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Abstract

Development of a mobile app for Cam scanning documents using machine vision techniques over the years was interesting, to make an app that is designed to provide users with a fast and easy way to digitize physical documents into digital formats. Machine vision algorithms were implemented to detect and extract text from images captured by the Mobile device's camera, the app's user interface was designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, allowing user to easily scan documents and save them in various formats, the performance of the app was evaluated through Testing and Studying Several cam scanning apps, results demonstrate that the app provide a reliable and efficient solution for Cam scanning documents using machine vision.

At the end, Machine Vision exists in our Everyday Tasks in Life, so we need to implement it in an easy and useful way for anyone to Use it.

Problem Definition

Problem here is to convert a physical (hard-copy) document into a digitized form (soft-copy) to use it in several different applications after, The challenge was to detect the writing and process it more further to detect the key points of the Documents to find out the Biggest Contour and the edges of the document if were it to be scanned as a whole and implement another method simultaneously letting the user to adjust the points surrounding the targeted text to be cropped and processed and saved as pdf in the end. All that in a user-Friendly app which is easy on the eyes of the user containing Nice GUI (Graphical User Interface)

Importance

Many existing mobile scanner apps rely on simple image processing techniques that can lead to low quality or distort scans especially if the lighting conditions are poor or the document is not placed correctly on the camera. Machine vision techniques can help to overcome these limitations by analyzing the image data captured by the camera and applying sophisticated algorithms to correct for distortion remove noise and enhance the overall image quality. The aim was to develop a mobile scanner app using machine vision techniques to produce high quality scans of documents and other paper-based materials. our app uses advanced image processing algorithms to detect the edges of the document, correct for distortion and perspective and then enhance the overall image quality by using machine vision techniques, our app can produce scans that are more accurate more readable and more consistent even under challenging lighting conditions. The importance of this app lies in the ability to provide a fast, convenient and high quality scanning solutions for users who need to scan documents on the go whether you are a student who needs to scan notes for a Class, A business professional who needs to scan receipts for expense reports or anyone else who need to digitize paper based materials our app provides a simple and effective solution by using machine vision techniques and easy to use as an overall app.

Methods and Algorithm

Processing The Doc-image

The First thing to do is to Capture the Document as an Image to apply Machine Vision Techniques on it By Using **OpenCV-python** module and **Numpy** module and handling that image as data, by Applying Simple steps on that data we managed to get the edges of the Document as A whole and defining the contours then modifying key points then wrapping and cropping the image to save it as pdf

Algorithm steps

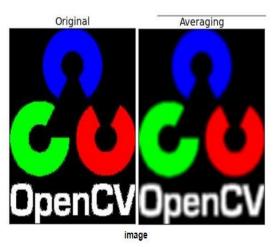
- 1. Capture the Doc. To be scanned from the mobile Camera
- 2. Rescaling the image frame (works better this way with opency)
- 3. Apply opency on it to get rid of the colors and turn it to gray scale image for further processing
- 4. Apply gaussian Blur filter on the gray image to make it blur and remove all the noise as much as possible
- 5. Apply Canny algorithm for edge detection for detecting all edges, defining the kernel size, Max and min Threshold. Then further processing to get the threshold image
- 6. Get Contours that exist in the image, loop over all contours to find the biggest contour that consists of 4 corner points (key-points), that's going to be the area to be processed further and then we draw line connecting those points together
- 7. Waiting The user to re-order those key-points by moving them, then when satisfied with that area, crop away that area
- 8. Reading The coordinates of the new points and processing the distance between each point and returning the new points position and area bounded by them
- 9. Get the perspective view of the Doc (bird's eye view), Then crop it
- 10. Sharpen the image by subtracting the blur from the original gray image to get a high-pass Filter, then add that filter to the original gray image or use Laplacian filter by subtracting it from original (cropped and wrapped image), Then save it as Pdf

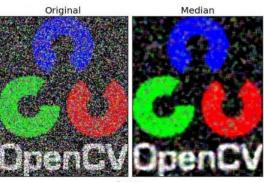
Methods

• Capture the image and convert it to gray scale

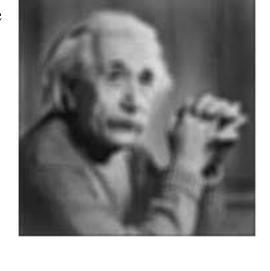
After Rescaling the image for OpenCV to work on and then Removing the colors from the image to get its raw gray scale data for further processing and that way it's easier to handle

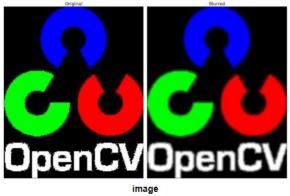
• **Blurring** The Gray Image to Get Rid of the Noise in that image as much as possible there is many ways for blurring such as Averaging, Gaussian Blur, median Blur (salt and pepper noise), bilateral filtering











• Edge Detection Using Canny Edge Detection Algorithm to detect Edges

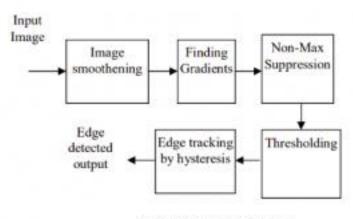
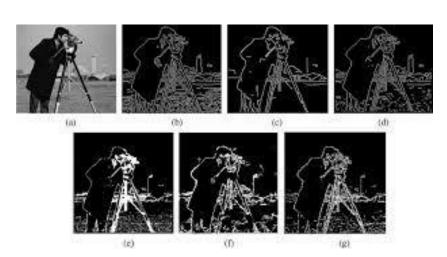
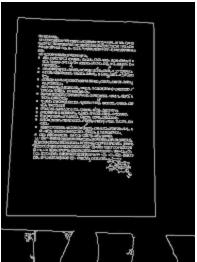


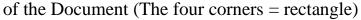
Fig 1.2: Canny Edge Detection

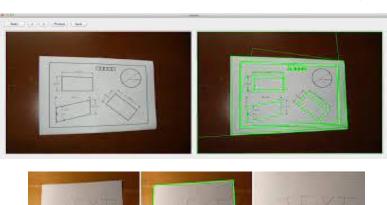






• Next, we define and loop around the contours and find out which of them is the biggest contour from edge detection, this way we found the borders of the document key points









• Letting The user to re-order the four points (document corners) to adjust the wrapping space to be cropped



• Cropping The Bounded Space by the Final Contour and save it as A4 pdf for Document Reading







