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#### Description

Bindings for "Tabula" PDF Table Extractor Library

# Details

Tabula is a Java library designed to computationally extract tables from PDF documents. tabulizer provides a thin R package with bindings to the library. It presently offers two principal functions: extract\_tables, which mimics the command line functionality of Tabula, and extract\_areas which provides an interactive interface to the former.

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#### References

tabula

#### See Also

extract\_tables, extract\_areas

extract\_metadata extract\_metadata

#### Description

Extract metadata from a file

# Usage

```
extract_metadata(file, password = NULL, copy = FALSE)
```

# extract\_tables

#### Arguments

file	A character string specifying the path or URL to a PDF file.
password	Optionally, a character string containing a user password to access a secured PDF.
сору	Specifies whether the original local file(s) should be copied to tempdir() before processing. FALSE by default. The argument is ignored if file is URL.

# Details

This function extracts metadata from a PDF

# Value

A list.

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#### See Also

extract\_tables, extract\_areas, extract\_text, split\_pdf

# Examples

```
# simple demo file
f <- system.file("examples", "data.pdf", package = "tabulizer")</pre>
```

```
extract_metadata(f)
```

extract\_tables extract\_tables

#### Description

Extract tables from a file

#### Usage

```
extract_tables(file, pages = NULL, area = NULL, columns = NULL,
guess = TRUE, method = c("decide", "lattice", "stream"),
output = c("matrix", "data.frame", "character", "asis", "csv", "tsv",
"json"), outdir = NULL, password = NULL, encoding = NULL,
copy = FALSE, ...)
```

# Arguments

file	A character string specifying the path or URL to a PDF file.
pages	An optional integer vector specifying pages to extract from.
area	An optional list, of length equal to the number of pages specified, where each en- try contains a four-element numeric vector of coordinates (top,left,bottom,right) containing the table for the corresponding page. As a convenience, a list of length 1 can be used to extract the same area from all (specified) pages. Only specify area xor columns.
columns	An optional list, of length equal to the number of pages specified, where each entry contains a numeric vector of horizontal $(x)$ coordinates separating columns of data for the corresponding page. As a convenience, a list of length 1 can be used to specify the same columns for all (specified) pages. Only specify area xor columns.
guess	A logical indicating whether to guess the locations of tables on each page. If FALSE, area or columns must be specified; if TRUE, columns is ignored.
method	A string identifying the prefered method of table extraction.
	<ul> <li>method = "decide" (default) automatically decide (for each page) whether spreadsheet-like formatting is present and "lattice" is appropriate</li> <li>method = "lattice" use Tabula's spreadsheet extraction algorithm</li> <li>method = "stream" use Tabula's basic extraction algorithm</li> </ul>
output	A function to coerce the Java response object (a Java ArrayList of Tabula Ta- bles) to some output format. The default method, "matrices", returns a list of character matrices. See Details for other options.
outdir	Output directory for files if output is set to "csv", "tsv" or "json", ignored otherwise. If equals NULL (default), uses R sessions temporary directory tempdir()
password	Optionally, a character string containing a user password to access a secured PDF.
encoding	Optionally, a character string specifying an encoding for the text, to be passed to the assignment method of Encoding.
сору	Specifies whether the original local file(s) should be copied to tempdir() before processing. FALSE by default. The argument is ignored if file is URL.
	These are additional arguments passed to the internal functions dispatched by method.

# Details

This function mimics the behavior of the Tabula command line utility. It returns a list of R character matrices containing tables extracted from a file by default. This response behavior can be changed by using the following options.

- output = "character" returns a list of single-element character vectors, where each vector is a tab-delimited, line-separate string of concatenated table cells.
- output = "data.frame" attempts to coerce the structure returned by method = "character" into a list of data.frames and returns character strings where this fails.

#### extract\_tables

- output = "csv" writes the tables to comma-separated (CSV) files using Tabula's CSVWriter method in the same directory as the original PDF. method = "tsv" does the same but with tabseparated (TSV) files using Tabula's TSVWriter and method = "json" does the same using Tabula's JSONWriter method. Any of these three methods return the path to the directory containing the extract table files.
- output = "asis" returns the Java object reference, which can be useful for debugging or for writing a custom parser.

extract\_areas implements this functionality in an interactive mode allowing the user to specify extraction areas for each page.

# Value

By default, a list of character matrices. This can be changed by specifying an alternative value of method (see Details).

