Overlaying PDF Files. The contents of two or more PDF files can be overlaid by VeryUtils Java PDF Toolkit (jpdfkit).

This is a quick and relatively simple way to overlay one page onto another. This is sometimes called stitching, overlaying, watermarking, etc., although each of those terms can refer to slightly different tasks as well.

The benefit of overlaying one page onto another the way I've outlined below is that you don't have to render either of the pages as an image, so in the final output, you'll still be able to select individual elements on the page, including text.

Recently, I received a question from a customer,

I have two separate pdf files, each 50 pages. I want to overlay one file on top of the other one, with the output being a single pdf document of 50 pages, with the content of the two pdfs overlayed page-wise.

I don't want the same page of document 2 as the background of document 1, but each page should merge. i.e page one of pdf 1 merge with page one of pdf 2, page two of pdf 1 merge with page two of pdf 2, etc.

This is a good question, because PDF overlay is a high frequency requirement. This customer wants to overlay all pages from PDF 1 to PDF 2. VeryUtils Java PDF Toolkit (jpdfkit) software has this function, he can do this work with pdf files using the jpdfkit command line tool using the stamp or background option.

java -jar jpdfkit.jar file1.pdf background file2.pdf output combinedfile.pdf

This will only work with a one-page background file. If you have multiple pages, you can use the multistamp or multibackground command instead,

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Here you can see an example for a cover page:
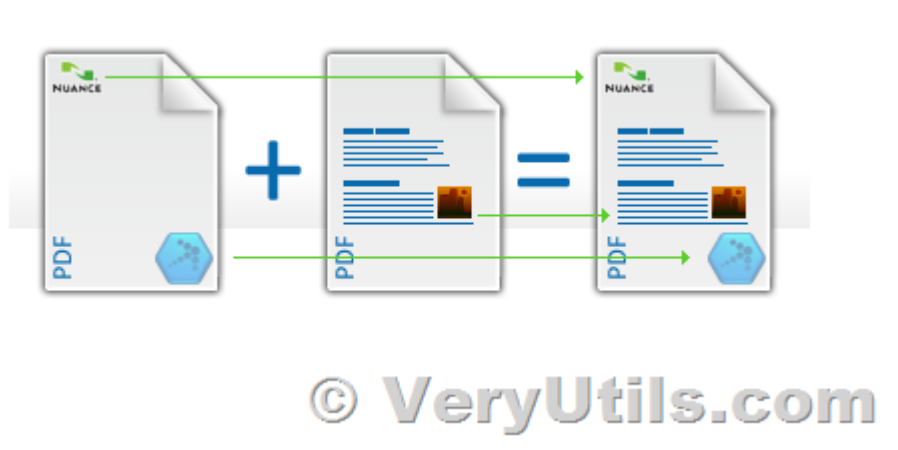
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Please following me to test PDF overlay function in VeryUtils Java PDF Toolkit (jpdfkit) software,

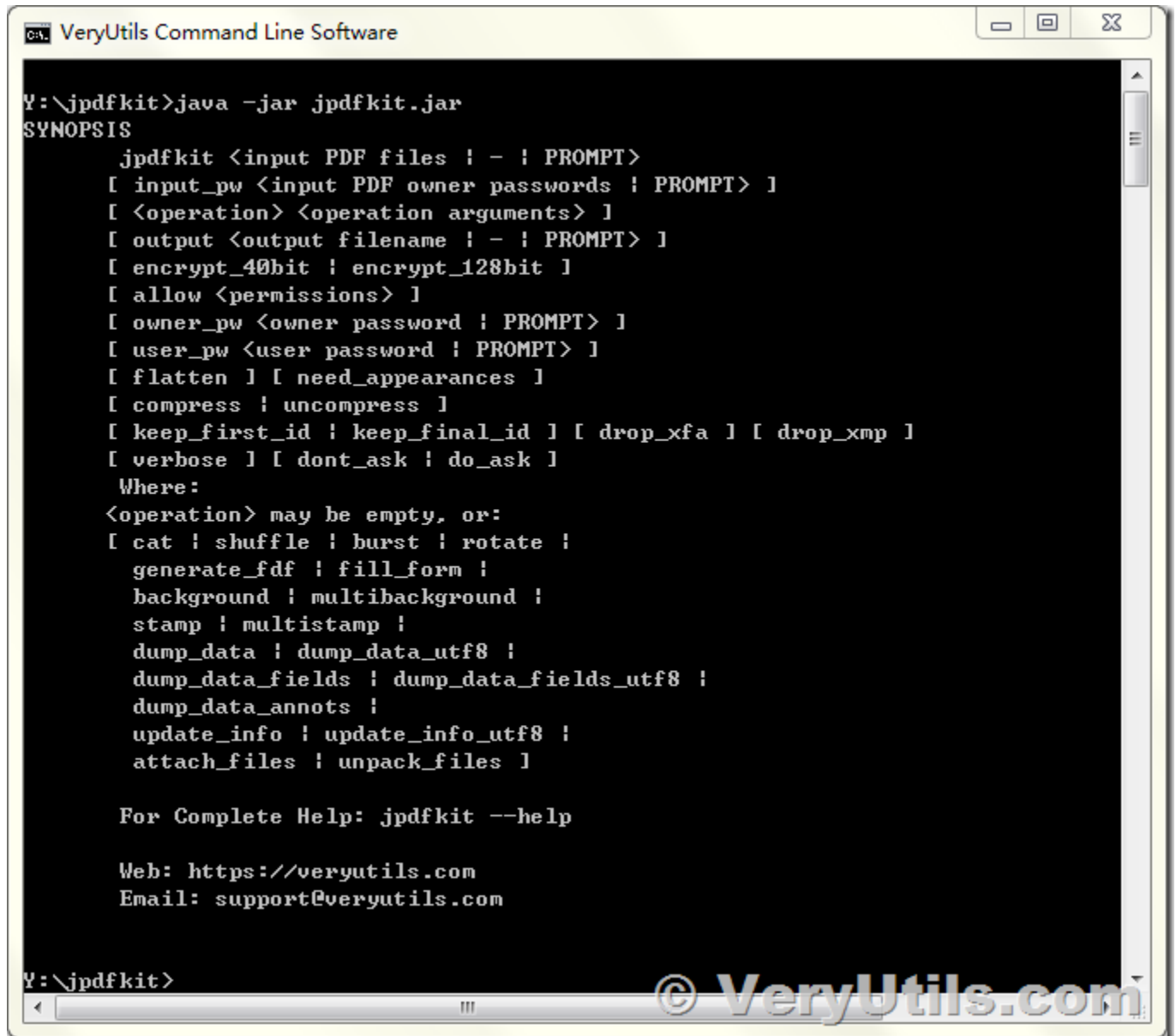1. Please download VeryUtils Java PDF Toolkit (jpdfkit) from this web page,