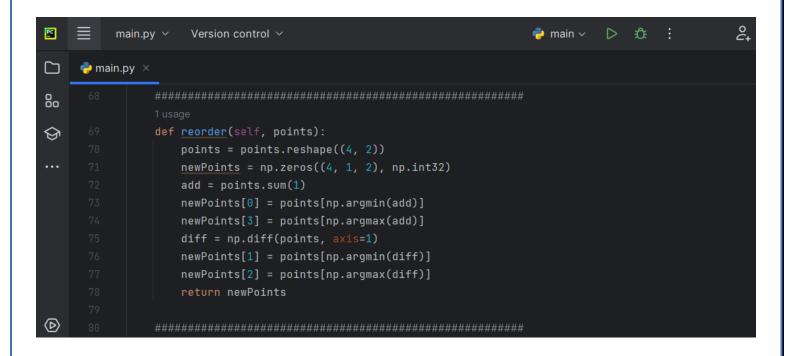
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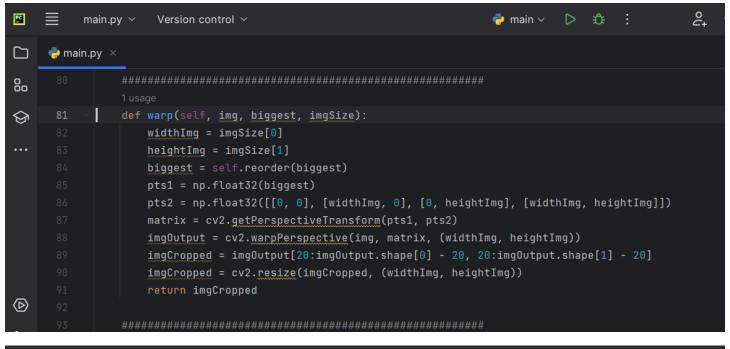
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               from kivy.core.window import Window
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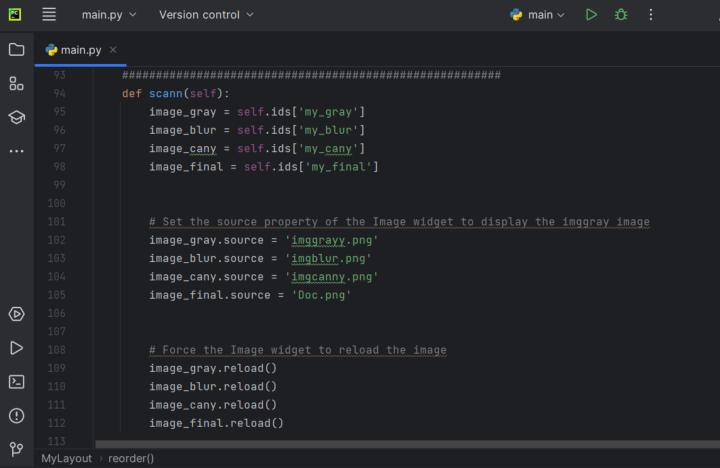
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             class MyLayout(TabbedPanel):
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                 def capture(self): ### Button Function When it's pressed down ###
                     camera = self.ids['camera']
                     timestr = time.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M")
                     filename = "IMG{}.png".format(timestr)
                     camera.export_to_png(filename)
                     img = cv2.imread(filename)
                     return img
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                 def rescale_frame(self, frame, percent=80):
                     width = int(frame.shape[1] * percent / 50)
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                     height = int(frame.shape[0] * percent / 50)
                     dim = (width, height)
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                     return cv2.resize(frame, dim, interpolation=cv2.INTER_AREA)
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                 def processing(self, img):
                     imggray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
                     imgBlur = cv2.GaussianBlur(imggray, (5, 5), 1)
                     imgCanny = cv2.Canny(imgBlur, 70, 100)
                     imgDial = cv2.dilate(imgCanny, kernel, iterations=2)
                     imgThres = cv2.erode(imgDial, kernel, iterations=1)
                     cv2.imwrite('imggrayy.png', imggray)
                     cv2.imwrite('imgblur.png', imgBlur)
                     cv2.imwrite('imgcanny.png', imgCanny)
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                     return imgThres
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                 def getContours(self, img):
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                     biggest = np.array([])
                     maxArea = 0
                     contours, hierarchy = cv2.findContours(img, cv2.RETR_EXTERNAL, cv2.CHAIN_APPROX_NONE)
                     for cnt in contours:
                         area = cv2.contourArea(cnt)
                         if area > 5000:
                             peri = cv2.arcLength(cnt, True)
                             approx = cv2.approxPolyDP(cnt, 0.02 * peri, True)
                              if area > maxArea and len(approx) == 4:
                                  biggest = approx
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                                  maxArea = area
                     cv2.drawContours(imgContour, biggest, -1, (0, 0, 255), 30)
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                     return biggest
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                  def savepdf(self):
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                      imgpdf = Image.open('Doc.png')
                      imgpdf.save(output_pdf_path, 'PDF', resolution=100.0)
                      if os.path.exists(output_pdf_path):
                          print("done, nice")
                          print("no, please try again")
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           while True:
                 layout = MyLayout() ###Create an Instance of The Class To access the Functions Within later
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                  img = layout.capture() ###Calling Capture Function
                  imgSize = img.shape ###Getting The size of the Original Image
                  imgContour = img.copy()
                 processdImg = layout.processing(img) ###Getting Threshold image after Canny edge Detection
                 biggest = layout.getContours(processdImg) #### Getting biggest Rectangle Contours
                 if biggest.size != 0:
                      imgWarped = layout.wrap(img, biggest, imgSize)
                      imggraysharp = cv2.cvtColor(imgWarped, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
                      imgBlursharp = cv2.GaussianBlur(imggraysharp, (5, 5), 1)
                      highpass = cv2.subtract(imggraysharp, imgBlursharp)
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                      sharpened = cv2.add(imggraysharp, highpass)
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                      cv2.imwrite('Doc.png', sharpened)
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             class MyScanApp(App):
             def build(self):
                  Window.clearcolor = (117.0 / 255.0, 107.0 / 255.0, 105.0 / 255.0, 1)
                  return MyLayout()
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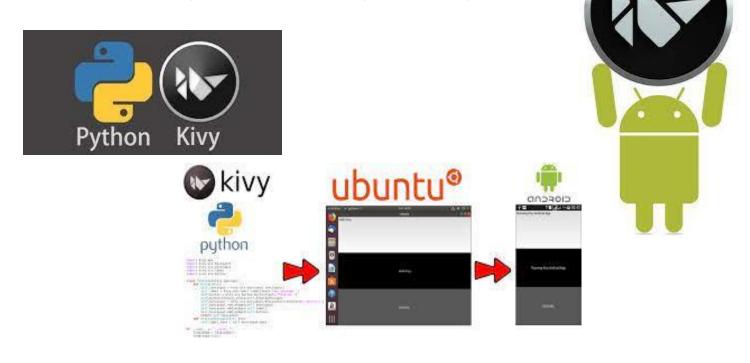
Kivy App

