605-AE2B-55EA3313BE51}.Debug|Any CPU.ActiveCfg = Debug|Any CPU
    {1E1C2C34-017E-4605-AE2B-55EA3313BE51}.Debug|Any CPU.Build.0 = Debug|Any CPU
    {1E1C2C34-017E-4605-AE2B-55EA3313BE51}.Release|Any CPU.ActiveCfg = Release|Any CPU
    {1E1C2C34-017E-4605-AE2B-55EA3313BE51}.Release|Any CPU.Build.0 = Release|Any CPU
  EndGlobalSection
  GlobalSection(SolutionProperties) = preSolution
    HideSolutionNode = FALSE
  EndGlobalSection

```

EndGlobal

Program.cs

```
using System;
using System.IO;
using System.Net;
using Newtonsoft.Json.Linq;

namespace ByteScoutWebApiExample
{
    class Program
    {
        // The authentication key (API Key).
        // Get your own by registering at https://app.pdf.co/documentation/api
        const String API_KEY = "*****";

        // Direct URL of source PDF file.
        const string SourceFileUrl = "https://bytescout-com.s3.amazonaws.com/files/demo-files/cloud-api/pdf-split/s";
        // PDF document password. Leave empty for unprotected documents.
        const string Password = "";
        // Destination PDF file name
        const string DestinationFile = @".\result.pdf";

        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Create standard .NET web client instance
            WebClient webClient = new WebClient();

            // Set API Key
            webClient.Headers.Add("x-api-key", API_KEY);

            // Prepare URL for `Replace Text from PDF` API call
            string query = Uri.EscapeUriString(string.Format(
                "https://api.pdf.co/v1/pdf/edit/replace-text?name={0}&password={1}&url={2}&searchString=The m",
                Path.GetFileName(DestinationFile),
                Password,
                SourceFileUrl));

            try
            {
                // Execute request
                string response = webClient.DownloadString(query);

                // Parse JSON response
                JObject json = JObject.Parse(response);

                if (json["error"].ToObject<bool>() == false)
                {
                    // Get URL of generated PDF file
                    string resultFileUrl = json["url"].ToString();

                    // Download PDF file
                    webClient.DownloadFile(resultFileUrl, DestinationFile);

                    Console.WriteLine("Generated PDF file saved as \"{0}\" file.", DestinationFile);
                }
                else
                {
                    Console.WriteLine(json["message"].ToString());
                }
            }
            catch (WebException e)
            {
                Console.WriteLine(e.ToString());
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
        webClient.Dispose();

        Console.WriteLine();
        Console.WriteLine("Press any key...");
        Console.ReadKey();
    }
}
```

packages.config

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<packages>
  <package id="Newtonsoft.Json" version="10.0.3" targetFramework="net40" />
</packages>
```

VIDEO

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