

**NAME**

Pod::Text::Overstrike - Convert POD data to formatted overstrike text

**SYNOPSIS**

```
use Pod::Text::Overstrike;
my $parser = Pod::Text::Overstrike->new (sentence => 0, width => 78);

# Read POD from STDIN and write to STDOUT.
$parser->parse_from_filehandle;

# Read POD from file.pod and write to file.txt.
$parser->parse_from_file ('file.pod', 'file.txt');
```

**DESCRIPTION**

[Pod::Text::Overstrike](#) is a simple subclass of [Pod::Text](#) that highlights output text using overstrike sequences, in a manner similar to `nroff`. Characters in bold text are overstruck (character, backspace, character) and characters in underlined text are converted to overstruck underscores (underscore, backspace, character). This format was originally designed for hard-copy terminals and/or line printers, yet is readable on soft-copy (CRT) terminals.

Overstruck text is best viewed by page-at-a-time programs that take advantage of the terminal's **stand-out** and *underline* capabilities, such as the `less` program on Unix.

Apart from the overstrike, it in all ways functions like `Pod::Text`. See [Pod::Text](#) for details and available options.

**BUGS**

Currently, the outermost formatting instruction wins, so for example underlined text inside a region of bold text is displayed as simply bold. There may be some better approach possible.

**SEE ALSO**

[Pod::Text](#), [Pod::Simple](#)

The current version of this module is always available from its web site at <http://www.eyrie.org/~eagle/software/podlators/>.

It is also part of the Perl core distribution as of 5.6.0.

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