

NAME

ps2ascii – Ghostscript translator from PostScript or PDF to ASCII

SYNOPSIS

ps2ascii [*input.ps* [*output.txt*]]

ps2ascii *input.pdf* [*output.txt*]

DESCRIPTION

ps2ascii uses **gs**(1) to extract ASCII text from **PostScript**(tm) or Adobe **Portable Document Format** (PDF) files. If no files are specified on the command line, **gs** reads from standard input; but PDF input must come from an explicitly-named file, not standard input. If no output file is specified, the ASCII text is written to standard output.

ps2ascii doesn't look at font encoding, and isn't very good at dealing with kerning, so for PostScript (but not currently PDF), you might consider **pstotext** (see below).

FILES

Run "**gs -h**" to find the location of Ghostscript documentation on your system, from which you can get more details.

SEE ALSO

pstotext(1), <http://www.research.digital.com/SRC/virtualpaper/pstotext.html>

VERSION

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