

How to set up automatic actions with Dropbox Automator

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Not only that, there are many other things you can do with Dropbox. File conversion, multiple cloud storage, photo editing or even data encryption can be easily applied with a single drop, with help from Wappwolf Dropbox Automator, a free web application charge. It works by monitoring a specific folder in Dropbox and can be installed to activate priority actions for new files that you drop into the folder.

Link refer to Wappwolf Dropbox Automator: <http://wappwolf.com/dropboxautomator>

Dropbox Automator features

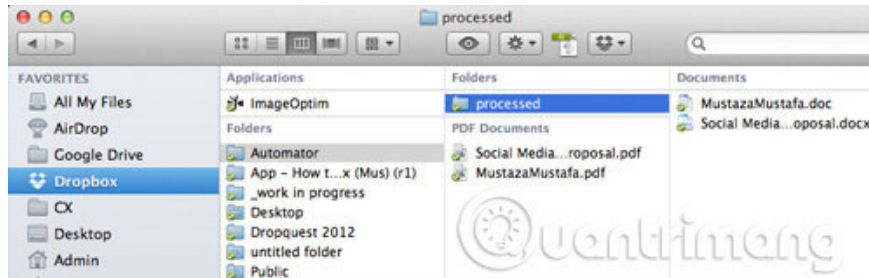
Dropbox Automator provides easy automation of files in selected folders and this process is as simple as this:

1. Select the directory you want to automate.
2. Set the actions you want to apply to the files stored in this folder.
3. Dropbox Automator activates pre-set actions when it finds supported files in the selected folder.

There are many "actions" available that you can use, including converting files to PDF format without manually converting them. Other actions you can take with Dropbox Automator include:

Documents	Pictures	Any file
Convert to PDF	Facebook Upload	E-mail
PDF to TXT	Flickr Upload	Zip file
Google Drive Upload	Picasa / Google+ Upload	Unzip / Unrar file
Google Cloud Print	Downscale	Save it to another folder
Send to your Kindle	Convert image	Rename
Slideshare Upload	Rotate image	FTP-Upload
E-Sign PDF	Write text on image	Upload to box
Convert eBook	30 photo effects	Upload to Microsoft SkyDrive
Audio	Stamp a logo	Upload to Sugarsync
Convert audio	*Dislike*-Stamp	Upload to Evernote
Infos	Remove EXIF infos	Upload to Basecamp project
Twitter	Find a similar image	Encrypt
Facebook		Decrypt
google URL Shortener		

When you set up an action for your folder, Dropbox Automator will start reviewing that folder. Whenever you save a file to this folder, it will automatically create a new folder called ' **Processed** ' within the folder you selected - **Dropbox> YourFolder> Processed** .



All files you store inside YourFolder will be moved to the Processed folder, where all original files are stored. Next, the tutorial will show you how to set up actions to convert documents to PDF.

How to set up automation actions in Dropbox

1. To start automating actions whenever you move files to Dropbox, go to the **Wappwolf Dropbox Automator** page and click the **Try now** button.



2. You will have the option to connect to your Dropbox account, select **Connect Dropbox** or you can also register with your email. Select option **2** to only allow one folder to access **Dropbox-Automator** .



3. After you have chosen to connect to Dropbox, you need to allow Wappwolf access to your account. Click **Allow** .



The app **Wappwolf** would like to connect with your Dropbox.

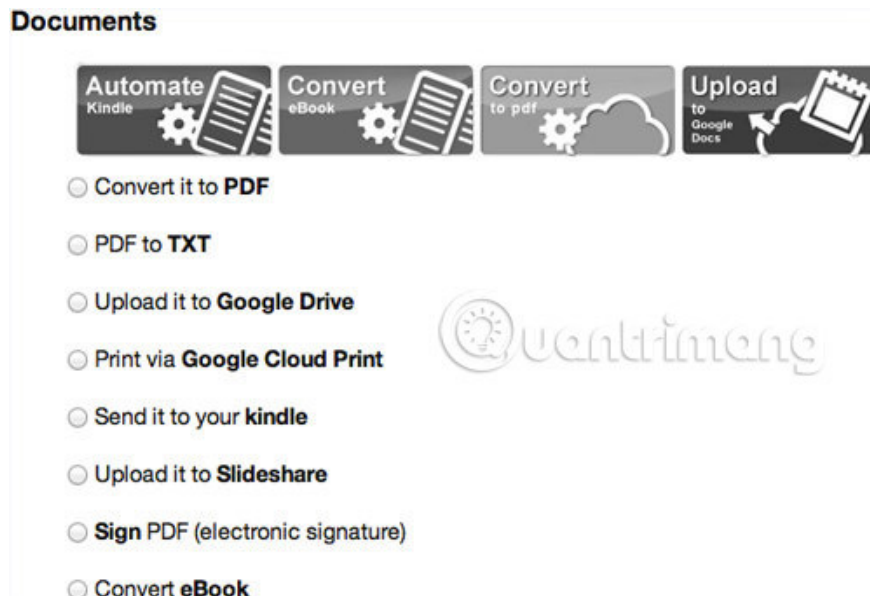
- This app will have access to your entire Dropbox.
- Please make sure you trust this app before proceeding.
- You're currently logged in as **unerasia@gmail.com**. If you meant to connect from another account, you can [logout](#).



