# **IronPdf Documentation**

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#### **Features**

IronPDF doesn't try to render HTML. It actually print up an instance of a real standard compliant web browser behind the scenes (without any additional software needing to be installed).

The HTML gets rendered with complete accuracy - and in a vector format suitable for the highest standards of commercial printing.

- No more convoluted PDF APIs.
- Just make it look right in HTML and then use IronPDF output your PDF as a file, stream or byte array.
- Full IntelliSense documentation which even includes embedded code examples.
- No External Dependancies. Just 1 Dll.
- Deploy almost anywhere on a windows environment without special permissions. No EXE files, Msi or Native Dlls to install. *No COM objects or Interop hell*.
- No special security permissions required.
- CSS3, HTML5 and Javascript compliance.
- Real, standards compliant HTML rendering and pixel perfect PDF conversion with vector and font support.
- Javascript and AJAX content can also be rendered into your PDFs.

- High Performance PDF from HTML rendering takes about 125ms. Remote HTTP requests will obviously take longer. First usage take extra overhead as the browser virtual instance is initiated. Thereafter it is available almost instantly throughout your application process.
- Low memory footprint about under 10MB memory. Our smart Garbage Collection This allows for instance like performance from static methods. Dynamically makes smart choices to minimize impact on CPU and Free Ram.
- PDF rendering can be achieved in parallel using threads or Parallel. For Each. This makes batch conversions
  even faster.
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- · Working code Examples on GitHub
- Customizable WebClient functionally allows Printing of HTML Documents even behind logins or on secure intranets.
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#### QuickStart

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#### Get IronPdf Installed

#### Using Nuget Package manager in Visual Studio

```
PM> Install-Package IronPdf
```

# Or Download IronPdf as DLL

- Get http://localhost/iron/packages/IronPdf.zip
- Add IronPdf.dll to your project as a reference or to the GAC.
- Lazy option just copy the dll into your /Bin folder in .net web applications.

# **Basic Usage**

# **HTML String to Pdf**

```
using IronPdf;

HtmlToPdf HtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf();
HtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf("html"").SaveAs(@"Path\File.Pdf");
```

# Url to Pdf

```
using IronPdf;

HtmlToPdf HtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf();
HtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf(@"http://myurl.com").SaveAs(@"Path\File.Pdf");
```

Advanced usage - you can also pass a System.Net.WebClient to RenderUrlAsPdf.

```
//...
HtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf("http://ironpdf.com", myWebClient ).SaveAs("File.Pdf");
```

This allows you to set login credentials, proxy settings, special headers, cookies - to log in to protected / secure web pages.

# **Pdf Settings**

```
using IronPdf;

HtmlToPdf HtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf();

HtmlToPdf.PrintOptions.Dpi = 300;
HtmlToPdf.PrintOptions.PDFPaperSize = System.Drawing.PaperKind.A4;
HtmlToPdf.PrintOptions.EnableJavaScript = true;
HtmlToPdf.PrintOptions.AllowScreenCss = false;
HtmlToPdf.PrintOptions.SetHeaderText = "{page} of {total-pages}";
HtmlToPdf.PrintOptions.GrayScale = true;
```

You can also create a reusable instance of IronPDF.PdfPrintOptions and use it in the IronPdf.HtmlToPdf constructor.

#### **AspxToPdf**

Changes any ASPX web page to automatically render as a Pdf document instead of html.

```
using IronPdf;
private void Form1_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
   //..
AspxToPdf.RenderThisPageAsPDF();
}
```

#### AspxToPdf with Advanced Settings

#### **Pdf Outputs**

HtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf and HtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf return an instance of the IronPdf.PdfResource class.

In the above examples, we directly save each PDF as a file.

It is also possible to get the Pdf document as a System.IO.MemoryStream or a byte array (byte[])the *Stream* and *BinaryData* properties of PdfResource respectively.

```
using IronPdf;
HtmlToPdf HtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf();
//..
System.IO.MemoryStream stream = HtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf("html).Stream;
//or
byte[] data = HtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf("html"").BinaryData;
```

#### Installing IronPdf

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For Microsoft Visual Studio Users - the easiest way to install IronPdf is using the NuGet Package Manager.

```
PM> Install-Package IronPdf
```

# **Using NuGet**

- Right click on your project in Visual Studio 'Solution Explorer'
- Select "Manage Nuget Packages..."
- In the Search Box Type "IronPDF"
- Select The "IronPdf" package to your lower left.
- Click the "Install" button your right.

For more info you can also find us at: https://www.nuget.org/packages/IronPdf/

#### **Manual Installation**

- Download IronPdf as DLL from http://ironpdf.com/packages/IronPdf.zip
- Extract the DLL to a logical location inside your project (or GAC for advanced users)
- In Visual Studio 'Solution Explorer'":
  - Right click on your project and choose Add > Reference....
  - Select 'Browse...' and then find IronPDF.dll and double click on it.

