

# The PDF Detectives

*The dynamically typed duo is on the case!*

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# Introducing iText Software



## SDK



### iText 7 Suite

**Best documented and most feature-rich PDF library**

Open-source library for PDF generation and management,

- PDF/A, PDF/UA,
- Digital signing,
- Security,
- HTML conversion,
- Redaction, OCR, etc.,

and closed source add-ons for rendering capabilities, advanced data extraction, advanced forms processing, PDF optimization, advanced language script capabilities, Office to PDF conversion and much more.

## High convenience tools



### iText DITO

**Fast template-based document generation**

High convenience technology block – save time  
Based on iText technology

- WYSIWYG Template designer
- Conditional logic for content visibility
- Data binding
- Advanced data visualizations (barcodes/QR codes, charts...)
- PDF/UA Compliance Assistance
- Template Manager with version, dependency and permission control
- Containerized RESTful PDF-producer API (also available as native Java SDK).



# Mission Briefing

# Goal of the Presentation



- Talk about some interesting behavior in PDF files
  - Debug
  - Explain
  - Resolve (hopefully 😊)



# The Toolbelt

# Inventory Report!



## Analysis and Debugging Tools

- iText RUPS (+iText Core)
- Acrobat Pro

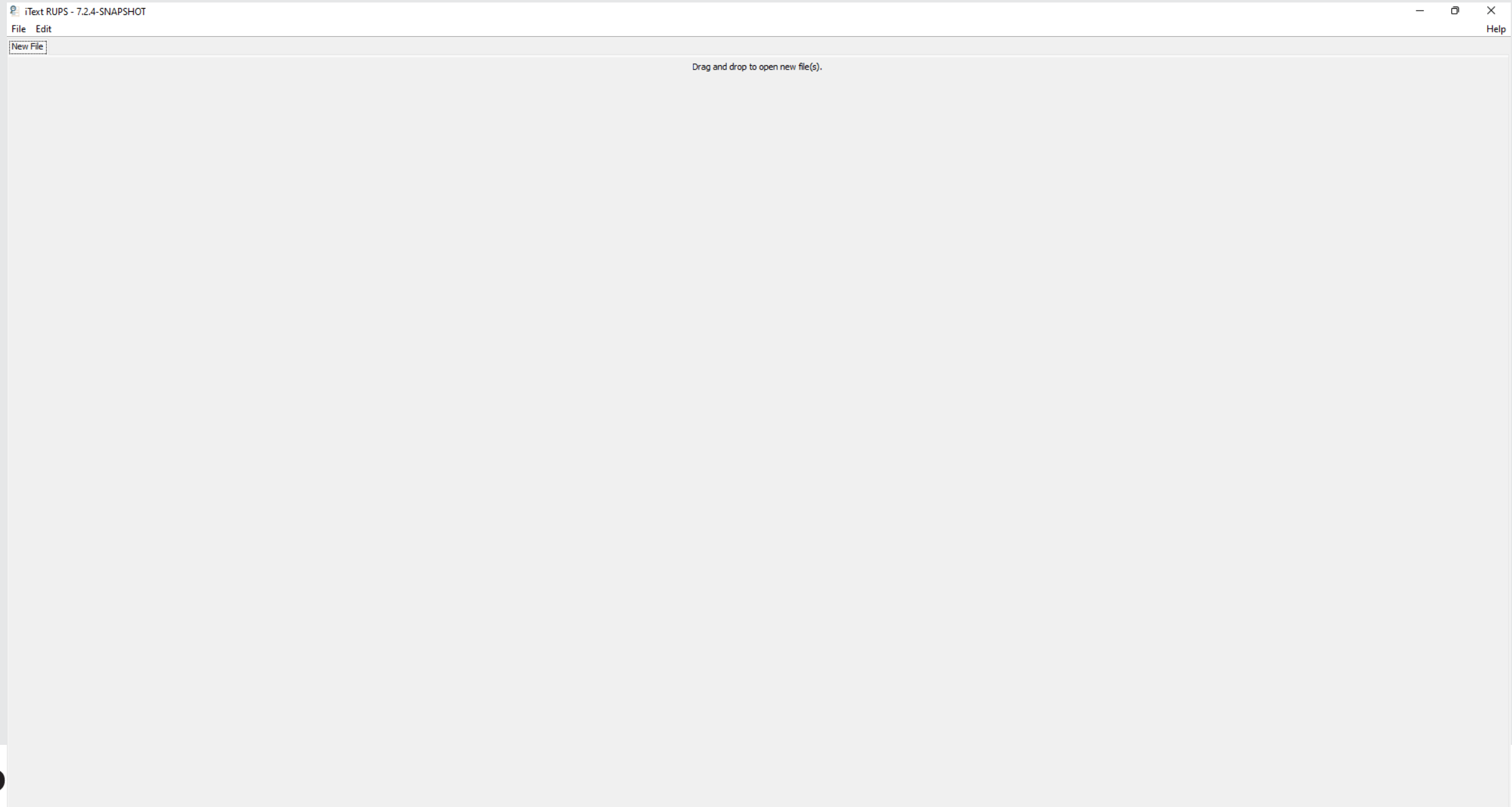
## Accessibility and Tagging

- VeraPDF
- PAC

## Low Level Tools

- Hex Editor
- Notepad++

# RUPS “Demo”





PDF Object Tree (map-2.pdf)  
/Info: 1 0 R Modified; -> Dictionary  
/Root: 1622 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Catalog

Pages Outlines Structure Form XFA XREF Plain Text

Object	Page
Object 2	Page 1
Object 82	Page 2
Object 123	Page 3
Object 130	Page 4
Object 139	Page 5
Object 167	Page 6
Object 198	Page 7
Object 231	Page 8
Object 257	Page 9
Object 268	Page 10
Object 370	Page 11

Stream XFA Debug Info Console

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    - /MarkInfo: Dictionary of type: /MarkInfo
    - /Pages: 397 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
      - Dictionary of type: /Pages
        - /Count: 11
        - /Kids: Array
          - 395 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
            - Dictionary of type: /Pages
              - /Count: 8
              - /Kids: Array
                - 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
                  - Page 1
                  - /Annots: Array
                  - /Contents: 81 0 R -> Stream
                  - /MediaBox: Array
                  - /Parent: 395 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
                  - /Resources: Dictionary
                    - /StructParents: 0
                    - /Type: /Page
                  - 82 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
                  - 123 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
                  - 130 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
                  - 139 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
                  - 167 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
                  - 198 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
                  - 231 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
                  - /Parent: 397 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
                  - /Type: /Pages
  - 396 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
    - /Type: /Pages
- /StructTreeRoot: 398 0 R Modified; -> Dictionary of type: /StructTreeRoot
- /Type: /Catalog

| Object     | Page    |
|------------|---------|
| Object 2   | Page 1  |
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| Object 198 | Page 7  |
| Object 231 | Page 8  |
| Object 257 | Page 9  |
| Object 268 | Page 10 |
| Object 370 | Page 11 |

| Key            | Value                                   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| /Annots        | [ 42 0 R 43 0 R 44 0 R 45 0 R 46 0 R... | ✘ |
| /Contents      | 81 0 R                                  | ✘ |
| /MediaBox      | [ 0 0 792 612 ]                         | ✘ |
| /Parent        | 395 0 R                                 | ✘ |
| /Resources     | << /ExtGState << /G12 12 0 R /G2...     | ✘ |
| /StructParents | 0                                       | ✘ |
| /Type          | /Page                                   | ✘ |
| /              |   | + |

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              - /Kids: Array
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                  - Page 1
                    - /Annots: Array
                    - /Contents: 81 0 R -> Stream
                      - Stream
                        - /Filter: /FlateDecode
                        - /Length: 9385
                        - /MediaBox: Array
                        - /Parent: 395 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
                        - /Resources: Dictionary
                        - /StructParents: 0
                        - /Type: /Page
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| Key     | Value        |   |
|---------|--------------|---|
| /Filter | /FlateDecode | ✘ |
| /Length | 9385         | ✘ |
| /       |              | ✚ |

Stream XFA Debug Info Console

```

,23999999 0 0 -,23999999 0 612 cm
q
0 0 3301 2551 re
W*
n
q
4.1666665 0 0 4.1666665 0 0 cm
1 1 1 RG
1 1 1 rg
/G3 gs
0 0 1056 816 re
f
P
0 62.499996 362.5 37.500004 re
W*
n
q
4.1666665 0 0 4.1666665 0 0 cm
/G3 gs
B
ET
    
```

| Pages  | Outlines                            | Structure                  | Form | XFA | XREF | Plain Text |
|--------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|-----|------|------------|
| Number | Object                              | Byte Offset                |      |     |      |            |
| 1      | Dictionary of type: /Page           | 393729                     |      |     |      |            |
| 2      | Indirect object                     | 393729                     |      |     |      |            |
| 3      | Indirect object                     | 398265                     |      |     |      |            |
| 4      | Indirect object                     | 403919                     |      |     |      |            |
| 5      | Indirect object                     | 406015                     |      |     |      |            |
| 6      | Indirect object                     | 406360                     |      |     |      |            |
| 7      | Indirect object                     | 406794                     |      |     |      |            |
| 8      | Indirect object                     | 408253                     |      |     |      |            |
| 9      | Indirect object                     | 408545                     |      |     |      |            |
| 10     | Indirect object                     | 408925                     |      |     |      |            |
| 11     | Indirect object                     | 410680                     |      |     |      |            |
| 12     | Indirect object                     | 764116                     |      |     |      |            |
| 13     | Indirect object                     | 766456                     |      |     |      |            |
| 14     | Indirect object                     | 789653                     |      |     |      |            |
| 15     | Indirect object                     | 789701                     |      |     |      |            |
| 16     | Indirect object                     | 790215                     |      |     |      |            |
| 17     | Dictionary of type: /Outlines       | 790620                     |      |     |      |            |
| 18     | Indirect object                     | 790996                     |      |     |      |            |
| 19     | Indirect object                     | 791039                     |      |     |      |            |
| 20     | Indirect object                     | 793419                     |      |     |      |            |
| 21     | Indirect object                     | 794997                     |      |     |      |            |
| 22     | Indirect object                     | 796467                     |      |     |      |            |
| 23     | Indirect object                     | 797809                     |      |     |      |            |
| 24     | Indirect object                     | 798356                     |      |     |      |            |
| 25     | Dictionary of type: /Pages          | 800562                     |      |     |      |            |
| 26     | Stream of type: /Metadata           | 804759                     |      |     |      |            |
| 27     | Dictionary                          | 804819                     |      |     |      |            |
| 28     | Dictionary of type: /StructTreeRoot | 807378                     |      |     |      |            |
| 29     | Indirect object                     | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 30     | Indirect object                     | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 31     | Indirect object                     | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 32     | Indirect object                     | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 33     | Indirect object                     | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 34     | Indirect object                     | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 35     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 36     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 37     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 38     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 39     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 40     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 41     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 42     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 43     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |
| 44     | Dictionary                          | Obj. Stream #18 ( 791039 ) |      |     |      |            |