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#### References

Tabula

#### See Also

extract\_areas, get\_page\_dims, make\_thumbnails, split\_pdf

#### Examples

```
# simple demo file
f <- system.file("examples", "data.pdf", package = "tabulizer")
# extract all tables
extract_tables(f)
# extract tables from only second page
extract_tables(f, pages = 2)
# extract areas from a page
## full table
extract_tables(f, pages = 2, area = list(c(126, 149, 212, 462)))
## part of the table
extract_tables(f, pages = 2, area = list(c(126, 284, 174, 417)))
# return data.frames
extract_tables(f, pages = 2, output = "data.frame")
```

extract\_text extract\_text

#### Description

Extract text from a file

# Usage

```
extract_text(file, pages = NULL, area = NULL, password = NULL,
encoding = NULL, copy = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

file	A character string specifying the path or URL to a PDF file.
pages	An optional integer vector specifying pages to extract from.
area	An optional list, of length equal to the number of pages specified, where each en- try contains a four-element numeric vector of coordinates (top,left,bottom,right) containing the table for the corresponding page. As a convenience, a list of length 1 can be used to extract the same area from all (specified) pages.
password	Optionally, a character string containing a user password to access a secured PDF.
encoding	Optionally, a character string specifying an encoding for the text, to be passed to the assignment method of Encoding.
сору	Specifies whether the original local file(s) should be copied to tempdir() before processing. FALSE by default. The argument is ignored if file is URL.

# Details

This function converts the contents of a PDF file into a single unstructured character string.

# Value

If pages = NULL (the default), a length 1 character vector, otherwise a vector of length length(pages).

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# See Also

extract\_tables, extract\_areas, split\_pdf

#### get\_page\_dims

#### Examples

```
# simple demo file
f <- system.file("examples", "text.pdf", package = "tabulizer")
# extract all text
extract_text(f)
# extract all text from page 1 only
extract_text(f, pages = 1)
# extract text from selected area only
extract_text(f, area = list(c(209.4, 140.5, 304.2, 500.8)))
```

get\_page\_dims Page length and dimensions

# Description

Get Page Length and Dimensions

# Usage

```
get_page_dims(file, doc, pages = NULL, password = NULL, copy = FALSE)
```

```
get_n_pages(file, doc, password = NULL, copy = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

file	A character string specifying the path or URL to a PDF file.
doc	Optionally,, in lieu of file, an rJava reference to a PDDocument Java object.
pages	An optional integer vector specifying pages to extract from.
password	Optionally, a character string containing a user password to access a secured PDF.
сору	Specifies whether the original local file(s) should be copied to tempdir() before processing. FALSE by default. The argument is ignored if file is URL.

#### Details

get\_n\_pages returns the page length of a PDF document. get\_page\_dims extracts the dimensions of specified pages in a PDF document. This can be useful for figuring out how to specify the area argument in extract\_tables

#### Value

For get\_n\_pages, an integer. For get\_page\_dims, a list of two-element numeric vectors specifying the width and height of each page, respectively.

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#### References

Tabula

# See Also

extract\_tables, extract\_text, make\_thumbnails

# Examples

```
# simple demo file
f <- system.file("examples", "data.pdf", package = "tabulizer")
get_n_pages(file = f)
get_page_dims(f)</pre>
```

locate\_areas extract\_areas

# Description

Interactively identify areas and extract

#### Usage

```
locate_areas(file, pages = NULL, resolution = 60L, widget = c("shiny",
    "native", "reduced"), copy = FALSE)
```

```
extract_areas(file, pages = NULL, guess = FALSE, copy = FALSE, ...)
```

#### Arguments

file	A character string specifying the path to a PDF file. This can also be a URL, in which case the file will be downloaded to the R temporary directory using download.file.
pages	An optional integer vector specifying pages to extract from. To extract multiple tables from a given page, repeat the page number (e.g., $c(1,2,2,3)$ ).

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resolution	An integer specifying the resolution of the PNG images conversions. A low resolution is used by default to speed image loading.
widget	A one-element character vector specifying the type of "widget" to use for lo- cating the areas. The default ("shiny") is a shiny widget. The alternatives are a widget based on the native R graphics device ("native", where available), or a very reduced functionality model ("reduced").
сору	Specifies whether the original local file(s) should be copied to tempdir() before processing. FALSE by default. The argument is ignored if file is URL.
guess	See extract_tables (note the different default value).
	Other arguments passed to extract_tables.

### Details

extract\_areas is an interactive mode for extract\_tables allowing the user to specify areas of each PDF page in a file that they would like extracted. When used, each page is rendered to a PNG file and displayed in an R graphics window sequentially, pausing on each page to call locator so the user can click and highlight an area to extract.

The exact behaviour is a somewhat platform-dependent, and depends on the value of widget (and further, whether you are working in RStudio or the R console). In RStudio (where widget = "shiny"), a Shiny gadget is provided which allows the user to click and drag to select areas on each page of a file, clicking "Done" on each page to advance through them. It is not possible to return to previous pages. In the R console, a Shiny app will be launched in a web browser.

For other values of widget, functionality is provided through the graphics device. If graphics events are supported, then it is possibly to interactively highlight a page region, make changes to that region, and navigate through the pages of the document while retaining the area highlighted on each page. If graphics events are not supported, then some of this functionality is not available (see below).

