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### How to Compare Anything to Anything

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We've come a long way from the days when "redlining" had a literal meaning — marking changes to contracts and other legal documents with rulers and red ink pens. With the advent of the personal computer and word processing software, a paradigm shift occurred and this word became a term of art, referring to software that compares two word processing documents.

DocsCorp thinks the time has come for yet another paradigm shift thanks to the fact that lawyers no longer deal exclusively with word processing documents. Can you say PDF?

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