



State-of-the-art OCR technology

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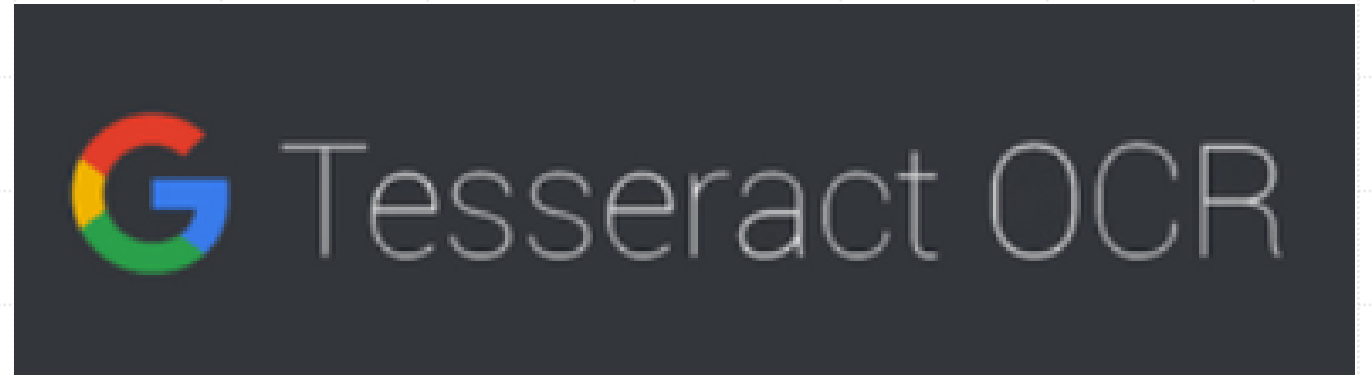


Agenda

- State-of-the-art Tesseract OCR technology
- Architecture
- Training Tesseract
- Evaluation

Tesseract OCR technology

- Open-source OCR engine
- Developed and Maintained by Google
- Can detect over 100 languages
- Can process even right-to-left text



Architecture Tesseract 4.0

- New OCR engine that uses LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory)
- Most effective solution for sequence prediction problems
- Pytesseract python wrapper

