

Pandoc is the “Swiss Army Knife” of document conversion. Using it, you can convert files from one document format to nearly any other format. This cheat sheet covers some of the most common cases.

Text conversion

<code>pandoc --from rst --to markdown --output FILE.md FILE.rst</code>	reStructuredText to Markdown
<code>pandoc --from markdown --output FILE.docx FILE.md</code>	Markdown to .docx
<code>pandoc --output FILE.epub FILE1.md FILE2.md</code>	Multiple files to Epub

Epub options

<code>--epub-chapter-level 2</code>	Create chapters at each level-2 header (default is 1)
<code>--toc</code>	Generate table of contents
<code>--data-dir ~/my-pandoc-data</code>	Location of data files (epub.css, templates, and so on)
<code>--epub-cover-image mycover.jpg</code>	Set cover image
<code>--epub-embed-font myfont.otf</code>	Embed font
<code>--epub-metadata my.xml</code>	File containing XML metadata. For example: <pre><dc:rights>Creative Commons</dc:rights> <dc:creator>Seth Kenlon</dc:creator> <dc:title>Panodc Cheatsheet</dc:title></pre>
<code>--epub-stylesheet my.css</code>	Multiple files to Epub

PDF options

<code>--pdf-engine pdflatex</code>	Set PDF converter to pdflatex (requires LaTeX). Other engines include: weasyprint, xelatex, lualatex, pdffroff, ConTeXt, wkhtmltopdf, and prince
<code>-M title:"My PDF"</code>	Set PDF title to "My PDF" in PDF metadata

General options

<code>eval \$(pandoc --bash-completion)</code>	Add to your <code>~/.bashrc</code> file to enable Bash completion
<code>--list-input-formats</code>	See valid formats for <code>--from</code> option
<code>--list-output-formats</code>	See valid formats for <code>--to</code> option
<code>--include-in-header myheader.txt</code>	Include <code>header.txt</code> in each page header
<code>--reference-links</code>	Convert all links to footnotes (do not place inline)
<code>--number-sections</code>	Number each section heading

Code formatting

<code>--list-highlight-languages</code>	See available languages for code syntax highlighting
<code>--list-highlight-styles</code>	See available styles of code syntax highlighting
<code>--strip-comments</code>	Remove HTML comments from Markdown or Textile
<code>--no-highlight</code>	Do not highlight code syntax
<code>--print-highlight-style mystyle.theme</code>	Dump highlighting data to create a custom theme
<code>--highlight-style mystyle.theme</code>	Use custom theme for syntax highlighting

Common format notation

asciidoc	epub	json	muse	s5
beamer	epub2	latex	native	slideous
commonmark	epub3	man	odt	slidy
context	fb2	markdown	opendocument	t2t
creole	gfm	markdown_github	opml	tei
docbook	haddock	markdown_mmd	org	texinfo
docbook4	html	markdown_phpext	plain	textile
docbook5	html4	ra	pptx	tikiwiki
docx	html5	markdown_strict	revealjs	twiki
dokuwiki	icml	mediawiki	rst	vimwiki
dzslides	jats	ms	rtf	zimwiki