# **Object Reference**

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#### IronPdf.HtmlToPdf

HtmlToPdf is your go-to class for creating PDFs in .Net

It can work from HTMl string or fetch URL (with all of their supporting assets).

A custom System.Net.WebCient can optionally be assign to manage requests to render webpages with special security provisions.

#### **Examples**

This should help you get started. IntelliSense should take it from there!

```
using IronPdf;

//..

HtmlToPdf HtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf();

HtmlToPdf.PrintOptions.EnableJavaScript = true;

// Many more PrintOptions available - check IntelliSense
```

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```
HtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf("html").SaveAs("Path/FileName.Pdf");
//or
HtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf("http://ironpdf.com").SaveAs("FileName.Pdf");
//or
HtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf(new Uri("http://ironpdf.com")).SaveAs("FileName.Pdf");
```

You can also save the result as a Stream or Byte array for advanced usage. See IronPdf.PdfResource.

#### IronPdf.HtmlToPdf Reference

```
class IronPdf.HtmlToPdf allows you to create PDF files from any web page or HTML Snippet
Example: HtmlToPdf myHtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf(); myHtmlToPdf.
PrintOptions.Title = "A Great PDF Title"; myHtmlToPdf.PrintOptions.
EnableJavaScript = true; myHtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf("<p&gt;html&lt;
/p&gt;").SaveAs("Path\File.Pdf"); Public Functions
```

#### IronPdf.HtmlToPdf.HtmlToPdf()

IronPdf.HtmlToPdf allows you to create PDF files from any web page or HTML Snippet

### IronPdf.HtmlToPdf.HtmlToPdf(PdfPrintOptions PrintOptions)

IronPdf.HtmlToPdf allows you to create PDF files from any web page or HTML Snippet

#### **Parameters**

• PrintOptions - Sets PDF output options such as Paper-Size, Dpi, Headers and Footers using an instance of the IronPDF.PDFPrintOptions Class.

PdfResource IronPdf.HtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf(Uri Url, WebClient CustomWebClient) Renders the URL as PDF binary data.

```
Note: Custom WebClient and PDFPrinting options can be set optionally. Example: 
HtmlToPdf myHtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf(); Uri myUri = new Uri("http://www.example.com"); myHtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf(myUri). 
SaveAs("Path\File.Pdf");
```

#### Return

*PdfResource* 

#### **Parameters**

- Url An absolute Uri.
- CustomWebClient A custom System.Net.WebClient for fetching the url. This allows prgramatic control of cookies, credentials and proxy settings.

#### **Exceptions**

• System.Exception - RenderUrlAsPdf - Url must be a fully formed, absolute URI starting with http://or https:// - + Url.ToString()

PdfResource IronPdf.HtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf(string Url, WebClient CustomWebClient)
Renders the URL as PDF binary data.

```
Note: Custom WebClient and PDFPrinting options can be set optionally. Example: 

HtmlToPdf myHtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf(); myHtmlToPdf.

RenderUrlAsPdf("http://www.example.com").SaveAs("Path\File.Pdf");
```

#### Return

**PdfResource** 

#### **Parameters**

- Url An absolute Uri as a string.
- CustomWebClient A custom System.Net.WebClient for fetching the url. This allows prgramatic control of cookies, credentials and proxy settings.

#### **Exceptions**

• System. Exception - RenderUrlAsPdf - Url must be a fully formed, absolute URI starting with http:// or https:// - + Url.ToString()

PdfResource IronPdf.HtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf(string Html, Uri BaseUrl)
Creates a PDF file from an HTML string, and returns it as an IronPdf.PdfResource

```
Note: Custom WebClient and PDFPrinting options can be set optionally. Example: 
HtmlToPdf myHtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf(); myHtmlToPdf. 
RenderHtmlAsPdf("<p&gt;html&lt;/p&gt;").SaveAs("Path\File.Pdf");
```

#### Return

A PdfResource

#### **Parameters**

- Html The HTML to be turned into a PDF as a string
- BaseUrl Setting the BaseURL property gives the HTML a relative content link, links, css etc...

#### **Public Members**

#### PdfPrintOptions IronPdf.HtmlToPdf.PrintOptions

Sets PDF output options such as Paper-Size, Dpi, Headers and Footers

### IronPdf.AspxToPdf

AspxToPdf is a static class used to turn any ASPX web form into a PDF. The look and feel remain the same - but the output becomes a PDF.

This is simply achieved by adding AspxToPdf in your ASPX page code-behind. *Normally this is a file named like Default.aspx.cs*.

Just call IronPdf.AspxToPdf.RenderThisPageAsPdf() in your of your ASPX Form onLoad event.

# **Examples**

#### **Basic Example**

#### **Advanced Example**

```
using IronPdf;
private void Form1_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    //..
```

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```
var PrintOptions = new PdfPrintOptions() { Dpi=100 };
PrintOptions.SetHeaderText("{page} of {total-pages}");

AspxToPdf.RenderThisPageAsPDF(AspxToPdf.FileBehaviour.Attachment, "FileName.pdf
→", PrintOptions);
}
```

# IronPdf.AspxToPdf Reference

```
enum type IronPdf::AspxToPdf::FileBehaviour
```

Determines the requested user web browser behavior towards the PDF: Downdload (Attachment) or display InBrowser (where plugin available).

