

Convert Markdown to PDF: Pandoc Links and Hyperlinks

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Motivation

Currently, [Pandoc](#)'s default markdown to PDF command does *not* highlight links with blue/cyan.

This short document will show you how to convert markdown to PDF *with* colored links and hyperlinks.

How to Convert Markdown to PDF *with* Colored Links

So let's say you have a markdown file called `notes.md` and you want to convert it to `notes.pdf`. You also want to:

- Highlight all hyperlinks in `cyan`
- Highlight all internal links in `cyan`

Yes, apparently there is a difference between the two (unlike how it's rendered in GitHub-flavored markdown). Here's the command for that:

```
$ pandoc notes.md -o notes.pdf -V linkcolor=cyan -V urlcolor=cyan
```

You can replace `cyan` with whatever color you want, as long as it is allowed by [xcolors](#) in LaTeX.

Longer Motivation

Currently, [Pandoc](#) has been the most reliable way to convert markdown files (`.md`) to `.pdf` files. The default converting process does *not* highlight links with blue/cyan (instead, they are colored the default text color black, although clickable). Knowing how to do this required reading the instruction manual. Luckily, someone kindly pointed out the section I should read in [this thread](#).

Example: [This document rendered using the command below](#)