REFRESHPDF

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0. INTRODUCTION

Refreshpdf is an Applescript that takes the path of a pdf file as argument and then opens the file in Acrobat. If the file is already open in Acrobat, then Acrobat is told to close and reopen the file and to go to the same page that was displayed in the closed file.

The Applescript can also be called from the command line by a shell script „refreshpdf".

There is also an Applescript „acrobat" in the Applications folder that simply tells the front document in Acrobat to refresh.

> **Notice that only one pdf file should be opened in Acrobat.**

1. INSTALLATION

Install the folder Flashmode in

`~/Library`

If Flashmode or is subfolders already exist then install only their contents. The folder Subroutines in Flashmode contains more subroutines as there are necessary to run refreshpdf, in fact it contains all subroutines that my Applescripts rely on including the new one „preview_acrobat" .

2. RUNNING REFRESHPDF

The subroutine „preview_acrobat" does the actual work and you have to define in the script the name of your Acrobat application. Presently, the name is defined as „Acrobat 6.0.2 Professional" which is my Acrobat version. I didn't test, if the script will also work with Acrobat Reader, but would be very surprised, if it failed to do so assuming that Acrobat Reader will understand the same Applescript commands as the professional version.

The Applescript „refreshpdf.scpt" in the Applications folder can be used to run refreshpdf as an Applescript.

The shell script „refreshpdf" in the bin folder can be used to run refreshpdf from the command line

`refreshpdf fullpath.pdf`

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where fullpath.pdf has to be the quoted form of fullpath.pdf, if the full path contains spaces.

The shell script is already executable. You should either place it in your path or call it by its full path.

3. License

Refreshpdf is free software.

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