# iText RUPS



- It's on GitHub 😊

# Inventory Report!



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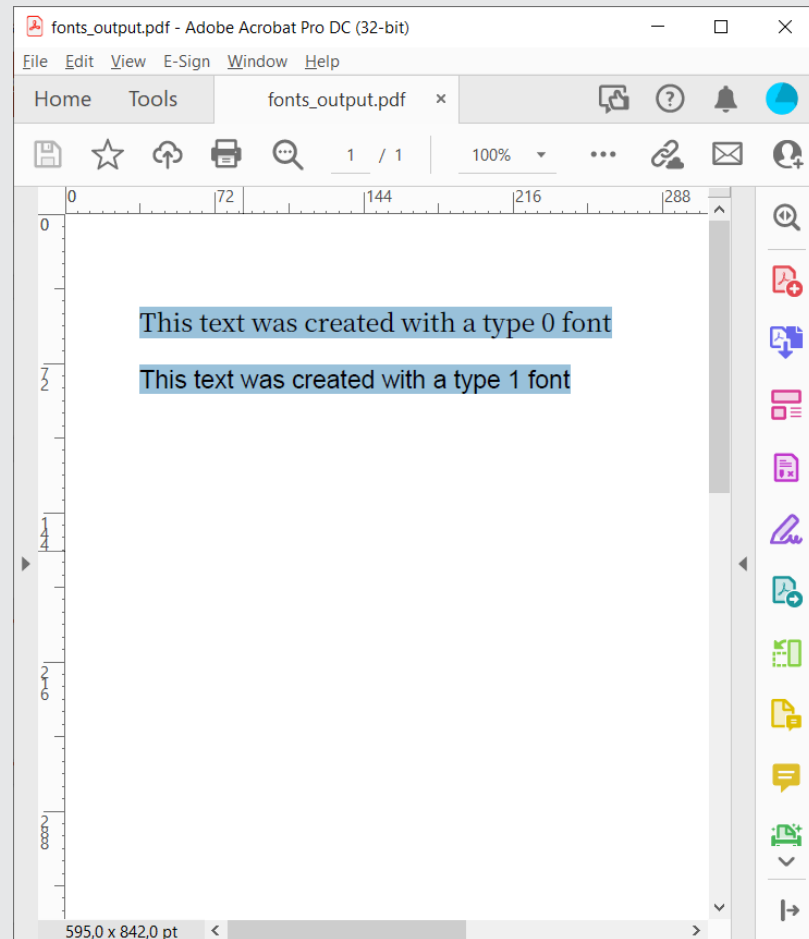
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# Cases

# Case 1 - Usecase

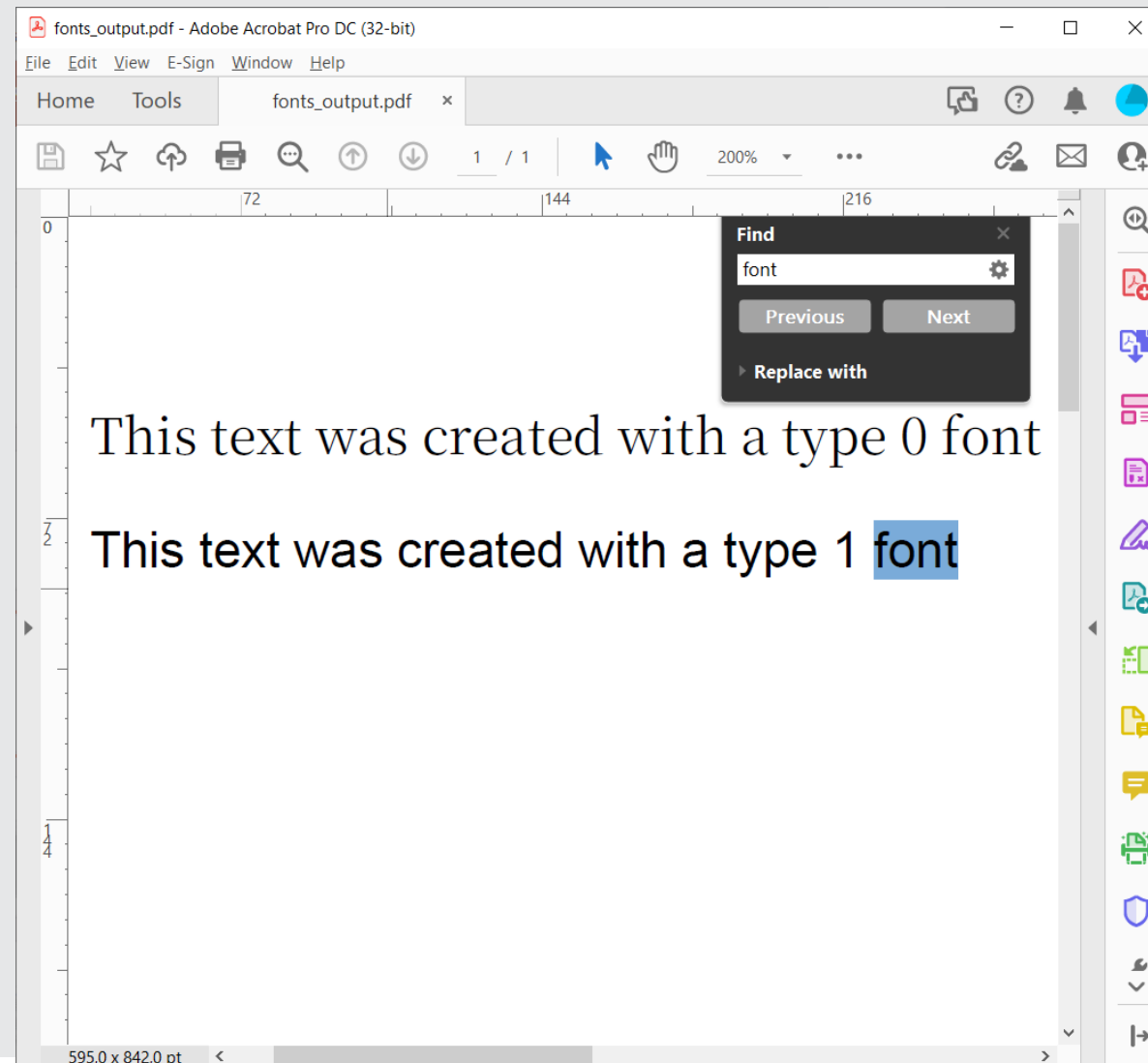


XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

This text was created with a type 1 font



# Case 1 - Usecase



# Case 1 - Debugging



```
C:\Users\kevin\Downloads\fonts_output.pdf - Notepad++ [Administrator]
File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
fonts_output.pdf x
1 %PDF-1.7
2 %âãĭÓ
3 5 0 obj
4 <</Filter/FlateDecode/Length 171>>stream
5 xœMÍ
6 Â0DLE,,iyŠ=ê¥î;Iı@<BSzETBòSTXÁ!‘RS^µeŪ»i"ía™âŪ™...EMÂŪ^Ã•ešvãENO"•î" EOTÓ^#b@DC1UícDC1µBDb
7 -`-ã¾°Š™\=ŠUçÑ·ð"Q[;M^NEM^p×áF1DC3CANQò"ÿyUmðİC\E,%l¶>SYN°ÊP+SYN;óčDC3x÷ñ0Ū îogłk`î}BELSYNü÷â€ }SO~ÿÿöETXăSO>FS
8 endstream
9 endobj
10 4 0 obj
11 <</Contents 5 0 R/MediaBox[0 0 595 842]/Parent 2 0 R/Resources<</Font<</F1 6 0 R/F2 7 0 R>>>>/TrimBox[0 0 595 842]/Type/Page>>
12 endobj
13 1 0 obj
14 <</Pages 2 0 R/Type/Catalog>>
15 endobj
16 3 0 obj
17 <</CreationDate (D:20220908203236+02'00')/ModDate (D:20220908203236+02'00')/Producer (iTText® Core 7.2.2 \ (production version\), pdfC
18 endobj
19 2 0 obj
Normal text file length: 170.237 lines: 1.317 Ln: 23 Col: 8 Sel: 0|0 Unix (LF) ANSI INS
```

# Case 1 - Debugging



iText RUPS - 7.2.3-SNAPSHOT

File Help

PDF Object Tree (fonts\_output.pdf)

- /ID: Array
- /Info: 3 0 R Modified; -> Dictionary
- /Root: 1 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Catalog
- Dictionary of type: /Catalog
  - /Pages: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
    - Dictionary of type: /Pages
      - /Count: 1
      - /Kids: Array
        - 4 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
          - Page 1
            - /Contents: 5 0 R -> Stream
              - Stream
                - /Filter: /FlateDecode
                - /Length: 171
              - /MediaBox: Array
              - /Parent: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
              - /Resources: Dictionary
              - /TrimBox: Array
              - /Type: /Page
- /Type: /Page
- /Type: /Catalog

| Key     | Value        |   |
|---------|--------------|---|
| /Filter | /FlateDecode | ✘ |
| /Length | 171          | ✘ |
| /       |              | ✔ |

Stream XFA Debug Info Console

```
BT
/F1 12 Tf
36 785.17 Td
<00350049004a00540001005500460059005500010058004200540001004400530046004200550046004500> Tj
ET
Q
BT
/F2 12 Tf
36 758.05 Td
(This text was created with a type 1 font) Tj
ET
Q
```

\*new 1 - Notepad++ [Administrator]

File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?

fonts\_output.pdf x new 1 x

```
1 q % Save graphics state
2 BT % Begin text object
3 /F1 12 Tf % Set text font and size
4 36 785.17 Td % Move text position
5 <00350049004a0054000100550046005900550...> Tj % Show text
6 ET % End text object
7 Q % Restore graphics state
8 q % Save graphics state
9 BT % Begin text object
10 /F2 12 Tf % Set text font and size
11 36 758.05 Td % Move text position
12 (This text was created with a type 1 font) Tj % Show text
13 ET % End text object
14 Q % Restore graphics state
```

Normal text length : 584 lines : 17 Ln : 17 Col : 1 Sel : 0 | 0 Windows (CR LF) UTF-8 INS

# Case 1 - Debugging



iText RUPS - 7.2.3-SNAPSHOT

**File** [Help]

PDF Object Tree (fonts\_output.pdf)

- /ID: Array
- /Info: 3 0 R Modified; -> Dictionary
- /Root: 1 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Catalog
  - Dictionary of type: /Catalog
    - /Pages: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
      - Dictionary of type: /Pages
        - /Count: 1
        - /Kids: Array
          - 4 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
            - Page 1
              - /Contents: 5 0 R -> Stream
                - Stream
                  - /Filter: /FlateDecode
                  - /Length: 171
                - /MediaBox: Array
                - /Parent: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
                - /Resources: Dictionary
                  - /Font: Dictionary
                    - /F1: 6 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
                      - Dictionary of type: /Font
                        - /BaseFont: /YRCJLH+SourceHanSerif-Regular-Identity-H
                        - /DescendantFonts: Array
                        - /Encoding: /Identity-H
                        - /Subtype: /Type0
                        - /Type: /Font
                      - /F2: 7 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
                        - Dictionary of type: /Font
                          - /BaseFont: /Helvetica
                          - /Encoding: /WinAnsiEncoding
                          - /Subtype: /Type1
                          - /Type: /Font
                    - /TrimBox: Array
                      - /Type: /Page
            - /Type: /Pages
          - /Type: /Catalog

| XFA      |  |  | XREF     |  | Plain Text |  |      |
|----------|--|--|----------|--|------------|--|------|
| Pages    |  |  | Outlines |  | Structure  |  | Form |
| Object   |  |  | Page     |  |            |  |      |
| Object 4 |  |  | Page 1   |  |            |  |      |

| Key | Value |   |
|-----|-------|---|
| /F1 | 6 0 R | ✘ |
| /F2 | 7 0 R | ✘ |
| /   |       | ✔ |

Stream XFA Debug Info Console

# Case 1 - Debugging



A **type 0 font** is a virtual font that references multiple component fonts.

