

Re: PDF-to-DOC: My How-to guide

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G'Day Ward,

Your information is invaluable! Definitely!

But you've been 'ecstatic' for quite some time now (at least 4 days), and I am concerned for your psychic 'economy'.

As Alan Greenspan is wont to say, too much heat in the economy can lead to inflationary pressures that, left untended, can lead to a 'meltdown' and depression.

Take care! Have a soft landing!

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Regards,
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"Ward" <Ward@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> The Best Solution for Converting PDF Documents to Microsoft Word

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> I have spent a few weeks studying a problem where I needed to do bulk
> PDF-to-DOC conversions at work. That is, I have hundreds of PDF documents
> dynamically generated daily which need to be converted to Microsoft Word.
> From my research, I want to share my thoughts and the solution I picked.

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> Background

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> My first instinct was to look to Adobe for a fix. It's their format and
> they created it. Who else could help me more? Digging deeper, I
> discovered
> Adobe's dirty little secrets.

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> Adobe Acrobat (Standard and Professional) does not convert PDF files to
> DOC

> – it converts PDF files to RTF files with a DOC extension. Unless you

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- > uncheck the "Confirm conversion at Open" in Microsoft Word, you will be
- > prompted to convert every PDF into a pseudo Word document. Even with
- > Acrobat, Adobe still doesn't give you real fix.
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- > The limitations don't stop. With Adobe Acrobat Standard edition, you will
- > have to open each PDF file one at a time and go through the "Save As"
- > routine
- > to convert your PDF documents to Word. If you have hundreds of PDF
- > documents, clicking "File", "Save As" repeatedly is ridiculous.
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- > Adobe Acrobat Professional has a batch processing component. But, if you
- > only need to convert PDF files to Word documents, the Professional edition
- > is
- > a waste of money. Adobe Acrobat Professional 7.0 costs about \$450 per
- > user!
- > I needed a solution where 6 to 10 people would be converting files daily –
- > \$450 x 10 for converting documents is absurd.
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- > My Solution: Microsoft Word + Scansoft's PDF Converter
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- > There are lots of PDF-to-DOC converters on the market, and I tested a lot
- > of
- > these programs:
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- > 1. ScanSoft PDF Converter @ www.scansoft.com
- > 2. Solid Converter PDF @ <http://www.solidpdf.com/>
- > 3. PDF Grabber @ www.pixelplanet.com
- > 4. PDF2Word @ <http://www.verypdf.com/pdf2word/>
- > 5. Adobe Acrobat 6.0 Standard and Adobe Acrobat 7.0 Professional @
- > www.adobe.com
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- > After all my research and testing I chose Scansoft's PDF converter. It
- > did
- > the best job converting PDF files. No exception. It costs \$50 making
- > Adobe
- > Acrobat's \$450 price tag laughable.
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- > But here's the part I like the best: it integrates with Microsoft Word.
- > So
- > what does that mean? It means you can use the Word Batch Conversion
- > Wizard
- > (the best kept secret – check it out!) to convert mounds of PDF documents
- > to
- > the native Microsoft Word DOC format. Instead of getting RTF files with
- > DOC
- > extensions, PDF Converter actually converts PDF documents to "real"
- > Microsoft
- > Word documents.
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- > Adding PDF Converter provided the best, cheapest answer to the PDF-to-DOC
- > mystery. Since everyone at my company has Microsoft Office already

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- > installed, this solution beats all the other ideas I've seen or read so
- > far.
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- > Debunking Alternative Solutions
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- > You don't need to buy Adobe Acrobat. That's right. Save the money.
- > Internet forums and well-intentioned souls will tell you otherwise. You
- > only
- > need Microsoft Word and PDF Converter to get the job done and done
- > professionally. For viewing PDF documents in their native format,
- > download
- > the free Adobe Acrobat Reader.
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- > Wrap-up
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- > My solution works for everyone. I needed to convert hundreds of PDF
- > documents, but if you only need to convert a few documents, this fix is
- > still
- > your best answer. You can't convert PDF documents to Microsoft Word for
- > free. You have to purchase software from someone to do it – that's just
- > the
- > nature of this beast. But for only \$50, you won't be disappointed in my
- > recommendation.
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- > I don't work for Scansoft, but I'm always ecstatic when I find something
- > that works. You can try PDF Converter at
- > <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/marketplace/EM010948541033.aspx?CategoryID=CE010171771033>.
- > Since I've been down the PDF-to-DOC road, I want to save you the heartache
- > and set you on the right path.
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- > credit.

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