

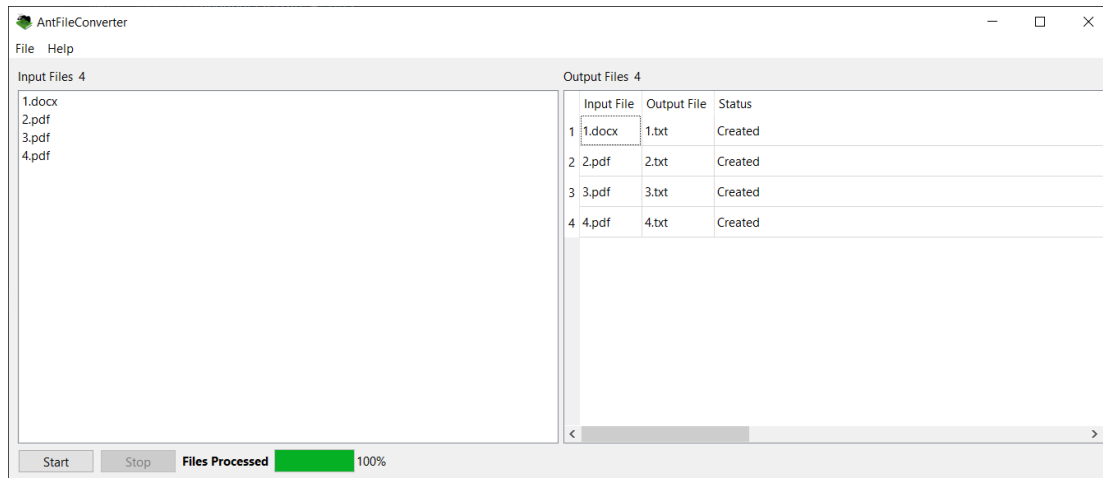


AntFileConverter (Windows)

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Introduction

AntFileConverter is a very easy to use freeware tool for converting PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx) files to plain text (in the UTF-8 encoding). It runs on any computer running Microsoft Windows (tested on Win 7), Macintosh OS X (tested on OS X 10.9 Mavericks), and Linux (tested on Linux Mint 17) computers. It is developed in Python and Qt using the *PyInstaller* compiler to generate executables for the different operating systems.

Getting Started

Windows - Installer

Double click the *AntFileConverter.exe* file and follow the instructions to install the application into your Programs folder. You can delete the .exe file when you are finished. You can start the application via the Start Menu.

Windows - Portable

Unzip the *AntFileConverter.zip* file into a folder of your choice. In the *AntFileConverter* folder, double click the *AntFileConverter.exe* file to launch the program.

Macintosh OS X

Double click the *AntFileConverter.dmg* file to create a *AntFileConverter* disk image on your desktop. Open the disk image and drag and drop the *AntFileConverter* app onto the Applications folder (or into another location if you desire). You can then launch the app by double clicking on the icon in the Applications folder or the Launchpad.

Linux

Decompress the *AntFileConverter.tar.gz* file into a folder of your choice. In the *AntFileConverter* folder, double click the *AntFileConverter.sh* file to launch the software. On the command line, type `./AntFileConverter.sh` to launch the software.

Step-By-Step Guide

Step 1: Load your original files into *AntFileConverter* via the "Open File" or "Open Dir" File Menu. You can also drag and drop files into the "Original Files" list directly. Only files with a ".pdf/.PDF" or (".docx/.DOCX") extension will be listed regardless of what files or directories you select or attempt to drag and drop on to the list.

Step 2: Click the Start button and wait for the files to be converted. The converted files will be saved in the same directory(s) as the original files with the same name but with the ".txt" extension added.

Loaded files can be removed from the list by choose the "Close Files" menu option. You can stop the conversion process at any time by pressing the "Stop" button.

NOTES

Comments/Suggestions/Bug Fixes

All new editions and bug fixes are listed in the revision history below. However, if you find a bug in the program, or have any suggestions for improving the program, please let me know and I will try to address the issues in a future version.

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KNOWN ISSUES

None at present.

REVISION HISTORY

2.0.2

A minor upgrade using the most recent PDF to text converter engine.

Bug features

1. The software is now updated to the most recent PDF to text converter engine. Also, some settings have been changed to deal with a wider variety of PDF oddities.
2. Fixed a small bug that prevented the software from launching on MacOS Big Sur.

2.0.1

A minor upgrade to adopt a more modern packaging system.

Bug features

1. Not strictly a bug fix, but on Windows, the application now comes as an installer or portable app. On MacOS, the application now comes as a dmg package. On Linux, the application now comes as a compressed .tar.gz file.

2.0.0

A major upgrade to update the interface and update the install procedure for Mac.

New features

1. The app interface is now updated for a slightly more modern look.

2. The build process to compile the app for Mac OS has been updated. Now the application is released as a pkg file that can be installed into a normal location (e.g., the Applications folder). The app is also digitally signed and notarized by Apple so fewer security errors will appear.

1.2.1

A minor upgrade correcting a single bug.

Bug fixes

1. A bug that caused copying of the results table contents to only include a single cell has been fixed.

1.2.0

New features

1. Now released for Macintosh OS X
2. Now Microsoft Word (.docx) files can also be converted to plain text.
3. Converted text files are now stored in a "txt" subfolder below the main folder when the target files are stored.

1.1.0

New features

1. Embedded this help file into the menu help
2. Added checks for protected PDF files. Protected files are skipped with a 'Failed' report. Successfully converted files are reported as 'Created'.

1.0.0

This is the first version of the program

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