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PDF to Audiobook Converter
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Converts PDF books into audio files using:
- PyMuPDF for text extraction
- Edge-TTS for text-to-speech (free, no API key needed)

Usage:
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py "my_book.pdf"
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py "my_book.pdf" --voice "en-US-AndrewNeural"
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py "my_book.pdf" --start-page 10 --end-page 50
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py "my_book.pdf" --chapter-mode
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py --list-voices
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Requirements:
    pip install pymupdf edge-tts pydub
    Also needs ffmpeg installed (for merging audio chunks):
        - Windows: choco install ffmpeg OR download from ffmpeg.org
        - Mac: brew install ffmpeg
        - Linux: sudo apt install ffmpeg
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import argparse
import asyncio
import os
import re
import sys
import time
from pathlib import Path

try:
    import fitz  # PyMuPDF
except ImportError:
    sys.exit("Missing dependency: pip install pymupdf")

try:
    import edge_tts
except ImportError:
    sys.exit("Missing dependency: pip install edge-tts")

# — Popular Edge-TTS Voices —
# These sound great for audiobooks. Use --list-voices to see all options.
RECOMMENDED_VOICES = {
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    "andrew": "en-US-AndrewNeural",           # Male, warm, great for narration
    "ava": "en-US-AvaNeural",                 # Female, clear and natural
    "brian": "en-US-BrianNeural",             # Male, deep and smooth
    "emma": "en-US-EmmaNeural",               # Female, friendly
    "jenny": "en-US-JennyNeural",             # Female, conversational
    "guy": "en-US-GuyNeural",                 # Male, professional
    "aria": "en-US-AriaNeural",                # Female, expressive
    "davis": "en-US-DavisNeural",              # Male, calm narrator style
    "sonia": "en-GB-SoniaNeural",              # Female, British accent
    "ryan": "en-GB-RyanNeural",                # Male, British accent
}

DEFAULT_VOICE = "en-US-AndrewNeural"

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—— Text Extraction ——

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def extract_text_from_pdf(pdf_path: str, start_page: int = None, end_page: int =
    """
    Extract text from a PDF, returning a list of {page_number, text} dicts.
    """
    doc = fitz.open(pdf_path)
    total_pages = len(doc)

    start = (start_page - 1) if start_page else 0
    end = min(end_page, total_pages) if end_page else total_pages

    print(f"📖 Extracting text from pages {start + 1} to {end} (of {total_pages})")

    pages = []
    for i in range(start, end):
        page = doc[i]
        text = page.get_text("text")
        if text.strip():
            pages.append({"page_number": i + 1, "text": text})

    doc.close()
    return pages

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def clean_text(text: str) -> str:
    """
    Clean extracted PDF text for better TTS output.
    Removes artifacts, fixes spacing, and normalizes formatting.
    """
    # Remove page headers/footers (common patterns)
    lines = text.split("\n")

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cleaned_lines = []

for line in lines:
    stripped = line.strip()

    # Skip likely headers/footers
    if not stripped:
        cleaned_lines.append("")
        continue

    # Skip standalone page numbers
    if re.match(r'^\d{1,4}$', stripped):
        continue

    # Skip very short lines that look like headers (all caps, < 5 words)
    # but keep them as section markers
    if stripped.isupper() and len(stripped.split()) <= 8 and len(stripped) >
        cleaned_lines.append(f"\n{stripped}\n")
        continue

    cleaned_lines.append(stripped)

text = " ".join(cleaned_lines)

# Fix common PDF extraction issues
text = re.sub(r'(\w)-\s+(\w)', r'\1\2', text)                      # Fix hyphenated line
text = re.sub(r'\s{2,}', ' ', text)                                     # Collapse multiple s
text = re.sub(r'\n{3,}', '\n\n', text)                                    # Limit consecutive n
text = re.sub(r'(?<=[.!?])\s*\n\s*(?=[A-Z])', '. ', text)      # Join broken sent
text = re.sub(r'\s+([.,;:!?])', r'\1', text)                         # Fix space before pu

