Quick Start: ExportPDF for CorelDraw

Your first export in 5 minutes | Script version 5.2.2

ExportPDF for CorelDraw creates personalized PDFs from the data in a CSV file. It fills numbers and names into your template and saves a finished PDF for every CSV row. This sheet takes you through your first export with the default settings. The chapter numbers in brackets refer to the user guide.

What you need

- **The ExportPDF script in CorelDraw.** The author installs it on your computer.
- **A template:** your document (.cdr) with the product artwork.
- **A CSV file** with numbers, names and sizes.
- You do not need a license. Without one the script runs as a demo: 30 runs, at most 30 days, at most 20 CSV rows (chapter 5.2).

Step 1: Prepare the template

- Every size has its own page. Name them as prefix + size: `jerseys-M`, `jerseys-L`, `jerseys-XL` (chapter 9.2).
- Name the text frames in the Object Manager. The script recognizes by the name what belongs in the frame (chapter 9.1).

Frame name	What the script inserts
`NameText`	name
`NumberText`	number

The examples use the default product Jerseys. Hoodies, caps or mugs are set up as your own product (chapter 8).

Step 2: Prepare the CSV

Prepare the table in Excel, LibreOffice or Google Sheets and save it as CSV in UTF-8 encoding. The first row contains the column names, every further row is one piece (chapter 10.2).

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number;name;size-jerseys;code-jerseys
7;John Smith;M;FC-2026
10;Peter Brown;XL;FC-2026
1;Sarah Miller;S;FC-2026
```

The script picks the page by the size on the row. The code is useful in file and folder names.

Step 3: Run the script

1. Open the template in CorelDraw. It must be saved.
2. Choose **Tools > Scripts > Run Script...** and select the ExportPDF script.
3. The **“Script Preferences”** dialog appears. For the first export, change nothing in it and confirm with **OK** (chapter 6).
4. Select your CSV file.

The first run takes longer because the script checks its files. Do not close CorelDraw, just wait.

Step 4: Set up the export

In the **“Export Settings”** dialog (chapter 12.1):

1. Check that every page has the right type (product) and size. The script fills them in from the names.

2. Choose the export folder. The script offers the folder that contains the document.
3. Choose the PDF preset with the **“PDF Settings...”** button.
4. Look at the file name preview. The names are controlled by a template, for example `{code}-{number}-{size}` creates the file `FC-2026-7-M.pdf`.

Step 5: Export

Click **OK**. For every CSV row the script fills the frames on the page of the given size and saves a PDF. At the end it shows a summary with the number of files and any errors (chapter 12.4).

A detailed record is in the file `ExportPDF-Corel_Log.txt` in the document folder.

What else the script can do

Function	What it is for	Guide chapter
Your own products and profiles	hoodies, caps or mugs instead of jerseys	8
Graphic numbers	digits from your symbols instead of digits from the font	11.4
Logo in the number	a logo placed inside the digits of the back number	11.5
Diacritics from symbols	accents for fonts that do not have them	11.1
Condensing long text	a long name fits into the space you define	11.7
Optional graphic	a sponsor logo only on rows that have it in the CSV	11.6
Text on two lines	a name or nickname on two lines	10.5
Laser contours	a contour around a shape for laser cutting	11.8
Underlining text	an underlined number or name on selected rows	11.10
Group mode	data filled directly in the document, without PDF export	12.5

If something does not work

The script showed the “Map CSV Columns” dialog

The columns in the CSV are named differently from what the script expects. Assign them in the dialog, or rename them in the CSV as in the example (chapter 10.3).

A frame was not filled

Check the frame name and that the frame is on the page of the given size. The guide describes other causes (chapter 13.4).

A page has no product and size assigned

The name must be prefix + size, for example `jerseys-XL`. You can also assign it by hand in the export dialog (chapter 12.1).

Accented letters appear as boxes or in a different font

The font does not contain these letters. Choose a different font, or use diacritics from symbols (chapter 11.1).

More help is in the guide (chapter 13). Support: info@exportpdf.cz, www.exportPDF.cz.