
Subject: Re: pdf extractor

Posted by [Allan Whiteford](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2009 17:17:00 GMT

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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?
>
> Thanks

How about:

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```
IDL> spawn,'pdftotext working_with_color.pdf -',text
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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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Posted by [oxfordenergyservices](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2009 15:14:29 GMT

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On 12 Jan, 17:17, Allan Whiteford

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It tells me what I need to know. pdftotext isn't on my linux but i'll
get it put on then I'll be away!

Russ