Using Kivy For building an app as it's an open-source cross-platform python-app Development

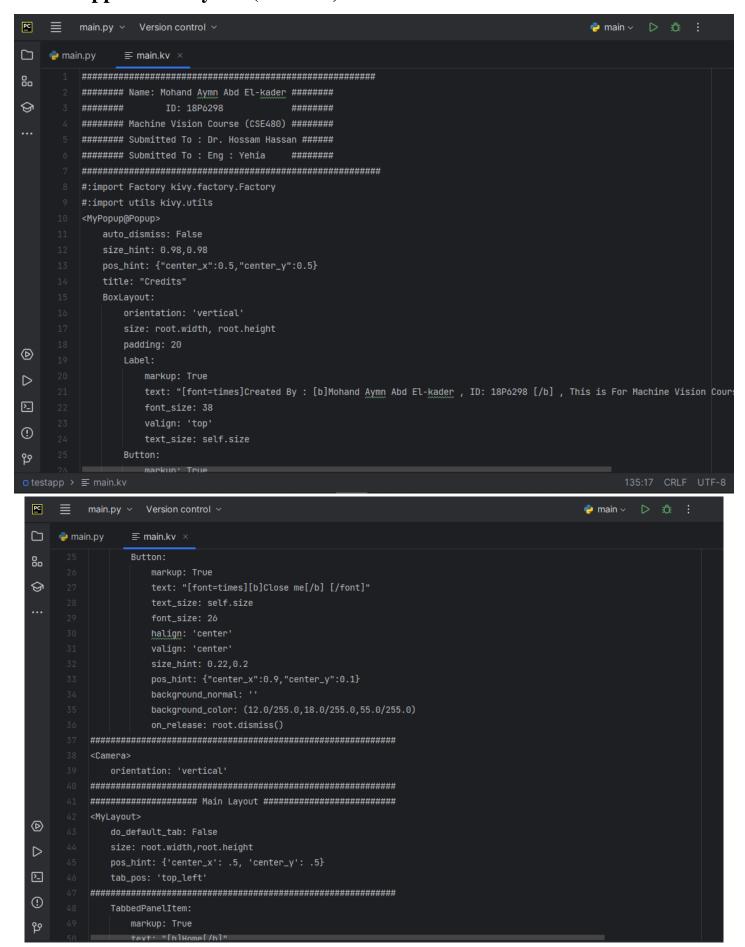
Framework and Although its an working windows App (.exe) but Used

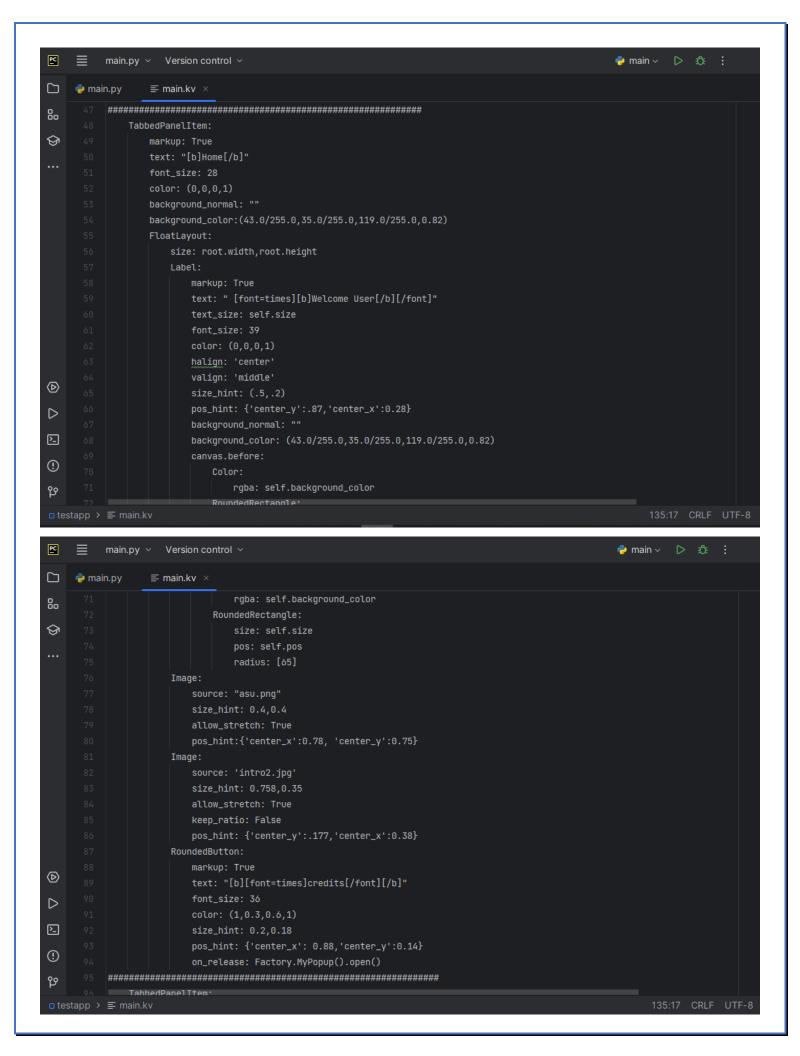
Buildozer For Debugging and Deployment of the python, kivy project to

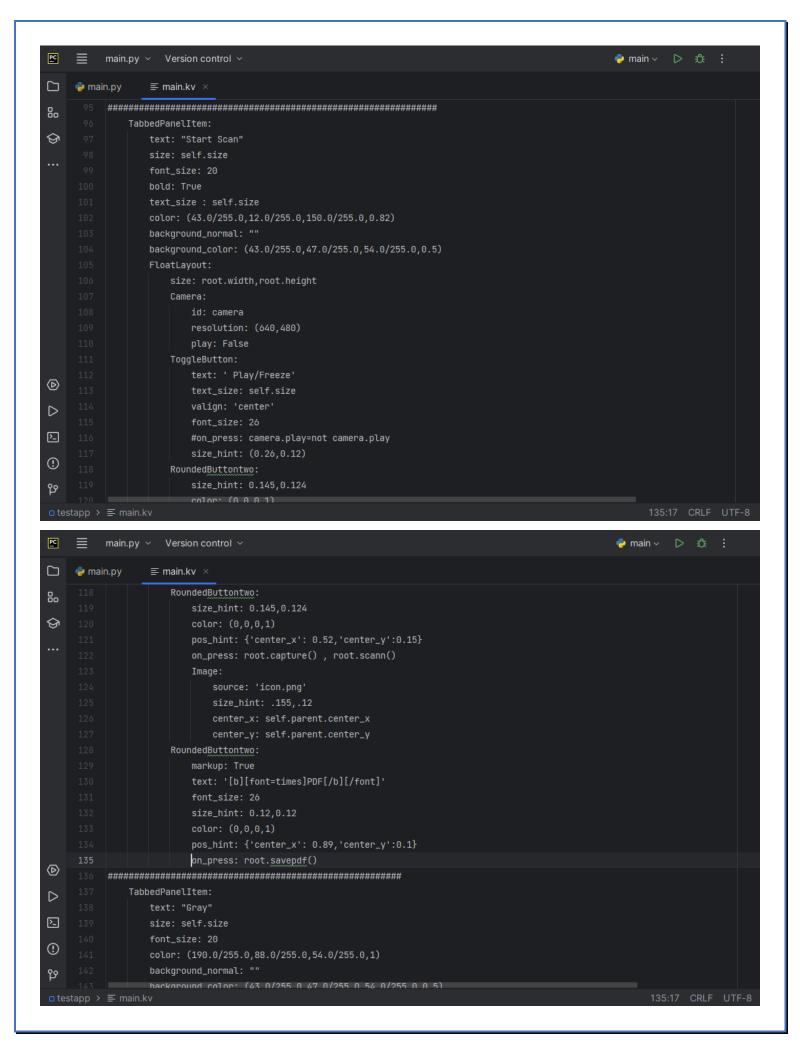
Convert it to a working APK (Android Package Kit) Through Linux OS.