The screenshot shows the iText RUPS PDF Object Tree for 'fonts\_output.pdf'. The tree structure includes a /Catalog at the root, which points to a /Pages dictionary. The /Pages dictionary contains a /Count of 1 and a /Kids array pointing to a /Page dictionary. The /Page dictionary contains a /Contents stream, a /MediaBox array, a /Parent reference, and a /Resources dictionary. The /Resources dictionary contains a /Font dictionary with two entries: /F1 (Type 0 font) and /F2 (Type 1 font). The /F1 dictionary lists /BaseFont as /YRCJLH+SourceHanSerif-Regular-Identity-H, /DescendantFonts as an array, /Encoding as /Identity-H, /Subtype as /Type0, and /Type as /Font. The /F2 dictionary lists /BaseFont as /Helvetica, /Encoding as /WinAnsiEncoding, /Subtype as /Type1, and /Type as /Font. The /TrimBox array is also present at the bottom of the tree.

| Key | Value |   |
|-----|-------|---|
| /F1 | 6 0 R | ✘ |
| /F2 | 7 0 R | ✘ |
| /   |       | ✔ |

# Case 1 - Debugging



A **type 0 font** is a virtual font that references multiple component fonts.

Table 121 – Entries in a Type 0 font dictionary (continued)

| Key                    | Type   | Value   |
|------------------------|--------|---|
| <b>DescendantFonts</b> | array  | <i>(Required)</i> A one-element array specifying the CIDFont dictionary that is the descendant of this Type 0 font.                     |
| <b>ToUnicode</b>       | stream | <i>(Optional)</i> A stream containing a CMap file that maps character codes to Unicode values (see 9.10, "Extraction of Text Content"). |

The screenshot displays the PDF Object Tree for 'fonts\_output.pdf'. The tree structure is as follows:

- PDF Object Tree (fonts\_output.pdf)
  - /ID: Array
  - /Info: 3 0 R Modified; -> Dictionary
  - /Root: 1 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Catalog
    - Dictionary of type: /Catalog
      - /Pages: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
        - Dictionary of type: /Pages
          - /Count: 1
          - /Kids: Array
            - 4 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
              - Page 1
                - /Contents: 5 0 R -> Stream
                  - Stream
                    - /Filter: /FlateDecode
                    - /Length: 171
                  - /MediaBox: Array
                  - /Parent: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
                  - /Resources: Dictionary
                    - /Font: Dictionary
                      - /F1: 6 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
                        - Dictionary of type: /Font
                          - /BaseFont: /YRCJLH+SourceHanSerif-Regular-Identity-H
                          - /DescendantFonts: Array
                          - /Encoding: /Identity-H
                          - /Subtype: /Type0
                          - /Type: /Font
                        - /F2: 7 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
                          - Dictionary of type: /Font
                            - /BaseFont: /Helvetica
                            - /Encoding: /WinAnsiEncoding
                            - /Subtype: /Type1
                            - /Type: /Font
                      - /TrimBox: Array
                      - /Type: /Page

The console window at the bottom shows the following output:

| Key | Value | Status |
|-----|-------|--------|
| /F1 | 6 0 R | ✘      |
| /F2 | 7 0 R | ✘      |
| /   |       | ✔      |

# Case 1 - Debugging



**CID fonts are special fonts designed to display languages with more than 256 characters.**

The main features that CID fonts add are the ability to have 16bit values (so 65535 separate CID characters rather than 256) and much more sophisticated and more flexible unicode settings for extraction. **Predefined CMAPs (or custom ones embedded by the user) allow for text extraction to provide appropriate values.**

# Case 1 - Debugging



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The screenshot shows the iText RUPS interface. The main window displays the PDF Object Tree for 'fonts\_output.pdf'. The tree structure is as follows:

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  - /ID: Array
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  - /Root: 1 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Catalog
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                  - Stream
                    - /Filter: /FlateDecode
                    - /Length: 171
                  - /MediaBox: Array
                  - /Parent: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
                  - /Resources: Dictionary
                    - /Font: Dictionary
                      - /F1: 6 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
                        - Dictionary of type: /Font
                          - /BaseFont: /YRCJLH+SourceHanSerif-Regular-Identity-H
                          - /DescendantFonts: Array
                          - /Encoding: /Identity-H
                          - /Subtype: /Type0
                          - /Type: /Font
                        - /F2: 7 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
                          - Dictionary of type: /Font
                            - /BaseFont: /Helvetica
                            - /Encoding: /WinAnsiEncoding
                            - /Subtype: /Type1
                            - /Type: /Font
                      - /TrimBox: Array
                      - /Type: /Page

The console window at the bottom shows the following entries:

| Key | Value | Status |
|-----|-------|--------|
| /F1 | 6 0 R | ✗      |
| /F2 | 7 0 R | ✗      |
| /   |       | ✓      |



# Case 1 - Debugging



**EXAMPLE 1** This example illustrates a Type 0 font that uses the Identity-H CMap to map from character codes to CIDs and whose descendant CIDFont uses the Identity mapping from CIDs to TrueType glyph indices. Text strings shown using this font simply use a 2-byte glyph index for each glyph. In the absence of a ToUnicode entry, no information would be available about what the glyphs mean.

```
14 0 obj
  << /Type /Font
    /Subtype /Type0
    /BaseFont /Ryumin-Light
    /Encoding /Identity-H
    /DescendantFonts [15 0 R]
    /ToUnicode 16 0 R
```

