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HTML to Image Converter

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Getting Started

This chapter describes the contents of the software diskettes and provides a step by step process of incorporating HTML to Image Converter into your application.

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Files

The package contains the hin.dll and other auxiliary DLL files necessary to incorporate this product into your application.

The package also includes a set of files to construct a demo program. The demo program shows by example the process of linking the DLL to your program.

DLL Demo Files:

The following demo files are included in the c_demo.zip file.

demo.cs	Source code for the demo program
demo.exe	Executable demo program
demo.csproj	The project file to compile the demo.
AssemblyInfo.cs	Assembly information file

Visual Basic Interface and Demo Files:

Form1.vb	vb source file
dmo_vbn.vbproject	The project file for the visual basic demo program.
AssemblyInfo.vb	Assembly information file for the demo program.



License Key

Your License Key and License number are e-mailed to you after your order is processed. You would set the license information using the HisSetLicenseInfo static function. This should be preferably done before creating the Hin object to avoid pop-up nag screens.

```
int HisSetLicenseInfo(String LicenseKey, String LicenseNumber, String CompanyName);
```

LicenseKey: Your license key is available in the product delivery email sent to you upon the purchase of the product. It consists of a string in the form of "xxxxx-yyyyy-zzzzz".

LicenseNumber: Your license number is also available in the product delivery email. The license number string starts with a "srab" or "smo" prefix.

CompanyName: Your company name as specified in your order.

Return Value: This method returns 0 when successful. A non-zero return value indicates an error condition. Here are the possible return values:

- 0 License application successful.
- 1 Invalid License Key.
- 2 Invalid License Number.

3 Ran out of available licenses. Please consider purchasing additional licenses.

Example:

```
result=Hin.HisSetLicenseInfo("xxxxx-yyyyy-zzzzz","srabnnnnn-n","Your Company Name")
```

Replace the 'xxxxx-yyyyy-zzzzz' by your license key, replace "srabnnnnn-n" with your license number, and "Your Company Name" with your company name as specified in your order.

Note: *HisSetLicenseInfo* method should be called only once at the beginning of your application. Calling this method for each conversion would degrade the conversion performance.



Sample Conversion Code

Please ensure that the hin.dll, tesn31.dll, hsn26.dll AxSHDocVw.dll and SSMSHTML.DLL files are available in the project folder.

The HISE.DLL and HIWE.DLL files should be copied to the windows system32 folder.

Set the reference for hin.dll in your project. The remaining DLLs are referenced indirectly by hin.dll.

Now set the namespace for the product:

```
using SubSystems.HI;           // C# example
Imports SubSystems.HI         ' VB Example
```

Now set the product license key and create an HIN type object:

```
Hin.HisSetLicenseInfo("xxxxx-yyyyy-zzzzz", "srabnnnnn-n", "my company name")
```

```
    Hin hi = new Hin(); // C# example
```

```
    dim hi as Hin         ' VB example
    hi = new Hin()
```

```
    hi.ProjectFolder = this.MapPath("");
```

```
    hi.InWebServer = true; // set to true when hosting the
                           // converter in an ASP.NET app
```

Now use one of the following calls to convert from HTML to an Image:

1. Convert an HTML file to an Image file

```

// load html file to determine the number of pages in the
// document

PageCount=hi.HisLoadFile("test.htm");

hi.ImageType=Hin.PICT_JPG; // set output image type to
                           // jpg
Image image=hi.HisGetPageImage(1); // get Image for the
                                   // first page

if (image!=null) {
    result=hi.HisImageToFile(image,"test.jpg");
    image.Dispose();
}

```

2. Convert an HTML string to an Image

```

// load html file to determine the number of pages in the
// document

PageCount=hi.HisLoadBuffer(HtmlString);

hi.ImageType=Hin.PICT_JPG; // set output image type to
                           // jpg
Image image=hi.HisGetPageImage(1); // get Image for the
                                   // first page

```



Control Methods

These methods allow you to convert from html to an Image. Please set the namespace for the Hin class before using these methods:

```
using SubSystems.HI; // C# example
```

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HisLoadBuffer

Load html string and determine the number of pages in the html document.

```
int HisLoadBuffer(InString)
```

```
String InString;           // Input string containing HTML formatted document.
```

Return value: This function returns the number of pages in the html document. A value of zero indicates an error condition.

