# html2pdf

An auxiliary tool to increase the efficiency of mental work

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#### html2pdf description

- A tool for converting web-based manuals and books to local PDF-file for enabling full-text search
- It's an auxiliary tool for rapid processing of large amounts of information
- It's an intellectual tool that can significantly reduce the time spent searching for information in web-books and web-manuals
- That is, it actually means converting the desired website to a pdf book, therefore the project should be renamed something like ws2pb, web2pdf, WebPDFer or Web2pdfBk.
- The complexity of implementing this project is comparable to developing a one window web browser with pdf-book-view. So development of it should be based on the WebKit web browser engine or Chromium web browser project

#### pdf2knt description

- The technological stack of **html2pdf** is an important part of the development of the pdf2knowlegeTree (**pdf2knt**) project as another more powerful intellectual support tool.
- **pdf2knt** is needed to build a tree of knowledge based on top of the one or more pdf-files.
- **pdf2knt** should automatically create a dictionary of available words and then on its basis to help build a hierarchy of concepts, their definitions, explanations, and examples of use.
- After building a knowledge tree, **pdf2knt** should allow you to find all the available information on a particular topic in a matter of seconds based on all the sources involved.

It should be noted that today there are no open-source or well-known software analogs that would effectively solve the problem of converting a particular website with online documentation into a pdf-book.

Known analogs can only convert a single HTML file or a separate HTML page, with a specific URL address, in the corresponding pdf file.

This is predictable, as there are a number of technically complex tasks, without which it is impossible to implement such a project in practice.

#### wkgtkprinter

https://github.com/gnudles/wkgtkprinter

HTML to PDF conversion library (with one simple function) using WebkitGtk (similar to wkhtmltopdf, but without the Qt part).

A simple snippet (glue code) written in C to demonstrate the conversion process of HTML to PDF using Gtk+ and WebkitGtk.

You can use this code to generate invoices from command line or from your software. you can use it from any programming language using libffi.

Very minimalistic code, and easy to tweak, embed and understand. only one function does the conversion in synchronous way.

#### Doctron

https://github.com/lampnick/doctron

Doctron is a Docker-powered, serverless, sample, fast, high quality document convert tool. Supply html convert to pdf(html2pdf), html convert to image(html2image like jpeg,png), which using chrome(Chromium) kernel, add watermarks to pdf, convert pdf to images etc.

**Features** 

- Html convert to pdf/image using chrome kernel to guarantee what you see is what you get.
- Easy deployment.(Using docker, kubernetes.)
- Rich transformation parameters.
- Customize page size from html convert to pdf or image.
- Serverless supported.

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#### Puppeteer

https://github.com/puppeteer/puppeteer

Puppeteer is a Node library which provides a high-level API to control Chrome or Chromium over the <a href="DevTools Protocol">DevTools Protocol</a>. Puppeteer runs <a href="headless">headless</a> by default, but can be configured to run full (non-headless) Chrome or Chromium.

- Most things that you can do manually in the browser can be done using Puppeteer! Here are a few examples to get you started:
  - Generate screenshots and PDFs of pages.
  - Crawl a SPA (Single-Page Application) and generate pre-rendered content (i.e. "SSR" (Server-Side Rendering)).
  - Automate form submission, UI testing, keyboard input, etc.
  - Create an up-to-date, automated testing environment. Run your tests directly in the latest version of Chrome using the latest JavaScript and browser features.
  - Capture a <u>timeline trace</u> of your site to help diagnose performance issues.
  - Test Chrome Extensions.

### Internal alternatives to the design solution

|   | An web-app that performs the necessary search on all documents to which the links from the table of contents points   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | pros  | cons   |  |  |  |
|   | The easiest way to programmatically implement the solution:   | It is an unacceptable long waiting for a search results, due to the need to perform a complete bypass of the entire tree of articles on the site for each search |  |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>There is no need to download the all content of<br/>the website locally</li> </ul>                           |  |  |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>There is no need to convert it to pdf-format with<br/>keeping the style of information formatting</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |

