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Transitioning to ULIDs for better document management

⚠ PSPDFKit Server now uses randomized unique IDs (ULIDs) for documents instead of numeric IDs. This improves scalability for users with a large number of documents.

As part of [2019.1](#), we require the explicit setting of the `GENERATE_ULID_DOCUMENT_IDS` environment variable ([introduced in 2018.7](#)) for all installations from before 31 January 2019. The variable determines whether new documents are assigned a (deprecated) numeric ID or a ULID.

Please be aware that when uploading a document, you [can also supply your own document ID](#) that will be used by PSPDFKit Server.

While the automatically assigned document ID has always been a string, up until now, it could be converted to an integer.

We highly recommend you either migrate to ULIDs by setting `GENERATE_ULID_DOCUMENT_IDS` to `true` or [supply your own document ID](#) when creating documents.

Migration instructions

⚙ When [configuring PSPDFKit Server](#), set `GENERATE_ULID_DOCUMENT_IDS=true`.

Migrate PSPDFKit for Web

For more information, please take a look at the [PSPDFKit for Web 2019.1 migration guide](#).

For a full list of changes, check out the [changelog](#).



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