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TOSCA PDF Generation - Quick Start Guide

Architecture Diagrams

Purpose: Get high-quality PDFs from architecture markdown files in 5 minutes

TL;DR - Fastest Path to PDF

```
# Navigate to architecture docs
cd /mnt/c/Users/wille/Desktop/TOSCA-dev/docs/architecture

# Single file conversion
./convert-to-pdf.sh 01_system_overview.md

# All files conversion
./convert-all-to-pdf.sh

# Output in: pdf-output/
```

Prerequisites (One-Time Setup)

Option 1: XeLaTeX (Recommended - Best Quality)

Ubuntu/Debian:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install pandoc texlive-xetex fonts-dejavu
```

macOS:

```
brew install pandoc
brew install --cask mactex
```

Windows (WSL2):

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install pandoc texlive-xetex fonts-dejavu
```

Option 2: wkhtmltopdf (Alternative - Easier Install)

Ubuntu/Debian:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install pandoc wkhtmltopdf
```

macOS:

```
brew install pandoc
brew install --cask wkhtmltopdf
```

Check Installation:

```
pandoc --version
xelatex --version # or wkhtmltopdf --version
```

Usage

Convert Single File

```
./convert-to-pdf.sh 03_safety_system.md
```

Output: 03_safety_system.pdf (same directory)

Convert All Architecture Docs

```
./convert-all-to-pdf.sh
```

Output: pdf-output/ directory with all PDFs

Custom Conversion

```
# With table of contents
pandoc 01_system_overview.md -o output.pdf \
  --pdf-engine=xelatex \
  --toc \
  --toc-depth=3 \
  --number-sections
```

```
# With custom CSS (wkhtmltopdf)
pandoc 03_safety_system.md -o output.pdf \
  --pdf-engine=wkhtmltopdf \
  --css=pdf-styles.css
```

```
# With metadata
pandoc 01_system_overview.md -o output.pdf \
  --pdf-engine=xelatex \
  --metadata title="TOSCA System Overview" \
  --metadata author="Your Name" \
  --metadata date="$(date +%Y-%m-%d)"
```

Troubleshooting

Issue: “pandoc: command not found”

Fix:

```
sudo apt install pandoc    # Ubuntu/Debian
brew install pandoc        # macOS
```

Issue: “xelatex not found”

Fix:

```
sudo apt install texlive-xetex    # Ubuntu/Debian
brew install --cask mactex        # macOS
```

Issue: “Image not found”

Fix: Check relative path from markdown file location

```
# Verify image exists
ls diagrams/output/png/*.png

# Use absolute path if needed
pandoc file.md -o file.pdf \
  --resource-path="/full/path/to/diagrams/output/png"
```

Issue: “Box drawing characters render as squares”

Fix: Install Unicode fonts

```
sudo apt install fonts-dejavu fonts-liberation    # Ubuntu/Debian
brew tap homebrew/cask-fonts && brew install --cask font-dejavu-sans-mono    # macOS
```

Issue: “PDF generation fails silently”

Fix: Check for verbose errors

```
pandoc file.md -o file.pdf --pdf-engine=xelatex --verbose
```

Improving ASCII Diagram Rendering

Current Problem

ASCII diagrams with box drawing characters (┌┐│└┘├┤┞┟) render poorly in PDF.

Quick Fix: Use XeLaTeX

XeLaTeX has better Unicode support than wkhtmltopdf:

```
./convert-to-pdf.sh file.md    # Auto-detects XeLaTeX if available
```

Best Fix: Replace with PlantUML Images

See `PDF_GENERATION_GUIDE.md` and `DIAGRAM_INTEGRATION_EXAMPLE.md` for details.

Short version: 1. Use existing PlantUML images in `diagrams/output/png/` 2. Replace ASCII diagrams with image references: `markdown ! [Architecture Diagram] (diagrams/output/png/T0SCA%20Container%20Diagram.png)`
3. Regenerate PDF: `bash ./convert-to-pdf.sh file.md`

Available PlantUML Diagrams

Location: diagrams/output/png/

File	Description
TOSCA System Context.png	C4 context diagram (external systems)
TOSCA Container Diagram.png	C4 container diagram (UI, Core, HAL layers)
TOSCA Component Diagram - Application Core.png	Core components (Safety, Session, Protocol)
TOSCA Component Diagram - Hardware Abstraction Layer.png	HAL components (Camera, Laser, TEC, Actuator, GPIO)
TOSCA Data Architecture.png	Two-tier logging strategy (JSONL + SQLite)
TOSCA Data Flow Diagram.png	System data flow
TOSCA Database Schema ERD.png	Database entity-relationship diagram
TOSCA Treatment Workflow Sequence.png	Treatment execution sequence

Usage:

![Architecture](diagrams/output/png/TOSCA%20Container%20Diagram.png)

Batch Operations

Convert All Numbered Docs

```
for f in [0-9][0-9]*.md; do
  ./convert-to-pdf.sh "$f"
done
```

Convert All ADRs

```
for f in ADR-*.md; do
  ./convert-to-pdf.sh "$f"
done
```

Convert Specific Files

```
files=(
  "01_system_overview.md"
  "03_safety_system.md"
  "08_security_architecture.md"
)

for f in "${files[@]}; do
  ./convert-to-pdf.sh "$f"
done
```

PDF Output Quality Comparison

Method	Quality	Speed	Setup	Difficulty
XeLaTeX (recommended)	Excellent	Slow		Medium
wkhtmltopdf	Good	Fast		Easy
XeLaTeX + Images	Excellent	Slow		Medium

Recommendation: Use XeLaTeX with PlantUML images for best quality.

Next Steps

1. Test basic conversion:

```
./convert-to-pdf.sh 01_system_overview.md
```

2. Review output quality:

```
xdg-open 01_system_overview.pdf # Linux
```

3. Replace ASCII diagrams with images (see DIAGRAM_INTEGRATION_EXAMPLE.md)

4. Generate complete documentation set:

```
./convert-all-to-pdf.sh
```

5. Review detailed guide for advanced options: PDF_GENERATION_GUIDE.md

Common Commands Reference

```
# Single file with TOC
pandoc file.md -o file.pdf --pdf-engine=xelatex --toc

# All files with progress
./convert-all-to-pdf.sh

# Custom output directory
mkdir -p custom-output
pandoc file.md -o custom-output/file.pdf --pdf-engine=xelatex

# Test image rendering
echo '![Test](diagrams/output/png/TOSCA%20System%20Context.png)' | \
pandoc -o test.pdf --pdf-engine=xelatex

# Check pandoc supported formats
pandoc --list-output-formats

# Check available PDF engines
pandoc --list-extensions=pdf
```

Support

- **Full Documentation:** PDF_GENERATION_GUIDE.md
 - **Integration Examples:** DIAGRAM_INTEGRATION_EXAMPLE.md
 - **PlantUML Diagrams:** diagrams/README.md
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