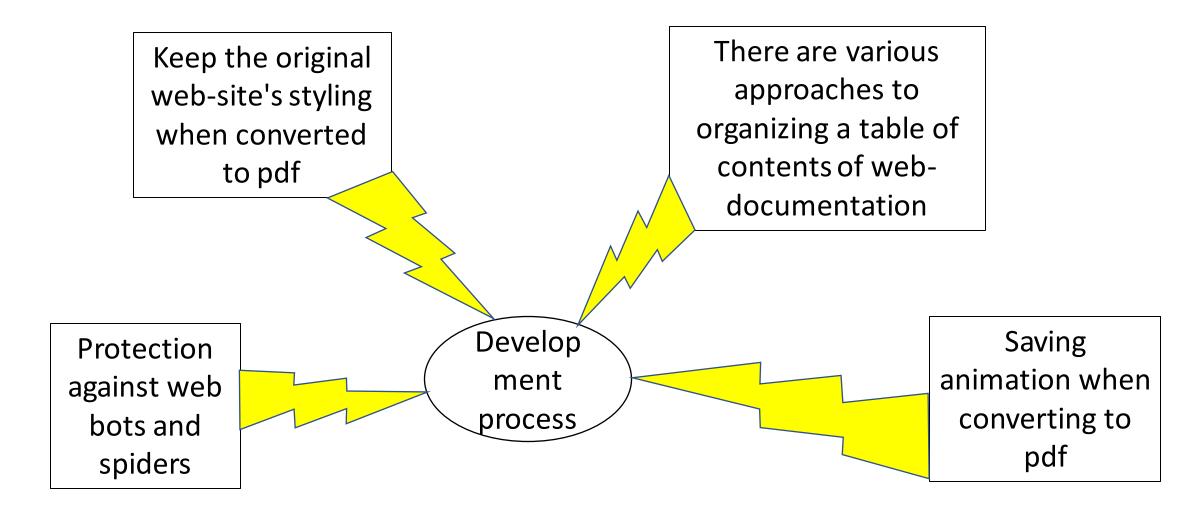
### Internal alternatives to the design solution

|   | An console application that convert any web-manual or web-book to the one page HTML file  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | pros  | cons   |  |  |
| 2 | This is an easier way to programmatically implement the solution:   | Typically, a web-browser spends significantly more time to process a local HTML file than a PDF-viewer |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>There is no need to convert web-site content to<br/>pdf-format with keeping the style of information<br/>formatting</li> </ul> | process a PDF file with a similar content.   |  |  |

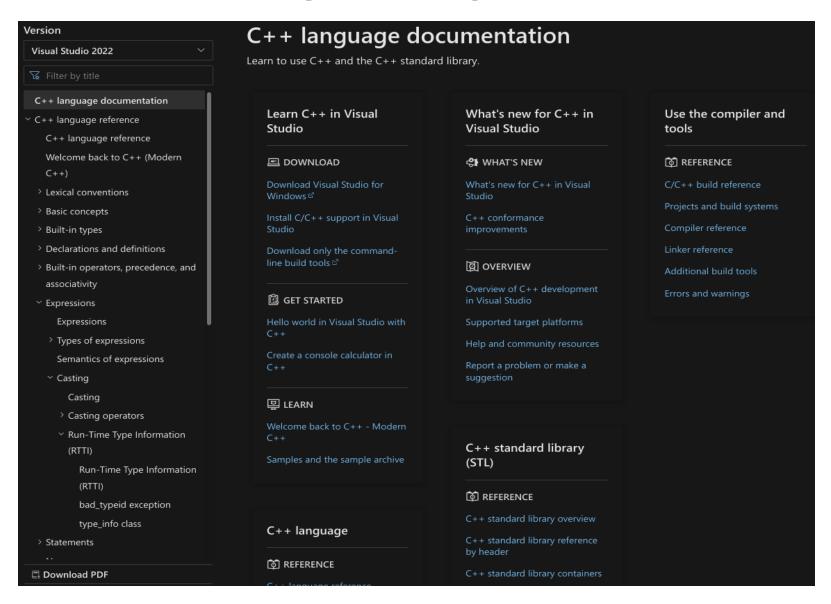
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|   | pros  | cons  |  |  |
| 3 | The most convenient and fastest way to process the content of a website is by converting it to a PDF file | This is the most complicated way to programmatically implement the solution:                              |  |  |
|   |   | Need to download all website content  |  |  |
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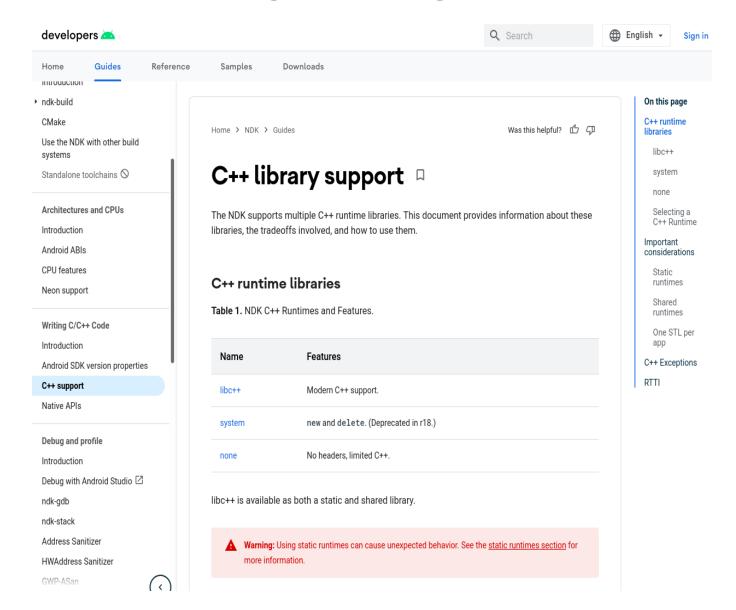
#### The main challenges of the html2pdf development process



