

## **Reflective Journal: Lab 4**

### **What I Learned**

I gained hands-on experience using Document Intelligence to extract structured data from forms, which provided a solid understanding of how Azure's AI services can parse and categorize text from unstructured formats. I learned to set up a basic workflow for extracting relevant fields from documents, highlighting Azure's potential in reducing manual work in document processing tasks. The lab also helped clarify the types of documents Azure AI is well-suited for and demonstrated the value of OCR (Optical Character Recognition) combined with AI models in extracting data.

### **Challenges Faced**

One challenge I encountered was the initial configuration, specifically in assigning the correct labels for each field in a form, as mislabeling could lead to incorrect data extraction. Additionally, understanding the constraints of the AI model when dealing with more complex document structures was initially confusing. This part required careful experimentation to ensure the model accurately identified and processed each field without misinterpretation.

### **Insights Gained**

This lab provided deeper insights into how Azure AI's Document Intelligence can be critical for any industry dealing with extensive paperwork or form-based data. The AI's accuracy and ease of integration into broader applications make it a promising solution for automating repetitive data-entry tasks, which can enhance productivity and reduce human error. This experience also highlighted the importance of training AI models with clean, well-labeled data for optimal performance, especially when working with diverse document layouts.

In conclusion, Lab 4 on the Skillable Platform was a highly valuable exercise that deepened my understanding of how AI can transform document processing and management tasks in practical settings. By working with Azure's Document Intelligence service, I saw firsthand the efficiency gains that AI-driven document parsing and data extraction can bring, particularly for organizations that handle large volumes of paperwork. The experience highlighted the versatility of AI applications in automating processes that traditionally required considerable manual effort, thereby saving time and reducing errors. This lab has equipped me with essential skills and insights into document AI, which I am excited to build on in future projects.

