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Getting Started

This chapter describes the contents of the software diskettes and provides a step by step process of incorporating HTML to PDF Converter into your application.

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Files

The package contains the DLL and header files. The package also includes a set of files to construct a demo program. The demo program shows by example the process of linking the DLL to your program.

DLL Demo Files:

The following demo files are included in the c_demo.zip file.

DEMO.C

Source code for the demo program

DEMO.H	Include file for the demo program
DEMO.RC	Resource source file for the demo program
DEMO.DEF	Definition file for linking the demo program
DEMO.EXE	Executable demo program
DEMO_DLG.H	Dialog Identifiers for the demo program
DEMO_DLG.DLG	Dialog templates for the demo program
DEMO_DLG.RES	Compiled dialogs for the demo program
HPS.H	The <i>include</i> file to include into a C/C++ application module that calls the Hps routine. It contains the constant definitions and the prototypes for the API functions.
HPS32.DLL	The DLL file
HPS32.LIB	Import library for the HPS32 DLL
ter31.dll	Used internally by the HPS32.DLL
hts26.dll	Used internally by the HPS32.DLL
pd32.dll	Used internally by the HPS32.DLL
HPCC.DLL	Wrapper DLL to used with an ASP page

Visual Basic Interface and Demo Files:

HPS.BAS	Function declaration file.
DMO_VB.FRM	Demo form file.
DMO_VB.BAS	Demo variable declaration file.
DMO_VB.VPB	Demo project file.



License Key

Your License Key and License number are e-mailed to you after your order is processed. You would set the license information using the HpsSetLicenseInfo static function. This should be preferably done before creating the converter session to avoid pop-up nag screens.

```
int HpsSetLicenseInfo(LPBYTE LicenseKey, LPBYTE LicenseNumber, LPBYTE  
CompanyName);
```

LicenseKey: Your license key is available in the product delivery email sent to you upon the purchase of the product. It consists of a string in the form of "xxxxx-yyyyy-zzzzz".

LicenseNumber: Your license number is also available in the product delivery email. The license number string starts with a "srab" or "smo" prefix.

CompanyName: Your company name as specified in your order.

Return Value: This method returns 0 when successful. A non-zero return value indicates an error condition. Here are the possible return values:

- 0 License application successful.
- 1 Invalid License Key.
- 2 Invalid License Number.
- 3 Ran out of available licenses. Please consider purchasing additional licenses.

Example:

```
result=HpsSetLicenseInfo("xxxxx-yyyyy-zzzzz","srabnnnnn-n","Your Company Name")
```

Replace the 'xxxxx-yyyyy-zzzzz' by your license key, replace "srabnnnnn-n" with your license number, and "Your Company Name" with your company name as specified in your order.

Note: *HpsSetLicenseInfo method should be called only once at the beginning of your application. Calling this method for each conversion would degrade the conversion performance.*

Also, you can use the HpsGetLicenseStatus function at anytime to retrieve the license status.



Incorporating the DLL into Your Application

A C/C++ application should include the HPS.h file into the application module that needs to call the HPS32.dll. It also should include the HPS32.LIB as the linker library. Please refer to the demo application for an example.

A Visual Basic application needs to include the HPS.BAS file in the project. Please refer

to the DMO_VB project for an example.

Please also make sure that the hps32.dll, pdc32.dll, hts26.dll and ter31.dll files are copied to a directory available at run-time.



Sample Conversion Code

First you would create a new conversion session:

```
dim id as long
```

Set the product [license key](#) and create a session id:

```
result=HpsSetLicenseInfo("xxxxx-yyyyy-zzzzz",  
                          "srabnnnnn-n", "Your Company Name")
```

```
id = HpsNewSession()
```

You would use the session id to call other conversion functions.

Here are sample code examples to convert HTML to PDF format.

1. Convert an HTML file to a PDF file.

```
HpsConvertFile(id, "test.htm", "test.PDF")
```

2. Convert an HtmlString to a PDFString

```
Dim hMem as long
```

```
Dim OutSize as long
```

```
Dim HtmlString as string
```

```
hMem = HpsConvertBuffer(id, HtmlString, Len(HtmlString),  
OutSize)
```

```
If (hMem <> 0) Then
```

```
    PDFString = Space$(OutSize + 1) ' allocate space for the  
                                   output string
```

```
    HpsHandleToStr(PDFString, OutSize, hMem) ' copy PDF from  
                                             hMem global handle to the PDFString variable.
```

```
End If
```

After the conversion process, end the session by calling the `HpsEndSession` function. This frees up the memory used by the session.

```
HpsEndSession(id)
```



Application Interface functions

These API functions allow you to convert from HTML to PDF format. Your application must include the HPS.H file (c/c++), or HPS.BAS (VB) files. These files declare these functions.

