Using Multi-Page PDFs with Visual Takeoff

PDF to TIFF converter

You may have noticed that Visual Takeoff (VTO) will only display the first page, of a multi-page PDF. This is intentional. Multi-page or multi-plan PDFs can get very large, which can cause VTO to slow when accessing these files. So what do you do, if you have a multi-page PDF? We have a utility to help with this on our web site, <u>www.Comput-Ability.com</u>. This utility will split your PDF into a file per page. For example, a 30 page PDF would be converted into 30 separate files, each file containing one page. The utility can be downloaded here... <u>http://www.comput-ability.net/files/CAI_PDF.exe</u>

When installing this utility, just click "Unzip". Then "OK", and "Close".



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