

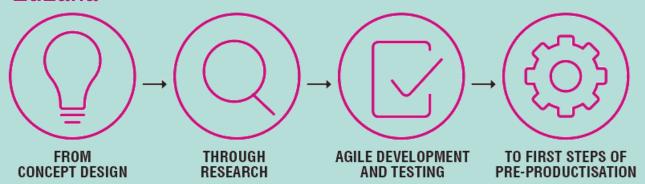


INVOICE MINING

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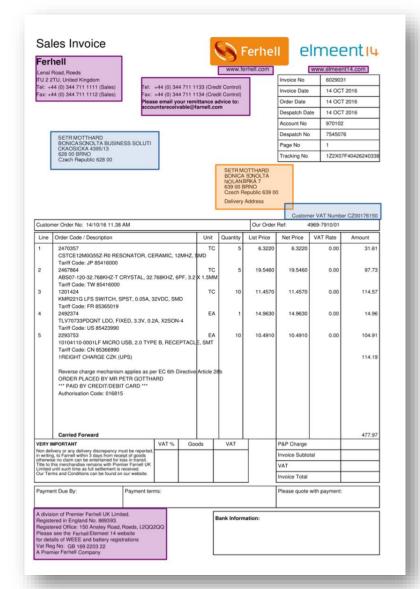
- User wants to enter data from incoming invoice into Accountant Information System (AIS) or ERP, either scanned or electronic
- User without access to AIS wants to overview invoices from a supplier or for a customer, and/or within a particular range of dates or amount

Pain points

- Ingesting the invoice into AIS, the user has to read and retype large parts of the invoice
- Without AIS, users have to open invoices one by one and extract the information manually

Pain reliever

- From electronic invoice or scanned invoice, extract information about buyer, seller, delivery address, amount, invoice date, due date, invoice number, and related order number
- Provide the extracted information either to the user or to other software (e.g. connector to AIS)



COMPONENTS



Component	Description	
OCR	Obtain text + coordinates from scanned document	
OCR error correction	Based on external knowledge, resolve OCR imperfections	
Keyword identification	Find keywords relevant for invoice and extraction language	
Invoice block recognition	Split invoice into logical blocks: invoice info, buyer info, seller info, goods info etc. based on keywords + geometry	
Block classification	Distinguish buyer from seller and from delivery address	
Named entity recognition	Recognize words or expressions that represent person name, organization name, location or product name	
Address recognition	Recognize parts of address: street, number, city, ZIP, etc.	

WHAT INFORMATION TO EXTRACT FROM INVOICES?



Balance feasibility & ...

- Some information is quite easy to extract (e.g. dates)
- Some information is difficult to extract (e.g. complete company name)

... & usability

- Extraction of some fields has higher value than extraction of others

EXTRACT LANGUAGE-INDEPENDENT INFORMATION



Recognize the following fields

- Page number
- Invoice number
- Customer number
- Invoice date, due date
- Phone number, fax, email, web address
- Order number
- Bank account number
- VAT number
- Organization ID

Recognize and distinguish money amounts

- Unit price
- Product/service price
- Total amount (incl. VAT or excl. VAT)

- More difficult for OCR (vocabulary or language model does not help)
- Suitable for regular expressions

EXTRACT LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT INFORMATION



Recognize the following fields:

- Invoice title
- Organization name
- Person name
- Address (street name + number, city, ZIP, country)
- Bank name
- Payment terms

Distinguish the fields according to **context** into:

- Buyer information
- Seller information
- Delivery address information

- Depends on quality of NER for particular language.
- Suitable for (multiligual)
 NER, we use pretrained
 BERT
- Suitable for fine-tuning on own data

HANDLE OCR/EXTRACTION ERRORS



Set format checks

- Normalize phone numbers, addresses, VAT numbers, dates, IBAN

Perform fuzzy matching

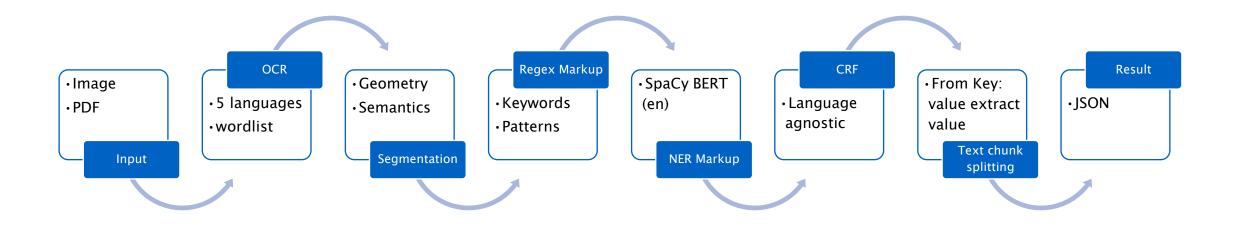
Solve OCR issues (common OCR errors: capital I = lowercase L)

