PDFlib TET PDF IFilter 5.1
Enterprise PDF Search for Windows

What is PDFlib TET PDF IFilter?

TET PDF IFilter extracts text and metadata from PDF documents and makes it available to search and retrieval software on Windows. This allows PDF documents to be searched on the local desktop, a corporate server or the Web. TET PDF IFilter is based on the patented PDFlib Text and Image Extraction Toolkit (TET), an established developer product for reliably extracting text from PDF documents.

TET PDF IFilter is a robust implementation of Microsoft's IFilter indexing interface. It works with all search and retrieval products which support the IFilter interface, e.g. SharePoint and SQL Server. Such products use format-specific filter programs – called IFilters – for particular file formats, e.g. HTML. TET PDF IFilter is such a program, aimed at PDF documents. The user interface for searching documents may be the Windows Explorer, a Web or database frontend, a query script or a custom application. As an alternative to interactive searches, queries can also be submitted programmatically without any user interface.

Unique Advantages

TET PDF IFilter offers the following advantages:

- ▶ Supports Western text, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean (CJK) text and right-to-left languages such as Arabic and Hebrew
- ▶ Text from bookmarks, annotations (comments) and form fields
- ▶ Indexes protected documents and extracts text even from PDFs where Acrobat fails
- ▶ Configurable metadata indexing for document properties
- ▶ Automatic script and language detection for improved search

Based on patented TET Technology

PDFlib TET, the basis of TET PDF IFilter, was first released in 2002, and is used by customers worldwide in server and desktop environments. As an alternative to extracting PDF page contents and metadata as raw text, TET can supply the document contents in XML format. TET is also available as a free plugin for Adobe Acrobat. This plugin allows interactive test and evaluation of TET's superior text and image extraction.
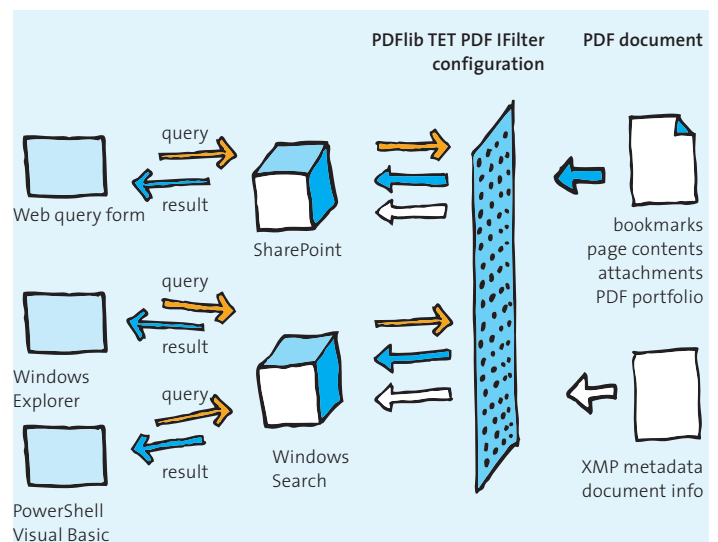
Enterprise PDF Search

TET PDF IFilter is available in thread-safe 32- and 64-bit versions. You can implement enterprise PDF search solutions with TET PDF IFilter and all Microsoft or third-party products which support the IFilter interface including the following:

- ▶ Microsoft SharePoint Server
- ▶ Microsoft Search Server
- ▶ Microsoft SQL Server
- ▶ Microsoft Exchange Server
- ▶ Microsoft Site Server

Desktop PDF Search

TET PDF IFilter can also be used to implement desktop PDF search with Windows Search which is integrated in Windows.

TET PDF IFilter is free for non-commercial use on desktop operating systems, which provides a convenient basis for test and evaluation.

Feature Details

Accepted PDF Input

TET PDF IFilter supports all relevant flavors of PDF input:

► All PDF versions up to Acrobat DC, including ISO 32000-1 and -2
► Protected PDFs which do not require a password for opening the document
► Damaged PDF documents are repaired

Internationalization

In addition to Western text TET PDF IFilter fully supports Chinese, Japanese, and Korean (CJK) text. All CJK encodings are recognized; horizontal and vertical writing modes are supported. Automatic detection of the locale ID (language and region identifier) of the text improves the results of Microsoft's word breaking and stemming algorithms, which is especially important for East Asian text.

Right-to-left languages such as Hebrew and Arabic are also supported. Contextual character forms are normalized and the text is delivered in logical order.

PDF is more than just a Bunch of Pages

TET PDF IFilter treats PDF documents as containers which may contain much more information than only plain pages. TET PDF IFilter indexes all relevant items in PDF documents:

► Page contents
► Text in bookmarks, annotations (comments) and form fields
► Metadata (see below)
► Embedded PDFs and PDF packages/portfolios are processed recursively so that attachments can also be searched.

XMP Metadata and Document Info

The advanced metadata implementation in TET PDF IFilter supports the Windows property system for metadata. It indexes XMP metadata as well as standard or custom document info entries. Metadata indexing can be configured on several levels:

► Document info entries, Dublin Core fields and other common XMP properties are mapped to Windows shell properties, e.g. *Title, Subject, Author.*
► TET PDF IFilter adds useful PDF-specific properties, e.g. page size, PDF/A conformance level, font names.
► All predefined XMP properties can be indexed.
► User-defined XMP or PDF-based properties can be searched, e.g. company-specific classification properties, digital signatures or ZUGFeRD conformance.

TET PDF IFilter optionally integrates metadata in the full text index. As a result, even full text search engines without metadata support (e.g. SQL Server) can search for metadata.

Unicode Postprocessing

TET PDF IFilter supports various Unicode postprocessing steps which can be used to improve the extracted text:

► Foldings preserve, remove or replace characters, e.g. remove punctuation or characters from irrelevant scripts.
► Decompositions replace a character with an equivalent sequence of one or more other characters, e.g. replace narrow, wide or vertical Japanese characters or Latin superscript (e.g. [a]) variants with their respective standard counterparts.

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