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How to generate PDF from HTML file for HTML to PDF API in VB.NET using PDF.co Web API

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Source Code Files:

ByteScoutWebApiExample.sln

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Microsoft Visual Studio Solution File, Format Version 12.00
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ByteScoutWebApiExample.vbproj

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</Project>

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Module1.vb

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

Module Module1

    ' The authentication key (API Key).
    ' Get your own by registering at https://app.pdf.co/documentation/api
    Const API_KEY As String = "*****"

    ' HTML input
    Dim inputSample As String = File.ReadAllText(".\sample.html")

    ' Destination PDF file name
    Const DestinationFile As String = ".\result.pdf"

    Sub Main()

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

        ' Set API Key
        webClient.Headers.Add("x-api-key", API_KEY)

        ' Set JSON content type
        webClient.Headers.Add("Content-Type", "application/json")

        Try

            ' Prepare requests params as JSON
            ' See documentation: https://apidocs.pdf.co/?#1-json-pdfconvertfromhtml
            Dim parameters As New Dictionary(Of String, Object)

            ' Input HTML code to be converted. Required.
            parameters.Add("html", inputSample)

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' Name of resulting file
parameters.Add("name", Path.GetFileName(DestinationFile))

' Set to css style margins Like 10 px Or 5px 5px 5px 5px.
parameters.Add("margins", "5px 5px 5px 5px")

' Can be Letter, A4, A5, A6 Or custom size Like 200x200
parameters.Add("paperSize", "Letter")

' Set to Portrait Or Landscape. Portrait by default.
parameters.Add("orientation", "Portrait")

' true by default. Set to false to disbale printing of background.
parameters.Add("printBackground", True)

' If large input document, process in async mode by passing true
parameters.Add("async", False)

' Set to HTML for header to be applied on every page at the header.
parameters.Add("header", "")

' Set to HTML for footer to be applied on every page at the bottom.
parameters.Add("footer", "")

' Convert dictionary of params to JSON
Dim jsonPayload As String = JsonConvert.SerializeObject(parameters)

' Prepare URL for `HTML to PDF` API call
Dim url As String = "https://api.pdf.co/v1/pdf/convert/from/html"

' Execute POST request with JSON payload
Dim response As String = webClient.UploadString(url, jsonPayload)

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

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

    ' Get URL of generated PDF file
    Dim resultFileUrl As String = json("url").ToString()

    webClient.Headers.Remove("Content-Type") ' remove the header required for only the previous request

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

    Console.WriteLine("Generated PDF document saved as ""{0}"" file.", DestinationFile)

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

End Module

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

VIDEO

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