

How to convert DOC to PDF from URL asynchronously for DOC to PDF API in VB.NET with ByteScout Cloud API Server

Learn to write code convert DOC to PDF from URL asynchronously for DOC to PDF API in VB.NET: Simple How To Tutorial

This page displays the step-by-step instructions and algorithm of how to convert DOC to PDF from URL asynchronously and how to apply it in your application. DOC to PDF API in VB.NET can be applied with ByteScout Cloud API Server. ByteScout Cloud API Server is API server that is ready to use and can be installed and deployed in less than 30 minutes on your own Windows server or server in a cloud. It can save data and files on your local server-based file storage or in Amazon AWS S3 storage. Data is processed solely on the API server and is powered by ByteScout engine, no cloud services or Internet connection is required for data processing..

Use the code displayed below in your application to save a lot of time on writing and testing code. Follow the tutorial and copy - paste code for VB.NET into your project's code editor. Use of ByteScout Cloud API Server in VB.NET is also described in the documentation given along with the product.

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Source Code Files:

ByteScoutWebApiExample.sln

```
Microsoft Visual Studio Solution File, Format Version 12.00
# Visual Studio 15
VisualStudioVersion = 15.0.26730.10
MinimumVisualStudioVersion = 10.0.40219.1
Project("{F184B08F-C81C-45F6-A57F-5ABD9991F28F}") = "ByteScoutWebApiExample", "ByteScoutWebApiExample.csproj", "{F184B08F-C81C-45F6-A57F-5ABD9991F28F}"
EndProject
Global
    GlobalSection(SolutionConfigurationPlatforms) = preSolution
        Debug|Any CPU = Debug|Any CPU
        Release|Any CPU = Release|Any CPU
    EndGlobalSection
    GlobalSection(ProjectConfigurationPlatforms) = postSolution
        {9B91124C-66C3-4BD9-B29E-168C1ABB15AC}.Debug|Any CPU.ActiveCfg = Debug|Any CPU
        {9B91124C-66C3-4BD9-B29E-168C1ABB15AC}.Debug|Any CPU.Build.0 = Debug|Any CPU
        {9B91124C-66C3-4BD9-B29E-168C1ABB15AC}.Release|Any CPU.ActiveCfg = Release|Any CPU
        {9B91124C-66C3-4BD9-B29E-168C1ABB15AC}.Release|Any CPU.Build.0 = Release|Any CPU
    EndGlobalSection
    GlobalSection(SolutionProperties) = preSolution
        HideSolutionNode = FALSE
    EndGlobalSection
    GlobalSection(ExtensibilityGlobals) = postSolution
        SolutionGuid = {4576C9BB-A42D-46A8-9198-7E2982E122FA}
    EndGlobalSection
EndGlobal
```

Module1.vb

```
Imports System.IO
Imports System.Net
Imports System.Threading
Imports Newtonsoft.Json.Linq

' Cloud API asynchronous "DOC To PDF" job example.
' Allows to avoid timeout errors when processing huge or scanned PDF documents.

' Please NOTE: In this sample we're assuming Cloud Api Server is hosted at "https://localhost:5000"
' If it's not then please replace this with your hosting url.

Module Module1

    ' Direct URL of source DOC or DOCX file.
    Const SourceFileUrl As String = "https://bytescout-com.s3.amazonaws.com/files/example-document.docx"
    ' Destination PDF file name
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Const DestinationFile As String = ".\result.pdf"
' (!) Make asynchronous job
Const Async As Boolean = True

Sub Main()

    ' Create standard .NET web client instance
    Dim webClient As WebClient = New WebClient()

    ' Prepare URL for `DOC To PDF` API call
    Dim query As String = Uri.EscapeUriString(String.Format(
        "https://localhost/pdf/convert/from/doc?name={0}&url={1}&async={2}",
        Path.GetFileName(DestinationFile),
        SourceFileUrl,
        Async))

    Try
        ' Execute request
        Dim response As String = webClient.DownloadString(query)

        ' Parse JSON response
        Dim json As JObject = JObject.Parse(response)

        If json("error").ToObject(Of Boolean) = False Then

            ' Asynchronous job ID
            Dim jobId As String = json("jobId").ToString()
            ' URL of generated PDF file that will be available after
            Dim resultFileUrl As String = json("url").ToString()

            ' Check the job status in a loop.
            ' If you don't want to pause the main thread you can re
            ' to use a separate thread for the status checking and
            Do
                Dim status As String = CheckJobStatus(jobId)

                ' Display timestamp and status (for demo purposes)
                Console.WriteLine(DateTime.Now.ToLongTimeString() & " Status: " & status)

                If status = "success" Then

                    ' Download PDF file
                    webClient.DownloadFile(resultFileUrl, DestinationFile)

                    Console.WriteLine("Generated PDF file saved to " & DestinationFile)
                    Exit Do

                ElseIf status = "working" Then

                    ' Pause for a few seconds
                    Thread.Sleep(3000)

                Else

                    Console.WriteLine(status)
                    Exit Do

                End If

            Loop

        End If
    Catch ex As Exception
        Console.WriteLine(ex.Message)
    End Try
End Sub

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        Else
            Console.WriteLine(json("message").ToString())
        End If

    Catch ex As WebException
        Console.WriteLine(ex.ToString())
    End Try

    webClient.Dispose()

    Console.WriteLine()
    Console.WriteLine("Press any key...")
    Console.ReadKey()

End Sub

Function CheckJobStatus(jobId As String) As String

    Using webClient As WebClient = New WebClient()

        Dim url As String = "https://localhost/job/check?jobid=" + jobId

        Dim response As String = webClient.DownloadString(url)
        Dim json As JObject = JObject.Parse(response)

        return Convert.ToString(json("status"))

    End Using

End Function

End Module

```

packages.config

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<packages>
  <package id="Newtonsoft.Json" version="10.0.3" targetFramework="net40" />
</packages>

```

VIDEO

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