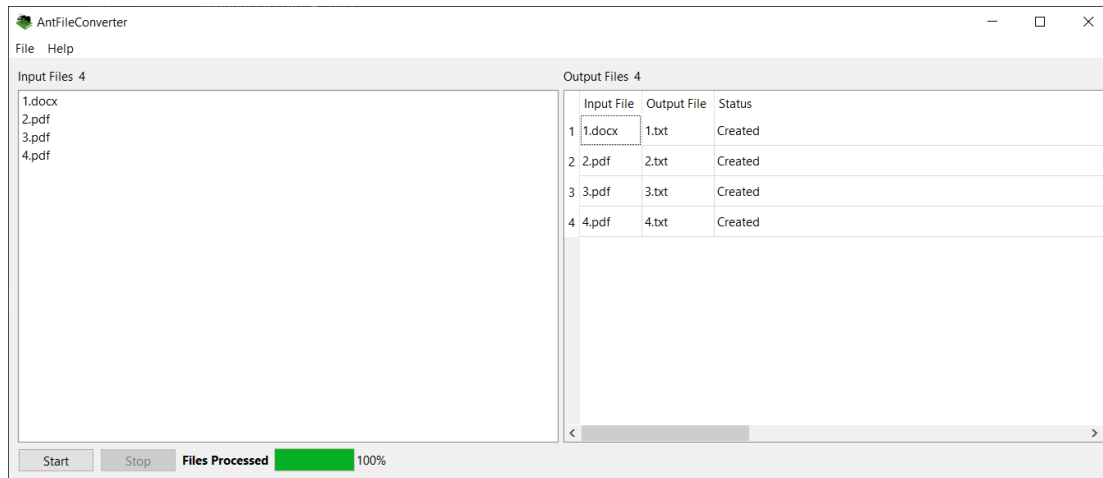# AntFileConverter (Windows, MacOS, Linux)
Build 2.1.0

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Introduction

AntFileConverter is a very easy to use freeware tool for converting PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx, .doc) 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

- If you have any suggestions for improving the software or notice any bugs, please post them in the AntFileConverter Discussion Group (https://groups.google.com/g/antfileconverter). Indeed, many of the improvements and updates made to the software have been due to the comments of users around the world, for which I am very grateful. The AntFileConverter Discussion Group is also a good place to discuss how you are using the software and any challenges that your face.
- If you find the software useful in your research, teaching, or learning, you may consider making a small donation to support the future development of this tool. A link to the donation page can be found here: https://www.laurenceanthony.net/software/antfileconverter/
- You may also be interested in becoming an AntLab patron. Depending on the level of support, this option will give you priority support with direct access to the developer (Laurence Anthony), and various other benefits. A link to the donation page can be found here
- https://www.patreon.com/antlab

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