Examples:

Load an HTML string into the converter

```
hi.ProjectFolder = this.MapPath("");
```

```
PageCount=hi.HisLoadBuffer(HtmlString);
```



HisLoadFile

Load an html file and determine the number of pages in the html document.

```
int HisLoadFile(InFile)
```

```
string InFile;           // Input file containing HTML document
```

Return value: This function returns the number of pages in the html document. A value of zero indicates an error condition.

Examples:

Load an HTML file into the convertere.

```
hi.HisLoadFile("test.htm")
```



HisGetImageType

Return the picture type constant corresponding to the extension of the given file.

```
int HisGetImageType(InFile)
```

```
string InFile;           // Picture file name
```

Return value: This function returns one of the PICT_ constant enumerations corresponding to the extension of the file name provided using the first parameter.

This information can be used to set the ImageType property. The ImageType property determines the type of image returned by the subsequent call to the HisGetPageImage method.

Examples:

```
hi.ImageType=hi.HisGetImageType("test.jpg")
```

```
Image image=hi.HisGetPageImage(1);
```



HisGetLastMessage

Get the last message.

```
int HisGetLastMessage(HisMessage, DebugMessage);
```

```
string HisMessage;           // Returns the default user message text in English

string DebugMsg;            // Returns any debug message associated with the last
                             // message. The debug message need not be displayed to
                             // the user.
```

Return Value: This function returns the last message generated by the editor. This value is valid only if saving of the messages is enabled by setting the HIFLAG_RETURN_MSG_ID flag. This flag is set using the HisSetFlags method.



HisGetPageImage

Return the image for the requested page number for the currently loaded HTML document.

```
Image HisGetPageImage(PageNo)
```

```
int PageNo;                // Page number. This value should be between 1
                             // and the PageCount for the currently loaded HTML
                             // document.
```

Return value: This function returns the Image object for the requested page. A null value indicates an error condition.

Since this method returns an object of the Image class, the System.Drawing namespace must be included in your source module to use this method.

Examples:

```
PageCount=hi.HisLoadFile("test.htm");

hi.ImageType=Hin.PICT_JPG;

Image image=hi.HisGetPageImage(1);
```



HisImageToBytes

Return the the requested image data in a byte array.

```
byte[] HisImageToBytes(image)
```

```
Image image // Image object to save.
```

Return value: This method returns a byte array containing requested image data. A null value indicates an error condition.

This byte array returned by this method can be assigned to a web Response object to deliver to the client machine.

Examples:

```
// write to response object

Response.Clear();
Response.Charset = "";
Response.ContentType = "application/jpg";

string strFileName = "test.jpg";
Response.AddHeader("Content-Disposition",
    "inline;filename=" + strFileName);

Hin hi = new Hin();
hi.InWebServer = true;
hi.ProjectFolder = this.MapPath("");
hi.ImageType = Hin.PICT_JPG;

int PageCount = hi.HisLoadBuffer(HtmlText);
if (PageCount > 0)
{
    System.Drawing.Image image = hi.HisGetPageImage(1);
    byte[] bytes = hi.HisImageToBytes(image);
    image.Dispose();
    Response.BinaryWrite(bytes);
}

Response.Flush();
Response.Close();
Response.End();
```



HisImageToFile

Save the current image to the requested file name.

```
bool HisImageToFile(image, OutFile)
```

```
Image image           // Image object to save.
```

```
String OutFile       // Output image file name
```

Return value: This method returns True when successful.

Examples:

```
PageCount=hi.HisLoadFile("test.htm");

hi.ImageType=Hin.PICT_JPG;

Image image=hi.HisGetPageImage(1);

result=hi.HisImageToFile(image,"test.jpg");
image.Dispose();
```



HisImageToStr

Return the the requested image data in a string.

```
string HisImageToBytes(image)
```

```
Image image           // Image object to save.
```

Return value: This method returns a string containing requested image data. A null value indicates an error condition.

