

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

Step-by-step tutorial:How to convert PDF to PNG from URL asynchronously to have PDF to image API in VB.NET

These simple tutorials explain the code material for beginners and advanced programmers who are using VB.NET. ByteScout Cloud API Server helps with PDF to image API in VB.NET. ByteScout Cloud API Server is the ready to use Web API Server that can be deployed in less than 30 minutes into your own in-house server or into private cloud server. Can store data on in-house local server based storage or in Amazon AWS S3 bucket. Processing data solely on the server using built-in ByteScout powered engine, no cloud services are used to process your data!.

The SDK samples displayed below explain how to quickly make your application do PDF to image API in VB.NET with the help of ByteScout Cloud API Server. This VB.NET sample code can be used by copying and pasting into your project. Once done, just compile your project and click Run. Writing VB.NET application mostly includes various stages of the software development so even if the functionality works please check it with your data and the production environment.

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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
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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://localhost:5000/"
' If it's not then please replace this with your hosting url.

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

Module Module1

    ' Source PDF file
    Const SourceFileUrl As String = "https://bytescout-com.s3.amazonaws.com/files/example.pdf"
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' Comma-separated list of page indices (or ranges) to process. Leave empty for
Const Pages As String = ""
' PDF document password. Leave empty for unprotected documents.
Const Password As String = ""
' (!) 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 PNG` API call
    Dim query As String = Uri.EscapeUriString(String.Format(
        "https://localhost/pdf/convert/to/png?password={0}&pages={1}&url={2}&sourceFileUrl={3}&async={4}",
        Password,
        Pages,
        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 JSON file available after the job completion
            Dim resultJsonFileUrl As String = json("url").ToString()

            ' Check the job status in a loop.
            ' If you don't want to pause the main thread you can replace this with a Task
            ' 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() & " Job Status: " & status)

                If status = "success" Then

                    ' Download JSON file as string
                    Dim jsonFileString As String = webClient.DownloadString(resultJsonFileUrl)

                    Dim resultFileUrls As JArray = JArray.Parse(jsonFileString)

                    ' Download generated PNG files
                    Dim page As Integer = 1
                    For Each token As JToken In resultFileUrls

                        Dim resultFileUrl As String = token.ToString()
                        Dim localFileName As String = $"{jobId}_{page}.png"

                        webClient.DownloadFile(resultFileUrl, localFileName)

                        page += 1
                    Next
                End If
            Loop While status < "success"
        End If
    Catch ex As Exception
        Console.WriteLine(ex.Message)
    End Try
End Sub

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        Console.WriteLine("Downloaded " & page & " pages")
        page = page + 1
    Next

    Exit Do

    ElseIf status = "working" Then

        ' 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=" & 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>
```

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