

Please, before reading this page, be sure to know what StrapDown.js is

Check out `index.html` if you don't know yet how cool StrapDown.js is !

StrapDown2PDF

StrapDown2PDF is a **super cool** Bash script designed to print a StrapDown-powered web-page to a PDF document.

More details

To be more precise, StrapDown.js allows you to write pretty HTML pages with the Markdown syntax (more details here `index.html`).

And StrapDown2PDF can be used (on your laptop, from the command line) to transform the document from HTML (written with Markdown) to PDF (with one intermediate phasis as a LaTeX file).

Example and how-to

This page as a PDF is a pretty good example of an automatically compiled PDF file.

Warning: this script is still experimental: the compilation is never perfect. It is advisable to use the `-keep` option, change a little bit the LaTeX file and then compile again.

How-to ?

You just have to use this command, in a terminal:

```
bash strapdown2pdf MyWebPage.html#Thiswillproduce' MyWebPage.pdf~
```

More than one file at a time ?

strapdown2pdf even supports multi arguments. For instance, the following command will print to PDF every StrapDown.js-flavored HTML file in the current directory:

```
bash echo 'Calling' strapdown2pdf *.html 'will produce a PDF for every.html document in the current directory.'~
strapdown2pdf *.html
```

Even more details?

strapdown2pdf comes with a basic help included ! Just ask with option `-h` (as always):

```
“bash strapdown2pdf -hstrapdown2pdf - help|[options]
```

Print a StrapDown-powered web-page to a PDF document, using lunamark and autotex.

Help: `-h` to print this help message (and quit). `-v` to print just the version of strapdown2pdf (and quit).

Options: `-i`|-interactive run PDFLaTeX with the interactive (errorstopmode) mode (default is batchmode). `-q`|-quiet run strapdown2pdf in quiet mode (no output at all, everything is redirected to `/tmp/strapdown2pdf.log`). `-m`|-htm run strapdown2pdf to produce a simple HTML file (which do not use StrapDown.js), written to a `.htm` file. For important document, producing a `.htm` autonomous file is a good idea. `-d`|-discrete run strapdown2pdf in discrete mode, without adding any credentials in the produced document. `-s[0-9][0-9]%` change the default scale used by autotex (default is 85%, `'-70%`, `'-75%` or `'-80%` are good also) New! `-[0-9][0-9]pt` change the default police size used by autotex (default is 11pt, `'-10pt` or `'-12pt` are good also) New! `-k`|-keep keep the intermediate `.tex` file. New! `-s`|-sign sign the produce PDF document with GnuPG (thanks to PDFCompress).

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Options

strapdown2pdf now comes with these options:

- **-interactive** (shortcut is **-i**) to run PDFLaTeX with the interactive (errorstopmode) mode (default is batchmode),
- **-quiet** (shortcut is **-q**) to run strapdown2pdf in quiet mode (no output at all, everything is redirected to `/tmp/strapdown2pdf.log`),
- **-htm** (shortcut is **-m**) to produce a simple HTML file (which do not use StrapDown.js, see this example `strapdown2pdf.htm`), written to a `.htm` file. For important document, producing a `.htm` autonomous file is a good idea,
- **-discrete** (shortcut is **-d**) to run strapdown2pdf in discrete mode, without adding any credentials in the produced document,
- **-s[0-9][0-9]*%** (e.g. `-79%`) to change the default scale used by autotex (default is 85%, `'-70%'`, `'-75%'` or `'-80%'` are good also),
- **-[0-9][0-9]*pt** (e.g. `-10pt`) to change the default police size used by autotex (default is 11pt, `'-10pt'` or `'-12pt'` are good also),
- **-keep** (shortcut is **-k**) to keep the intermediate `.tex` file,
- **-sign** (shortcut is **-s**) to sign the produce PDF document with GnuPG (thanks to PDFCompress option **-sign**).

Mandatory requirements

- lunamark (an awesome lua-powered Markdown to LaTeX processor),
- autotex (from my web page, or from `bin/autotex`).

Optionnal requirements

These external scripts are not really mandatory, you could do without it by modifying a couple of lines of the script's code:

- PDFCompress (from my web page, or from `bin/PDFCompress`),
- pdflatex (from my web page, or from `bin/pdflatex`).

Future features ?

A 100% perfect support for embeded LaTeX code

These two examples (3 and 4) show how to include MathJax in a StrapDown-flavored HTML page to simply embed some LaTeX equations.

Apparently, now strapdown2pdf have a better support for any (not too complicated) \LaTeX code embedded in the Markdown source. Any feedback is welcome, and I will continue to improve this feature.

Some examples of a good PDF printed version of a StrapDown.js powered page

These are from September, October and November 2014.

- This (English) translation of a French press article about Mahindra École Centrale, nicely printed to this PDF,
- This (English) translation of another French press article about the future École Centrale Casablanca, nicely printed to a PDF, quickly modified by hand to include an image,
- This small (French) research report on a non-linear Partial Differential Equation, nicely printed to a PDF, with very good support of LaTeX (since this modification),
- This (French) homepage of a programming project on Euler theorems on Eulerian path. I did this as an assignment for my M.Sc. of Computer Science in 2014, and it was also a good training for one oral exam of the French national competitive examination to become a prep' school professor in Mathematics and Computer Science (for which I have been ranked 23rd among 795 in 2014!).

Autocompile on the fly ?

Make a version « on the browser » ? Something like, if `index.html` uses `StrapDown.js`, then `index.html?pdf` can be the same HTML page, but using javascript (like `texlive.js`) to autoproduce a PDF version of the page in the background, asking to download it when it is done.

An example is there. It is so cool I want to use it :)

Add a « Compile to PDF with TeXLive » button in StrapDown theme

I added a Squirt button to the two `StrapDown.js` theme, and therefore I guess it could be possible to do the same for a « Compile to PDF with TeXLive » button !

About

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Languages

- GNU Bash v4+ for the script,
- Markdown and `StrapDown.js` for this page.

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Basically, that allow you to use all or part of the project for you own business.

(Compiled to **PDF** from a `HTML/Markdown` file (powered by `StrapDown.js`) with **strapdown2pdf**, v0.8.)