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

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This simple and easy to understand sample source code in VB.NET for ByteScout Cloud API Server contains different functions and options you should do calling the API to implement PDF to HTML API. This VB.NET sample code can be used by copying and pasting into your project. Once done,just compile your project and click Run. You can use these VB.NET sample examples in one or many applications.

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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
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                Release|Any CPU = Release|Any CPU
        EndGlobalSection
        GlobalSection(ProjectConfigurationPlatforms) = postSolution
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        EndGlobalSection
EndGlobal
```

Module1.vb

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

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

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

Module Module1

        ' Direct URL of source PDF file.
        Const SourceFileUrl As String = "https://bytescout-com.s3.amazonaws.com/files/
        ' Comma-separated list of page indices (or ranges) to process. Leave empty for
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        Const Pages As String = ""
        ' PDF document password. Leave empty for unprotected documents.
        Const Password As String = ""
        ' Destination HTML file name
        Const DestinationFile As String = ".\result.html"
        ' Set to `true` to get simplified HTML without CSS. Default is the rich HTML ke
        Const PlainHtml As Boolean = False
        ' Set to `true` if your document has the column layout like a newspaper.
        Const ColumnLayout As Boolean = False
        ' (!) 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 `PDF To HTML` API call
                Dim query As String = Uri.EscapeUriString(String.Format(
                        "https://localhost/pdf/convert/to/html?name={0}&password={1}&pa
                        Path.GetFileName(DestinationFile),
                        Password,
                        Pages,
                        PlainHtml,
                        ColumnLayout,
                        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 HTML file that will 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 purpos
                                        Console.WriteLine(DateTime.Now.ToLongTimeStrin

                                        If status = "success" Then

                                                ' Download HTML file
                                                webClient.DownloadFile(resultFileUrl, D

                                                Console.WriteLine("Generated HTML file
                                                Exit Do

                                        ElseIf status = "working" Then
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                                        ' Pause for a few seconds
                                        Thread.Sleep(3000)

                                Else

                                        Console.WriteLine(status)
                                        Exit Do

                                End If

                        Loop

                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=" + jobI

                    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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEwNs2b9YN8

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