

Make receipts speak.

Team Receipt Contextualizer

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Our Target Mission and Goals

- → Use the data of receipts for insights
- → Expenses for each category of grocery
- → Target group are customers, not companies
- → Search products which are similar, but not necessarily in the same category
- → No static database which must be maintained. Use natural language processing

I know my expenses thanks to this app!



The Receipt c confusing and hard t

- Brand names
- Abbreviations
- Not standardized
- Not machine readable
- Every Store differently

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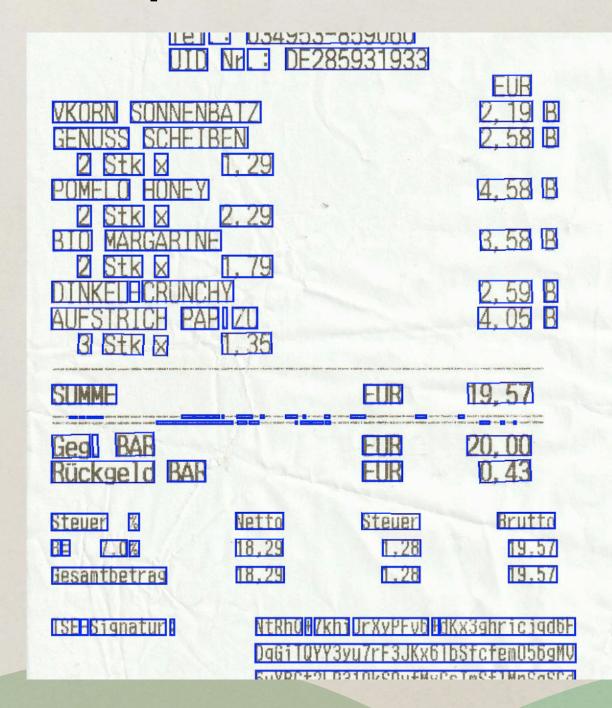
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Read Text from Image

Text recognition and segment parsing

Receipts:



Readout challenges:

- Heavily depends on image/receipt quality
- Non-uniform recognition over image
- Varying receipt structure per vendor





ID	Product_abbr	Price
1	VKORN SONNENBATZ	2.19
2	GENUSS SCHEIBEN	2.58
3	POMELO HONEY	4.58
4	BIO MARGARINE	3.58
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LLM as classifier Embeddings for search

Performance evaluation

correct vs. meaningful augmentation

Accuracy =	Correct predictions		
	All predictions		

II	Product_abbr	Product_name	Main_category	Sub_category
1	BRESSO KR. PROV	Bresso Kräuter Provence	Obst & Gemüse	Frische Kräuter
2	VEG. SP. SCHNITTL	Vegetarische Schnitzel	Fleisch & Fisch	Fleischalternativen
3	ALTENBURGER FK	Altenburger Fettkäse	Käse, Eier & Molkerei	Käse & Käseersatz
4	REISPAPIER	Reispapier	Kochen & Backen	Backzutaten
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(scanned: ~300 product abbreviations)

LLM accuracy:

Product name: 87%

Main category: 84%

Sub category: 82%

Future work

Add feedback for LLM output

Generalize receipt processing (all vendors)

Include nutrition information

Update daily promotions

Recommendations

Improve OCR:

- Preprocessing
- Preferably open-source



Thank you for your attention!

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