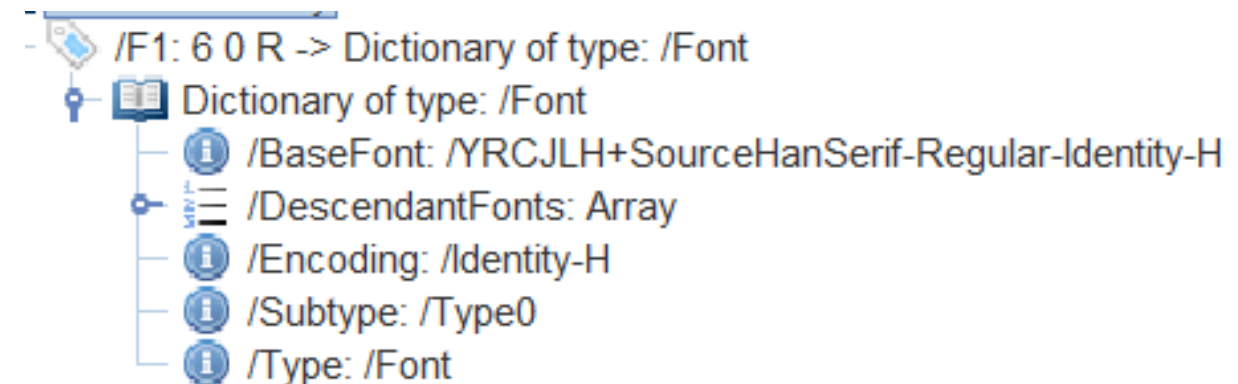
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    /BaseFont /Ryumin-Light
    /Encoding /Identity-H
    /DescendantFonts [15 0 R]
    /ToUnicode 16 0 R
```



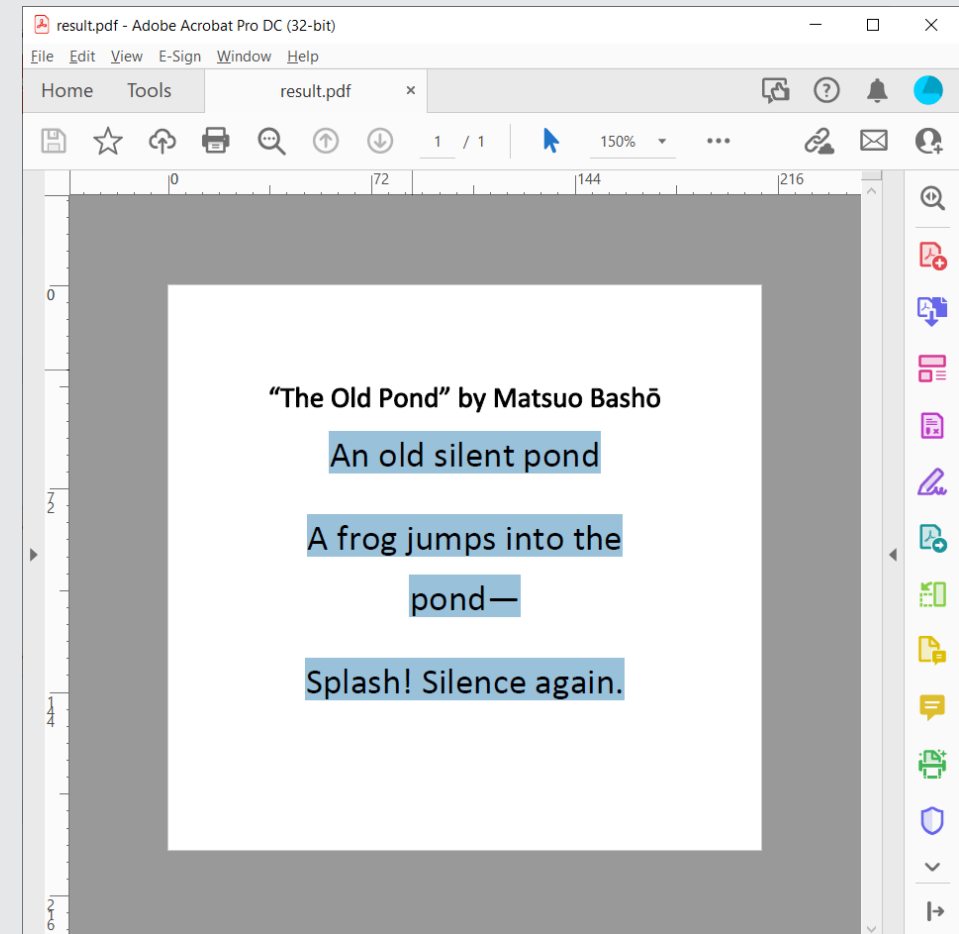
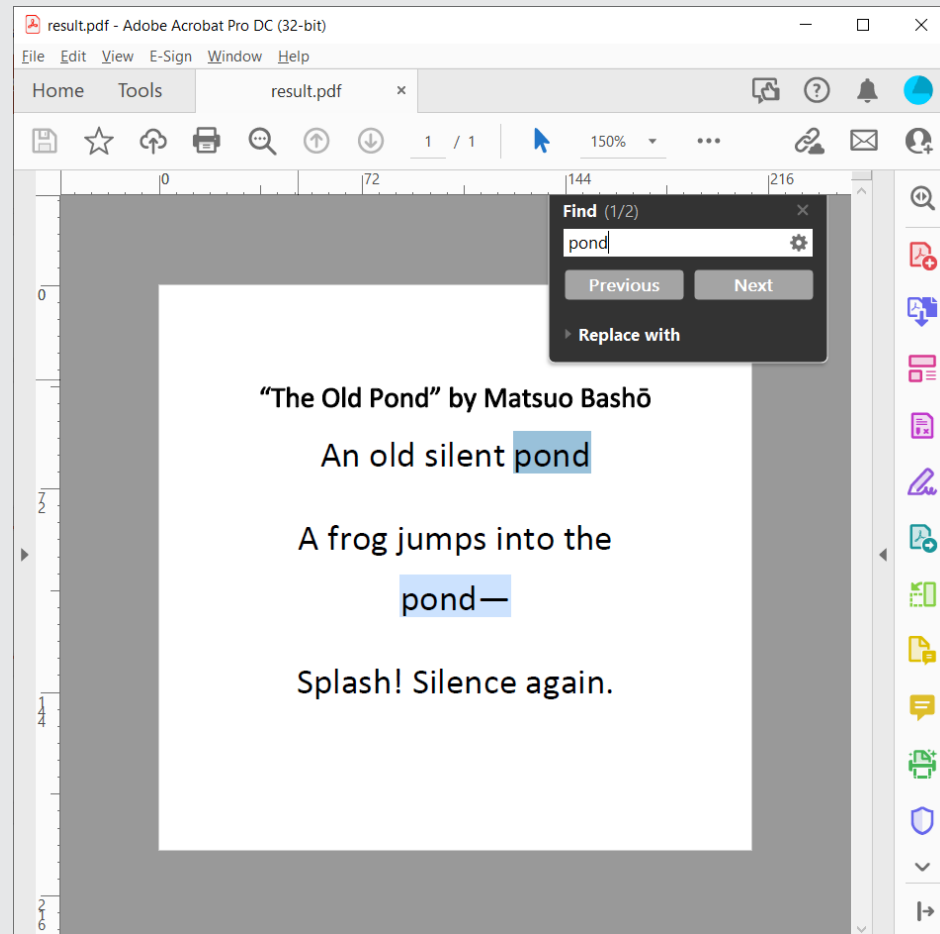
# Case 1 - Solution



This screenshot shows the iText RUPS interface. The main window displays a hierarchical PDF object tree for a file named "intermediate.pdf". The tree structure includes objects for /Info, /Root, /Catalog, /Pages, /Page, /Contents, /MediaBox, /Parent, /Resources, /Font, /F1, /F2, /TrimBox, and /Type. The /Font object (F1) is expanded to show its sub-objects: /BaseFont, /DescendantFonts, /Encoding, /Subtype, /ToUnicode, and /Type. The /ToUnicode object is highlighted with a blue selection box. On the right side of the interface, there are tabs for "Plain Text", "XFA", "XREF", "Structure", "Form", "Pages", and "Outlines". The "Pages" tab is active, showing a table with two columns: "Object" and "Page". The table contains one row: "Object 4" in the "Object" column and "Page 1" in the "Page" column. At the bottom of the window, there are tabs for "Stream", "XFA", "Debug Info", and "Console". The "Stream" tab is selected, and it shows the text "12 0 R".

This screenshot shows the Adobe Acrobat Pro DC interface. The main window displays a PDF page with two lines of text: "This text was created with a type 0 font" and "This text was created with a type 1 font". The words "font" at the end of both lines are highlighted in blue. A search overlay is visible in the top right corner, with the search term "font" entered. The overlay includes a "Find (1/2)" header, a search input field, and "Previous" and "Next" buttons. Below the search input, there is a "Replace with" field. The interface also shows a toolbar with various tools like "Home", "Tools", "File", "Edit", "View", "E-Sign", and "Window". The page number "1 / 1" is displayed in the center of the toolbar. The page dimensions "595,0 x 842,0 pt" are shown at the bottom of the window.

# Case 2 - Usecase





# Case 2 - Debugging



Table 87 – XObject Operator

| Operands    | Operator  | Description  |
|-------------|-----------|--|
| <i>name</i> | <b>Do</b> | Paint the specified XObject. The operand <i>name</i> shall appear as a key in the <b>XObject</b> subdictionary of the current resource dictionary (see 7.8.3, "Resource Dictionaries"). The associated value shall be a stream whose <b>Type</b> entry, if present, is <b>XObject</b> . The effect of <b>Do</b> depends on the value of the XObject's <b>Subtype</b> entry, which may be <b>Image</b> (see 8.9.5, "Image Dictionaries"), <b>Form</b> (see 8.10, "Form XObjects"), or <b>PS</b> (see 8.8.2, "PostScript XObjects"). |

```
C:\Text\SurenExamples\results\result.pdf - Notepad++
File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
result.pdf x
1 %PDF-1.7
2 %aãïÓ
3 5 0 obj
4 <</Length 475>>stream
5 q
6 0.80553 0 0 0.80553 36 155.15 cm
7 /Fm1 Do
8 Q
9 q
10 BT
11 /F1 13 Tf
12 57.1 136 Td
13 <000401760003017d016f011a00030190015d016f011e0176019a00030189017d0176011a>Tj
14 ET
15 Q
16 q
17 BT
18 /F1 13 Tf
19 49.22 106.59 Td
20 <000400030128018c017d01500003016901b50175018901900003015d0176019a017d0003019a015a011e>Tj
21 <0003>Tj
22 ET
23 Q
24 q
25 BT
26 /F1 13 Tf
27 85.45 85.18 Td
28 <0189017d0176011a0376>Tj
29 ET
30 Q
31 q
32 BT
33 /F1 13 Tf
34 48.6 55.77 Td
35 <005e0189016f01020190015a034a0003005e015d016f011e01760110011e0003010201500102015d01760358>Tj
36 ET
37 Q
Normal text file length: 102,125 lines: 2,496 Ln: 40 Col: 3 Sel: 0|0 Unix (LF) ANSI INS
```

# Case 2 - Debugging



iText RUPS - 7.2.3-SNAPSHOT

**File** **Help**

PDF Object Tree (result.pdf)

- /ID: Array
- /Info: 3 0 R Modified; -> Dictionary
- /Root: 1 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Catalog
  - Dictionary of type: /Catalog
    - /Pages: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
      - Dictionary of type: /Pages
        - /Count: 1
        - /Kids: Array
          - 4 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
            - Page 1
              - /Contents: 5 0 R -> Stream
                - Stream
                  - /Length: 475
                - /MediaBox: Array
                - /Parent: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
                - /Resources: Dictionary
                  - /Font: Dictionary
                    - /F1: 6 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
                  - /XObject: Dictionary
                    - /Fm1: 7 0 R -> Stream of type: /XObject
                - /TrimBox: Array
                - /Type: /Page
- /Type: /Pages
- /Type: /Catalog

| Object   | Page   |
|----------|--------|
| Object 4 | Page 1 |

| Key      | Value            |   |
|----------|------------------|---|
| /Font    | << /F1 6 0 R >>  | ✘ |
| /XObject | << /Fm1 7 0 R >> | ✘ |
| /        |                  | + |

Stream   XFA   Debug Info   **Console**

```

39 endstream
40 endobj
41 4 0 obj
42 <</Contents 5 0 R/MediaBox[0 0 210 200]/Parent 2 0 R/Resources<<Font<</F1 6 0 R>>/XObject<</Fm1 7 0 R>>>>/TrimBox[0 0 2
43 endobj
44 1 0 obj
45 <</Pages 2 0 R/Type/Catalog>>
46 endobj
47 3 0 obj
  
```

Normal text file   length: 102.124   lines: 2.495   Ln: 38   Col: 1   Sel: 0 | 0   Unix (LF)   ANSI   INS

# Case 2 - Debugging



iText RUPS - 7.2.3-SNAPSHOT

**File** Help

PDF Object Tree (result.pdf)

- /ID: Array
- /Info: 3 0 R Modified; -> Dictionary
- /Root: 1 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Catalog
  - Dictionary of type: /Catalog
    - /Pages: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
      - Dictionary of type: /Pages
        - /Count: 1
        - /Kids: Array
          - 4 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Page
            - Page 1
              - /Contents: 5 0 R -> Stream
                - Stream
                  - /Length: 475
                  - /MediaBox: Array
                  - /Parent: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
                  - /Resources: Dictionary
                    - /Font: Dictionary
                      - /F1: 6 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
                      - /XObject: Dictionary
                        - /Fm1: 7 0 R -> Stream of type: /XObject
                          - Stream of type: /XObject
                            - /BBox: Array
                              - /Length: 58
                              - /Resources: Dictionary
                              - /Subtype: /Form
                              - /Type: /XObject

Object | Page  
Object 4 | Page 1

| Key        | Value                 |   |
|------------|-----------------------|---|
| /BBox      | [ 0 0 171.32 10.98 ]  | ✘ |
| /Length    | 58                    | ✘ |
| /Resources | << /XObject << /Fm... | ✘ |
| /Subtype   | /Form                 | ✘ |
| /Type      | /XObject              | ✘ |
| /          |                       | + |

Stream XFA Debug Info Console

```

1 0 0 -1 0 10.98 cm
1 0 0 1 0 0 cm
/Fm1 Do

```

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result.pdf

```

39 endstream
40 endobj
41 4 0 obj
42 <</Contents 5 0 R/MediaBox[0 0 210 200]/Parent 2 0 R/Resources<</Font<</F1 6 0 R>>/XObject<</Fm1 7 0 R>>>>/TrimBox[0 0 2
43 endobj
44 1 0 obj
45 <</Pages 2 0 R/Type/Catalog>>
46 endobj
47 3 0 obj

```

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result.pdf

```

302 7 0 obj
303 <</BBox[0 0 171.32 10.98]/Length 58/Resources<</XObject<</Fm1 13 0 R>>>>/Subtype/Form/Type/XObject>>stream
304 1 0 0 -1 0 10.98 cm
305 % svg root
306 q
307 1 0 0 1 0 0 cm
308 /Fm1 Do
309 Q
310 endstream

```

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# Case 2 - Debugging



iText RUPS - 7.2.3-SNAPSHOT

File Help

XFA XREF Plain Text

Pages Outlines Structure Form

| Object   | Page   |
|----------|--------|
| Object 4 | Page 1 |

Tree view:

- /Parent: 2 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Pages
  - /Resources: Dictionary
    - /Font: Dictionary
      - /F1: 6 0 R -> Dictionary of type: /Font
    - /XObject: Dictionary
      - /Fm1: 7 0 R -> Stream of type: /XObject
        - Stream of type: /XObject
          - /BBox: Array
            - /Length: 58
          - /Resources: Dictionary
            - /XObject: Dictionary
              - /Fm1: 13 0 R -> Stream of type: /XObject
                - Stream of type: /XObject
                  - /BBox: Array
                    - /Length: 65623
                  - /Resources: Dictionary
                    - /Subtype: /Form
                    - /Type: /XObject
- /Subtype: /Form
- /Type: /XObject

- /TrimBox: Array
- /Type: /Page
- /Type: /Pages
- /Type: /Catalog

| Key        | Value                |   |
|------------|----------------------|---|
| /BBox      | [ 0 0 171.32 10.98 ] | ✘ |
| /Length    | 65623                | ✘ |
| /Resources | << >>                | ✘ |
| /Subtype   | /Form                | ✘ |
| /Type      | /XObject             | ✘ |
| /          |                      | + |

Stream XFA Debug Info Console

