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**HTML to PDF Converter**

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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 and other DLL files
HPS32.LIB	Import library for 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 and other DLLs from the distribution zip file 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 documented. 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 hpsc.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)

DWORD id;                              Session id.

**Description:** This function is called at the end of the conversion process to free up the session related resources.

**Return Value:** The function returns TRUE when successful.





## HpsGetLastMessage

### Get the last message.

```
int HpsGetLastMessage(id, HpsMessage, DebugMessage);
```

DWORD id;	Session id.
LPBYTE HpsMessage;	Returns the default user message text in English
LPBYTE DebugMsg;	Returns any debug message associated with the last message. The debug message need not be displayed to the user.

**Return Value:** This function returns the last message generated by the editor. This value is valid only if saving of the messages is enabled by setting the HPFLAG\_RETURN\_MSG\_ID flag. This flag is set using the HpsSetFlags function.



## HpsGetLicnseStatus

### Get the license status.

```
int HpsGetLicnseStatus()
```

### Return Value:

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



## HpsResetLastMessage

### Reset the last editor message.

BOOL HpsResetLastMessage(id)

DWORD id;                                  Session id.

**Description:** This function can be called before calling any other function to reset the last error message.

**Return Value:** The function returns TRUE when successful.

#### See Also

[HpsGetLastMessage](#)

[HpsSetFlags](#)



## HpsSetFlags

**Set certain flags or retrieve the values of the flags.**

DWORD HpsSetFlags(id, set, flags)

DWORD id;                                      Session id.

BOOL set;                                      TRUE to set the given flags, FALSE to reset the given flags

DWORD flags;                                  Flags (bits) to set or reset. Currently, the following flag values are available:

HPFLAG_RETURN_MSG_ID	Do not display the error messages. Save the error code to be later retrieved using the HpsGetLastMessage function.
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**Return value:** This function returns the new value of all the flags. Call this function with the 'flags' parameter set to zero to retrieve flag values without modifying it.



## HpsSetBoolProp

**Set a boolean property for the PDF document.**

BOOL HpsSetBoolProp(id, prop, val)

DWORD id;                                      Session id.

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

HPPROP_USE_WEB_BROWSER	Use this property to instruct the converter to use the Internet Explorer control to render the html page to convert to pdf. This option results
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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.");
HpsSetHdrFtrText(id, HF_HDR, HFTYPE_TEXT,
    "This is regular page header.");
HpsSetHdrFtrText(id, HF_FTR, HFTYPE_RTF, "{\\rtf1 \\qc
    Page: {\\field{\\fldinst PAGE}{\\fldrslt 12}} of
    {\\field{\\fldinst NUMPAGES}{\\fldrslt 12}}
    \\par}"); // rtf example to insert page: n of m string
```



## HpsSetNumProp

**Set a numeric property for the PDF document.**

BOOL HpsSetNumProp(id, prop, val)

DWORD id;

Session id.

int prop;

One of the following property type to set:

**HPPROP\_ZOOM\_FACTOR** To compress or enlarge the page image. The default zoom factor is 1000.

One of the uses of this property is to fit a large text into one page. You would use the HpsSetPaperSize function to specify a larger paper size so that the entire text is displayed on one page. You would then use a zoom factor less than 1000 to reset the page to actual size. For example if the page was enlarged by 20 percent, then you would set zoom factor to 800 (20 percent less than the default 1000) value.

**HPPROP\_RES\_FACTOR** Set the resolution factor from 1 to 10, default = 1.

**HPPROP\_PERM\_FLAGS** Permission flags. The permission flags is effective only when UserPassword or OwnerPassword is also specified using the HpsSetTextProp method.

One or more of the following permission flags can be specified using the 'val' parameter:

**PERM\_PRINT** Allow printing of the document

**PERM\_MOD** Allow modification

**PERM\_COPY** Allow copying of the 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.



## HpsSetPaperOrient

**Set the page orientation for PDF output.**

BOOL HpsSetPaperOrient(id, orient)

DWORD id;	Session id.
int orient;	Orientation: DMORIENT_PORTRAIT or DMORIENT_LANDSCAPE

**Return Value:** The function returns TRUE when successful.

**Comment:** This function is used to override the default portrait orientation 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 orientation.



## HpsSetPaperSize

**Set the page size for PDF output.**

BOOL HpsSetPaperSize(id, PageSize, PageWidth, PageHeight)

DWORD id; Session id.

int PageSize; Use one of the following Windows SDK defined constants:

Constant	Value
DMPAPER_LETTER	1
DMPAPER_LEGAL	5
DMPAPER_LEDGER	4
DMPAPER_TABLOID	3
DMPAPER_STATEMENT	6
DMPAPER_EXECUTIVE	7
DMPAPER_A3	8
DMPAPER_A4	9
DMPAPER_A5	11
DMPAPER_B4	12
DMPAPER_B5	13

If you need to use a paper size not listed above, please set the PageSize argument to zero and specify the 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





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 hps32.dll, hpcc.dll and other DLLs from the distribution zip file 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 StringToArray(S)
    Dim i, ByteArray
    For i=1 To Len(S)
        ByteArray = ByteArray & ChrB(Asc(Mid(S,i,1)))
    Next
    StringToArray = ByteArray
End Function

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

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

    Response.BinaryWrite(StringToArray(sPDF))

    Response.Flush()
    Response.End()
end if

%>

</body>
</html>
```

---

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

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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.