


AzureDevOps.WikiPDFExport


Quickstart

This tool exports a Azure DevOps wiki as PDF. Therefore, you need to git clone the target wiki to a computer. You can get the clone link of the wiki in the top right of the wiki homepage:  Clone a wiki

Userstory #7

Task See #8

To clone this wiki, use the following command: `git clone https://dev.azure.com/mmelcher/AzureDevOps.WikiPDFExport/_git/AzureDevOps.WikiPDFExport.wiki`

The result should look like this:  Cloned wiki repository

Once you have cloned the wiki, you must download the Azure DevOps WikiPDFExport tool. [azuredevops-export-wiki.exe](#) (~40MB)

You can drop it right into the cloned folder and execute it there. Launched without parameters, the tool will detect all wiki files next to it and convert it to a PDF called export.pdf right next to it. Similar to this [pdf](#).

If you need more control over the output, please see the Configuration Options below or by launching the tool with --help parameter.

Features

The tool currently supports the following:

- Export all wiki pages (and sub pages) in the correct order including styles and formatting.
- Includes pictures (remote and relative urls)
- Creates PDF bookmarks to all pages for easier navigation within the PDF
- If you link to other wiki pages, the link in the PDF will work, too. Anchor tags supported, see [#license](#) or [./TEST%2DPAGE.md#Mermaid](#))
- Everything self-contained. Download the .exe file, run it, done.
- Tool can be used as part of a build, see [Build Task](#)
- It is fast. A PDF with 160 pages is created in less than a second.
- Emoticons and Smileys are supported 😊 ⚠
- Mermaid supported

Requirements

The tool is developed as .NET Core 2.2 application, therefore you need to have the runtime installed. Download is available [here](#).

Download

The download is available [here](#)

Configuration Options

-h / --help

Help - outputs the parameters that can be used

-o / --output

The path to the export file including the filename, e.g. c:\export.pdf

-d / --date

The current date will be added to the footer

-b / --breakPage

For every wiki page a new page in the PDF will be created

-h / --heading

For every wiki page create a heading in the PDF. If the file is called Home.md a new #Home-heading is added to PDF.

-s / --single

Path to a single markdown file to convert to PDF. If you want to write your changelog in the wiki, this is your parameter to only convert a single page. -p parameter is required, too.

-p / --path

Path to the wiki folder. If not provided, the current folder of the executable is used.

`-v / --verbose`

Verbose mode. Logging will added to the console window

`-d / --debug`

Debug mode. Logs tons of stuff and even exports the intermediate html file

`--pathToHeading`

Add path of the file to the header

`--footer-left, --footer-center, --footer-right, --header-left, --header-center, --header-right,`

Headers and footers can be added to the document by the `--header-*` and `--footer*` arguments respectfully. In header and footer text string supplied to e.g. `--header-left`, the following variables will be substituted.

- `[page]` Replaced by the number of the pages currently being printed
- `[frompage]` Replaced by the number of the first page to be printed
- `[topage]` Replaced by the number of the last page to be printed
- `[webpage]` Replaced by the URL of the page being printed
- `[section]` Replaced by the name of the current section
- `[subsection]` Replaced by the name of the current subsection
- `[date]` Replaced by the current date in system local format
- `[isodate]` Replaced by the current date in ISO 8601 extended format
- `[time]` Replaced by the current time in system local format
- `[title]` Replaced by the title of the of the current page object
- `[doctitle]` Replaced by the title of the output document
- `[sitepage]` Replaced by the number of the page in the current site being converted
- `[sitepages]` Replaced by the number of pages in the current site being converted

Limitations

So far the following limitations are known:

- TOC (Table of Contents) tag is not supported and will exported as tag
- The tool, sometimes shows an error "Qt: Could not initialize OLE (error 80010106)" - this can be ignored.
- If headers are not formatted properly (`#Header` instead of `# Header`), they are rendered incorrectly. I might fix that in the future.
- The tool lacks proper testing because I only have two wikis available

License

See [license](#)

Telemetry

The tool uses Application Insights for basic telemetry:

- The duration of the export and the count of wiki pages is tracked and submitted to Azure.
- In the case of an error, the exception is submitted.
- No wiki data/content is submitted.

Thanks

In this tool uses open source libraries that do the actual work - I just combined them to get the export as PDF:

1. [CommandLineParser](#) to parse the command line
2. [MarkDig](#) to parse markdown files to HTML.
3. [DinkToPdf](#) to export HTML to PDF
4. [dotnet-warp](#) to release a self-contained exe file

TESTPAGE

```
tags:
- test
- page
- yml
title: Test Page
```

The following are tests for the export page

Copy & Paste Picture

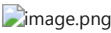


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Video

Azure Saturday 2019 Munich - Keynote Chris Heilmann - Building human interfaces powered by AI



Table Test

a	b
0	1

Formular

$$e = mc^2$$

Mention

@<7C0C20F7-3AB6-6232-8E80-E35152712AF5>

##Malformed header (no space!)

Lists

- 1 Entry
- 2 Entry
- 3 Entry

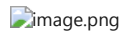
Formats

bold *italic* [link](#) `code`

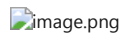
Mermaid



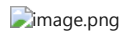
Large Pictures



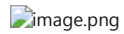
Pictures with Space in Filename



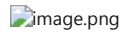
Pictures with Width/Height



Pictures with Width only



Pictures with Height only



Picture as html



Build Task

Using Azure DevOps WikiPDFExport as build task is straightforward.

1. Create a new build definition
2. Git Source is "Other Git"
3. 1. Add the clone url to the wiki to the details and username / password if required
4. Ensure that the agent is a windows agent
5. Add a powershell task with the following code:

```
#Download url to the export tool
$url = "https://dev.azure.com/mme1cher/8036eca1-fd9e-4c0f-8bef-646b32fbda0b/_apis/git/repositories/e08d1ada-7794-4b89-a3ea-cb64a26683c3/Items/1"

#filename of the tool
$output = "azuredevops-export-wiki.exe"

#download the file
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri $url -OutFile $output

#launch the tool - adjust the parameters if required
./azuredevops-export-wiki.exe
```

5. Add a second task to publish the PDF as build artifact.

Once the build succeeds, you can download the PDF file from the build page or use it in a release.

Pictures

Windows Agent



PowerShell Task



Publish Task



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