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Convert many images to one PDF on Mac

How can I convert about 100 PNGs to one PDF on a Mac? I'm open to using the command line if it helps.

I have tried using iPhoto, but it quits, not sure why. Saving from Preview doesn't quite do what I want. Thoughts?

macos command-line pdf images png

edited Feb 16 '16 at 15:59



cipricus

2,276 17 42 92

asked Oct 25 '11 at 5:51



tekknolagi

520 2 9 32

Duplicate question on AskDifferent: apple.stackexchange.com/questions/11163/... – tir38 Jan 3 at 21:54

4 Answers

If you have Leopard (10.5 or later) or Lion the easiest way is to use [Preview](#). Just do the following:

1. Open the first image in Preview
2. Show the the sidebar (Shift-Command-D)
3. Drag any additional images to the sidebar
4. Go to File > Print (Command P)
5. In the PDF dropdown list select Save as PDF

That's it! You should now have a PDF containing all your images.

If that doesn't work for you, you should look at any third-party solutions such as [Adobe Acrobat Pro](#) which has a combine feature or [PDFLab](#).

edited Apr 10 '12 at 23:02



1.21 gigawatts

847 5 17 38

answered Oct 25 '11 at 7:05



mekwall

1,234 11 11

- 1 +1 - My suggested solution as well. I've used this method to combine several PDFs by printing, then choosing "Save as PDF" from the print panel. – [SplinterReality](#) Oct 25 '11 at 7:59
- 1 For me in Snow Leopard, File > Print only printed the first image. I had to select File > Print Selected Images in order to print all of them. – [kldavis4](#) Jul 23 '14 at 21:09
- 2 Shift-Cmd-D didn't open sidebar for me, I had to explicitly use View -> Thumbnails (option - Cmd - 2) - on mac os x el capitan v10.11.3 - otherwise the instructions worked a charm. – [arcseldon](#) Feb 22 '16 at 3:58

I prefer using command line tools such as ImageMagick for this type of work. You can install IM with [Homebrew](#):

```
brew install imagemagick
```

Afterwards you can do

```
convert *.jpg output.pdf
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and if the resulting PDF is a bit too big you can try