

# **PDF-to-TIFF (VB\_P2T.DLL)**

**DLL Version 5.0**

VB 6.0

## **User Guide**

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## Introduction

The VB\_P2T DLL converts PDF files to TIFF files. The DLL processes one file per call; a single-page PDF file is converted to a single-page TIFF file and a multi-page PDF file is converted to an equivalent multi-page TIFF file. The program supports both text-based and image-based PDF files.

This version supports VB 6.0. Separate versions are available for C, C++, C#, VB.NET, and ASP.NET.

Please visit <http://www.hsm.ch/> and <http://www.expert-tools.com/ENGLISH/> for the C DLL, the user-interactive (GUI), and the command-line versions of the program.

## Installation

The program files are supplied in a zip file. Please use the following procedure to install the program:

1. Create a new folder for the program. We recommend that you call the new folder C:\PDF2TIFF but you may give the folder any name of your choice.
2. Unzip the program zip file into that newly created folder. The unzipping process will create the correct directory structure with a sub-directory called PSFONTS. Do not change the directory structure.

## Demo Version

The Demo Version will cripple the TIFF-output file with a diagonal line from the upper-right to the lower-left corner of the image. The licensed version will not draw crippling lines. The download pack includes sample PDF files that you can use for testing.

An actual demo version of the DLL can be found at <http://www.expert-tools.com/>

## Requirements

- Windows 98/Me/NT4/2000/XP/2003/VISTA
- 256MB memory
- FreeType Engine (supplied and installed with VB\_P2T), see Free-Type Engine section.

## How To Use

The VB\_P2T DLL works like any Windows DLL. The eight functions and the required arguments are described below.

Sample code using the DLL can be found at <http://www.expert-tools.com/>

## Functions

There are eight (8) functions:

1. **SetXY** (to set the Dots-per-Inch; resolution)
2. **SetBPP** (to set the Bits-per-Pixel; color)
3. **SetCompress** (to set the TIFF compression)
4. **SetSize** (to set width and height in pixels)
5. **PageRange** (to set the page range)
6. **Split** (to split the output into serialized single-page TIFF files)
7. **DeletePDF** (to delete the source-PDF file)
8. **Convert** (to execute the conversion)

The first six functions are called to specify the properties and attributes of the output TIFF file. These functions are optional; if they are not called, the system will use the default settings (300x300 resolution, monochrome TIFF Group 4 output files, and converts all pages at the original pixel size into multi-page file). The six functions, if used, must be called before the main Convert function.

The optional DeletePDF function will delete the source file after conversion. This function must be called after the Convert function. **Please use this function with caution as the PDF file may be deleted permanently.**

### SetXY

This function takes 2 integer values in the range of 1 – 1200, separated by a comma. The first value is for the horizontal resolution; the second value is for the vertical resolution.

The function will return 0 (zero) upon successful completion or 3 if one of the chosen values is out of range.

This function is optional.

If called, it MUST be called before the Convert function. If called, the converted TIFF will have the specified DPI values; if not called, the TIFF file will have a default value of 300dpi. The function must include both values.

Example:

```
Private Declare Function SetXY Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal resx As Long, ByVal resy As Long) As Long
```

## **SetBPP**

This function takes 1 integer value in the range of 1-3, where

- 1 = 1BPP (monochrome)
- 2 = 8BPP (greyscale)
- 3 = 24BPP (24-bit colour)

The function will return 0 (zero) upon successful completion or 4 if the specified value is invalid.

This function is optional.

If called, it **MUST** be called before the Convert function.

If called, the converted TIFF will have the specified BPP value; if not called, the TIFF file will have a default value of 1BPP.

Example:

```
Private Declare Function SetBPP Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal bpp As Long) As Long
```

## **SetCompress**

This function takes 1 integer value in the range of 1-5, where

- 1 = NONE (uncompressed)
- 2 = RLE
- 3 = FAX3 (TIFF Group 3)
- 4 = G4 (TIFF Group 4)
- 5 = LZW

The function will return 0 (zero) upon successful completion or 5 if the specified value is invalid.

This function is optional.

If called, it **MUST** be called before the Convert function.

If called, the converted TIFF will have the specified Compress value; if not called, the TIFF file will have a default value of G4.

The `SetCompress` takes precedence over the `SetBPP` option. The correct sequence is:

1. `SetCompress`
2. `SetBPP`
3. `Convert`

For other compressions and for output in other graphics formats, please contact [support@hsm.ch](mailto:support@hsm.ch).

Example:

```
Private Declare Function SetCompress Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal compress As Long) As Long
```

## **SetSize**

This function takes 2 long values representing the width and height (in pixels) of

the TIFF-output file.

The function will return 0 upon successful completion or a non-zero value to signify an error.

This function is optional.

If called, it MUST be called before the Convert function.

If called, the converted TIFF will have the specified width and height; if not called, the TIFF file will have the pixel size of the original file. The function must include both values.

Example:

```
Private Declare Function SetSize Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal sizewidth As Long, ByVal sizeheight As Long) As Long
```

### ***Page Range***

This function takes 2 integer values representing the beginning (first page) and the end (last page) of the page range.

