

# 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/cdrom1 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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]; then  
    echo converting $
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```
>>/tmp/convertedpdfs #<----- I like seeing what's happening  
pdftotext $
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--layout \$

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```
.txt >>~/convertedpdfs  
done
```

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I'm getting errors:

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

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**or this one?**

```
#####  
#!/bin/bash  
#####  
# setup variables
```

```
#probably need to set a variable for the PDF files
#####
PDFDIR=' /mnt/cdrom1/PDFs/'
FILE=*.pdf #<-----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 #<----- I like seeing what's happening
done
exit 0
#####
```