Values:

#### **Public Static Functions**

static void IronPdf.AspxToPdf.RenderThisPageAsPDF (FileBehaviour PDFBehaviour, String Automagically renders any ASPX page into PDF instead of HTML. Use it in the Page\_Load Event.

#### **Parameters**

- PDFBehaviour Specifies if the PDF file should be downloaded as an attachment, or displayed directly in the browser (if an pdf browser plug-in is present).
- PdfFileName The file-name of the PDF. If no name is set a suitable name will be automatically assigned chosen based on the HTML title, PrintOptions or name of the ASPX page.
- PrintOptions Sets PDF output options such as Pdf Title, Paper-Size, Dpi, Headers and Footers

# IronPdf.PdfPrintOptions

PdfPrintOptions is a class used to fine-tune the behavior of Pdf rendering by any the following methods:

- $\bullet \ IronPdf. AspxToPdf. Render This Page AsPDF$
- IronPdf.HtmlToPdf.RenderUrlAsPdf
- IronPdf.HtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf

PdfPrintOptions covers almost every pdf setting we can imagine, including editable PDF forms, javascript, custom headers and footers with {mail-merge} fields, paper sizes including custom sizes, margins ... the whole kitchen sink.

#### **Examples with HtmlToPdf**

To make coding easier - there are 2 ways you can do set the PdfPrintOptions:

1. Construct HtmlToPdf with a PdfPrintOptions parameter. E.g.

```
HtmlToPdf myPdfMaker = new HtmlToPdf(PdfPrintOptions);
```

2. HtmlToPdf has a property called PrintOptions which is an instance of PdfPrintOptions. This allows for on the fly settings changes. E.g.

```
HtmlToPdf myPdfMaker = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf();
myPdfMaker.PrintOptions.GrayScale = true;
myPdfMaker.RenderHtmlAsPdf("hello world").SaveAs("test.pdf");
myPdfMaker.PrintOptions.Zoom = 200;

myPdfMaker.RenderHtmlAsPdf(@"hello world").SaveAs("test2.pdf");
```

## **Example with AspxToPdf**

For AspxToPdf your PdfPrintOptions are added as a final additional argument in the RenderThisPageAsPDF function call.

# IronPdf.AspxToPdf Reference

**class** PDF output options for IronPdf. Specifies options such as Paper-Size, Dpi, Headers and Footers.

# **Public Types**

Portrait or Landscape

Values:

#### **Public Functions**

Set an output paper size for PDF pages. Dimensions are in millimeters.

Sets the header for every PDF page as HTML. This HTML is treated as a sperate HTML document, with its own javascript context and stylesheet.

Using an HTML header replaces any text headers. Note: Ensure that MarginTop is set to a high enough value to render your HTML. Merge meta-data data into your html using any of these placeholder strings: {page} {total-pages} {url} {date} {time} {html-title} {pdf-title}

enum type IronPdf::PdfPrintOptions::PaperOrientation

void IronPdf.PdfPrir

• Html - The HTML for the header.

Sets the header text for the PDF document.

Merge meta-data data into your header using any of these placeholder strings: {page} {total-pages} {url} {date} {time} {html-title} {pdf-title}

void IronPdf.PdfPrintOptions.SetHeader(string LeftText, strinBanGenetersText, st

- LeftText The left text.
- CenterText The center text.
- RightText The right text.
- HeaderFont The header font.
- UseLineSeperator if set to true adds a header divider line to the page.

Sets the footer text for the PDF document.

Merge meta-data data into your footer using any of these placeholder strings: {page} {total-pages} {url} {date} {time} {html-title} {pdf-title}

void IronPdf.PdfPrintOptions.SetFooter(string LeftText, strinParQuenterText, st

- LeftText The left text.
- CenterText The center text.
- RightText The right text.
- FooterFont System.Drawing.Font The footer typeface.
- UseLineSeperator if set to true adds a footer divider line to the page.

Sets the footer for every PDF page as HTML. This HTML is treated as a sperate HTML document, with its own javascript context and stylesheet.