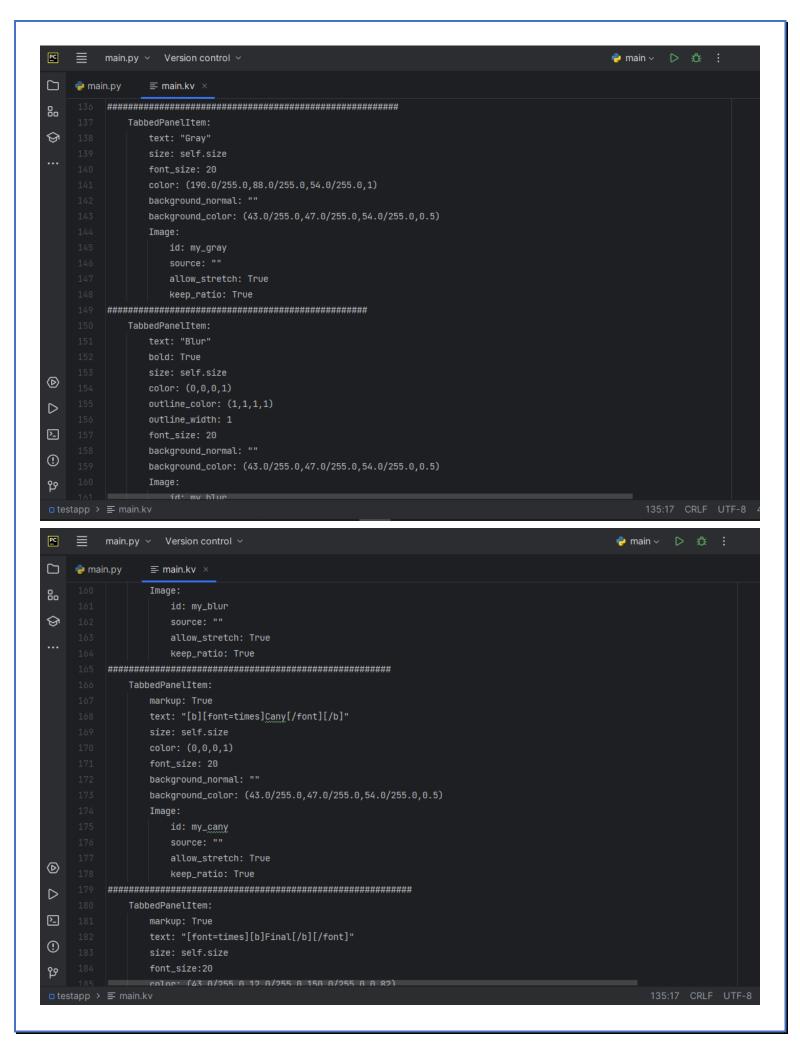


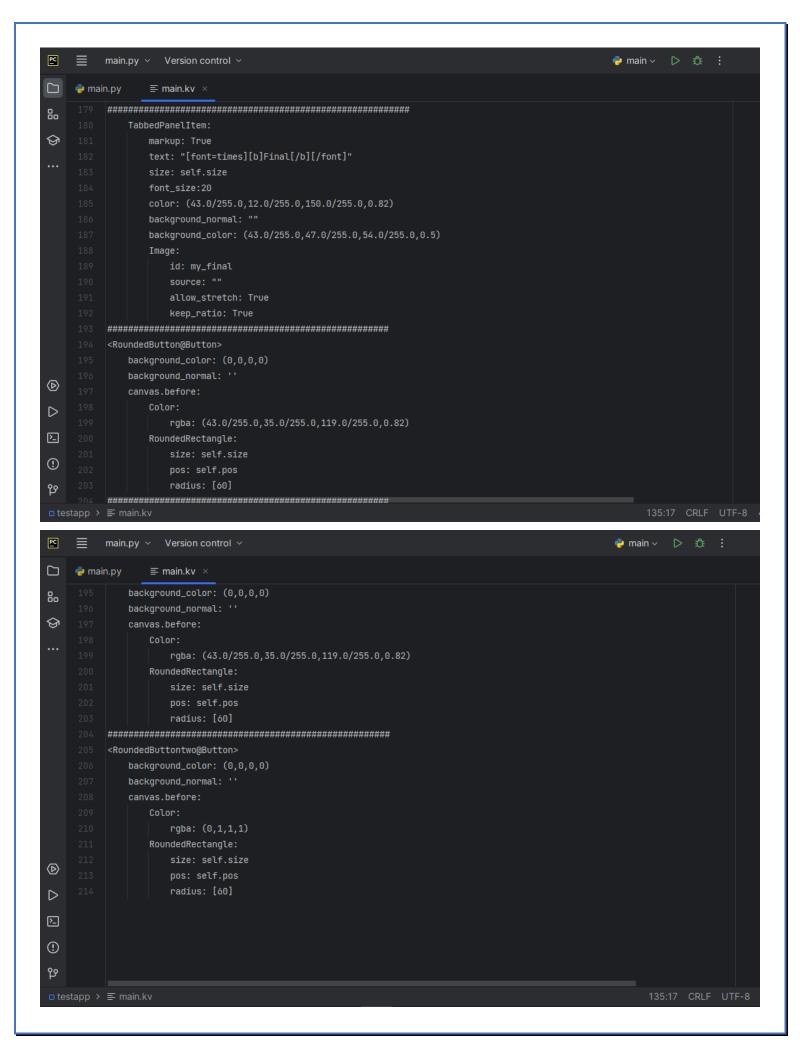
• Snippets of Kivy file (main.kv):





