



Processor



Compress PDFs



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# Compress and Reduce PDF File Size on Linux



PSPDFKit Processor has been deprecated and replaced by [Document Engine](#). To migrate to Document Engine and unlock advanced document processing capabilities, refer to our migration guide. Learn more about these enhancements on our [blog](#).

You can compress PDFs using PSPDFKit Processor.

Before you get started, make sure [Processor is up and running](#).

You can download and use either of the following sample documents for the examples in this guide:

✧ [Example eight-page PDF](#)

✧ [Example four-page PDF](#)

You'll be sending [multipart POST requests with instructions](#) to Processor's `/build` endpoint. To learn more about multipart requests, refer to our blog post on the topic, [A Brief Tour of Multipart Requests](#).

Check out the [API Reference](#) to learn more about the `/build` endpoint and all the actions you can perform on PDFs with PSPDFKit Processor.

## Compressing PDFs

To compress a PDF, use the following example:



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```
1 curl -X POST http://localhost:5000/api/build \
2   -F document=@/path/to/example-document.pdf \
3   -F instructions='{
4     "parts": [
5       {
6         "file": "document"
7       }
8     ],
9     "output": {
10      "type": "pdf",
11      "optimize": {
12        "grayscaleText": true,
13        "grayscaleGraphics": true,
14        "grayscaleFormFields": true,
15        "grayscaleAnnotations": true,
16        "disableImages": true,
17        "mrcCompression": true,
18        "imageOptimizationQuality": 2
19      }
20    }
21  }' \
22   -o result.pdf
```



## Licensing

To compress PDFs with PSPDFKit Processor, the Compression feature needs to be included in your license. [Contact Sales](#) to add compression to your license. After the new component is added to your license, update the offline `LICENSE_KEY` in your PSPDFKit Processor configuration.

## Linearization

You can perform both linearization and compression in a single request to `/build` if both features are enabled in your license:

```
1 instructions = {
2   ...
3   output: {
4     type: "pdf",
5     optimize: {
6       grayscaleText: true,
7       grayscaleGraphics: true,
```



```
8     grayscaleFormFields: true,  
9     grayscaleAnnotations: true,  
10    disableImages: true,  
11    mrcCompression: true,  
12    imageOptimizationQuality: 2,  
13    linearize: true,  
14  }  
15 }  
16 }
```

To learn more about linearization with PSPDFKit Processor, refer to the [linearization](#) guide.

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