Description

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- Many companies are working hard to entrench sustainability initiatives into the DNA of their businesses, not just in an attempt to do good but because sustainability is also good for business.
- Sustainable businesses are often more efficient and effective than their non-sustainable counterparts. This is because sustainable businesses typically use resources more efficiently, have lower waste and energy costs, and have more engaged and productive employees.
- The management of sustainability initiatives hinges on collecting and collating business metrics that are often not easily accessible from business enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems.
- One source of sustainability data is the integrated report that companies publish annually. These annual reports provide a comprehensive overview of a
  - company's performance
  - financial health
  - and progress towards sustainability deliverables
  - and offer transparency into the company's activities to
    - Shareholders
    - Investors
    - Regulators
    - Employees
    - and the public
- Annual reports also serve as
  - a historical record of a company's performance over time
  - and enable comparisons between different periods
  - helping stakeholders track progress and trends.

- Despite all of these documents being in the public domain, extracting and analysing data from annual reports of large corporations can present several challenges.
- Annual reports contain
    - unstructured data,
    - don't follow standardised formats,
    - contain a vast array of information,
    - and differ in structure and presentation between companies.
- The objective of this challenge is to
    - create a solution that parses these annual reports in PDF format and extracts information about pre-defined activity metrics, in order for Unifi to obtain specific information about sustainability at a given company.
- **You can use any open-source or free tools, platforms, or LLMs in building your solution. You can also use proprietary services and tools that cost up to $20 per month including ChatGPT Plus. An important aspect is that the solution is generalisable for future use.**