#### Approaches to organizing a table of contents



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#### Protection against web bots and spiders

#### Choosing the type of reCAPTCHA \( \Pi \)

Choosing the type of reCAPTCHA There are four types of reCAPTCHA to choose from when creating a new site.

| reC       | АРТСНА  | type       | (i)           |        |   |
|-----------|---|------------|---------------|--------|---|
| 0         | reCAPTCHA v3 Verify requests with a score     |            |               |        |   |
| <b>()</b> | reCAPTCHA v2 Verify requests with a challenge |            | h a challenge |        |   |
|           | "I'm  | not a ro   | bot" Checkbox |        | Validate requests with the "I'm not a robot" checkbox |
|           | O Inv   | isible reC | CAPTCHA badge | 9      | Validate requests in the background                   |
|           | O reC   | CAPTCHA    | A Android \   | /alida | ate requests in your android app                      |

#### Protection against web bots and spiders

We want to make sure it is actually you we are dealing with and not a robot.

Please click below to access the site.



Why is this verification required? Something about the behaviour of the browser has caught our attention.

There are various possible explanations for this:

- you are browsing and clicking at a speed much faster than expected of a human being
- something is preventing Javascript from working on your computer
- there is a robot on the same network (IP 5.255.172.13) as you

Having problems accessing the site? Contact support

#### Tools for prototyping html2pdf

- Google-chrome in headless mode.
- Puppeteer. It's a Node library which provides a high-level API to control Chrome or Chromium over the <u>DevTools Protocol</u>. Puppeteer runs <u>headless</u> by default, but can be configured to run full (non-headless) Chrome or Chromium.

#### html2pdf development process (chosen path)

**MVP** 

Identification of the table of contents of the web-based documentation or web-book

HTML

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Convert the HTML pages tree to set of local HTML files

