

# Quick Start: ExportPDF for Illustrator

*Your first export in 5 minutes*

ExportPDF is a script for Adobe Illustrator that automates the generation of personalized PDF files from CSV data. Ideal for sports jerseys, hoodies, caps, and other products requiring mass personalization (names, numbers, sizes).

## What you need

- ExportPDF script installed for Illustrator
- A template in Adobe Illustrator with named artboards and text fields
- A CSV file with player/product data (UTF-8)
- A license key or demo version

## Step 1: Prepare the template

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Open or create a document in Adobe Illustrator:

### Name your artboards:

Each artboard = one product + size. Format: PRODUCT-SIZE

*hoodie-M, hoodie-L, hoodie-XL, jersey-M, jersey-L*

### Create text fields with exact names:

Field name	Content
CisloText	Player number (or CisloZadni_M, CisloPredni_M for specific size)
JmenoText	Player name (or JmenoText_M for specific size)
PrezdivkaText	Nickname (optional)

Tip: Fields with a size suffix (e.g. JmenoText\_M) take priority over generic ones (JmenoText). This lets you have different font sizes for different jersey sizes.

## Step 2: Prepare the CSV file

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Create a CSV file (UTF-8, comma or semicolon delimiter) with these columns:

cislo	jmeno	prezdivka	velikost-mikiny
10	Jan Novak	Novy	M
7	Petr Svoboda	Svob	L
23	Martin Cerny		XL

Tip: The prezdivka column can be left empty. You can add more columns for a second product (velikost-cepice) or conditional graphics.

## Step 3: Run the script

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**File > Scripts > Other Script > select ExportPDF.jsx**

1. Select the CSV file.
2. Set the interface language.
3. Answer 4 Yes/No questions (graphic numbers, diacritics, logo in numbers, nicknames).
4. For the first export, we recommend keeping all defaults.

## Step 4: Configure export

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1. Verify the mapping of sizes to artboards.
2. Select the output folder for PDFs.
3. Choose a PDF preset (quality).
4. Optionally customize the file name template.

## Step 5: Export!

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Click OK and wait. For each CSV row, the script:

- Finds the correct artboard based on size.
- Fills text fields with CSV data.
- Exports a PDF to the chosen folder.

**Result: In the output folder you'll find a PDF file for each player/product.**

## Advanced features

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The basic export is covered above. For advanced features, see the full manual:

Feature	Description	Manual
Graphic numbers	Symbols instead of text digits on jerseys	Ch. 8.7
Logo in numbers	Insert your logo directly into digits	Ch. 8.5
Manual diacritics	Per-character placeholders for fonts without diacritics	Ch. 5.2–5.3
Dynamic scaling	Auto-adjust graphic size based on font size	Ch. 8.6
Conditional graphics	Show/hide graphics (sponsor logos) based on CSV	Ch. 7.5
Multi-line text	Use    as line separator in CSV	Ch. 7.3
Sheet archiving	export multiple designs on a single sheet	Ch. 7.6

## Troubleshooting common issues

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### Diacritics are not displayed correctly

In the setup dialog, check the “Font supports diacritics” option. If your font doesn’t have diacritics, uncheck this option — the script will add them manually using symbols. See Ch. 5.2.

### Script didn’t find a text field

Verify the exact field name in Adobe Illustrator. The script looks for an exact match (e.g. JmenoText\_M, not jmenotext\_m). Names are case-sensitive.

### Sizes don’t map to the correct artboards

Check your artboards naming: format must be PRODUCT-SIZE (e.g. hoodie-XL). The product name in Adobe Illustrator must match what’s configured in the advanced dialog (Ch. 5.4).

*For complete troubleshooting, see the full manual, Chapter 10.*