Posted by Allan Whiteford on Mon, 12 Jan 2009 17:17:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message 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: +++ IDL> spawn, 'pdftotext working_with_color.pdf -',text IDL> for i=0,4 do print,text[i] Chapter 3 Discovering the Possibilities Working with Color **Chapter Overview** +++ Not really IDL as-such but maybe it'll do what you need. Thanks, Allan Subject: Re: pdf extractor Posted by oxfordenergyservices on Thu, 15 Jan 2009 15:14:29 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message On 12 Jan, 17:17, Allan Whiteford <allan.rem...@phys.remove.strath.ac.remove.uk> wrote: > oxfordenergyservi...@googlemail.com wrote: >> does anybody know of an idl function to extract text from apdffile? >> or something similar on linux? >> Thanks

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> How about:

> +++

Subject: Re: pdf extractor

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> IDL> for i=0,4 do print,text[i]
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   Discovering the Possibilities
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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!

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