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# NAME

pandoc - general markup converter

# SYNOPSIS

pandoc [*options*] [*input-file*]…

# DESCRIPTION

Pandoc converts files from one markup format to another. It can read markdown and (subsets of) reStructuredText, HTML, and LaTeX, and it can write plain text, markdown, reStructuredText, HTML, LaTeX, ConTeXt, Texinfo, groff man, MediaWiki markup, RTF, OpenDocument XML, ODT, DocBook XML, EPUB, and Slidy or S5 HTML slide shows.

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If no *input-file* is specified, input is read from *stdin*. Otherwise, the *input-files* are concatenated (with a blank line between each) and used as input. Output goes to *stdout* by default (though output to *stdout* is disabled for the odt and epub output formats). For output to a file, use the -o option:

pandoc -o output.html input.txt

Instead of a file, an absolute URI may be given. In this case pandoc will fetch the content using HTTP:

pandoc -f html -t markdown http://www.fsf.org

The input and output formats may be specified using command-line options (see **OPTIONS**, below, for details). If these formats are not specified explicitly, Pandoc will attempt to determine them from the extensions of the input and output filenames. If input comes from *stdin* or from a file with an unknown extension, the input is assumed to be markdown. If no output filename is specified using the -o option, or if a filename is specified but its extension is unknown, the output will default to HTML. Thus, for example,

pandoc -o chap1.tex chap1.txt

converts *chap1.txt* from markdown to LaTeX. And

pandoc README

converts *README* from markdown to HTML.

Pandoc’s version of markdown is an extended variant of standard markdown: the differences are described in the *README* file in the user documentation. If standard markdown syntax is desired, the --strict option may be used.

Pandoc uses the UTF-8 character encoding for both input and output. If your local character encoding is not UTF-8, you should pipe input and output through iconv:

iconv -t utf-8 input.txt | pandoc | iconv -f utf-8

# SEE ALSO

markdown2pdf (1). The *README* file distributed with Pandoc contains full documentation.

The Pandoc source code and all documentation may be downloaded from <http://johnmacfarlane.net/pandoc/>.