Skewed Text

Converting image-only scanned pages to searchable text

If you did not apply OCR when you scanned the paper document, you can apply it afterward using the Recognize Text Using OCR command. OCR software enables you to search, correct, and copy the text in a scanned Adobe PDF file. You can convert the pages in one of three file formats: Formatted Text and Graphics, Searchable Image (Exact), and Searchable Image (Compact). All formats apply OCR and font and page recognition to the text images and convert them to normal text. The searchable image file types have a bitmap image of the pages in the foreground and the converted text on an invisible layer beneath.

You can use the Make Searchable (OCR) command on pages that were scanned or imported with the following resolutions:

- Black-and-white images at 144 to 600 ppi (300 ppi is generally optimal).
- Grayscale or color images at 200 to 400 ppi.