

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

Continuous learning is a crucial part of computer science and this tutorial shows how to PDF text search API in VB.NET

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The SDK samples given below describe how to quickly make your application do PDF text search API in VB.NET with the help of ByteScout Cloud API Server. Simply copy and paste in your VB.NET project or application you and then run your app! If you want to use these VB.NET sample examples in one or many applications then they can be used easily.

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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
```

Module1.vb

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

' Please NOTE: In this sample we're assuming Cloud Api Server is hosted at "https://localhost:4431/"
' If it's not then please replace this with with your hosting url.
Module Module1

    ' Source PDF file
    Const SourceFile As String = ".\sample.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.
    Const Password As String = ""

End Module
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' 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

Sub Main()

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

    ' 1. RETRIEVE THE PRESIGNED URL TO UPLOAD THE FILE.
    ' * If you already have a direct file URL, skip to the step 3.

    ' Prepare URL for `Get Presigned URL` API call
    Dim query As String = Uri.EscapeUriString(String.Format(
        "https://localhost/file/upload/get-presigned-url?contenttype=application/octet-stream&path={0}",
        Path.GetFileName(SourceFile)))

    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
            ' Get URL to use for the file upload
            Dim uploadUrl As String = json("presignedUrl").ToString()
            ' Get URL of uploaded file to use with later API calls
            Dim uploadedFileUrl As String = json("url").ToString()

            ' 2. UPLOAD THE FILE TO CLOUD.
            webClient.Headers.Add("content-type", "application/octet-stream")
            webClient.UploadFile(uploadUrl, "PUT", SourceFile) ' You can use UploadData instead

            ' 3. MAKE UPLOADED PDF FILE SEARCHABLE

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

            ' Execute request
            response = webClient.DownloadString(query)

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

            If json("error").ToObject(Of Boolean) = False Then
                For Each item As JToken In json("body")
                    Console.WriteLine($"{code}Found text {item("text")} at coordinates {item("coordinates")}")
                Next
            End If
        End If
    Catch ex As Exception
        Console.WriteLine(ex.Message)
    End Try
End Sub

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        Else
            Console.WriteLine(json("message").ToString())
        End If

    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

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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