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Despite its great success, the PDF file format has one significant drawback; it is a WYSIWYG (What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get) format. It can't be altered from what you see on the computer screen without the original authoring password. This is because the PDF format is essentially a "snapshot" or a graphic portrayal of text; it is not actually text itself. This is terrific for companies that want to disseminate information like annual reports or educational institutions publishing papers. It is not so great for those who want to "copy and paste" a portion of the script into a Word or other document.

How does one go about converting PDF to Word documents? Well, in order to convert PDF to Word one needs, reasonably enough, a PDF to Word Converter program. As a matter of course PDF files are password protected specifically against such actions as "copy and paste." In order to covert PDF to Word (or another text document format) one must use an program that essentially interprets the "snapshot," which is the PDF file and converts it into a text

file recognizable by "Word" or other programs using OCR (Optical Character Recognition) or similar technology.

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