

Re: OT: Copying text from a PDF

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mroberds@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

>Terry Pinnell <terrypinDELETE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
>>Rich Grise <richgrise@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
>>>Click "Download" to get to <http://www.foolabs.com/xpdf/download.html> ,
>>>[...]
>>
>>Glad you introduced me to it.
>
>Ahem...

Sorry, Matt – it was of course you who gave me the nod on xpdf <g>.

>>Am I right? Any other methods?
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>3 and 4 let you just type "pdftotext" no matter what directory you're
>in:
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>3) Put "D:\Program Files\xpdf-3.00pl3\" in your \$PATH.

Presumably that would mean adding a PATH statement as the sole entry in an autoexec.bat file in C:\? It seems I long ago got rid of that file, as I thought it was an archaism now frowned upon?

>4) Copy pdftotext.exe to c:\windows or c:\winnt (which are already in
> your \$PATH).

That looks great. Will try later today.

>5) Install the "Command Prompt Here" powertoy (Google it) which will
> allow you to navigate to the folder in Explorer, then get a command
> prompt starting in that directory.

Yep, got that already thanks. That's what I used earlier, but then needs pasting in the filename and putting quotes around it.

>6) format c:, then install Linux or FreeBSD. Caution: this process may
> lose data.

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Think I'll pass on that for now, thanks!

Ideally, I'd like to be able to r-click the PDF filename, wherever it is, and choose PDFtoTEXT from a context menu. Is that possible somehow please? Even maybe deploying a keyboard macro utility to enter some keystrokes at the appropriate stage?

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