

A case for EVs to make travels more accessible: removing the language barrier

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The problem





A dense forest of evergreen trees covered in thick snow under a pale blue sky. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the ground is also covered in a deep layer of snow. The overall scene is a serene winter landscape.

A solution: CV, NLP

The pipeline

Detecting text

Camera feed is scanned each frame for billboards etc, their text is extracted



Machine Translation

The text can be translated from the source language (can be auto detected) to any target language



Text to Speech

To avoid distracting the driver with visuals, the information is read out to them



Translation overlay

Wherever reading out is impractical, the screen shows the live feed with translated text

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Scalability

- Do not need to spend the resources creating **multilingual models** for OCR, MT or TTS
- Using **Google Cloud APIs** for each part of the pipeline (except overlay, which is manually programmed as it does not require locally running a DL model)
- The **accuracy** for Google's pre-trained models is extremely high
- This saves tremendously on **development cost**
- Since the computation is done on the **cloud**, the car's computational prowess is inconsequential
- This allows even older cars to keep performing well for such tasks, ensuring **higher sustainability**



Thank you!
Questions?