

# **XSLTFO\_PDF\_Transformation Service**

Transform XML into a PDF document using XSLT and FO style sheets.

XSL Formatting Objects is itself an XML-based markup language that lets you specify in great detail the pagination, layout, and styling information that will be applied to your content.

XSL FO markup is quite verbose; virtually the only practical way to produce an XSL FO file is to use XSLT to produce a source document.

Finally, once you have this XSL FO file, you need some way to render it to an output medium like PDF. Thus this service...

There are few tools available to do this final step. For these reasons, XML FO has not caught on as quickly as XSLT.

**Option#1** : XML --> XSLT --> FO --> PDF

**Option#2**: XML --> FO --> PDF

**Note:** I've included a small ESB process and two sample ESB Messages to demonstrate the create of a PDF document.