Using an HTML footer replaces any existing text footer. Note: Ensure that MarginBottom is set to a high enough value to render your HTML. Merge meta-data data into your html using any of these placeholder strings: {page} {total-pages} {url} {date} {time} {html-title} {pdf-title}

void IronPdf.PdfPrintOptions.SetFooterAsHtml(string Html) Parameters

• Html - The HTML for the header.

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Standard Paper Sizes

The input character encoding as a string;

The zoom level in %

Printing output Dpi. 300 is standard for most print jobs. Higher resolutions produce clearer images an text, but also larger PDF files.

Outputs a black-and-white PDF

Quality of any image that must be re-sampled. 0-100

Paper margin in millimeters. Set to zero for commercial printing applications.

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Paper margin in millimeters. Set to zero for commercial printing applications.

Paper margin in millimeters. Set to zero for commercial printing applications.

Set an output paper size for PDF pages. System.Drawing.Printing.PaperKind.

Use SetCustomPaperSize(int width, int height) for custom sizes.

The PDF paper orientation.

Prints background-colors and images from HTML

Enables Media="screen" Css Styles and StyleSheets

Note: By setting AllowScreenCss=false, IronPDF prints using css for media="print" only.

Enables JavaScript and Json to be executed for 100ms before the page is rendered. Ideal for printing from Ajax / Angular Applications.

Note: By default - IronPDF disables all JavaScript.

Turns all HTML forms elements into editable PDF forms.

PDF Document Name and Title meta-data. Not required.

Where possible, fits the PDF content to 1 page width.

Milliseconds to wait after HTML is rendered before printing. This can use useful when considering the rendering of javascript, ajax or animations.

First page number to be used in PDF headers and footers.

System.Drawing.Font used to render the PDF header.

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#### IronPdf.PdfResource

All of IronPdf.HtmlToPdf's rendering methods output an instance of a IronPDF.PdfResource.

We decided to work this way to make you job as a coder easier.

PdfResource can automatically save a file for you, but it can also return an ByteArray (byte[]) as raw binary data or a System.IO.MemoryStream.

This is useful if you want to post-process you pdf, save to a database, or do something innovative we haven't even thought of yet!

### **Examples**

# Systems Text : Encoding IronPdf.PdfPrintOptions.InputEncoding int IronPdf.PdfPrintOptions.Z

```
HtmlToPdf myPdfMaker = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf();
PdfResource myPdf = myPdfMaker.RenderHtmlAsPdf("hello world");

//Now you have 3 ways to use the PDF data stored in myPdf:

PdfResource.SaveAs(@"C:\path\mypdf.pdf");
    // or
System.IO.MemoryStream stream = PdfResource.Stream;
    //or
byte[] data = BinaryData;
```

#### IronPdf.PdfResource Reference

class A PDF File generated by IronPDF. It can be saved to a file, or accessed programmatically as
a Stream or ByteArray. Example: HtmlToPdf HtmlToPdf = new IronPdf.HtmlToPdf();
PdfResource res = HtmlToPdf.RenderHtmlAsPdf("<p&gt;html&lt;/p&gt;");
res.SaveAs("Path\File.Pdf"); Public Functions

#### bool IronPdf.PdfResource.SaveAs(string FileName)

Saves the PDF to the local file-system

#### Return

Bool - True if success, False if failure (check path is valid)

#### **Parameters**

• FileName - Full local file path to save the PDF document.

### **Property**

```
property IronPdf::PdfResource::BinaryData
   Gets the PDF as a ByteArray ( byte[] )
   The PDF as a ByteArray
```

property IronPdf::PdfResource::Stream

Gets the PDF as a System.IO.MemoryStream

The PDF as a System.IO.MemoryStream

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http://blogs.msdn.com/b/dotnet/archive/2014/11/12/net-core-is-open-source.aspx

#### The Open-Souring of Roslyn

The open sourcing of Roslyn, the core MSIL compiler makes for exciting future - such that logic from languages such as PHP, Python, Javascript, Ruby, C++, C, C+ and Java may one day be interoperable.

We honestly believe .Net may succeed Java as the future of universal programming.

#### libwkhtmltox

This LGLP project is incorporated into IronPDF as one of its HTML rendering gambits in an unmodified format. It is great work, and provided inspiration for further development.

IronPDF uses this library fully within the LGPL3 license agreement - and respect the authors great work.

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PDFClown is also an LGLP project, and is incorporated into IronPdf as on of our page-stamping gambits. We love this library - and are awed at how smart Stefano Chizzolini is to simultaneously develop for Java and .Net

Again - here is his attribution citation:

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Thanks should also go to Slava Kolobaev and his work on the Pechkin PDF Interop for C# Project.

We were inspired by his clean C# architecture - and although out library does not use conventional Interop - he deserves a big thanks for sharing his design under CC Attribution license.

We wish we were as good at API design as you are!

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