```

0 0 171.32 10.98 re
W
n
c
0 0 0 rg
0 0 0 RG
0 w
c
107.68 1.15 m
107.68 8.55 l
107.68 8.57 107.68 8.59 107.68 8.6 c
107.67 8.62 107.67 8.63 107.66 8.64 c
107.65 8.65 107.64 8.66 107.63 8.67 c
    
```

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File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?

result.pdf

```

39 endstream
40 endobj
41 4 0 obj
42 <</Contents 5 0 R/MediaBox[0 0 210 200]/Parent 2 0 R/Resources<</Font<</F1 6 0 R>>/XObject<</Fm1 7 0 R>>>>/TrimBox[0 0 2
43 endobj
44 1 0 obj
45 <</Pages 2 0 R/Type/Catalog>>
46 endobj
47 3 0 obj
    
```

Normal text file length: 102,124 lines: 2,495 Ln: 38 Col: 1 Sel: 0|0 Unix (LF) ANSI INS

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File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?

result.pdf

```

302 7 0 obj
303 <</BBox[0 0 171.32 10.98]/Length 58/Resources<</XObject<</Fm1 13 0 R>>>>/Subtype/Form/Type/XObject>>stream
304 1 0 0 -1 0 10.98 cm
305 % svg root
306 q
307 1 0 0 1 0 0 cm
308 /Fm1 Do
309 Q
310 endstream
    
```

Normal text file length: 102,124 lines: 2,495 Ln: 298 Col: 7 Sel: 0|0 Unix (LF) ANSI INS

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\*C:\Text\SurenExamples\results\result.pdf - Notepad++

File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?

result.pdf

```

367 13 0 obj
368 <</BBox[0 0 171.32 10.98]/Length 65623/Resources<<>>/Subtype/Form/Type/XObject>>stream
369 0 0 171.32 10.98 re
370 W
371 n
372 q
373 0 0 0 rg
374 0 0 0 RG
375 0 w
376 q
377 % path
378 107.68 1.15 m
379 107.68 8.55 l
380 107.68 8.57 107.68 8.59 107.68 8.6 c
381 107.67 8.62 107.67 8.63 107.66 8.64 c
382 107.65 8.65 107.64 8.66 107.63 8.67 c
383 107.62 8.68 107.6 8.69 v
    