The function returns 0 (zero) upon successful completion or a non-zero value to signify an error.

This function is optional.

If called, it MUST be called before the Convert function.

If called, the converted TIFF will include only the pages in the specified range. If the first page is incorrect, the function will default to page 1; if the last page is incorrect, the function will default to the correct last page.

Examples:

```
Private Declare Function PageRange Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal firstpage As Long, ByVal lastpage As Long) As Long
```

### ***Split***

Takes 1 integer value (0 or 1), where

1 = split the output into serialized single-page TIFF files

0 = same effect as if the function was not even called at all

The function returns 0 (zero) upon successful completion or a non-zero value to signify an error.

This function is optional.

If called, it MUST be called before the Convert function.

If called, the output of a multi-page PDF file will be split into serialized single-page TIFF files. The output file names will be suffixed with serial numbers such as somefile\_1, somefile\_2, etc.

Example:

```
Private Declare Function Split Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal yesOrNo As Long) As Long
```

### **Convert**

This function takes 2 strings (in & out) as parameter, where

in = file and path of the PDF to be converted

out = file and path of the TIFF-output file

The two strings have to be separated by a comma

The function returns 0 (zero) upon successful completion, a 1 if the PDF file cannot be loaded, or a 2 if the TIFF file cannot be created.

When out = "NULL", then the PDF file will be converted to a tiff file in the same path with the same name but a .tif extension.

If the file name includes spaces, the file name must be encapsulated in quotes.

Please read the Password section below for handling **password-protected PDF files**.

Examples:

```
Private Declare Function Convert Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal srcPDF As String, ByVal dstTIFF As String) As Long
```

(File names with spaces must be encapsulated in quotes)

### **DeletePDF**

This function takes a single string parameter; the path and name of the PDF file which will be deleted. **Use this function with caution as the PDF file will be deleted permanently.** Therefore it is highly recommended to make a backup of the file before conversion. *HSM Informatik AG declines any responsibility if a file is deleted due to inattentive use of this function.*

Example:

```
Private Declare Function DeletePDF Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal srcPDF As String) As Long
```

(File names with spaces must be encapsulated in quotes)

## **Placement of Program Files (Important)**

The unzipping of the program installation places the files into a fixed directory structure. The VB\_P2T.DLL file, the HSM\_PDF\_RASTER.DLL and the PSFONTS subdirectory are placed in the folder that you specify when you unzip the program installation file. For the purpose of this user guide, we use C:\PDF2TIFF as the name of the main folder, but you can choose any folder name. While you may change the name of the main folder, it is **IMPORTANT** that the main folder always

retains the PSFONTS subdirectory with its files. The DLL will not run if either of the files or the PSFONTS subdirectory is missing.

When you write your application, it is important that the compiled executable of your application be placed in the same folder as VB\_P2T.DLL and HSM\_PDF\_RASTER.DLL. You must therefore move VB\_P2T.DLL, HSM\_PDF\_RASTER.DLL, and the PSFONTS subdirectory to the folder where you placed your application's executable.

While testing your application, it is important that VB\_P2T.DLL, HSM\_PDF\_RASTER.DLL, and the PSFONTS subdirectory are placed in the correct directory.

## Fonts and Font Substitution

VB\_P2T converts the most common fonts to the correct style and appearance. Some rare fonts may not be translated to the exact font's appearance and style. If a font cannot be translated, VB\_P2T will automatically apply the available font most similar to the original font.

## Password-protected PDF Files

You will accept responsibility for opening password-protected PDF files.

### PDF Passwords Explained

There are two types of passwords for PDF files:

- a) Owner Passwords. The password can be unlocked only by the owner (creator) of the PDF file. Depending on the scope of the password, it disables the edit, print, and/or search functions. With an Owner Password, the PDF file can be opened and viewed but typically cannot be edited, printed or searched. There is no method for the user to unlock the password.
- b) User Passwords. The user must enter the password in order to open the PDF file. Once the file is open, the user can view, print, edit and search the file (edit and search only if text based). If the PDF file is also protected by an Owner password, then the user cannot edit, print and/or search the PDF file, depending on the scope of the Owner password.

**How to process a password-protected PDF file**  
(only for PDF files with User Passwords)

Visual Basic 6

In the Declaration section of your VB6 project add the following (note that the string is case-sensitive):

```
Private Declare Function SetPar Lib "VB_P2T.dll" (ByVal pwr As String)
As Long
```

Check the name of the DLL in the declaration, and adjust if necessary.

In your project code, before the 'Convert' call, add the following:

```
Dim pw as string
pw = InputBox ("Please enter the password.", "Password")
If Trim (pw) <> "" Then
    result = SetPar (pw)
End IF
```

## Free-Type Engine

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- Textlog extracts text from text-based Windows documents.
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## Licensing

For licensing fees please visit [www.expert-tools.com/ENGLISH](http://www.expert-tools.com/ENGLISH) .Please note that the demo version outputs TIFF files crippled with a diagonal line drawn across the image. The licensed version does not draw such a line.

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