

How to replace text from PDF in VB.NET with PDF.co Web API

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Source Code Files:

ByteScoutWebApiExample.sln

```
Microsoft Visual Studio Solution File, Format Version 12.00
# Visual Studio 15
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MinimumVisualStudioVersion = 10.0.40219.1
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ByteScoutWebApiExample.vbproj

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Module1.vb

```

Imports System.IO
Imports System.Net
Imports System.Threading
Imports Newtonsoft.Json.Linq

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' Cloud API asynchronous "Replace Text from PDF" job example.
' Allows to avoid timeout errors when processing huge or scanned PDF documents.

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Module Module1

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' The authentication key (API Key).
' Get your own by registering at https://app.pdf.co/documentation/api
Const API_KEY As String = "*****"

' Direct URL of source PDF file.
Const SourceFileUrl As String = "https://bytescout-com.s3.amazonaws.com/files/demo-files/cloud-api/pdf-split/sa
' PDF document password. Leave empty for unprotected documents.
Const Password As String = ""
' Destination PDF file name
Const DestinationFile As String = ".result.pdf"
' (!) Make asynchronous job
Const Async As Boolean = True

Sub Main()

    ' Create standard .NET web client instance
    Dim webClient As WebClient = New WebClient()

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

    ' Prepare URL for `Replace Text from PDF` API call
    Dim query As String = Uri.EscapeUriString(String.Format(
        "https://api.pdf.co/v1/pdf/edit/replace-text?name={0}&password={1}&url={2}&async={3}&searchString=
        Path.GetFileName(DestinationFile),
        Password,
        SourceFileUrl,
        Async))

    Try
        ' Execute request
        Dim response As String = webClient.DownloadString(query)

        ' Parse JSON response
        Dim json As JObject = JObject.Parse(response)

        If json("error").ToObject(Of Boolean) = False Then

            ' Asynchronous job ID
            Dim jobId As String = json("jobId").ToString()
            ' URL of generated PDF file that will available after the job completion
            Dim resultFileUrl As String = json("url").ToString()

            ' Check the job status in a loop.
            ' If you don't want to pause the main thread you can rework the code
            ' to use a separate thread for the status checking and completion.
            Do
                Dim status As String = CheckJobStatus(jobId) ' Possible statuses: "working", "failed", "aborte

                ' Display timestamp and status (for demo purposes)
                Console.WriteLine(DateTime.Now.ToLongTimeString() + ": " + status)

                If status = "success" Then

                    ' Download PDF file
                    webClient.DownloadFile(resultFileUrl, DestinationFile)

                    Console.WriteLine("Generated PDF file saved as ""{0}"" file.", DestinationFile)
                    Exit Do

                ElseIf status = "working" Then

                    ' Pause for a few seconds
                    Thread.Sleep(3000)

                Else

                    Console.WriteLine(status)
                    Exit Do

                End If

            Loop

        Else

            Console.WriteLine(json("message").ToString())

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        End If

        Catch ex As WebException
            Console.WriteLine(ex.ToString())
        End Try

        webClient.Dispose()

        Console.WriteLine()
        Console.WriteLine("Press any key...")
        Console.ReadKey()

    End Sub

    Function CheckJobStatus(jobId As String) As String

        Using webClient As WebClient = New WebClient()

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

            Dim url As String = "https://api.pdf.co/v1/job/check?jobid=" + jobId

            Dim response As String = webClient.DownloadString(url)
            Dim json As JObject = JObject.Parse(response)

            return Convert.ToString(json("status"))

        End Using

    End Function

End Module

```

packages.config

```

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

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VIDEO

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