# Add pauses for TTS at paragraph breaks
text = text.replace('\n\n', '. . . ')
text = text.replace('\n', ' ')

# Clean up any remaining artifacts
text = re.sub(r'\.{4,}', '...', text)                                 # Limit ellipsis
text = re.sub(r'\s{2,}', ' ', text)                                    # Final space cleanup

return text.strip()

def split_into_chunks(text: str, max_chars: int = 4000) -> list[str]:
    """
    Split text into chunks suitable for TTS processing.
    Edge-TTS handles up to ~5000 chars well, but smaller chunks are more reliable
    Splits at sentence boundaries to avoid cutting mid-sentence.
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sentences = re.split(r'(?<=[.!?])\s+', text)
chunks = []
current_chunk = ""

for sentence in sentences:
    if len(current_chunk) + len(sentence) + 1 > max_chars:
        if current_chunk:
            chunks.append(current_chunk.strip())
        current_chunk = sentence
    else:
        current_chunk += " " + sentence if current_chunk else sentence

if current_chunk.strip():
    chunks.append(current_chunk.strip())

return chunks

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—— Audio Generation ——

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async def text_to_audio(text: str, output_path: str, voice: str = DEFAULT_VOICE,
                       **kwargs):
    """
    Convert a text chunk to an MP3 file using Edge-TTS.
    """
    communicate = edge_tts.Communicate(text, voice, rate=rate)
    await communicate.save(output_path)

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async def generate_audiobook(
    pages: list[dict],
    output_dir: str,
    voice: str = DEFAULT_VOICE,
    rate: str = "+0%",
    chapter_mode: bool = False
):
    """
    Generate audio files from extracted PDF pages.
    """
    os.makedirs(output_dir, exist_ok=True)

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    # Combine all page text
    full_text = ""
    for page in pages:
        cleaned = clean_text(page["text"])
        if cleaned:
            full_text += cleaned + " ... " # Add pause between pages

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if not full_text.strip():
    print("X No text could be extracted from the PDF.")
    return []

total_chars = len(full_text)
print(f"📝 Total text extracted: {total_chars:,} characters (~{total_chars // 1000}k)")

# Estimate audio duration (Edge-TTS speaks ~150 words/min)
est_minutes = (total_chars // 5) / 150
est_hours = est_minutes / 60
print(f"⌚ Estimated audio duration: {int(est_hours)}h {int(est_minutes % 60)}m")

# Split into chunks
chunks = split_into_chunks(full_text)
total_chunks = len(chunks)
print(f"🔊 Generating audio in {total_chunks} chunks...\n")

audio_files = []
start_time = time.time()

for i, chunk in enumerate(chunks):
    chunk_file = os.path.join(output_dir, f"chunk_{i:04d}.mp3")

    try:
        await text_to_audio(chunk, chunk_file, voice, rate)
        audio_files.append(chunk_file)

        # Progress bar
        progress = (i + 1) / total_chunks
        elapsed = time.time() - start_time
        eta = (elapsed / (i + 1)) * (total_chunks - i - 1) if i > 0 else 0
        bar = "█" * int(progress * 30) + "░" * (30 - int(progress * 30))
        print(f"\r [{bar}] {progress:.0%} | Chunk {i+1}/{total_chunks} | ETA {eta:.0s}")

    except Exception as e:
        print(f"\n⚠️ Error on chunk {i+1}: {e}")
        continue

print(f"\n\n✅ Generated {len(audio_files)} audio chunks in {output_dir}/")
return audio_files


def merge_audio_files(audio_files: list[str], output_path: str):
    """
    Merge multiple MP3 chunks into a single audiobook file.
    Requires pydub and ffmpeg.
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try:
    from pydub import AudioSegment
except ImportError:
    print("⚠️ pydub not installed. Skipping merge. Install with: pip install pydub")
    print("Individual chapter files are still available in the output directory")
    return False

print(f"\n🔗 Merging {len(audio_files)} chunks into final audiobook...")

combined = AudioSegment.empty()
silence = AudioSegment.silent(duration=500)  # 0.5s pause between chunks

for i, file_path in enumerate(audio_files):
    if os.path.exists(file_path):
        segment = AudioSegment.from_mp3(file_path)
        combined += segment + silence

    if (i + 1) % 20 == 0:
        print(f" Merged {i + 1}/{len(audio_files)} chunks...")

print(f" Exporting final file ({len(combined) / 1000 / 60:.1f} minutes)...")
combined.export(output_path, format="mp3", bitrate="128k")

# Get file size
size_mb = os.path.getsize(output_path) / (1024 * 1024)
print(f"✅ Audiobook saved: {output_path} ({size_mb:.1f} MB)")

return True

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def cleanup_chunks(output_dir: str, audio_files: list[str]):
    """Remove individual chunk files after successful merge."""
    for f in audio_files:
        if os.path.exists(f):
            os.remove(f)
    print("🧹 Cleaned up temporary chunk files.")

