

PdfToText

With Zaufi's new TikiIntegrator I realized that I've got a lot of pdfs that I'd like to convert for my Tiki site so I'm wrestling with this bash script using [pdftotext](#)

Any help would very much be appreciated!

redflo and zaufi both helped out here... this is the script that worked from the mnt/crdom1 directory

```
for i in `find -name '*.pdf'`; do pdftotext -layout $i ~/convertedpdfs/$i.txt; done
```

Next time I'll mv the files first... but it worked like a charm! Now to add the script around it so I can reuse it ad nauseum...



The script will be used multiple times on different CDs of PDFs

```
script name =  
convertpdftotext.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash  
#####  
#setup variables  
#####  
PDFDIR=' /mnt/cdrom1/PDFs/'  
#####  
# Convert pdf files to text  
#####  
cd ${PDFDIR}  
for files in $PDFDIR -type f -name "*.pdf" -exec echo pdftotext {} --layout ~/convertedpdfs  
{}.txt \  
#####  
#I need to tell it to look for *.pdfs but not sure how to do that  
#Maybe for *.pdf files in ${PDFDIR}???  
do  
    if [ -f $
```

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No records found.

```
]; then  
    echo converting $
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```
&gt;&gt;/tmp/convertedpdfs #&lt;----- I like seeing what's happening  
pdftotext $
```

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--layout \$

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```
.txt &gt;&gt;~/convertedpdfs
done
```

I'm getting errors:

```
converpdfstotext.sh: line 1: !/bin/bash: No such file or directory
converpdfstotext.sh: line 19: syntax error near unexpected token `done'
converpdfstotext.sh: line 19: `done'
```

or this one?

```
#####
#!/bin/bash
#####
# setup variables
#probably need to set a variable for the PDF files
#####
PDFDIR=' /mnt/cdrom1/PDFs/'
FILE=*.pdf #&lt;-----I don't think that's it :(
#copy it
cp /mnt/cdrom1/PDFs/$FILE ~/tmp/PDF

#do processing here
for f in ${PDFDIR}
do
  mv $f $N.pdf
  pdftotext -layout $N
  echo $f renamed into $N.txt #&lt;----- I like seeing what's happening
done
exit 0
#####
```