```

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# Case 2 - Solution



result.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Pro DC (32-bit)

File Edit View E-Sign Window Help

Home Tools result.pdf x

1 / 1 150%

Find (1/3)

pond

Previous Next

Replace with

“The Old Pond” by Matsuo Bashō

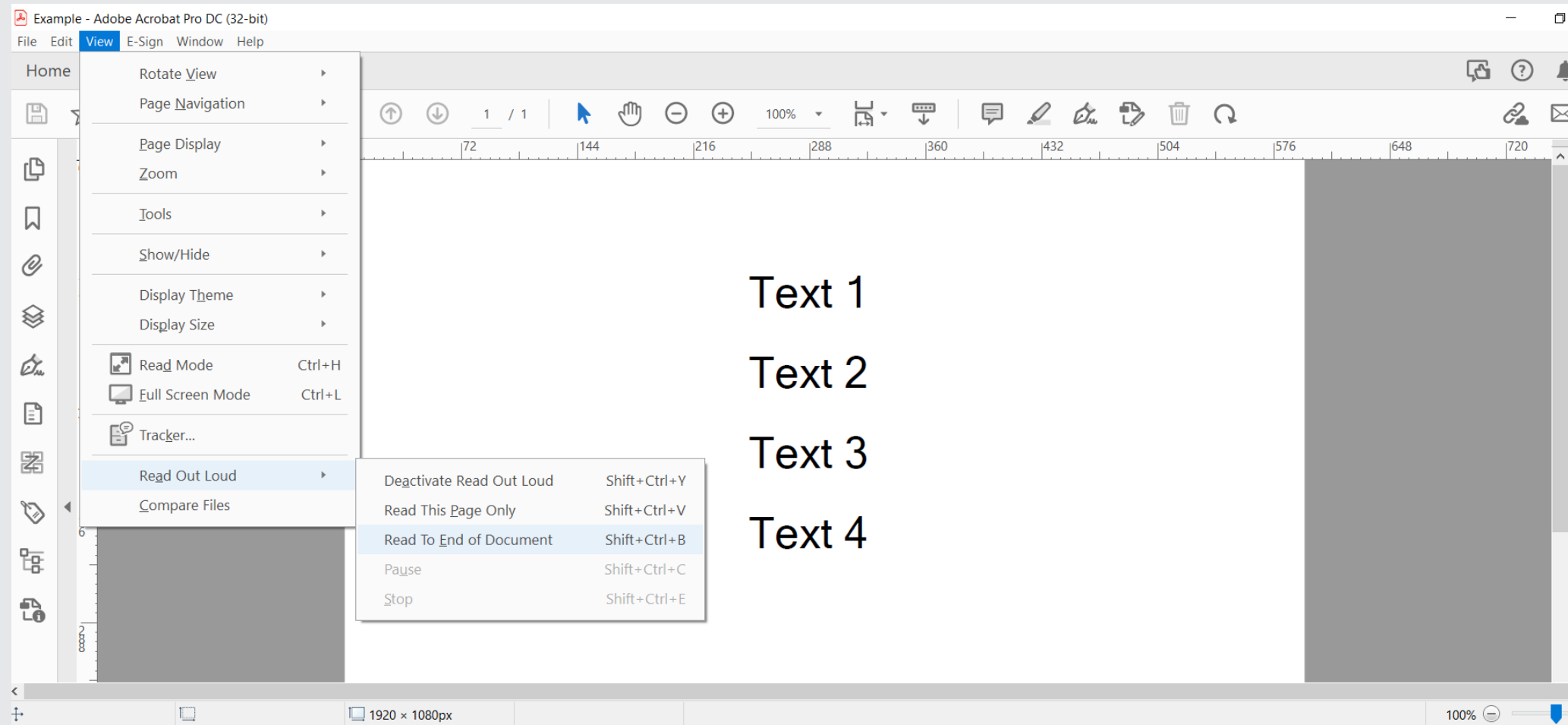
An old silent pond

A frog jumps into the

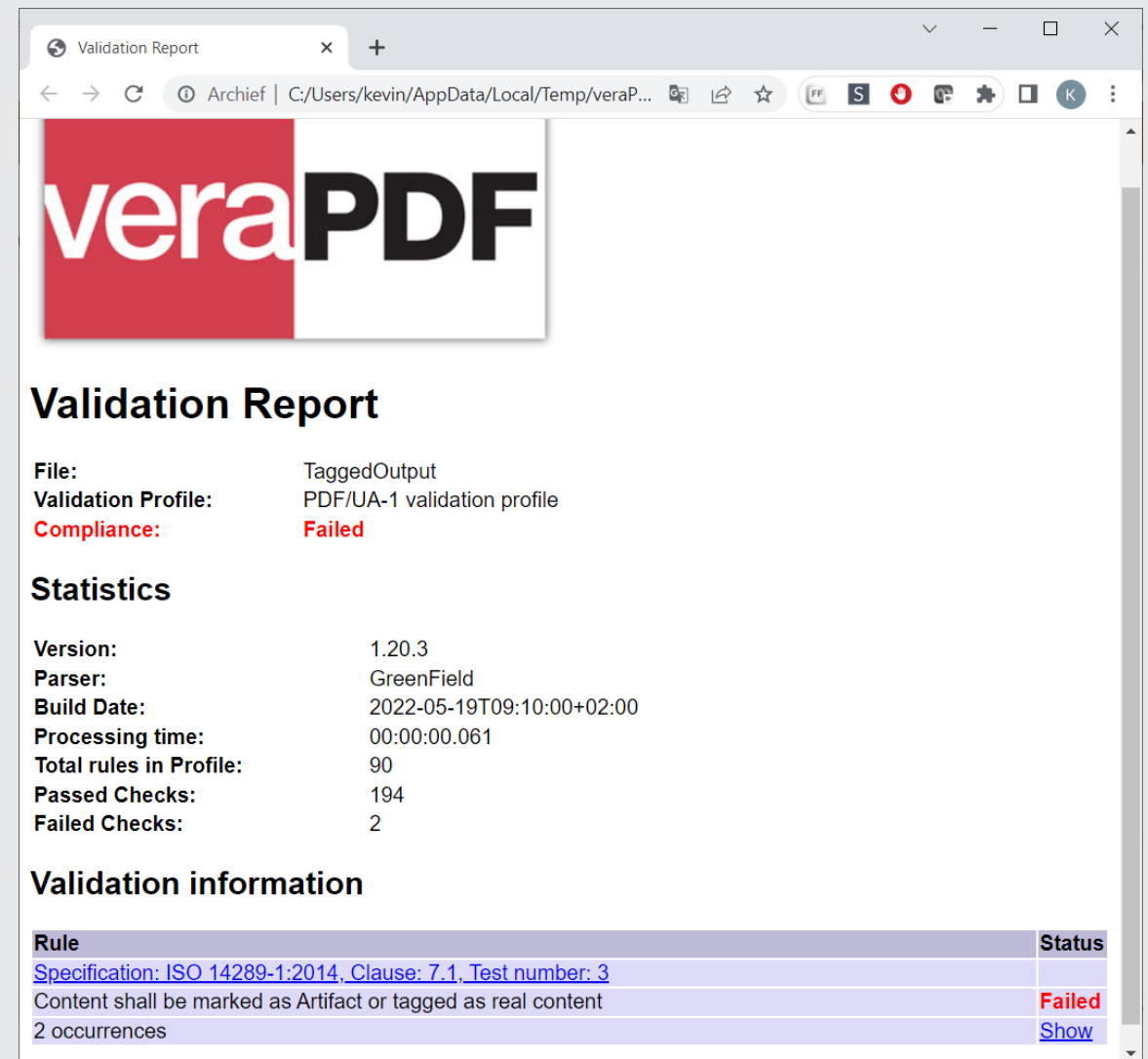
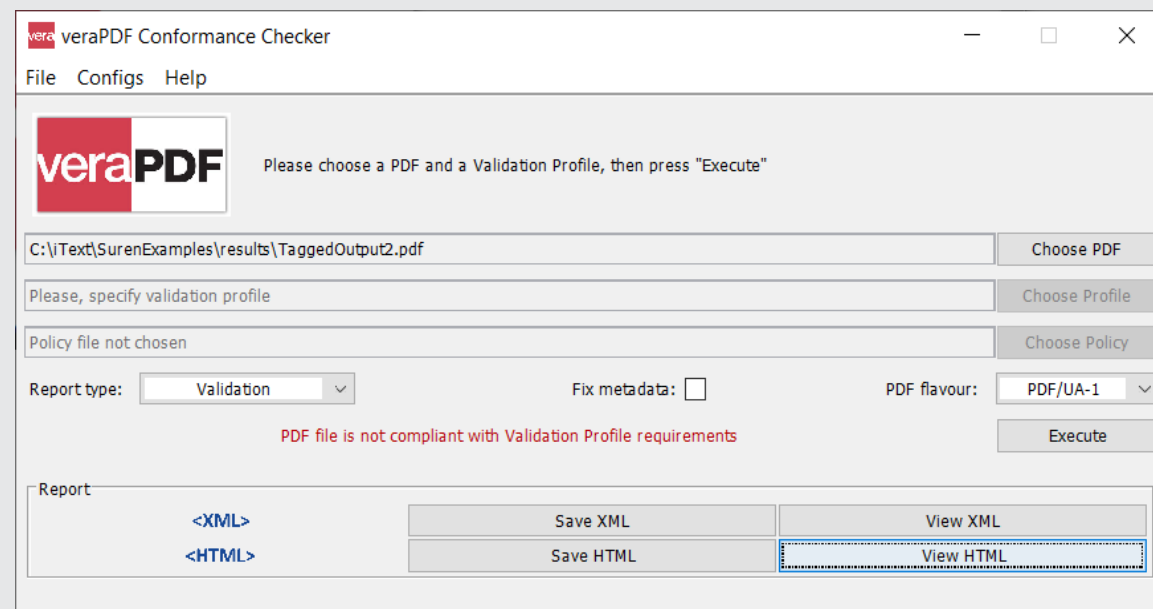
pond—

Splash! Silence again.

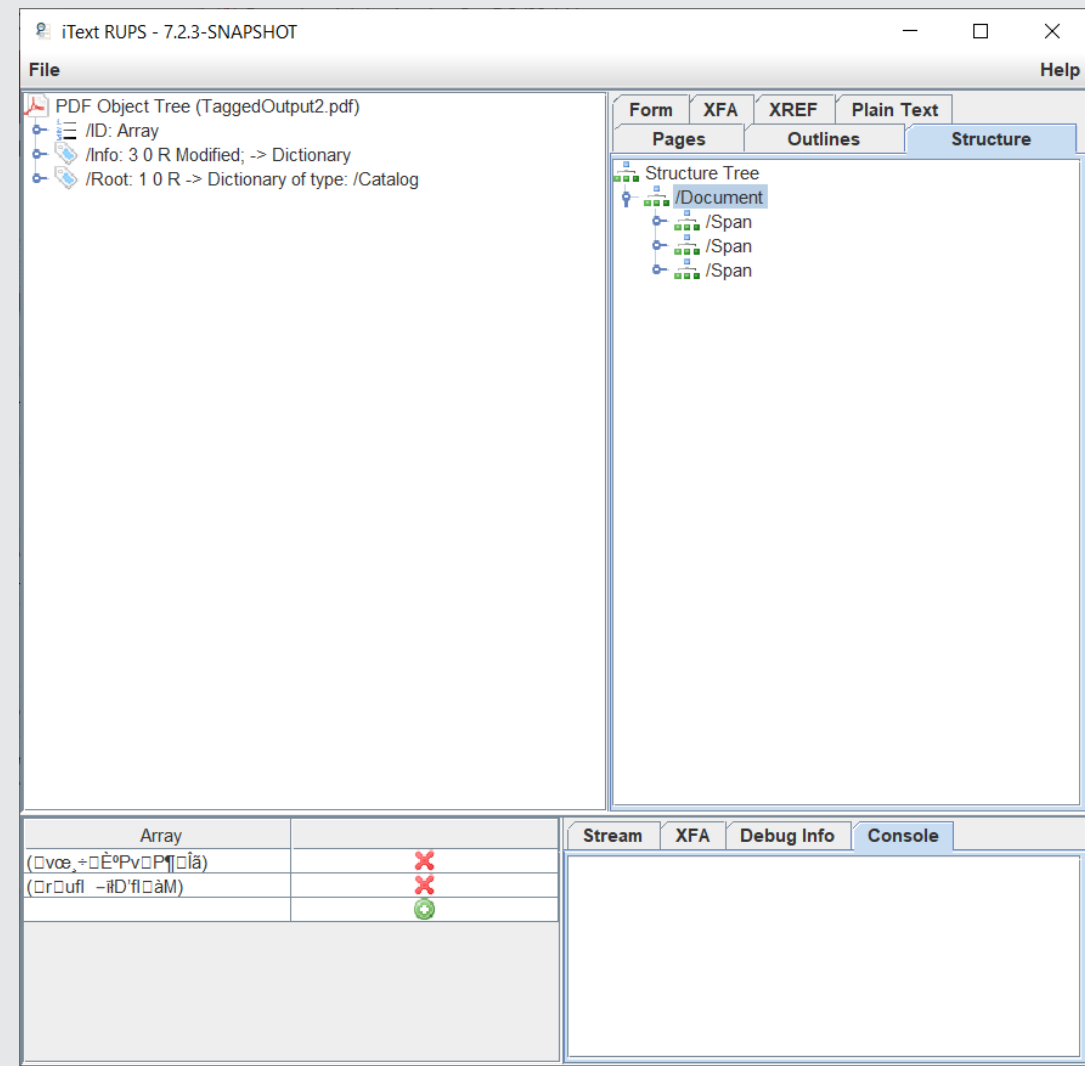
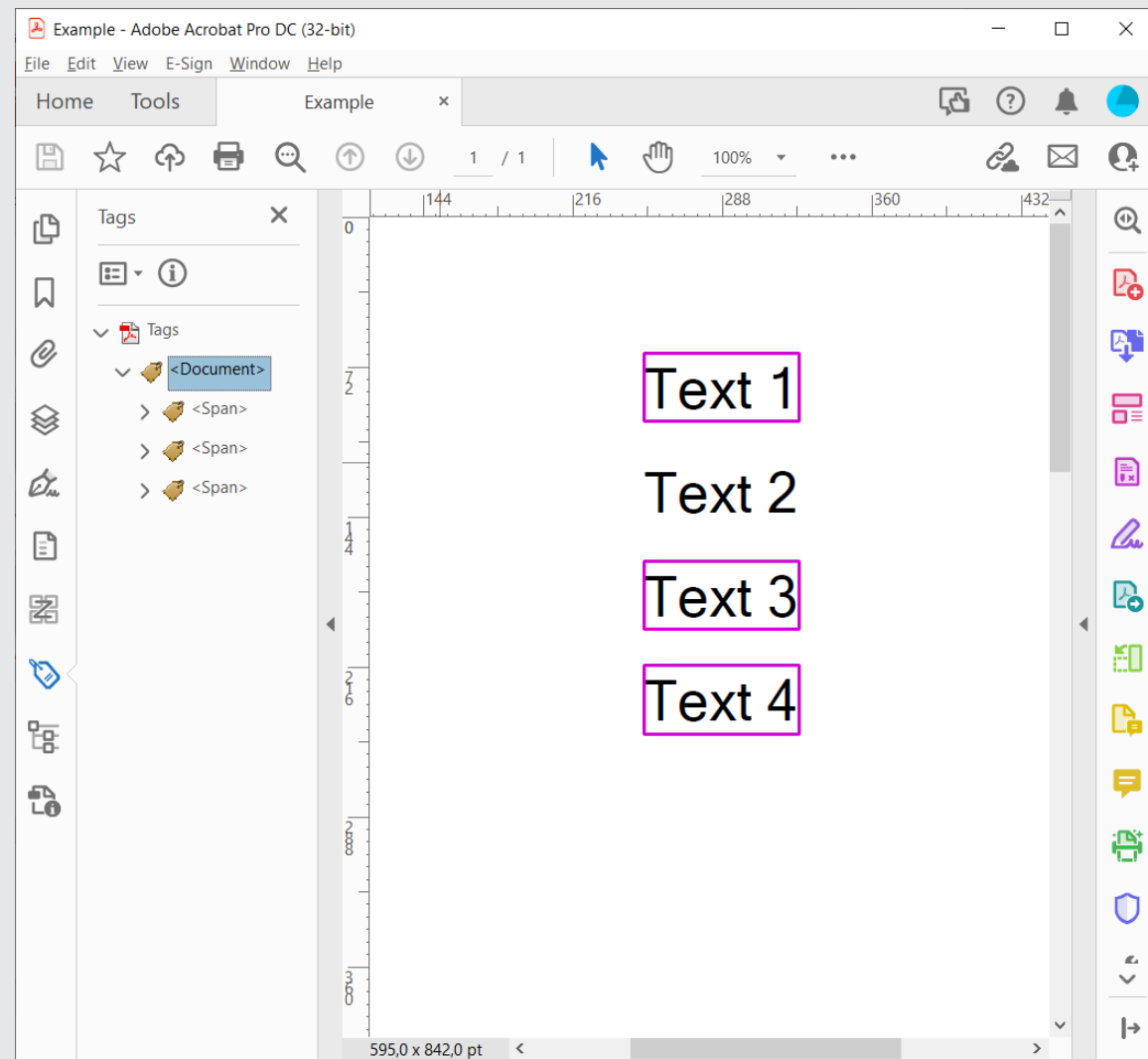
# Case 3 - Usecase



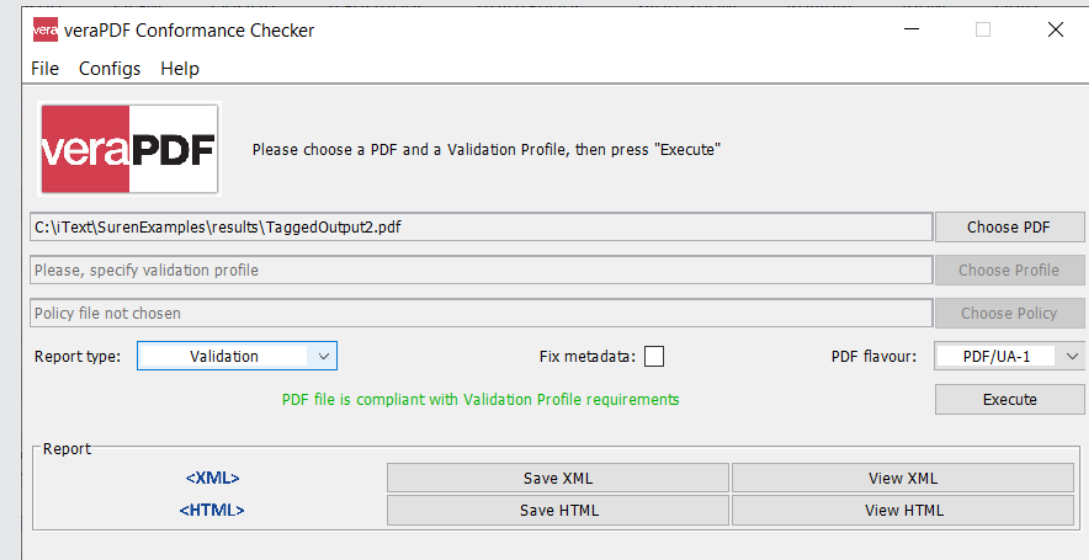
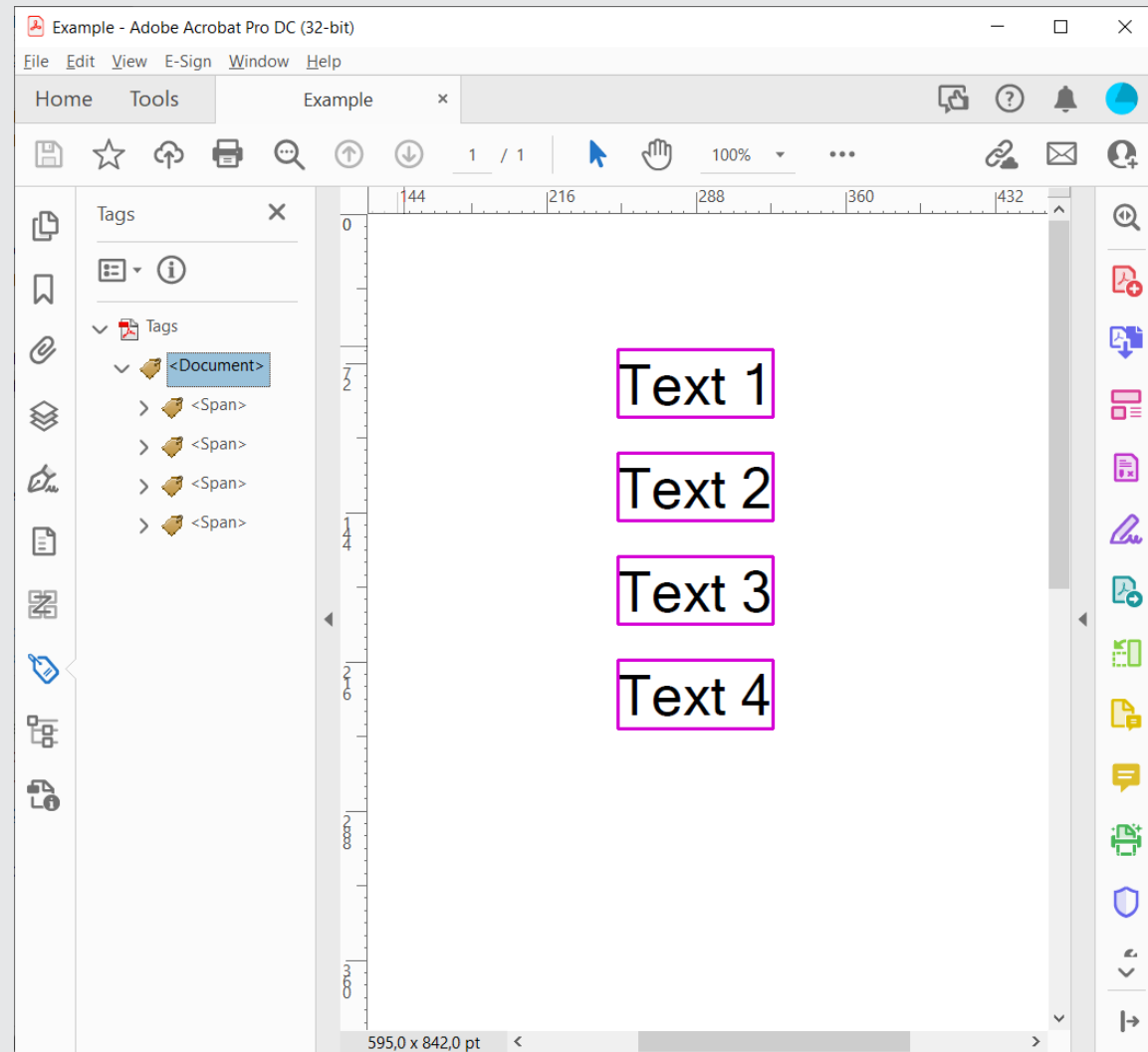
# Case 3 - Debugging



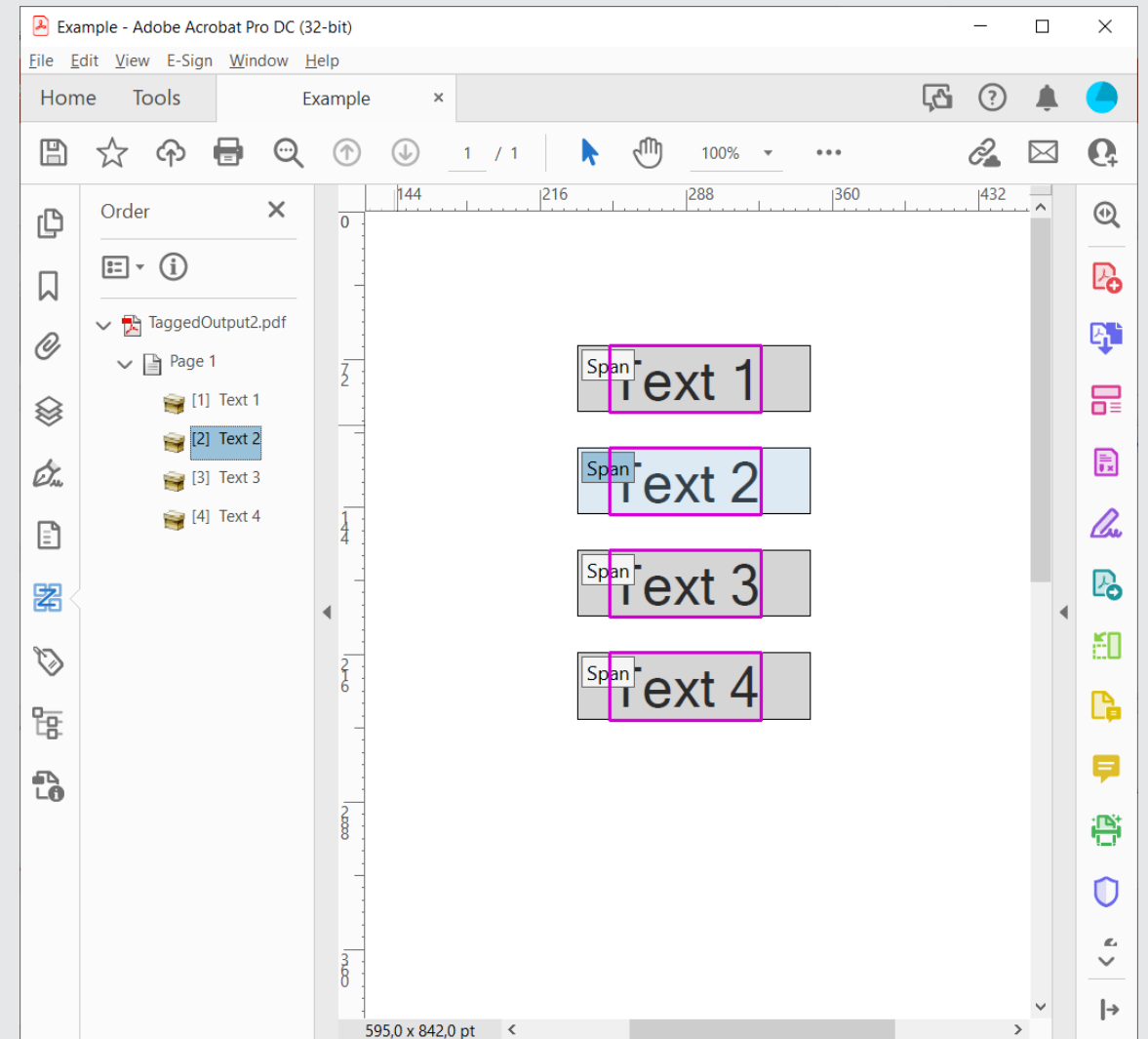
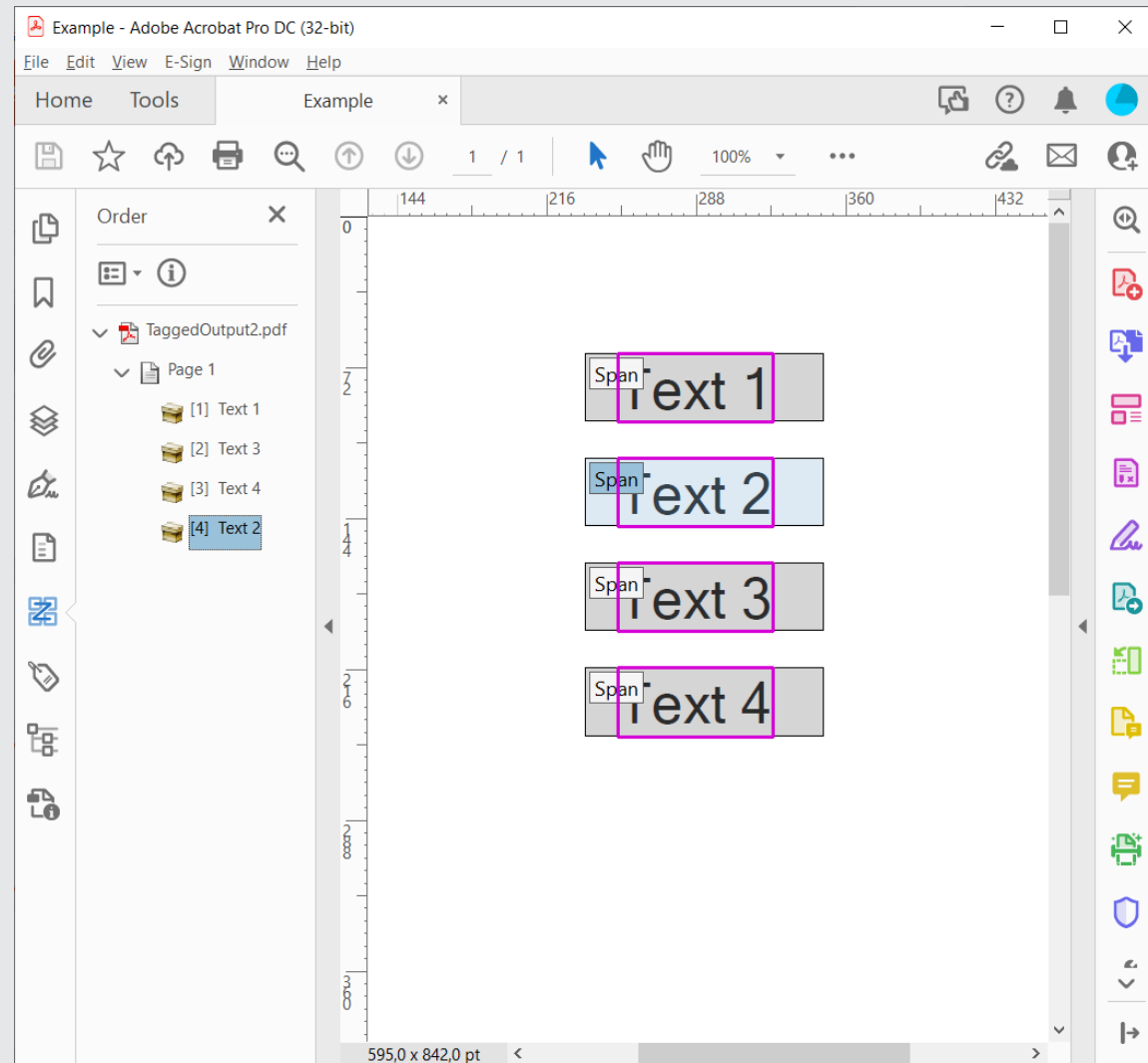
# Case 3 - Debugging



# Case 3 – Solution?



# Case 3 – Solution!



# Case 4



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Calling PDF devs, both commercial and open source, take a look at the file attached to:

[issues.apache.org/jira/browse/PD...](https://issues.apache.org/jira/browse/PD...)

This file causes infinite loops in a bunch of tools that I thought would handle this more robustly.

8:29 PM · Apr 12, 2022 · Twitter Web App



# Case 4 – Witness Report



PDFBox / PDFBOX-5415

## Infinite loop in ExtractText in 2.x branch on a specific pdf

### ▼ Description

[DavidAvant](#) reported an infinite loop in Tika and provided an example file. I can reproduce this with the latest PDFBox app 2.0.26-SNAPSHOT's ExtractText.

File: <https://issues.apache.org/jira/secure/attachment/13042292/map.pdf>

Adobe and a slightly out of date pdftotext also have problems with this file.

# Case 4 – The initial look



3/4/22, 3:35 PM

SAINTE-SUZANNE - Map of Sainte-Suzanne 97441 France

Find a town, a zip code, a department, a region... in France

Search ...

I like Map-France.com !

MAP-FRANCE.COM

French Version : [http://www.cartesfrance.fr/carte-france-ville/97420\\_Sainte-Suzanne.html](http://www.cartesfrance.fr/carte-france-ville/97420_Sainte-Suzanne.html)

Map of France | Regions | Departments | Cities | Hotels | Directions | Satellite | Weather

Map of France > La Réunion > La Réunion > Sainte-Suzanne

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## City of Sainte-Suzanne

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|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Sainte-Suzanne | <p>The city of Sainte-Suzanne is located in the department of La Réunion of the french region La Réunion. The city of Sainte-Suzanne is located in the township of Sainte-Suzanne part of the district of Saint-Denis. The area code for Sainte-Suzanne is 97420 (also known as code INSEE), and the Sainte-Suzanne zip code is 97441.</p> <p><b>Geography and map of Sainte-Suzanne :</b><br/>The altitude of the city hall of Sainte-Suzanne is approximately 725 meters. The Sainte-Suzanne surface is 58.84 km<sup>2</sup>. The latitude and longitude of Sainte-Suzanne are 20.906 degrees South and 55.607 degrees East. Nearby cities and towns of Sainte-Suzanne are : Sainte-Marie (97438) at 6.09 km, Saint-André (97440) at 7.59 km, Bras-Panon (97412) at 12.26 km, Salazie (97433) at 15.30 km, Saint-Denis (97400) at 16.77 km, Saint-Benoit (97470) at 17.97 km, La Plaine-des-Palmistes (97431) at 25.55 km, La Possession (97419) at 28.26 km.<br/><i>(The distances to these nearby towns of Sainte-Suzanne are calculated as the crow flies)</i></p> <p><b>Population and housing of Sainte-Suzanne :</b><br/>The population of Sainte-Suzanne was 18 137 in 1999 and 21 856 in 2007. The population density of Sainte-Suzanne is 371.45 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>. The number of housing of Sainte-Suzanne was 7 219 in 2007. These homes of Sainte-Suzanne consist of 6 823 main residences, 43 second or occasional homes and 353 vacant homes.</p> |
| Hotel          |  |
| Map            |  |
| Photos         |  |
| Weather        |  |
| Population     |  |
| Housing        |  |

I like Sainte-Suzanne !