The following is a description of the Hps API functions in an alphabetic order:

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HpsConvertBuffer

Convert HTML to PDF using memory buffers.

```
HGLOBAL HpsConvertBuffer(id, InString, InStringLen, OutStringLen)
```

DWORD id;	Session id.
LPBYTE InString;	Input string containing HTML document.
int InStringLen;	length of the input document string.
LPINT OutStringLen;	The variable to receive the length of the converted document.

Return value: This function returns a global memory handle containing the converted document. You can either use the HpsHandleToStr or GlobalLock functions to access the data string contained in this global memory handle. GlobalLock is a Windows SDK function.

A null return values indicates an error.

Examples:

```

Dim hMem as long
Dim OutSize as long
Dim HtmlString as string

hMem = HpsConvertBuffer(id,HtmlString, Len(HtmlString),
OutSize)
If (hMem <> 0) Then
    PDFString = Space$(OutSize + 1) ' allocate space for the
                                   output string
    HpsHandleToStr(PDFString, OutSize, hMem) ' copy PDF from
                                   hMem global handle to the PDFString variable.
End If

```



HpsConvertFile

Convert HTML to PDF using disk files.

BOOL HpsConvertFile(id, InFile, OutFile)

DWORD id;	Session id.
LPBYTE InFile;	Input file containing HTML document

LPBYTE OutFile; Output files, contains the converted document

Return value: This function returns TRUE when successful.

Examples:

```
HpsConvertFile(id, "test.htm", "test.PDF")
```



HpsConvertHtmlToPdfBytes

Convert HTML string to PDF byte array.

ByteArray HpsConvertHtmlToPdfBytes(InString)

string InString; Input string containing HTML document.

Remark: This method is available only when using the hpcc.dll COM object.

Return value: This function returns byte array containing the converted documented.

A null return values indicates an error.

Examples:

```
PdfBytes = obj.ConvertHtmlToPdfBytes(HtmlString)
```

```
Response.BinaryWrite(PdfBytes)
```



HpsEndSession

End a conversion session.

BOOL HpsEndSession(id)

4 The evaluation period has expired.

You can use the HpsGetLicenseStatus function at anytime to retrieve the license status.



HpsHandleToStr

Convert a global memory handle to a Visual Basic string.

BOOL HpsHandleToStr(string, length, hMem)

LPBYTE string; pointer to a visual basic string

long length length of the string

HGLOBAL hMem; Global memory handle

Description: This function can be used to copy the contents of a global memory handle to a given visual basic string. The calling routine must expand the string to appropriate length before calling this function.

Example:

```
string=space(length)
HandleToStr(string,length,hMem)
```

The input global memory handle is freed up after copying its contents to the string.

Return Value: This function returns TRUE if successful.



HpsNewSession

Create a new conversion session.

DWORD HpsNewSession()

Description: This function needs to be called before calling any other conversion function. This function creates a new conversion session.

The HpsEndSession must be called at the end to free up the session resources. All other conversion functions are called between the calls to the HpsNewSession and HpsEndSession functions.

Return Value: The function returns a non-zero session-id when successful. A zero value indicates a fail return.

HpsSetHdrFtrText

Set header or footer text.

BOOL HpsSetHdrFtrText(id, HdrFtrType, TextType, text)

DWORD id; Session id.

int HdrFtrType; Select header or footer to set:

 HF_FIRST_HDR Header text to print on the first page.

 HF_FIRST_FTR Footer text to print on the first page..

 HF_HDR Regular header for all pages. When the first page header is also set, then the regular header text is printed on all pages except the first page.

 HF_FTR Regular footer for all pages. When the first page footer is also set, then the regular footer text is printed on all pages except the first page.

int TextType; Text type:

 HFTYPE_TEXT Plain text.

 HFTYPE_RTF RTF text.

 HFTYPE_HTML Html text.

LPBYTE text; Header or footer text. The header/footer text must be specified as plain text or RTF text depending upon the value passed for the 'TextType' parameter.

Comment: The function should be called before calling the conversion functions to set the header or footer text. You can call this function multiple times to set various types of header or footer.

Return value: This function returns TRUE when successful.

Examples:

```
HpsSetHdrFtrText(id, HF_FIRST_HDR, HFTYPE_TEXT,
                  "This is first page header.");
HpsSetHdrFtrText(id, HF_FIRST_FTR, HFTYPE_TEXT,
                  "This is first page footer.");
```


document to clipboard.

You can specify more than one permission flags using the 'or' operator.

int val; The numeric value of the selected property.

Return value: This function returns TRUE when successful.



HpsSetPageMargin

Set the page margins for PDF output.

