

Convert office documents to PDF with LibreOffice

Did you know you can use [LibreOffice](#) to convert your Word, Excel or Powerpoint documents to PDF files?



You can learn about command line commands in the help: [Starting the LibreOffice Software With Parameters](#).

To show an example, let us convert a Word file to PDF:

```
/Applications/LibreOffice.app/Contents/MacOS/soffice --convert-to pdf
--outdir /Users/cs/Desktop /Users/cs/Documents/test.doc
```

To run this, you can use Shell class in Xojo or [Shell](#) functions for FileMaker in MBS Plugin.

In FileMaker, you can run this with [shell](#) functions like this:

```
Set Variable [ $shell ; Value: MBS( "Shell.New" ) ]
Set Variable [ $s ; Value: MBS( "Shell.Execute"; $shell; "/Applications/
LibreOffice.app/Contents/MacOS/soffice"; "--convert-to"; "pdf"; "--
outdir"; "/Users/cs/Desktop"; "/Users/cs/Documents/test.doc" ) ]
If [ MBS("IsError") ]
    Show Custom Dialog [ "Failed to run" ; $s ]
Else
    Set Variable [ $s ; Value: MBS( "Shell.Wait"; $shell; 10) ]
    Set Variable [ $error ; Value: MBS( "Shell.ReadErrorText"; $shell;
"UTF-8") ]
    Set Variable [ $result ; Value: MBS( "Shell.ReadOutputText"; $shell;
"UTF-8") ]
    Show Custom Dialog [ "Converted" ; $result & ¶ & $error ]
End If
Set Variable [ $r ; Value: MBS("Shell.Release"; $shell) ]
```

Enjoy conversion!