

# **Description**

This node.js library can **merge multiple PDF documents**, or parts of them, to one new PDF document. You can do this by using the **command line interface** or from within your **node.js** or even directly in the **browser**.

The only dependency is **pdf-lib** so it can run in any javascript-only environment **without any non-javascript dependencies**.

## **Legacy notes**

- If you are searching for the legacy version based on pdfjs please install a v3 release. Since v4 we use pdf-lib instead.
- If you are searching for a legacy version using CommonJS modules please install a v4 release. Since v5 we use the modern ESM ("import") instead of the CommonJS ("require) module standard.

## Installation

```
npm install --save pdf-merger-js
or simply do a global installation if you just want to use the cli tool:
npm install -g pdf-merger-js
```

## Usage

```
CLI "pdf-merge"
```

```
Usage: pdf-merge [options] <inputFiles...>

merge multiple PDF documents, or parts of them, to a new PDF document

Options:

-V, --version output the version number

-o, --output <outputFile> Merged PDF output file path

-v, --verbose Print verbose output
```

```
-s, --silent
-h, --help
```

do not print any output to stdout. Overwrites ——verbose display help for command

### **Example calls**

Merge pages 1-2 from the first input with pages 1,2 and 5-7 from the second pdf document:

```
pdf-merge --output ./merged.pdf ./input1.pdf#1-2 ./input2.pdf#1,2,5-7
```

Get two pdf files from the an url and merge the first one with pages 2-3 from the second one:

```
pdf-merge --verbose --output ./sample.pdf Testfile.pdf https://pdfobject.com/pdf/sample.pdf
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/13/Example.pdf#2-3
```

### node.js

The node.js version has the following export functions:

- saveAsBuffer exports a merged pdf as an Buffer.
- save saves the pdf under the given filename.
- setMetadata set Metadata for producer, author, title or creator.
- reset resets the internal state of the document, to start again.

### async node.js example

```
import PDFMerger from 'pdf-merger-js';
var merger = new PDFMerger();
```

```
(async () => {
  await merger.add('pdf1.pdf'); //merge all pages. parameter is the path to file and filena
  await merger.add('pdf2.pdf', 2); // merge only page 2
  await merger.add('pdf2.pdf', [1, 3]); // merge the pages 1 and 3
  await merger.add('pdf2.pdf', '4, 7, 8'); // merge the pages 4, 7 and 8
  await merger.add('pdf3.pdf', '3 to 5'); //merge pages 3 to 5 (3,4,5)
  await merger.add('pdf3.pdf', '3-5'); //merge pages 3 to 5 (3,4,5)
  // Set metadata
  await merger.setMetadata({
    producer: "pdf-merger-js based script",
    author: "John Doe",
    creator: "John Doe",
   title: "My live as John Doe"
  });
  await merger.save('merged.pdf'); //save under given name and reset the internal document
  // Export the merged PDF as a nodejs Buffer
  // const mergedPdfBuffer = await merger.saveAsBuffer();
  // fs.writeSync('merged.pdf', mergedPdfBuffer);
})();
```

#### **Browser**

The Browser version has the following export functions:

- saveAsBuffer exports a merged pdf as an Uint8Array.
- saveAsBlob exports a merged pdf as a Blob.
- save starts a file-download directly in the browser.
- setMetadata set Metadata for producer, author, title or creator.
- reset resets the internal state of the document, to start again.

#### async react example

```
import PDFMerger from 'pdf-merger-is/browser';
import React, { useEffect, useState } from 'react';
// files: Array of PDF File or Blob objects
const Merger = (files) => {
  const [mergedPdfUrl, setMergedPdfUrl] = useState();
  useEffect(() => {
    const render = async () => {
      const merger = new PDFMerger();
      for(const file of files) {
        await merger.add(file);
      }
```

```
await merger.setMetadata({
      producer: "pdf-merger-js based script"
    });
    const mergedPdf = await merger.saveAsBlob();
    const url = URL.createObjectURL(mergedPdf);
    return setMergedPdfUrl(url);
  };
  render().catch((err) => {
    throw err;
  });
  () => setMergedPdfUrl({});
}, [files, setMergedPdfUrl]);
return !data ? (
  <>Loading</>
) : (
  <iframe
    height={1000}
    src={`${mergedPdfUrl}`}
    title='pdf-viewer'
```

```
width='100%s'
></iframe>
);
};
```

## Similar libraries

- This library is inspired by the PHP library PDFMerger and has a very similar API.
- pdf-merge has a dependency on PDFtk.
- easy-pdf-merge has a dependency on the Apache PDFBox® A Java PDF Library.
- pdfmerge has a dependency on python and PyPDF2.

### Keywords

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#### Install

> npm i pdf-merger-js

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