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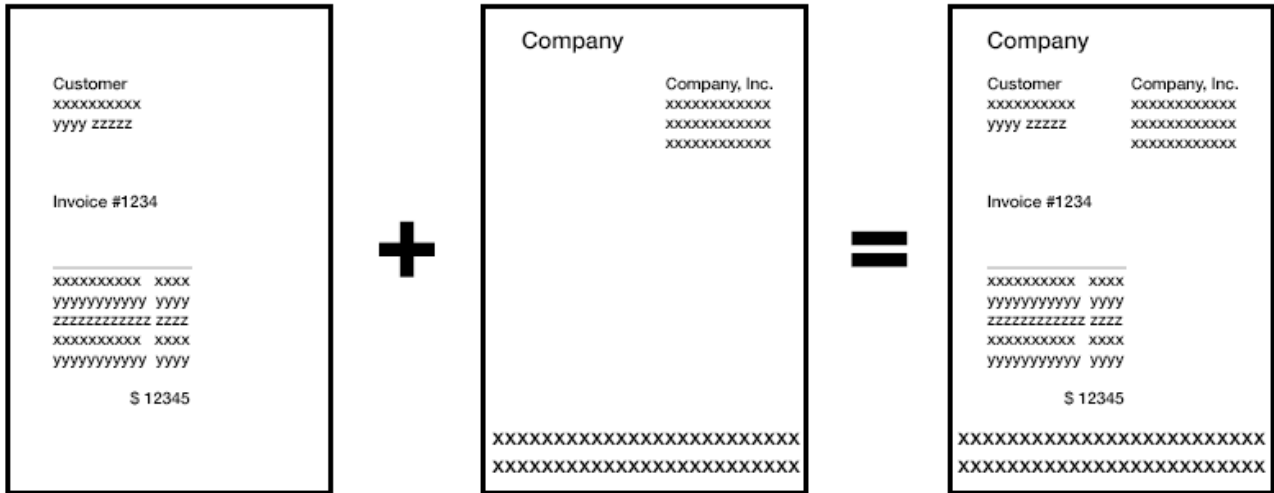
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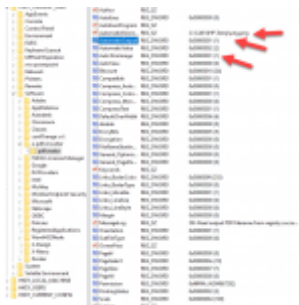- Best VeryUtils Java PDF Toolkit (jpdfkit) Software for Windows, Linux, and Mac Systems
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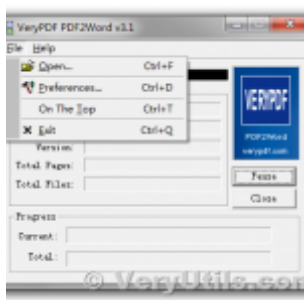
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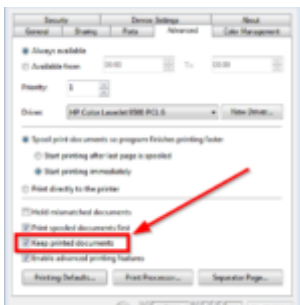
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