



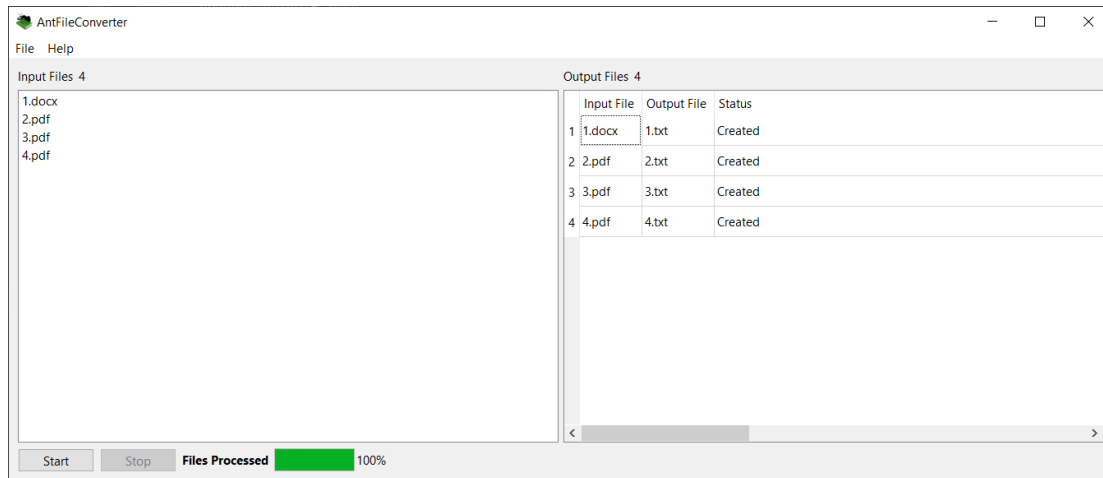
# AntFileConverter (Windows)

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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

On Windows systems, simply double click the *AntFileConverter* icon and this will launch the program.

### Macintosh OS X

On Macintosh systems, simply double click the *AntFileConverter* pkg file and follow the instructions to install the application into you Applications folder. You can delete the pkg file when you are finished.

### Linux

On Linux systems, set the permissions to run the executable, then double click the *AntFileConverter* icon to launch the program.

## 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**

#### 2.0.1

A minor upgrade to adopt a more modern packaging system.

##### New features

1. 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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