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|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Administrative Information of Sainte-Suzanne</b> | <b>Nearby towns of Sainte-Suzanne</b>  |
| Region : <a href="#">La Réunion (4)</a>             | Here are maps and information of the close municipalities near Sainte-Suzanne. See all the towns of La Réunion (Distances are calculated as the crow flies)<br>Sainte-Marie (974) at 6.09 km      Saint-André (974) at 7.59 km |

<https://www.map-france.com/Sainte-Suzanne-97441#~:~:text=The city of Sainte-Suzanne,the district of Saint-Denis.>

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# Case 4 – The initial look



The screenshot shows the Map-France website interface for Sainte-Suzanne. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search bar and a 'Search ...' button. Below the search bar, there is a map of France with a red dot indicating the location of Sainte-Suzanne. The main content area is titled 'City of Sainte-Suzanne' and contains several information panels:

- Sainte-Suzanne**: A brief description of the city's location in the department of La Réunion.
- Hotel**: A link to find hotels in the area.
- Map**: A link to view a detailed map of the city.
- Photos**: A link to view photos of the city.
- Weather**: A link to view the current weather.
- Population**: A link to view population statistics.
- Housing**: A link to view housing information.

Below these panels, there are two sections: 'Administrative Information of Sainte-Suzanne' and 'Nearby towns of Sainte-Suzanne'. The administrative information shows the region as 'La Réunion (4)'. The nearby towns section lists several towns with their distances from Sainte-Suzanne.

It crashes the viewer

# Case 4- Break out the tools



- Reproduce the issue as-is
  - Run PDF Box code
  - Encounter reported behavior

# Case 4 – Switch up the tools



- Run the same code on iText 7
  - Is the bug only in PDF Box or is it a file issue
  - Encounter the same behavior

# Case 4 – Dissecting the body



iText RUPS - 7.2.4-SNAPSHOT  
File Edit

map-2.pdf F24-folder en kaart\_022.pdf PDFBOX-5415-TIKA-3718-p10.pdf

Resources: Dictionary  
  /ExtGState: Dictionary  
  /ProcSet: Array  
  XObject: Dictionary  
    /X349: 42 0 R -> Stream of type: XObject  
      Stream of type: XObject  
        /BBox: Array  
        /Filter: /FlateDecode  
        /Group: Dictionary of type: /Group  
        /Length: 54  
        /Matrix: Array  
        Resources: Dictionary  
          /ExtGState: Dictionary  
          /ProcSet: Array  
          XObject: Dictionary  
            /X345: 50 0 R -> Stream of type: XObject  
              Stream of type: XObject  
                /BBox: Array  
                /Filter: /FlateDecode  
                /Group: Dictionary of type: /Group  
                /Length: 5859  
                /Matrix: Array  
                Resources: Dictionary  
                  /ExtGState: Dictionary  
                  /ProcSet: Array  
                  XObject: Dictionary  
                    /X342: 53 0 R -> Stream of type: XObject  
                      Stream of type: XObject  
                        /BBox: Array  
                        /Filter: /FlateDecode  
                        /Group: Dictionary of type: /Group  
                        /Length: 54  
                        /Matrix: Array  
                        Resources: Dictionary  
                          /ExtGState: Dictionary  
                          /ProcSet: Array  
                          XObject: Dictionary  
                            /X338: 57 0 R -> Stream of type: XObject  
                              Stream of type: XObject  
                                /BBox: Array  
                                /Filter: /FlateDecode  
                                /Group: Dictionary of type: /Group  
                                /Length: 54  
                                /Matrix: Array  
                                Resources: Dictionary  
                                  /Subtype: /Form  
                                  /Type: /XObject

# Case 4 – Examining the Blood Work



