

# 1 Framework III/IV to Word Converter

## 1.1 Welcome



Having installed the "**R&L-Framework-Converter**" you should see this document. You can now load your Framework III and Framework IV-files in Word.

**Please note:**

**The trial version adds sometimes our banner (Only in the converted file). Also in some lines all chars will be replaced by ~~~~~~. Apart from that there are no limitations.**

**DON'T SAVE THESE FILES!**

## 1.2 System requirements/functions

### System requirements

The R&L-Framework-Converter works in the following system environment:

- WIN 9x, ME, WIN NT 4.0 or WIN 2000, XP, Vista or higher
- Word 97 (8.0), Word 2000 (9.0), Word XP (10.0), Word 2003 (11.0) or Word 2007 (12)

These programs have to be installed before you can install the converter.

### Introduction

The R&L-Framework-Converter has been developed for all those, who contemplate to change from Aston-Tate's Framework III or Framework IV to Word but are afraid of losing the data contained in their old Framework-files.

Up to now the only way to keep the data contained in the old Framework-files was to use Framework's ability to save files in a foreign format which can later be read by Word. The only format that can be written by Framework and read by Word is a ASCII-format with word wrapping (the old DOS Word versions that are supported by Framework IV are not anymore supported by the import filters delivered with Word). The general disadvantage of this method is that the "framish" structure of the Framework-files and the different styles are not maintained. In addition to that, this method is elaborate and time consuming. This is even more true, when the change to Word is combined with a hardware change so that you need further file storage on external data carriers.

With our R&L-Framework-Converter you can import your old Framework-text files (file-extension \*.fw3, \*.fw4) directly into Word. You do not need the Framework III or Framework IV program files anymore.

To keep your old data contained in the Framework-text files it is only necessary to store them on you hard disk or on an external data carrier. If you need them, you can directly load them in Word and save them as genuine Word (extension: \*.doc) files.

### How the R&L-Framework-Converter works

The R&L-Framework-Converter is in functional parts a Word Add-In plus one DLL-file, that is executed by Word and do the conversion job. These program files are simply added to Word and do not any changes inside the original Word program files. The original and the individual user made templates stay the way they are. The converted Framework document will adopt the individually settings of the user, which are stored in the normal template "normal.dot".

During the conversion process the converter will create no additional files. The hard disk will only be

filled with new files, when the user decides to save the former Framework file as a new Word document. For data security's sake the old Framework file will be kept on the hard disk and can be loaded whenever you want. If the old Framework files are of no use anymore, they can be deleted manually.

### Our aim

When developing the R&L-Framework-Converters our first goal was to make things easy for former users of Framework III and Framework IV who now decided to "convert" to Word.

We had to consider, that, compared to Word, Framework has a completely different user philosophy and is completely different to operate. With our conversion program we tried to maintain the typical Frameworkish structure of the files as much as possible.

Besides that we had to keep in mind, that most of the users of our R&L-Framework-Converter will be newbies to Word and that it will be hard enough for them to adapt to Word. Because of this we wanted to create a tool, which is self explaining and easy to use. For this reason the operation of our converter is just as easy as opening a "\*.doc" document in Word.

## 1.3 Buttons and functions

You can find the R&L Framework-Converter menu right under the "**File/Framework-Converter**" menu.

You will find the following menu entries:



Load a Framework file



Optimize a Framework file which has already been loaded. The styles contained in the "normal.dot" will be copied (compare section [Known Problems](#)) and the file will be loaded in the online view.



Load this help document for help.



Calls the order page.

Two buttons will be added to your command bar:



Load a Framework file



Optimize a Framework file.

To load a Framework file you can either click on the symbol  on the command bar or select the menu item **File/Framework-Converter/Open Framework-File**.

The Word dialog box "load file" will appear. Pick the Framework file that you want to load, mark it and click on "load". The Framework file should load into the Word's online layout and every former frame should now be a subdivision. The name of each former frame is now the heading of each subdivision, so that the structure of the Framework file is transformed to Word and the philosophy of Framework is maintained as best as possible.

## 1.4 Batch conversion

To convert a large number of files, the demo version and the premium version of the converter allow the usage of our RL-File-Conversion-Wizard. It is completely free. The usage is very easy and comfortable.

## 1.5 Installation

1. Execute the file FWCNV.EXE. You can use the Explorer and left-double-click on the file FWCNV.EXE.
2. When " FWCNV.EXE" is executed it will decompress. After a while you will be asked to start the setup process. Confirm with the "**INSTALL**" button.
3. At the beginning of the setup process you will be shown a license agreement. When you have read the license term and accept them you may continue with the button "**I AGREE**". By doing this, you acknowledge our license terms and the installation will be completed.
4. This document should pop up and the converter is ready for action.