Examples:

```
PageCount=hi.HisLoadFile("test.htm");

hi.ImageType=Hin.PICT_JPG;

Image image=hi.HisGetPageImage(1);
```

```
string str=hi.HisImageToStr(image);  
image.Dispose();
```



HisResetLastMessage

Reset the last editor message.

```
bool HisResetLastMessage()
```

Description: This function can be called before calling any other function to reset the last error message.

Return Value: The function returns TRUE when successful.

See Also

[HisGetLastMessage](#)

[HisSetFlags](#)



HisSetFlags

Set certain flags or retrieve the values of the flags.

```
int HisSetFlags(set, flags)
```

```
bool set; // TRUE to set the given flags, FALSE to reset the given flags
```

```
int flags; // Flags (bits) to set or reset. Currently, the following flag values are available:
```

HIFLAG_RETURN_MSG_ID	Do not display the error messages. Save the error code to be later retrieved using the HisGetLastMessage function.
----------------------	--

Return value: This function returns the new value of all the flags. Call this function with the 'flags' parameter set to zero to retrieve flag values without modifying it.



HisSetHdrFtrText

Set header or footer text.

bool HisSetHdrFtrText(HdrFtrType, TextType, text)

int HdrFtrType;	Select header or footer to set:
HF_FIRST_HDR	Header text to print on the first page.
HF_FIRST_FTR	Footer text to print on the first page..
HF_HDR	Regular header for all pages. When the first page header is also set, then the regular header text is printed on all pages except the first page.
HF_FTR	Regular footer for all pages. When the first page footer is also set, then the regular footer text is printed on all pages except the first page.

int TextType;	Text type:
HFTYPE_TEXT	Plain text.
HFTYPE_RTF	RTF text.

string text; Header or footer text. The header/footer text must be specified as plain text or RTF text depending upon the value passed for the 'TextType' parameter.

Comment: The function should be called before calling the conversion functions to set the header or footer text. You can call this function multiple times to set various types of header or footer.

Return value: This function returns TRUE when successful.

Examples:

```
hpn.HisSetHdrFtrText(Hin.HF_FIRST_HDR, Hin.HFTYPE_TEXT,
    "This is first page header.")
hpn.HisSetHdrFtrText(Hin.HF_FIRST_FTR, Hin.HFTYPE_TEXT,
    "This is first page footer.")
hpn.HisSetHdrFtrText(Hin.HF_HDR, Hin.HFTYPE_TEXT,
```




HisSetPaperSize

Set the page size for Image output.

```
bool HisSetPaperSize(kind, PageWidth, PageHeight)
```

PaperKind kind;	Use one of the PaperKind enumerations defined by .NET
int PageWidth;	The page width in twips units (1440 twips = 1 inch). This argument is used only if kind is set to PaperKind.Custom.
int PageHeight;	The page height in twips units (1440 twips = 1 inch). This argument is used only if kind is set to PaperKind.Custom.

Return Value: This method returns TRUE when successful.

Comment: This method is used to override the default letter size paper when converting an HTML document to the PDF format. This method should be called before calling the HisLoadFile or HisLoadBuffer methods if you wish override the paper size.



Control Properties

The control properties can be before the conversion to affect the Image output. The control supports the following properties:

InWebServer

This property should be set to True when this control is used in a web server. When this property is set to True, the control suppress the display of any dialog and message boxes.

ProjectFolder

Set this property to the folder containing your project, such as c:\inetpub\wwwroot\MyProject. This information helps the converter locate the

images which use relative path. It is also used for creating any temporary files.

ImageType

Use this property to request a particular type of image (default is Bitmap file):

PICT_BMP	Bitmap image
PICT_EMF	Enhanced metafile
PICT_TIF	Tiff image
PICT_JPG	Jpeg image
PICT_PNG	PNG image
PICT_GIF	GIF image
PICT_ICO	Icon image
PICT_EXF	Exif Image

SizePercent

Use this property to change the size of the output image. The default value for this property is 100. You can specify a value small than 100 to obtain a smaller image. Similarly you can specify a value greater than 100 to obtain a larger image.

ImageRes

Use this property to specify the resolution of an image. The default value is 96 dpi.

MetaRes

Use this property to specify the resolution of a metafile image. The default value is 300.

ShrinkToFit

Eliminate the ending white spaces to shrink the image height. This property is only effective for one page html documents.