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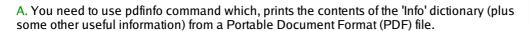
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# pdfinfo: Find Out PDF File Information From A UNIX / Linux Shell Prompt

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Q. How do I find out more information about Portable Document Format (PDF) document from a shell prompt? How do I find out information such as what software used to create a pdf file, its page size, and its creation date etc, using the terminal?





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## pdfinfo to view tech information about a pdf file

Type the command as follows:

```
$ pdfinfo {file.pdf}
$ pdfinfo lecture5.pdf
```

### Sample output:

Title: Telecommunication Protocols Laboratory Course Author: Creator: LaTeX with hyperref package Producer: dvips + GPL Ghostscript 8.62 CreationDate: Thu Apr 1 11:32:03 2004 ModDate: Thu Apr 1 11:32:38 2004 Tagged: yes Pages: 68 Encrypted: no 538 x 718 pts Page size: 1683167 bytes File size: Optimized: ves PDF version: 1.3

Specify the owner password for the PDF file. Providing this will bypass all security restrictions.

```
$ pdfinfo -opw password file.pdf
```

### Specify the user password for the PDF file.

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$ pdfinfo -upw password file.pdf
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