BOOL HpsSetPageMargin(id, left, right, top, bottom)

BOOL HpsSetPageMargin2(id, left, right, top, bottom, HdrDist, FtrDist)

DWORD id;	Session id.
int left;	Left margin in twip units (1440 twips = 1 inch)
int right;	Right margin in twip units
int top;	Top margin in twip units
int bottom	Bottom margin in twip units
int HdrDist	The distance of the header text from the top of the page in twip units (default 720 twips). This parameter is used by the TerSetPageMargin2 method only.
int FtrDist	The distance of the footer text from the bottom of the page in twip units (default 720 twips). This parameter is used by the TerSetPageMargin2 method only.

Return Value: The function returns TRUE when successful.

Comment: This function is used to override the default page margins when converting an HTML document to the PDF format. This function should be called before calling the HpsConvertFile or HpsConvertBuffer if you wish override the page margin values.



page width and height using the next two arguments.

int PageWidth; The page width in twips units (1440 twips = 1 inch). This argument is ignored if the PageSize is set to one of the defined page sizes listed above.

int PageHeight; The page height in twips units (1440 twips = 1 inch). This argument is ignored if the PageSize is set to one of the defined page sizes listed above

Return Value: The function returns TRUE when successful.

Comment: This function is used to override the default letter size paper when converting an HTML document to the PDF format. This function should be called before calling the HpsConvertFile or HpsConvertBuffer if you wish override the paper size.



HpsSetTextProp

Set a text property for the PDF document.

BOOL HpsSetTextProp(id, prop, val)

DWORD id; Session id.

int prop; One of the following property type to set:

HPPROP_AUTHOR	Author of the document
HPPROP_TITLE	Document title
HPPROP_SUBJECT	Subject
HPPROP_KEYWORDS	Key words
HPPROP_CRE_DATE	Creation date
HPPROP_MOD_DATE	Modification date
HPPROP_USER_PASSWORD	User password
HPPROP_OWNER_PASSWORD	Owner password
HPPROP_DOWNLOAD_DIR	Specify the project folder to store the temporary files.

LPBYTE val;

The text value of the selected property.

Return value: This function returns TRUE when successful.



ASP Interface

This chapter describes the usage of the HTML to PDF Converter within an ASP page. The product includes an additional wrapper DLL called HPCC.DLL which is used to access the converter within an ASP page. Please follow the following steps:

Copy ter31.dll, hts26.dll, pdc32.dll, hps32.dll and hpcc.dll to the Windows system directory, or any other directory available at the run-time. Now register hpcc.dll using the regsvr32 system utility. The other dlls do not need registration. Now you are ready to use this product within an ASP page.

Here is an example ASP page to show a conversion of Html string into a PDF string:

```
<%@ LANGUAGE = "VBSCRIPT"%>
<%
Option Explicit

Dim sHTML
Dim sPdf
Dim obj
Dim result
Dim ErrorMessage

Set obj = Server.CreateObject("hpcc.converter")

result=obj.SetTextProp(obj.VAL_HPPROP_DOWNLOAD_DIR,
                       "c:\inetpub\wwwroot\MyProjectFolder")
result=obj.SetBoolProp(obj.VAL_HPPROP_USE_WEB_BROWSER,1)

sHTML = "<html><body> This <b> is </b> a test of <i> HTML
        </i> to <i> PDF </i> Conversion.</body></html>"

sPDF=""
if len(sHTML) > 0 then
```

```

    sPdf = obj.ConvertBuffer(CStr(sHTML))
End If

if sPDF = "" then
    ErrorMessage = obj.GetLastMessage
    response.write(ErrorMessage)
end if

Set obj = Nothing
%>

<html>
<head>
</head>

<body>

<%

Function StringToByteArray(S)
    Dim i, ByteArray
    For i=1 To Len(S)
        ByteArray = ByteArray & ChrB(Asc(Mid(S,i,1)))
    Next
    StringToByteArray = ByteArray
End Function

if sPDF<>"" then
    Response.Clear()
    Response.Charset = ""
    Response.ContentType = "application/pdf"

    Response.AddHeader "Content-Disposition",
        "inline;filename=" + "test.pdf"

    Response.BinaryWrite(StringToByteArray(sPDF))

    Response.Flush()
    Response.End()

```

```
        end if

%>

</body>
</html>
```

When the above asp file is loaded, IE displays generated PDF file.

The method names used by the hpcc.dll are the same as the functions mentioned in the Application Interface functions. However the 'Hps' prefix is not used by the hpcc method names. For example, the HpsConvertFile function is named as ConvertFile within the hpcc.dll file.

Also, the constants values are prefixed with an 'VAL_' prefix. For example, the constant RPFLAG_SEGMENT_ONLY becomes VAL_RPFLAG_SEGMENT_ONLY.



FAQ

How to Insert Page break in the generated PDF?

Please insert the following html code in your html document to generate a page break in PDF

```
<br style="page-break-before: always;" />
```

How to fit large html text on one page?

You would set the zoom factor property to shrink the text to fit on one page. Please refer to the [TerSetNumProp](#) method for the description of the HPPROP_ZOOM_FACTOR property.