# 2pdf

Converts Markdown and HTML files to PDFs with token replacement, styling, and content processing features.

```
Note: This is a test.
```

### What it does

- Converts Markdown and HTML to PDF using Chrome/Puppeteer
- Replaces tokens like [{{DATE}}] and [{{DEVELOPER\_NAME}}]
- Applies Inter font styling and consistent layout
- Handles PDF-only content sections
- · Supports page breaks and special formatting
- · Works on macOS, Linux, and Windows

#### **Quick start**

```
# Install dependencies
npm install

# Convert files
node bin/2pdf.js README.md  # converts README.md to README.pdf
node bin/2pdf.js document.md  # converts any markdown file
node bin/2pdf.js webpage.html  # converts HTML files too
node bin/2pdf.js file.md -o out.pdf # custom output name
```

### File types supported

### Markdown files (.md)

- Always uses 2pdf's Inter font styling and layout
- Supports all markdown features (headers, lists, code blocks, etc.)
- Token replacement and special content features

### HTML files (.html, .htm)

- With existing CSS: Preserves your styles (internal, external, inline)
- Without CSS: Falls back to 2pdf's default styling
- Token replacement works the same way
- Color theming injects CSS custom properties

#### **Core features**

### **Token replacement**

Insert dynamic content using [{{TOKEN\_NAME}}] placeholders:

```
# {{PROJECT_NAME}} Documentation
**Version:** {{PROJECT_VERSION}}
**Generated:** {{DATE}} by {{DEVELOPER_NAME}}
```

# Automatic tokens (always available):

- {{DATE}} Current date (2024-01-15)
- {{DATE\_LONG}} Current date (January 15, 2024)
- [{TIME\_NOW}} Current time (14:30)
- {{YEAR}}, {{MONTH}}, {{DAY}} Date components{{USERNAME}}, {{HOSTNAME}} System info
- {{PROJECT\_NAME}}} Auto-generated from directory name

# Custom tokens from config file:

Create 2pdf.config with your own tokens:

```
DEVELOPER_NAME=John Doe
PROJECT_VERSION=2.1.0
COMPANY_NAME=Acme Corp
```

# Special content features

# PDF-only content

Content that only appears in the PDF:

```
<!-- PDF ONLY This text only appears in the PDF version -->
```

# Page breaks

Force a new page:

```
Content here...
<!-- PAGE-BREAK -->
Content on next page...
```

# Live site shields Style a paragraph as a

Style a paragraph as a badge:

```
<!-- live-site-shield -->
Live Site: https://example.com
```

# Advanced options

# Color theming

Customize header and accent colors with the --color flag:

```
# Predefined colors (from config file)
node bin/2pdf.js doc.md --color blue
node bin/2pdf.js doc.md --color corporate

# Custom hex colors
node bin/2pdf.js doc.md --color 1434cb
node bin/2pdf.js doc.md --color "#ff6b35"
```

Add predefined colors to your 2pdf.config:

```
COLOR_BLUE=#1434cb

COLOR_RED=#e74c3c

COLOR_GREEN=#27ae60

COLOR_CORPORATE=#2c3e50

COLOR_ORANGE=#ff6b35
```

### Single-page mode

Generate PDFs as one continuous page instead of multiple US Letter pages:

```
node bin/2pdf.js file.md --single-page
node bin/2pdf.js file.md --single-page --color blue
```

This is perfect for:

- Web page captures
- Long documents that look better as continuous scrolls
- Documents with content that shouldn't be split across pages

### Other options

```
node bin/2pdf.js file.md -s custom.css # custom CSS file
node bin/2pdf.js file.md --debug # keep temp files
node bin/2pdf.js file.md --verbose # detailed output
```

### **Configuration**

### **Config file format**

Create 2pdf.config with key=value pairs:

```
# Project info
PROJECT_VERSION=2.1.0
DEVELOPER_NAME=Jane Smith
COMPANY_NAME=Acme Corp

# Color themes
COLOR_BRAND=#1434cb
COLOR_ACCENT=#ff6b35

# Custom content
FOOTER_TEXT=Generated on {{DATE}} by {{DEVELOPER_NAME}}
```

### Config file locations

2pdf searches for 2pdf.config in this order:

- 1. Same directory as the input file
- 2. Current working directory
- 3. 2pdf installation directory
- 4. config/ subdirectory in any of the above

### Token processing details

- Multiple passes: Tokens can reference other tokens
- Case sensitive: [{{NAME}}] ≠ [{{name}}}
- No whitespace: Use {{TOKEN}}, not {{ TOKEN }}
   Nested replacement: GREETING=Hello {{USERNAME}} works
- Missing tokens: Left unchanged for debugging

# **Example workflow**

```
# 1. Create config file
echo "PROJECT_VERSION=2.1.0" > 2pdf.config
echo "DEVELOPER_NAME=Jane Smith" >> 2pdf.config

# 2. Use in markdown
echo "# Project v{{PROJECT_VERSION}} by {{DEVELOPER_NAME}}" > doc.md

# 3. Convert
node bin/2pdf.js doc.md

# Result: "Project v2.1.0 by Jane Smith" in the PDF
```

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