### Installed files

The converter comes in a self extracting archive. The following table shows the files contained in the archive. Normally you won't get to see those files. You can recognize the files as they all, except the setup file, start with "fw"):

File	Function	Destination Path
Fwcnv.dll	Conversion program file	Program Folder
Uninstall.exe	Deinstallation program	Program Folder
Fwinfo.rtf	License text	Program Folder
Fwcnv.dot	Word Add-In	Office\Startup
info.chm	This document	Program Folder
Setup.exe	Installation program	-
Complete.exe	Completes Setup for other users	Program Folder
Setup.uni	Deinstallation information generated by "setup.exe" individually for your system	Program Folder




(Attention: These files are normally not shown by the Explorer! A DLL-file (and \*.CNV, too) is a system file which is not shown in the standard settings of the Explorer!)  
(These directories can have a different name on your system!)

## 1.6 Deinstallation

To deinstall the R&L-Framework-Converter **you need to close Word.**

Having closed Word you change to the System's configuration table, double-click on "Software", mark "Framework to Doc Converter" in the list of programs to be deinstalled and click on "Add/Remove". The program vanishes completely, no program files or registry entries will stay on your system! If there was, against all expectations, a problem with the deinstallation, you can, however, remove the files listed under [files](#) manually.

## 2 Known problems

- The trial version and the premium version convert spreadsheet frames and database frames to Word. Word is, however, unlike Framework neither a spreadsheet nor a database program. When many columns have to be imported, there is no reasonable way to show them in Word because the text can not be shown without word wrapping. Our converter deletes unused columns and rows, but sometimes this doesn't help it. The tables have to be adjusted manually. If Excel or a similar program is running on your system, you may insert the tables as objects.
- When you open an existing document in Word (if you do not create a new one), it will not be linked to a template. This is a useful measure for word documents as they are already linked to the template with which they have been created. If you, however, open a Framework file it may appear somehow strange. Its appearance may be completely different from the appearance of the Word documents created on the basis of the normal template.
- For this reason we copy the styles contained in the normal template into the converted Framework file. The optics are mended.
- When converting foreign formats Word is not bug free. Under certain circumstances standard level text becomes outline level 1 or higher text. This flawed behavior is showing irregularly and is not at all foreseeable. In most cases the false file import won't be noticed. The consequence is, however, that Word is generating a wrong document structure which can be seen in outline level view and in online view. This is a general problem of Word with RTF (Rich Text Format). All import filters internally use RTF and all filters show this buggy behavior.
- To tackle this problem we added an extra loading function () , which fixes the bug. We added a few bonus features to this loading function. Without the Word bug the converter would be integrated 100% in Word and the loading function would be obsolete.
- Should a Framework file accidentally have been loaded with the normal Word loading function () , the bug can appear. For this reason we have implemented a further function () which allows a correction .
- The page and margin formats will not be converted. This is hardly possible as Framework works with fixed fonts but Word works with variable ones. A 1 to 1 conversion is not feasible.
- Word 97 does not run perfect in the user mode of Windows 2000. Expect problems while opening and saving files. Our macros may not run.

### Word Hints

Word 2000 and XP show the same RTF-fault as Word 97 (see above). Therefore our extensions to bypass this fault are still necessary.

As Word 2000 and XP offer new security mechanisms, which could prevent the converter to start. We suggest to trust our Add In.

## 3 Version information

### Version 1.00

First published version.

### Version 1.01

Filenames containing non ASCII characters will now be recognized. This fault affected the Trial- and Premium version.

### Version 1.02

The installation program crashed if the registry entry, pointing to the common file directory, didn't exist. Support for Word 2000.

### Version 1.03

The font attributes Sub- or Superscript didn't terminate correctly, in the Word document they were active until the next paragraph. So some characters were displayed in Sub- or Superscript, instead of having a normal font style.

### Version 1.04

1. Roamed brackets now lead to valid RTF-code.
2. The ∞-char and the Ø are now explicitly converted.
3. The optional hyphen will be recognized.

### Version 1.05

Footnotes are converted now into real Word footnotes. This version eliminates also an error concerning FW-files containing footnotes.

### Version 1.05H

New Setup which allows to choose the destination directory. All language version are contained in one setup. Improved support for Word XP and multiuser environments.

### Version 1.10

Better support for international font sets.

### Version 1.11

1. Headlines with multiple lines are completely transferred now
2. Word 97 - under Windows 2000/XP - can not process macros which uses wildcards in filenames. Fixed.

### Version 1.12

Very long frame names resulted in buffer overflows.

### Version 1.12A

1. Refresh of documentation.
2. Unified order form for all products.

### Version 1.20

Support for Word 2003

### Version 1.30

Support for Word 2007. Improved support for Windows Vista.

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