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— Voice Listing —————

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async def list_voices(language_filter: str = "en"):
    """List available Edge-TTS voices."""
    voices = await edge_tts.list_voices()

    print(f"\n🎤 Available voices (filtered: '{language_filter}'):\n")
    print(f"{'Voice Name':<35} {'Gender':<10} {'Locale':<10}")

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print("-" * 60)

for v in sorted(voices, key=lambda x: x["ShortName"]):
    if language_filter and not v["Locale"].lower().startswith(language_filter):
        continue
    print(f"{v['ShortName'][:35]} {v['Gender'][:10]} {v['Locale'][:10]}\n")

print(f"\n⭐ Recommended voices for audiobooks:")
for name, voice_id in RECOMMENDED_VOICES.items():
    print(f"  --voice \'{voice_id}\' ({name})")

# — Main ——————
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async def main():
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        description="📚 PDF to Audiobook Converter – Turn any PDF into an MP3 audiobook",
        formatter_class=argparse.RawDescriptionHelpFormatter,
        epilog="""
Examples:
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py book.pdf
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py book.pdf --voice "en-US-AvaNeural"
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py book.pdf --start-page 1 --end-page 50
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py book.pdf --rate "+10%"      # Speed up narration
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py book.pdf --rate "-10%"      # Slow down narration
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py --list-voices
    python pdf_to_audiobook.py --list-voices --language ko  # Korean voices
    """
    )

    parser.add_argument("pdf", nargs="?", help="Path to the PDF file")
    parser.add_argument("--voice", "-v", default=DEFAULT_VOICE,
                       help=f"TTS voice to use (default: {DEFAULT_VOICE})")
    parser.add_argument("--rate", "-r", default="+0%",
                       help="Speech rate adjustment, e.g. '+10%' or '-15%' (decreasing speed)")
    parser.add_argument("--start-page", "-s", type=int, default=None,
                       help="Start from this page number")
    parser.add_argument("--end-page", "-e", type=int, default=None,
                       help="End at this page number")
    parser.add_argument("--output", "-o", default=None,
                       help="Output file path (default: <pdf_name>.audiobook.mp3")
    parser.add_argument("--no-merge", action="store_true",
                       help="Skip merging into single file (keep individual chunks separate)")
    parser.add_argument("--keep-chunks", action="store_true",
                       help="Keep individual chunk files after merging")
    parser.add_argument("--list-voices", action="store_true",
                       help="List available TTS voices and exit")
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parser.add_argument("--language", "-l", default="en",
                    help="Language filter for --list-voices (default: en)")
parser.add_argument("--chapter-mode", action="store_true",
                    help="Attempt to split by chapters (experimental)")

args = parser.parse_args()

# List voices mode
if args.list_voices:
    await list_voices(args.language)
    return

# Validate input
if not args.pdf:
    parser.print_help()
    print("\n✖ Error: Please provide a PDF file path.")
    sys.exit(1)

if not os.path.exists(args.pdf):
    print(f"✖ File not found: {args.pdf}")
    sys.exit(1)

# Set up output paths
pdf_name = Path(args.pdf).stem
output_dir = f"{pdf_name}_audio_chunks"
output_file = args.output or f"{pdf_name}_audiobook.mp3"

print(f"""
|   PDF to Audiobook Converter
|_|
|   Input:  {args.pdf}
|   Microphone:  {args.voice}
|   Rate:  {args.rate}
|   Output: {output_file}
|_|
""")

# Step 1: Extract text
pages = extract_text_from_pdf(args.pdf, args.start_page, args.end_page)

if not pages:
    print("✖ No text found in the PDF. It might be a scanned/image-based PDF")
    print("For scanned PDFs, you'll need OCR (pytesseract). Let me know if")
    sys.exit(1)

print(f"Extracted text from {len(pages)} pages.\n")

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# Step 2: Generate audio
audio_files = await generate_audiobook(pages, output_dir, args.voice, args.ra

if not audio_files:
    print("X No audio files were generated.")
    sys.exit(1)

# Step 3: Merge into single file
if not args.no_merge:
    success = merge_audio_files(audio_files, output_file)

    if success and not args.keep_chunks:
        cleanup_chunks(output_dir, audio_files)
        # Remove the chunks directory if empty
        try:
            os.rmdir(output_dir)
        except OSError:
            pass

print(f"""
    ||  All Done!
    ||
    || Your audiobook is ready to listen!
    || Transfer the MP3 to your phone or any audio player.
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""")
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if __name__ == "__main__":
    asyncio.run(main())

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