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Subject: Re: pdf extractor

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oxfordenergyservices@googlemail.com wrote:

> does anybody know of an idl function to extract text from a pdf file?

> or something similar on linux?

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> Thanks

How about:

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```
IDL> spawn,'pdftotext working_with_color.pdf -',text
```

```
IDL> for i=0,4 do print,text[i]
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Not really IDL as-such but maybe it'll do what you need.

Thanks,

Allan

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