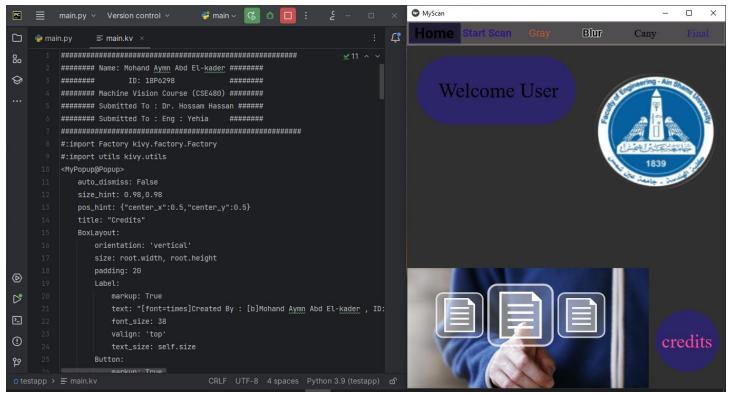




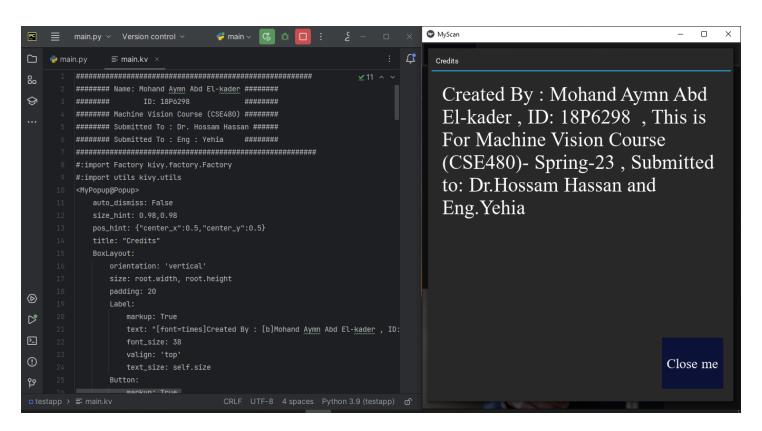


Kivy App Layout (Laptop)

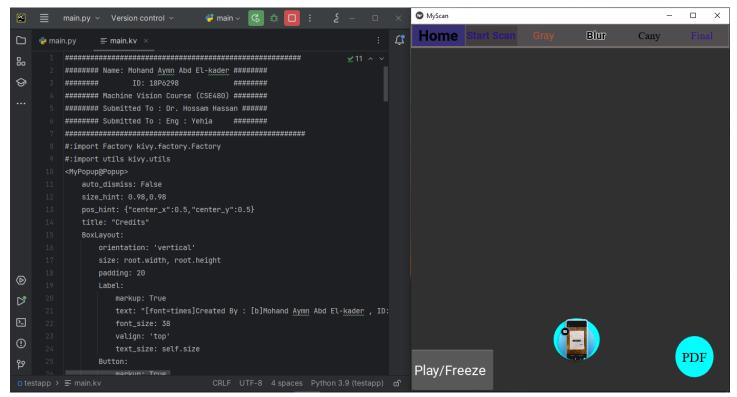
Home Tab



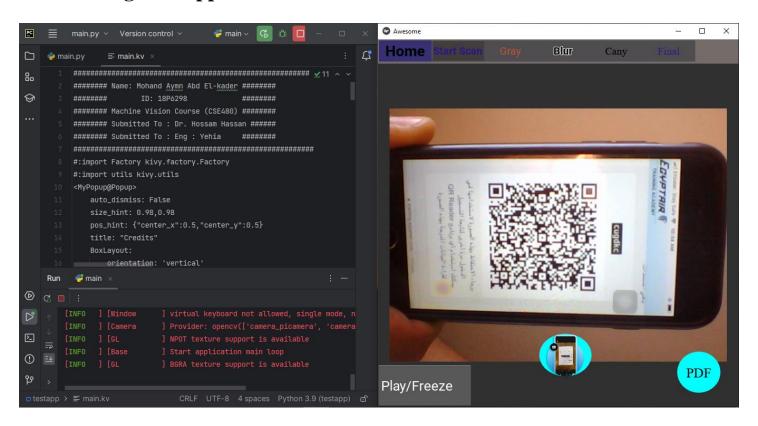
Credits Button opens a Pop-up Screen Containg Credits info.



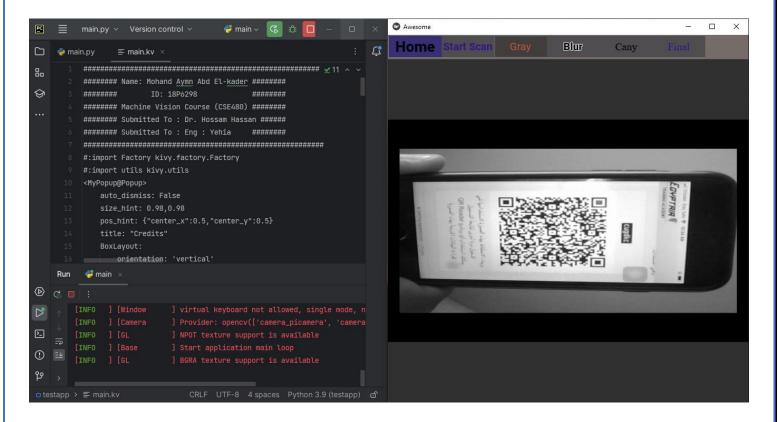
• Start Scan tab, Play/Freeze Button is a Toggle Button For Opening The Camera, The Logo is a Capture Button and The Pdf is For saving The Final processed and wrapped image as pdf