4. Select the folder in Dropbox you want to set up automation. Select any folder or click to create ' **New Folder** ', then click **Next** .



5. You will have the option to set up automation actions. If you want to automate the document, select from the '**Document**' section. You can choose to convert documents to PDF, automatically upload to Google Drive cloud memory, send to Kindle and more (see picture below).



6. When you choose any action, you will see details about the action. Read on to understand how the automation process works and find the supported file types, then click **Add Action** to continue.

Converts the file to pdf.

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Supported filetypes:

Types	Extensions
Microsoft Word	doc, dot, docx
Microsoft PowerPoint	pot, ppa, pps, ppt, ppz, pwz, ppsx, pptx
Microsoft Excel	xla, xlb, xlc, xld, xlk, xlm, xls, xlt,xlsx
Microsoft Publisher	pub
Microsoft Works	wps
PostScript and Latex	ps, eps, ai, pm, div
Images	jpg, jpeg, jpe, gif, png, bmp, psd, emf, wmf, mdi
Simple/Rich text	txt, css, bas, c, h, rtx, rtf
OpenOffice 2.x / StarOffice 8.x	odt, ott, oth, odm, odg, otg, odp, otp, ods, ots, odc, odf, odi
OpenOffice 1.x / StarOffice 6.x	sxw, stw, sxc, stc, sxd, std, sxi, sti, sxg, sxm
StarOffice 5.x	sdw, sgl, sdc, sda, sdd, sdp, smf, sds, sdm
Web pages (without images)	htm, html
WordPerfect	wpd, wp4, wp5, wp6
Other	Message (eml), Abiword (abw)

Add Action

7. When you select an action, scroll to the bottom and click **Add Action** again.

Send info

Tweet

Set Facebook status

goo.gl URL Shortener

Advanced

Delete the original file

Back to folders **Add Action**

8. That's all you need to do and now you will be redirected to the status page. Each time you transfer supported files to the selected folder, the conversion status will appear on this page. You can also stop automating, deleting and creating a new one from here.

Your Automations



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Everytime you put a file in the folder *_work in progress*,

Convert it to **PDF** and

Save it in **Dropbox**

Stop automation

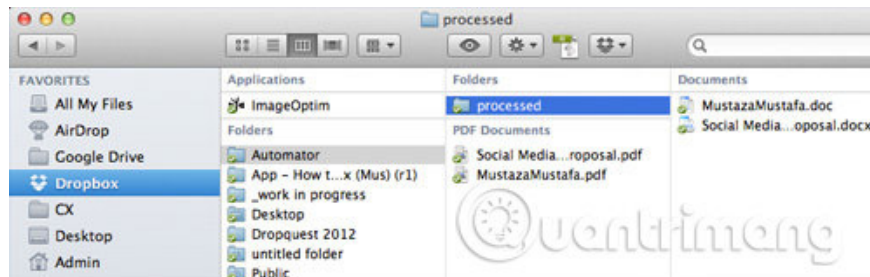
Delete automation

Create a new automation

Automation management in Dropbox

After you have set up an automatic action, to automate this operation, just move your file to the folder you have selected. For example, if your directory name is ' **Automator** ', in Dropbox, it will be **Dropbox> Automator** . Just move your files into **Automator** folder .

The original files will be moved to the processed directory, while the converted files will be in the parent directory.



Now open the Wappwolf page and you will see the number of files processed (marked with green).

Your Automations

/Automator (Dropbox)



Everytime you put a file in the folder *Automator*,
Convert it to **PDF** and
Save it in **Dropbox**

Stop automation

Delete automation



Create a new automation

This service added to Dropbox works very simply, but it is a great help tool to help automate many of the actions you want to perform for your files. This will be really helpful when you need to make bulk changes. Since these actions have been set up automatically, you can save a lot of time to do a lot of other things.

See more:

1. Synchronize the folder on your computer with Google Drive, Skydrive and Dropbox
2. How to synchronize specific folders and share folders in Dropbox
3. Run multiple Dropbox Instance in Windows 7

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