

## Offline Reading

exporting blog posts from HTML to ePub and PDF

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This year marks the 10-th year anniversary of my blog. What started as an experiment has evolved into over 170 stories, averaging around 60 thousand pageviews a month. I recently started translating into Dutch, German and Spanish, expanding the reach. And now, I am introducing support for offline reading by making all posts available as ePub and PDF downloads.



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## How it works

The willem.com website runs on the Lemmid content manager system that is a static site generator, outputting optimised HTML suitable for high volume traffic and international distribution. I extended the NodeJS code to automatically export to ePub and PDF by using simplified HTML as input. See the source code snippets below, for ePub I use the [epub-gen](link) module and for PDF I use [pandoc](link) and [LaTeX]. I made a task manager that queues output jobs for individual translations and file formats, spreading computational load on the backend.

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The reactions I have received on my posts come from all over the world and they inspire me to keep writing. With ePub and PDF support I hope to expand my reach even further by enabling more ways to read the articles. Enjoy!

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