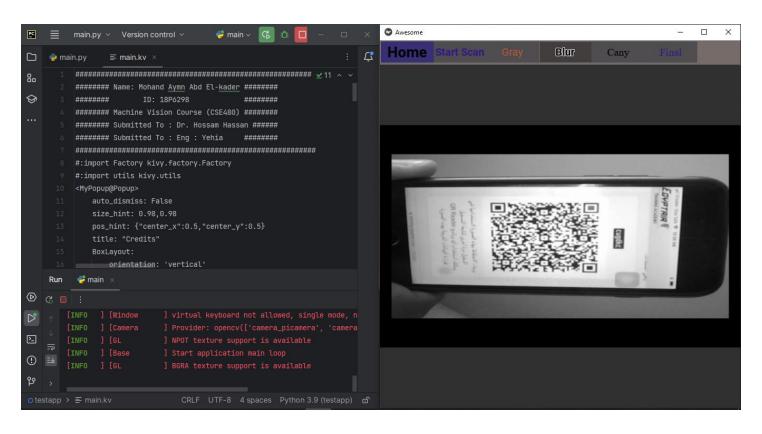
Testing The App



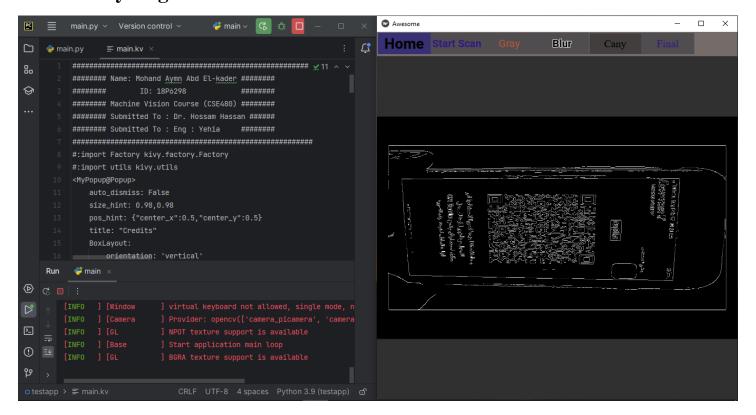
- Process of Image Scanning (For Visualization and validation)
- Gray Image



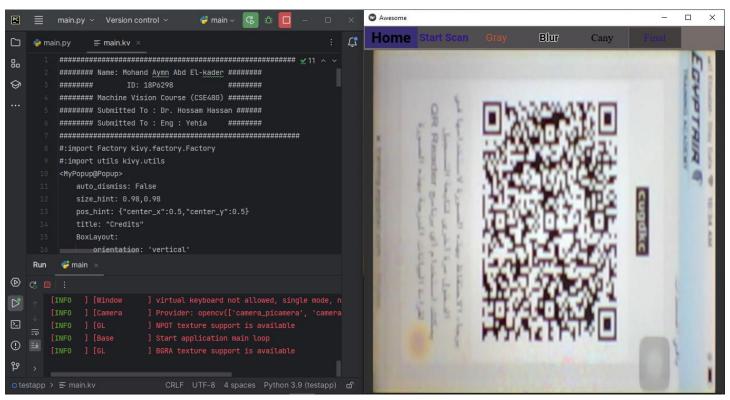
Blur Image



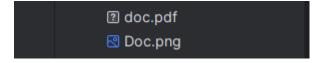
• Canny Edge Detection



Result

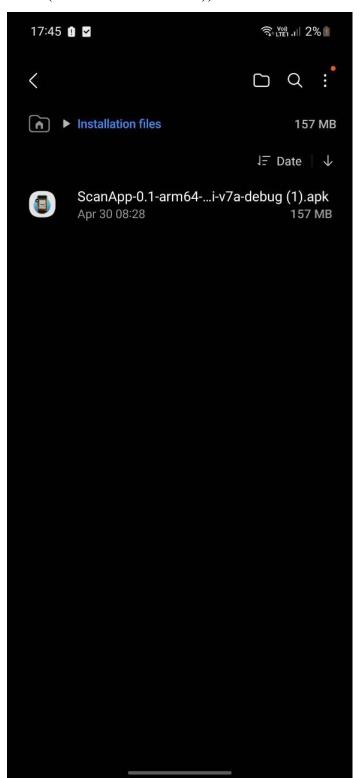


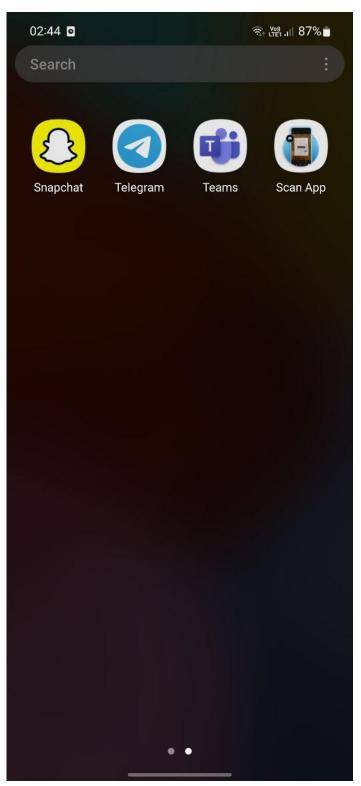
• Saved as Pdf → □ □

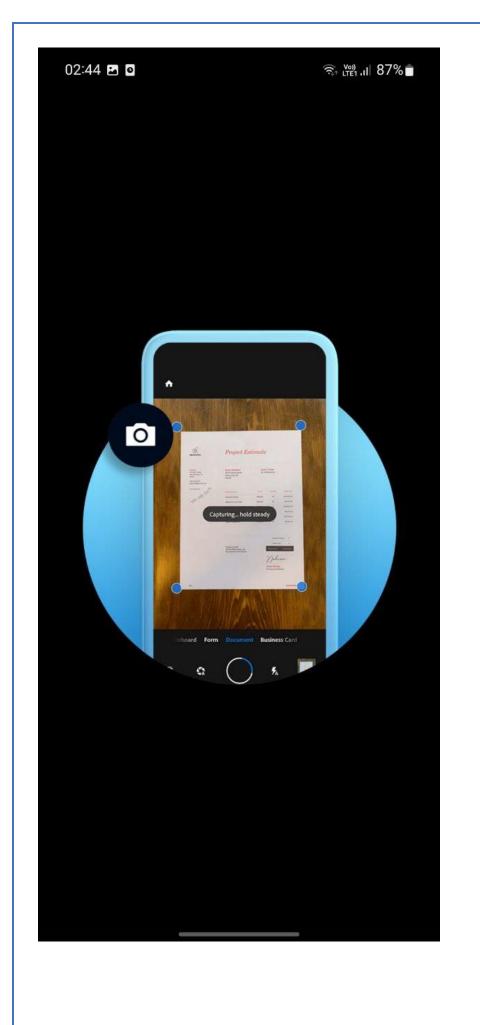


Phone App Layout

• After Debugging and configuring the (**buildozer.spec** file) with Buildozer on linux Os to Get an APk for Android Devices (Caution: it Installs Correctly but it Worked few Times But it often Crashes with Different Android System so might not Work on Different API (versions of Android))