Use customized models

- Wordlists
- Character lists
- Fine-tune OCR model on own data

PROCESSING PIPELINE





CRF CLASSIFIER



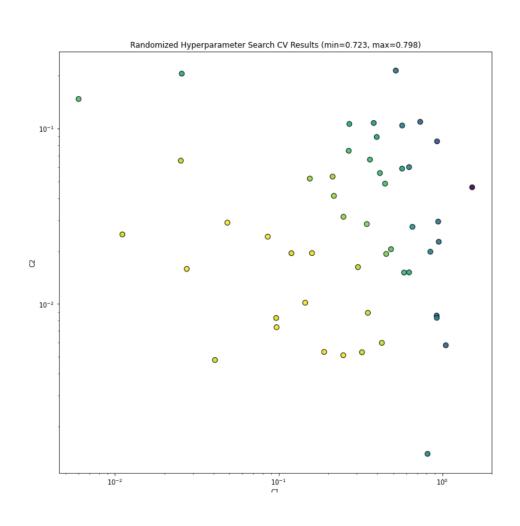
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	ye	1131	ye	48	1083	35	919
PERSON	kristina guine	410	Kristina Guiné	208	202	29	987
ORG	germiphene corporation	623	Germiphène Corporation	422	201	37	1037
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		2183		12	2171	48	1078
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	\	1107	\	35	1072	65	1105
issue_date.keyvalue	date: july 6,2010	2084	Date: July 6,2010	310	1774	48	1228

data to features

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{'left': False,
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 'payment_term.key': True,
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 'aligned_left_belowleft': False,
 'aligned_left_belowright': True,
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CRF: OPTIMIZATION, EXPLANATION





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Top positive:
10.052933 B-DATE
                   aligned right belowpage.value
7.897679 B-TO-PERSON aligned left abovevat id.keyvalue
7.814449 I-TO-ORG aligned right belowvery big font
7.627294 I-TO-ORG aligned left abovedelivery.key
7.612133 I-TO-ORG aligned line leftinvoice number.key
7.150480 B-FROM-ORG email.keyvalue
7.050193 I-TO-ORG web.keyvalue
                  aligned right below4digit.value
7.012798 0
6.895260 B-NUMBER aligned left belowissue date.keyvalue
                  aligned left below2account number nocode.value
6.760817 0
6.723070 B-FROM-ORG aligned right abovevat id.value
6.702354 B-FROM-PERSON aligned right below2email.value
6.693501 B-NUMBER aligned left abovepage.keyvalue
6.558869 I-FROM-ORG aligned right abovevat id.key
6.532396 B-TO-ORG aligned left above2bottom
                  aligned left below2iban.value
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6.202203 I-TO-ORG aligned left aboveprice.key
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5.712573 B-TO-ORG aligned right beloworg name.value
5.661203 B-TO-PERSON aligned left abovedelivery.key
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INTERNAL EVALUATION – MUC5 METRICS



Evaluation scheme:

- Strict
- Loose

ACTual = COR + INC + PAR + SPU POSsible = COR + INC + PAR + MIS Precision = COR / ACT Recall = COR / POS

Precision = (COR + PAR*0.5)/ ACT Recall = (COR + PAR*0.5)/ POS

F1 = 2*Precision*Recall / (Precision + Recall)

- COR correct
- INC incorrect
- PAR partial
- MIS missing
- **SPU** spurious
- NON noncommittal

	true	pred	eval
invoice_number	PDDD00-0000001	0036629276	INC
invoice_date	11/28/2016	None	MIS
seller_org	SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	COR
seller_person	None	None	NON
buyer_org	Germiphene Corporation	Germiphene	PAR
buyer_person	None	Marc Detoa	SPU

EXTERNAL EVALUATION - PROPOSED METRIC

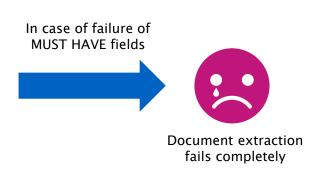


EQUALITY	MUST HAVE fields	NICE TO HAVE fields	SUCCESS	FAILURE
Strict	Invoice number Issue date Amount	Due date VAT number Phone number Bank account number	Exact value (excl. spaces) extracted	Missing or incomplete value
Loose	Buyer org name Seller org name	Buyer person name Bank name	Spaces, person titles, "Ltd", "Inc", punctuation do not make a difference	>80% of words incorrect or missing

EXTERNAL EVALUATION - PROPOSED METRIC



EQUALITY	MUST HAVE fields
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Loose	Buyer org name Seller org name



In case of failure NICE TO HAVE fields consider the number of failures over which the document extraction fails completely.

% OF DOCUMENTS

