

How to PDF text search API in VB.NET with ByteScout Cloud API Server

Learning is essential in computer world and the tutorial below will demonstrate how to PDF text search API in VB.NET

The sample source code below will teach you how to PDF text search API in VB.NET. ByteScout Cloud API Server: the ready to use Web API Server that can be deployed in less than 30 minutes into your own in-house server or into private cloud server. Can store data on in-house local server based storage or in Amazon AWS S3 bucket. Processing data solely on the server using built-in ByteScout powered engine, no cloud services are used to process your data!. It can PDF text search API in VB.NET.

These VB.NET code samples for VB.NET guide developers to speed up coding of the application when using ByteScout Cloud API Server. IF you want to implement the functionality, just copy and paste this code for VB.NET below into your code editor with your app, compile and run your application. Use of ByteScout Cloud API Server in VB.NET is also described in the documentation included along with the product.

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Source Code Files:

ByteScoutWebApiExample.sln

```
Microsoft Visual Studio Solution File, Format Version 12.00
# Visual Studio 15
VisualStudioVersion = 15.0.26730.10
MinimumVisualStudioVersion = 10.0.40219.1
Project("{F184B08F-C81C-45F6-A57F-5ABD9991F28F}") = "ByteScoutWebApiExample", "ByteScoutWebApiExample.csproj", "{F184B08F-C81C-45F6-A57F-5ABD9991F28F}"
EndProject
Global
    GlobalSection(SolutionConfigurationPlatforms) = preSolution
        Debug|Any CPU = Debug|Any CPU
        Release|Any CPU = Release|Any CPU
    EndGlobalSection
    GlobalSection(ProjectConfigurationPlatforms) = postSolution
        {9B91124C-66C3-4BD9-B29E-168C1ABB15AC}.Debug|Any CPU.ActiveCfg = Debug|Any CPU
        {9B91124C-66C3-4BD9-B29E-168C1ABB15AC}.Debug|Any CPU.Build.0 = Debug|Any CPU
        {9B91124C-66C3-4BD9-B29E-168C1ABB15AC}.Release|Any CPU.ActiveCfg = Release|Any CPU
        {9B91124C-66C3-4BD9-B29E-168C1ABB15AC}.Release|Any CPU.Build.0 = Release|Any CPU
    EndGlobalSection
    GlobalSection(SolutionProperties) = preSolution
        HideSolutionNode = FALSE
    EndGlobalSection
    GlobalSection(ExtensibilityGlobals) = postSolution
        SolutionGuid = {4576C9BB-A42D-46A8-9198-7E2982E122FA}
    EndGlobalSection
EndGlobal
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Module1.vb

```
Imports System.IO
Imports System.Net
Imports System.Threading
Imports Newtonsoft.Json.Linq

' Please NOTE: In this sample we're assuming Cloud Api Server is hosted at "https://localhost:5000/"
' If it's not then please replace this with with your hosting url.
Module Module1

    ' Direct URL of source PDF file.
    Const SourceFileUrl As String = "https://bytescout-com.s3.amazonaws.com/files/demo-files/cloud-api/pdf-converter/bytescout.pdf"

    ' Comma-separated list of page indices (or ranges) to process. Leave empty for all pages.
    Const Pages As String = ""

    ' PDF document password. Leave empty for unprotected documents.
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Const Password As String = ""

' Search string.
Const SearchString As String = "\d{1,}\.\d\d" 'Regular expression To find numbers
' Note: Do Not use `+` char in regex, but use `{1,}` instead.
' `+` char Is valid for URL And will Not be escaped, And it will become a space char

' Enable regular expressions (Regex)
Const RegexSearch As Boolean = True

'(!) Make asynchronous job
Const Async As Boolean = True

Sub Main()

    ' Create standard .NET web client instance
    Dim webClient As WebClient = New WebClient()

    ' Prepare URL for PDF text search API call.
    Dim query As String = Uri.EscapeUriString(
        String.Format("https://localhost/pdf/find?password={0}&pages={1}&url={2}&searchString={3}&regexSearch={4}&async={5}",
            Password,
            Pages,
            SourceFileUrl,
            SearchString,
            RegexSearch,
            Async))

    Try
        ' Execute request
        Dim response As String = webClient.DownloadString(query)

        ' Parse JSON response
        Dim json As JObject = JObject.Parse(response)

        If json("error").ToObject(Of Boolean) = False Then

            ' Asynchronous job ID
            Dim jobId As String = json("jobId").ToString()

            ' URL of generated json file that will available after the job completion
            Dim resultFileUrl As String = json("url").ToString()

            ' Check the job status in a loop.
            ' If you don't want to pause the main thread you can rework the code
            ' to use a separate thread for the status checking And completion.
            Do
                Dim status = CheckJobStatus(jobId) ' Possible statuses: "working",

                ' Display timestamp and status (for demo purpose)
                Console.WriteLine(DateTime.Now.ToLongTimeString() + ": " + status)

                If (status = "success") Then
                    ' Execute request
                    Dim respFileJson As String = webClient.DownloadString(resultFileUrl)

                    ' Parse JSON response
                    Dim jsonFoundInformation As JArray = JArray.Parse(respFileJson)

                    ' Display found information in console

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        For Each item As JToken In jsonFoundInformation
            Console.WriteLine({code}quot;Found text {item("text")} at {code}
        Next

        Exit Do
    ElseIf (status = "working") Then
        ' Pause for a few seconds
        Thread.Sleep(3000)
    Else
        Console.WriteLine(status)
        Exit Do
    End If
Loop
Else
    Console.WriteLine(json("message").ToString())
End If

Catch ex As WebException
    Console.WriteLine(ex.ToString())
End Try

webClient.Dispose()

Console.WriteLine()
Console.WriteLine("Press any key...")
Console.ReadKey()

End Sub

Function CheckJobStatus(ByVal jobId As String)

    Using webClient As New WebClient

        Dim url As String = "https://localhost/job/check?jobid=" & jobId

        Dim response As String = webClient.DownloadString(url)
        Dim json As JObject = JObject.Parse(response)

        Return Convert.ToString(json("status"))

    End Using

End Function

End Module

```

packages.config

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
```

```
<packages>  
  <package id="Newtonsoft.Json" version="10.0.3" targetFramework="net40" />  
</packages>
```

VIDEO

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