In *full functionality mode* (widget = "native"), areas are input in a native graphics device. For each page, the first mouse click on a page initializes a highlighting rectangle; the second click confirms it. If unsatisfied with the selection, the process can be repeated. The window also responds to keystrokes. PgDn, Right, and Down advance to the next page image, while PgUp, Left, and Up return to the previous page image. Home returns to the first page image and End advances to the final page image. Q quits the interactive mode and proceeds with extraction. When navigating between pages, any selected areas will be displayed and can be edited. Delete removes a highlighted area from a page (and then displays it again). (This mode may not work correctly from within RStudio.)

In *reduced functionality mode* (where widget = "reduced" or on platforms where graphics events are unavailable), the interface requires users to indicate the upper-left and lower-right (or upper-right and lower-left) corners of an area on each page, this area will be briefly confirmed with a highlighted rectangle and the next page will be displayed. Dynamic page navigation and area editing are not possible.

In any of these modes, after the areas are selected, extract\_areas passes these user-defined areas to extract\_tables. locate\_areas implements the interactive component only, without actually extracting; this might be useful for interactive work that needs some modification before executing extract\_tables computationally.

#### Value

For extract\_areas, see extract\_tables. For locate\_areas, a list of four-element numeric vectors (top,left,bottom,right), one per page of the file.

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# See Also

extract\_tables, make\_thumbnails, , get\_page\_dims

# Examples

```
# simple demo file
f <- system.file("examples", "data.pdf", package = "tabulizer")
# locate areas only, using Shiny app
locate_areas(f)
# locate areas only, using native graphics device
locate_areas(f, widget = "shiny")
# locate areas and extract
extract_areas(f)
```

make\_thumbnails make\_thumbnails

# Description

Convert Pages to Image Thumbnails

# Usage

```
make_thumbnails(file, outdir = NULL, pages = NULL, format = c("png",
    "jpeg", "bmp", "gif"), resolution = 72, password = NULL, copy = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

file	A character string specifying the path or URL to a PDF file.
outdir	An optional character string specifying a directory into which to split the result- ing files. If NULL, the outdir is tempdir(). If file is a URL, both file and thumbnails are stored in the R session's temporary directory.
pages	An optional integer vector specifying pages to extract from.

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format	A character string specifying an image file format.
resolution	A numeric value specifying the image resolution in DPI.
password	Optionally, a character string containing a user password to access a secured PDF.
сору	Specifies whether the original local file(s) should be copied to tempdir() before processing. FALSE by default. The argument is ignored if file is URL.

# Details

This function save each (specified) page of a document as an image with 720 dpi resolution. Images are saved in the same directory as the original file, with file names specified by the original file name, a page number, and the corresponding file format extension.

# Value

A character vector of file paths.

# Note

This may generate Java "INFO" messages in the console, which can be safely ignored.

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# References

#### Tabula

# See Also

extract\_tables, extract\_text, make\_thumbnails

#### Examples

```
# simple demo file
f <- system.file("examples", "data.pdf", package = "tabulizer")
make_thumbnails(f)</pre>
```

split\_pdf

# Description

Split PDF into separate pages or merge multiple PDFs into one.

# Usage

```
split_pdf(file, outdir = NULL, password = NULL, copy = FALSE)
merge_pdfs(file, outfile, copy = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

file	For merge_pdfs, a character vector specifying the path to one or more <i>local</i> PDF files. For split_pdf, a character string specifying the path or URL to a PDF file.
outdir	For split_pdf, an optional character string specifying a directory into which to split the resulting files. If NULL, the outdir is tempdir(). If file is a URL, both the original file and separate pages are stored in the R session's temporary directory.
password	Optionally, a character string containing a user password to access a secured PDF. Currently, encrypted PDFs cannot be merged with merge_pdfs.
сору	Specifies whether the original local file(s) should be copied to tempdir() before processing. FALSE by default. The argument is ignored if file is URL.
outfile	For merge_pdfs, a character string specifying the path to the PDF file to create from the merged documents.

# Details

split\_pdf splits the file listed in file into separate one-page doucments. merge\_pdfs creates a single PDF document from multiple separate PDF files.

# Value

For split\_pdfs, a character vector specifying the output file names, which are patterned after the value of file. For merge\_pdfs, the value of outfile.

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# See Also

extract\_areas, get\_page\_dims, make\_thumbnails

#### stop\_logging

# Examples

```
# simple demo file
f <- system.file("examples", "data.pdf", package = "tabulizer")
get_n_pages(file = f)
# split PDF by page
sf <- split_pdf(f)
# merge pdf
mf <- file.path(tempdir(), "merged.pdf")
merge_pdfs(sf, mf)
get_n_pages(mf)
```

stop\_logging

rJava logging

# Description

Toggle verbose rJava logging

#### Usage

stop\_logging()

# Details

This function turns off the somewhat verbose rJava logging, most of which is uninformative. It is called automatically when tabulizer is attached via library(), require, etc. To keep logging on, load the package namespace using requireNamespace("tabulizer") and reference functions in using fully qualified references (e.g., tabulizer::extract\_tables().

#### Value

NULL, invisibly.

# Note

This resets a global Java setting and may affect logging of other rJava operations, requiring a restart of R.

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stop\_logging

# Examples

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