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Description

pdf2txt converts a PDF document to a plain text file.

Quick start

Convert PDF file `myfile.pdf` to a plain text file saved as `myfile.txt`

```
pdf2txt myfile
```

Same as above, but save the plain text file as `mytext.txt`

```
pdf2txt myfile, saving(mytext)
```

Same as above, and overwrite the existing `mytext.txt`

```
pdf2txt myfile, saving(mytext) replace
```

Syntax

```
pdf2txt srcfile [ , options ]
```

srcfile is a .pdf file. If *srcfile* is specified without an extension, .pdf is assumed. If *srcfile* contains embedded spaces or other special characters, enclose it in double quotes.

<i>options</i>	Description
<u>s</u> aving(<i>targetfile</i>)	specify the target plain text file to be saved
<u>r</u> eplace	replace the target plain text file if it already exists
<u>n</u> omsg	suppress message with link to <i>targetfile</i>

Options

saving(*targetfile*) specifies the target plain text file to be saved. If *targetfile* is specified without an extension, .txt is assumed. If *targetfile* contains embedded spaces or other special characters, enclose it in double quotes. If saving() is not specified, the target filename is constructed using the source filename (*srcfile*) with the .txt extension.

replace specifies that the target plain text file be replaced if it already exists.

nomsg suppresses the message that contains a link to the target file.

To convert this file to a plain text file, we type

```
. pdf2txt bpreport.pdf
```

This creates `bpreport.txt`, shown below:

```

Do-file Editor - bpreport.txt*
File Edit View Language Project Tools
bpreport.txt* x Navigator
1 We analyze data from the Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
2
3 Table 1. Descriptive statistics
4
5 Diabetes status
6 Not diabetic Diabetic Total
7 N 9,850 (95.2%) 499 (4.8%) 10,349 (100.0%)
8 Systolic blood pressure 130.088 (22.759) 146.651 (28.387) 130.887 (23.332)
9 Weight (kg) 71.658 (15.220) 76.670 (17.175) 71.900 (15.357)
10 Body mass index (BMI) 25.413 (4.832) 27.996 (5.818) 25.538 (4.915)
11
12 Table 2. Linear regression of systolic blood pressure
13 bpsystol Coefficient Std. err. t P>|t| [95% conf. interval]
14 age .6379892 .0111315 57.31 0.000 .6161692 .6598091
15 weight .4069041 .0124786 32.61 0.000 .3824435 .4313646
16 _cons 71.27096 1.041742 68.42 0.000 69.22894 73.31297
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```

Also see

[\[RPT\] docx2txt](#) — Convert a Word (.docx) document to a plain text file⁺

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