Exporting PDFs using Playwright 01 August 2024

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Brief Introduction to Playwright

- Playwright is a Node.js library developed by Microsoft for automating web browsers.
- Playwright allows us to interact with web pages in major browsers like Chromium,
 Firefox, Safari ...
- Key features: multi-browser support, end-to-end Testing, headless mode, PDF Generation, screen Capture and Video Recording ...

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Demo Code for Exporting PDF

- Part 1: Using HTML/CSS with Static Data
- Part 2: Using HTML with Go Template

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Part 1: Using HTML/CSS with Static Data

• Example HTML and CSS

html (../html/static_data.html)

CSS (../html/styles.css)

• Common print options

header (../html/header.html)

footer (../html/footer.html)

- Format/Page size: Letter, A3, A4 ...
- Margin
- Is Landscape

Part 1: Using HTML/CSS with Static Data

Result (img.png)

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Property 6	\$1,000,000	1	1	100	
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Property 5	\$1,00,00	1	4	1000	
Property 4	\$3,200,000	1	1	160	
Property 5	\$1,000,000	1		100	

Part 2: Using HTML with Go Template

Go Template (../html/template.html)

Data (../html/data.json)

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Demo Code for Exporting PDF

Capabilities and Limitations

Capabilities

- Customizing headers and footers for different pages
- Displaying watermarks in the background of each page
- Limiting the number of items or rows per page
- Setting page margins and orientation
- Handling pagination and page breaks effectively

Limitations

Cannot hide headers or footers for specific pages

How Frontend Can Contribute to HTML/CSS for BE Team's PDF Rendering

Step 1: Create Static HTML Page

Step 2: (Optionally) Create Template HTML Page Using Go Template

Step 3: Provide Resources

- If using a static HTML page: Provide the BE team with all resources, including the example HTML page, CSS files, images, and printer options.
- If using a Go template: Open a PR in the BE repository and push all related files and resources to it. We will specify the exact location for these files later.

Ideally, We aim to have a unified CSS style and printer options for all PDF rendering to maintain consistency and ease of maintenance.

Thank you

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