```
.239999999 0 0 -.239999999 0 612 cm  
/G3 gs  
/G336 gs  
/X334 Do  
/G8 gs  
/G337 gs  
/X334 Do  
/G8 gs
```

# Case 4 – Drilling down into blood results



```
.23999999 0 0 -.23999999 0 612 cm
```

```
/G3 gs
```

```
/G332 gs
```

```
/X330 Do
```

```
/G8 gs
```

```
/G333 gs
```

```
/X330 Do
```

```
/G8 gs
```



# Case 4 – Noticing the oddity



```
.23999999 0 0 -.23999999 0 612 cm  
/G3 gs  
/G328 gs  
/X326 Do  
/G8 gs  
/G329 gs  
/X326 Do  
/G8 gs
```

# Case 4 – Crunching the numbers



```
Jenkinsfile
LICENSE.md
page10.pdf
pom.xml
README.md
root.iml
ruby-test.pdf
sonar-project.properties
testout.pdf
Vagrantfile
weirdxmp.pdf
External Libraries
Scratches and Consoles
Extensions
  Java
    predefinedExternalAnnotations.j
    predefinedExternalAnnotations.j
Scratch x

19 public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
20     PdfDocument pdfDoc = new PdfDocument(new PdfReader( filename: "page10.pdf"));
21     System.out.println(countXobjDepth(pdfDoc.getFirstPage().getResources()));
22 }
23 public static int countXobjDepth(PdfResources res) {
24     if(res == null || !res.getPdfObject().containsKey(PdfName.XObject)) {
25         return 0;
26     }
27     int curMax = 0;
28     for(PdfObject child : res.getPdfObject().getAsDictionary(PdfName.XObject).values()) {
29         PdfStream stm = (PdfStream) child;
30         int childDepth;
31         if(PdfName.Form.equals(stm.get(PdfName.Subtype))) {
32             childDepth = 1 + countXobjDepth(new PdfFormXObject(stm).getResources());
33         } else {
34             childDepth = 1; // image -> depth 1

```

"C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0\_251\bin\java.exe" ...  
SLF4J: Failed to load class "org.slf4j.impl.StaticLoggerBinder".  
SLF4J: Defaulting to no-operation (NOP) logger implementation  
SLF4J: See <http://www.slf4j.org/codes.html#StaticLoggerBinder> for further details.  
24  
Process finished with exit code 0

# Case 4 – Conclusion



- The PDF file isn't broken
- Implementations aren't broken
- PDF files can have complex and intricate constructs
  - Flexibility of the spec
- Parsers need to find ways around this
  - Cache XObjects
  - Lazy Loading of XObjects

# Case 5 – The One with Crowd-sourcing



- Customer reports “broken text extraction”
  - The text was perfectly legible in viewers

# Case 5



- Customer reports “broken text extraction”
  - The text was perfectly legible in viewers
  - When extracting, only some letters would be incorrect
    - Yet, consistent incorrect

# Case 5



- Customer reports “broken text extraction”
  - The text was perfectly legible in viewers
  - When extracting, only some letters would be incorrect
    - Yet, consistent incorrect
  - Across tools
    - So, not an iText issue

# Case 5



- Customer reports “broken text extraction”
  - The text was perfectly legible in viewers
  - When extracting, only some letters would be incorrect
    - Yet, consistent incorrect
  - Across tools
    - So, not an iText issue
  - Through the same producer

# Case 5 – Resolution



- The mapping was completely off
- Erroneous behavior of that producer?
- Obfuscation?





# Mission Report