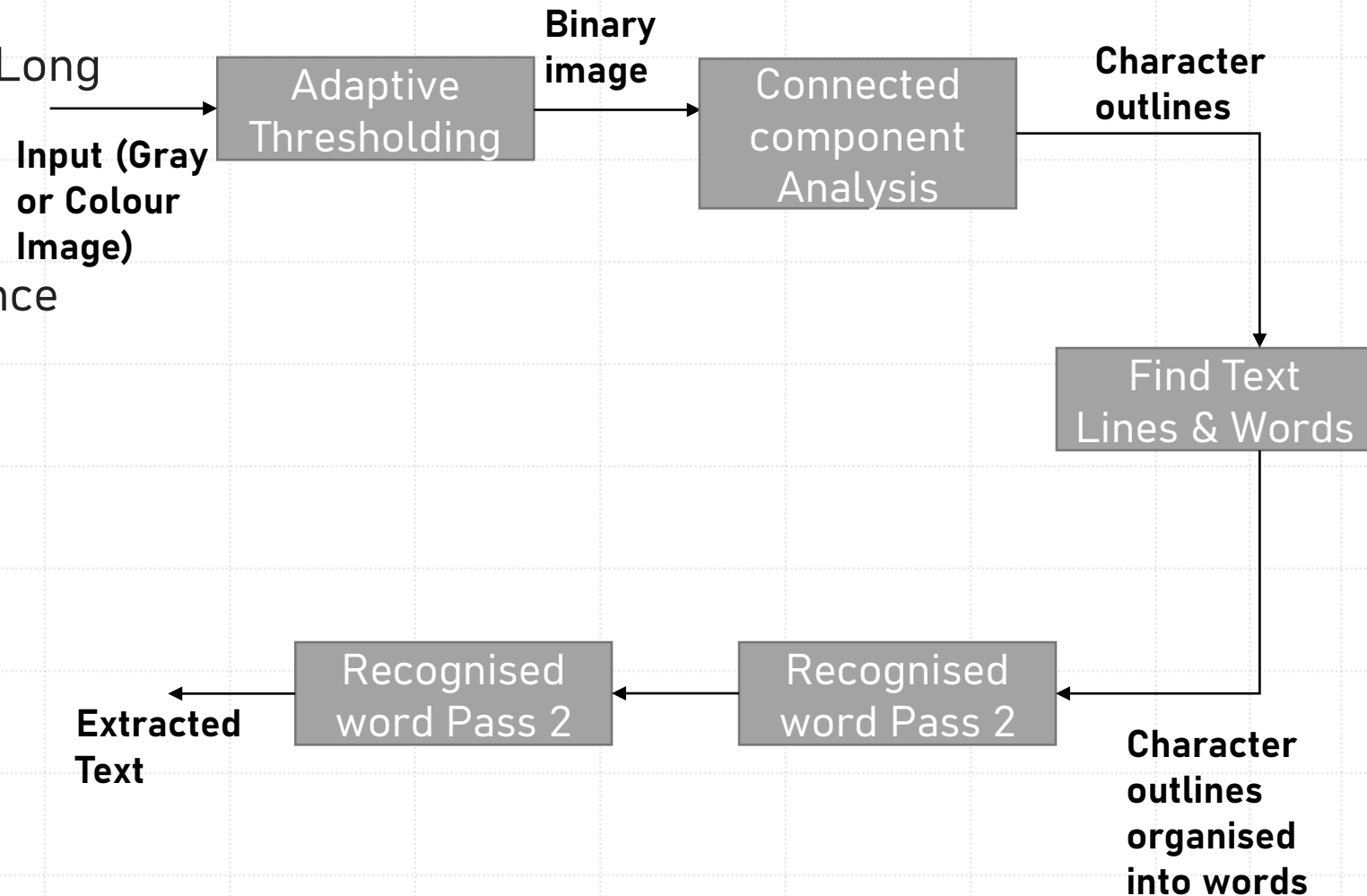


Figure: Architecture of Tesseract 4.0

Training Tesseract 4.0

- Training for custom fonts
- LSTM Model

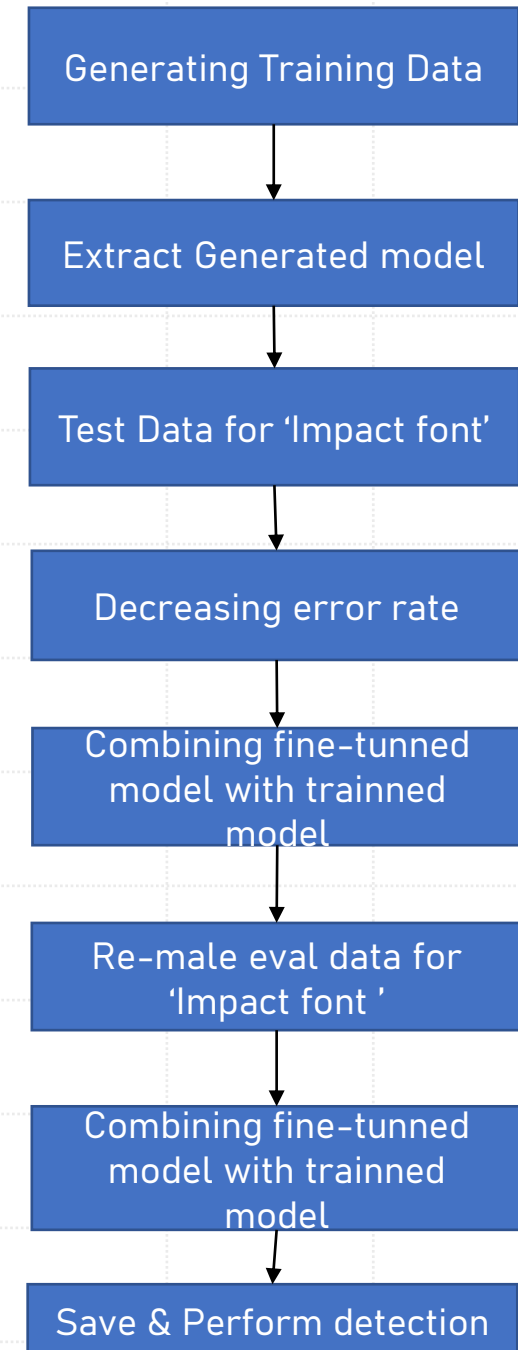


Figure: Flow Chart for Training Tesseract 4.0

Evaluation Metrics

- **Character Error Rate (CER)** : Represents the **percentage** of characters that were **incorrectly** predicted.
- **Word Error Rate (WER)**: Computes the **minimum edit distance** between a human-generated sentence and the machine-predicted sentence.

$$\text{WER} = \frac{\text{Number of Errors}}{\text{Total Words}}$$



Thank you!