Convert a set of local HTML files to local PDF book

#### html2pdf development process based on Puppeteer project

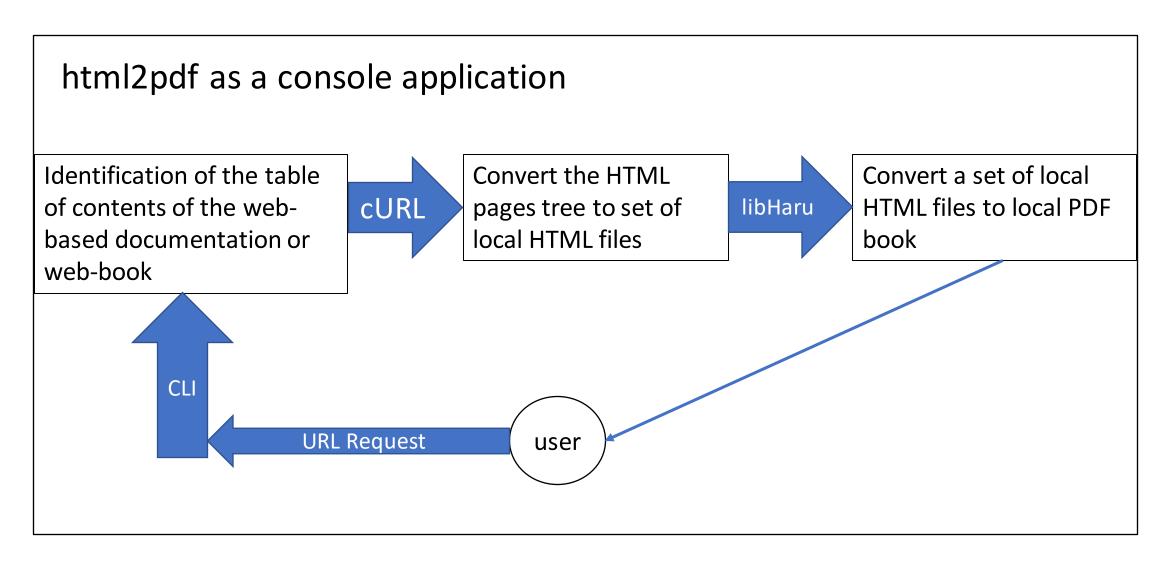
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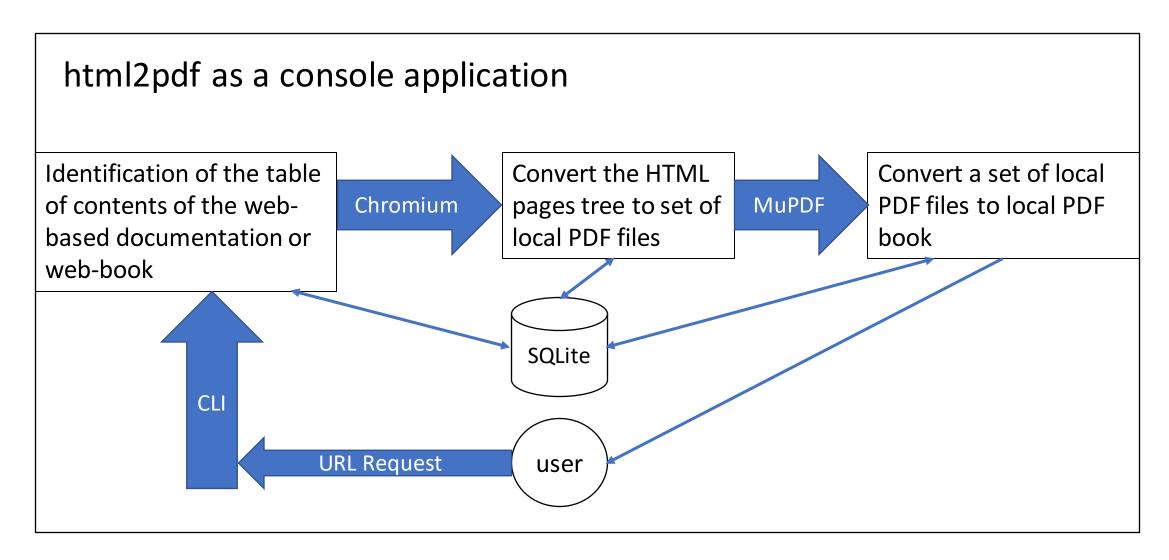
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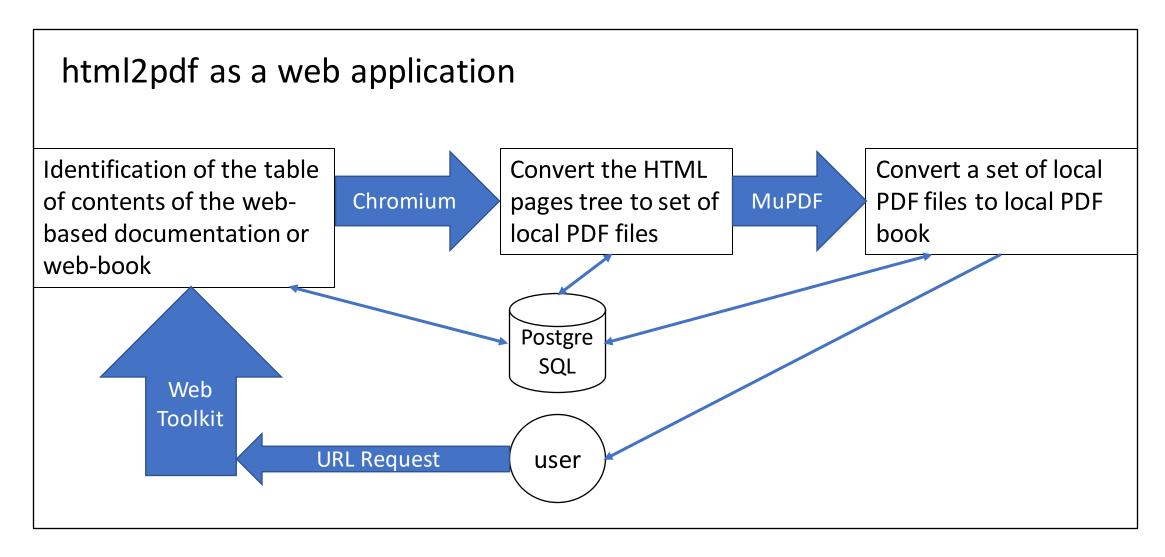
#### html2pdf technologies set (chosen path)



#### html2pdf technologies set (right way)



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