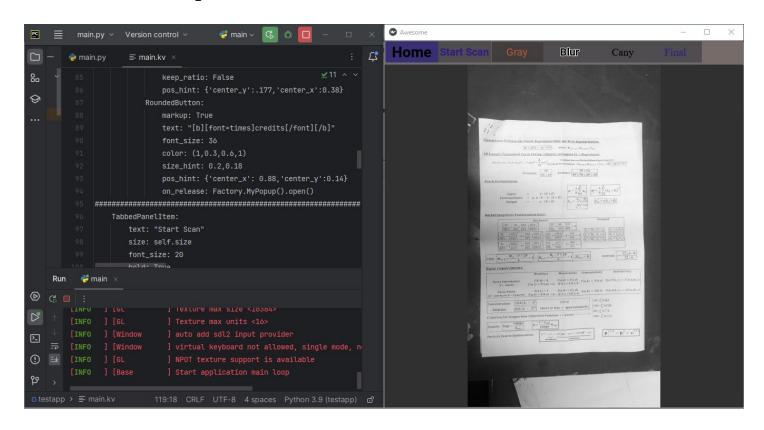


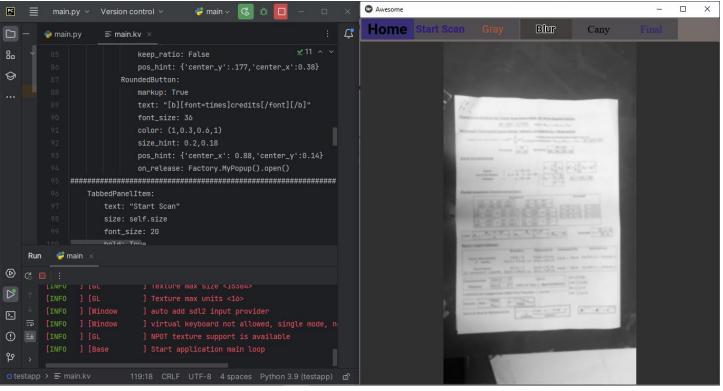


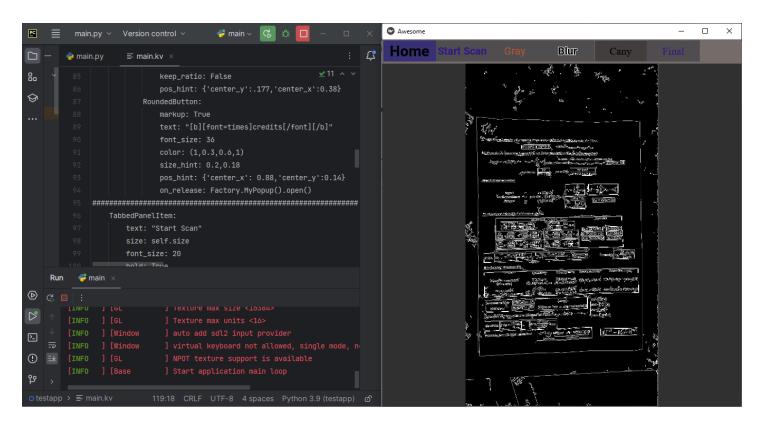


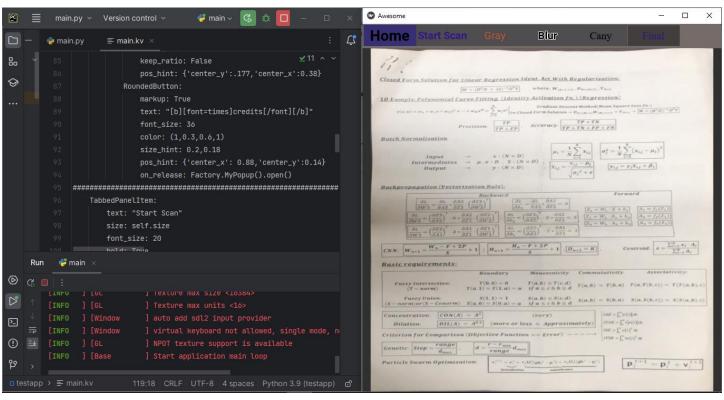
Random Results From Results File:

• First test sample

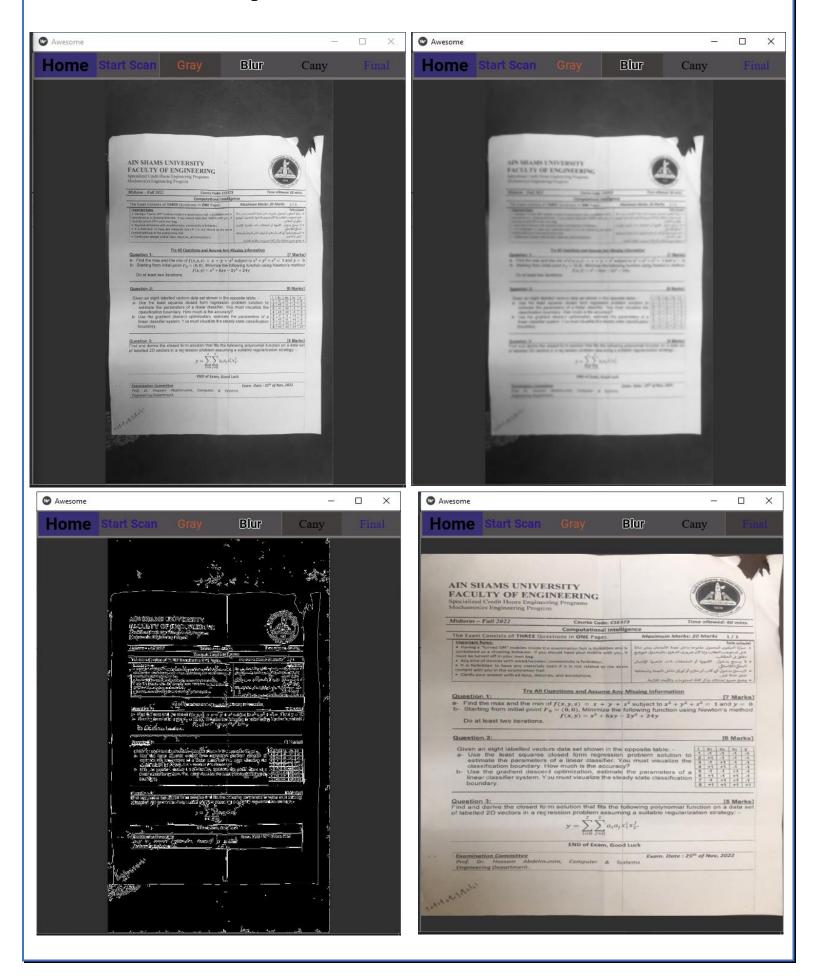




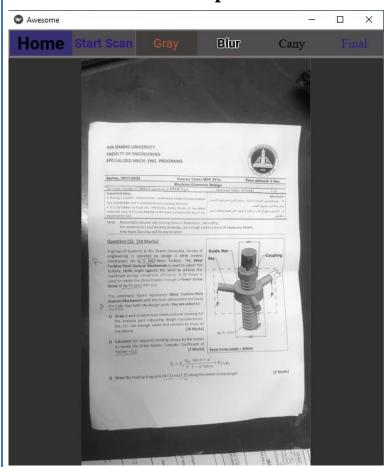


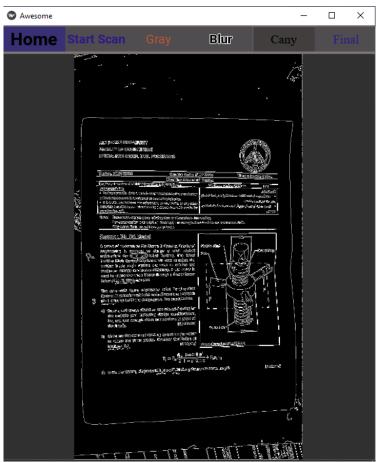


Second Test Sample

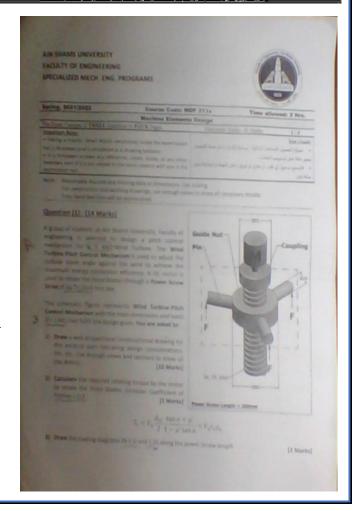


Third Test sample

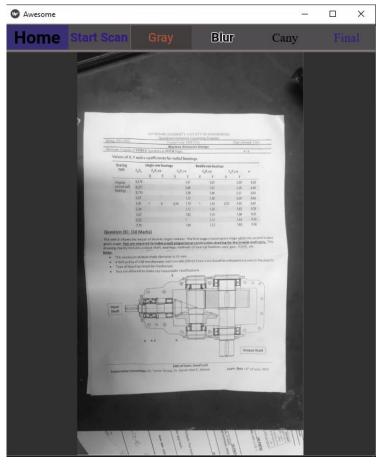


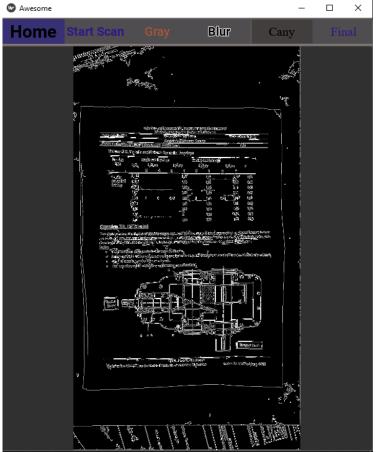


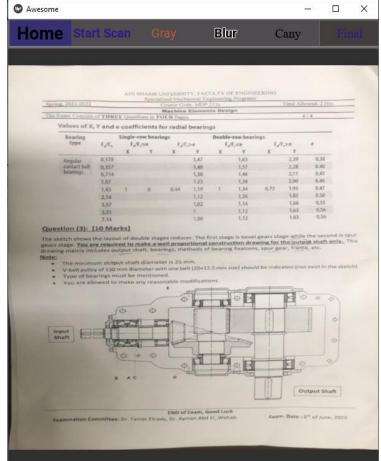
• Failed To detect The Document Most
Probably Because The illumination was too
high (had a lamp just above it) and the
Edges wasn't strong Enough Although
When the same Document was Tested in
The Demo Video Demonstrating the App it
was Detected Successfully and added the
result in the Test Files so basically it
depends on illumination Condition, position
and quality of The Used Camera. →



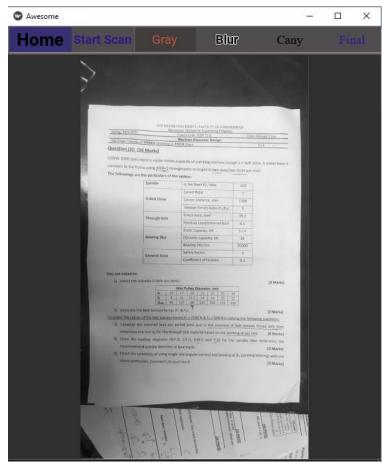
• Fourth Test Sample



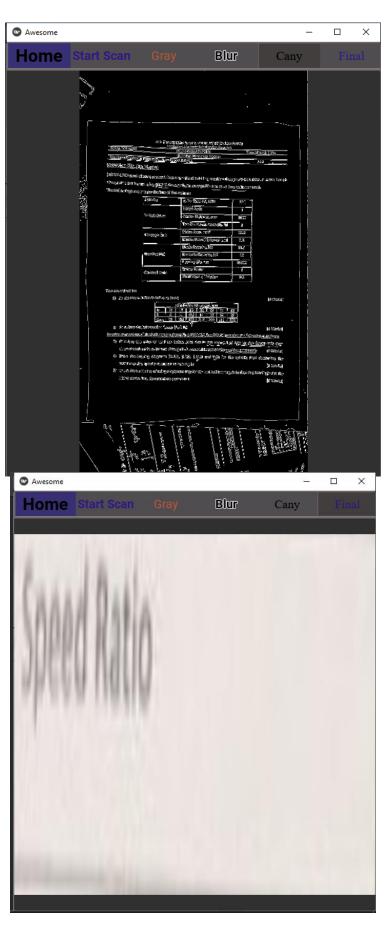




• Fifth Test Sample



 Failed due to high illumination and low-quality camera and positioning and another document interfered in the lower edge



Comments

Overall, the app scored roughly around 80% (detected 8 out of 10 test samples and converted them into PDF) sometimes it detects all the 10 Documents Correctly but needing correctly positioning the camera above the document,

The app was tested on different illumination Conditions as well as inhomogeneities and it acted quite good and was able to scan right most of the time, most probably due to the camera quality is one of the reasons to fail in Automatic detection and scanning the desired region, but other Times when the Camera positioned Correctly above the Document it scans it perfectly

Appendix

Drive Link For Project Code (main.py / main.kv) and 10 Test Results and a Demo Video:

 $\underline{https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1p9HagUBbRMtNxUOeTOTaMhlhaMNgfbyF?usp=sharing}$

Kivy Tutorial Course:

Intro To Kivy – Installing Kivy on Windows – Python Kivy GUI Tutorial #1 – KivyCoder.com

Buildozer For debugging the python and kivy files into one APK

Welcome to Buildozer's documentation! — Buildozer 0.11 documentation

Used Software in The Project:

- PyCharm
- Kivy
- Android Studio (For visualizing to the logcat for errors)
- Windows Subsystem Linux
- Buildozer

Modules and Libraries Used:

- Python3
- Kivy == 2.1.0
- Numpy
- Opency