

Survey on Document Resizing, Validation and Verification for Web API

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Abstract --- Technology has enabled us to upload and submit documents online at ease with computers, mobile phones, etc. With this service there also comes the hassle of monitoring, adjusting size and dimensions of the document images(jpeg and png) and the clarity of the content in images requested by the websites. This service will help the website developers and the user to receive and upload images respectively without having to monitor the size(memory) and dimensions of images. This paper proposes a Web API which on integration can be used by website developers for their website to resize images according to the size and/or dimensions of their requirement and verify they validity and authenticity of content in images. The version of the Web API that will be developed will provide validation and verification for Aadhaar card, PAN card and Driving License. Further updates might include the implementation of verification of more documents.
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I. INTRODUCTION

Identity documents for registration of events, exams, interviews, etc., had to be submitted and verified offline. Online submission of images of documents was enabled later on with improvement in technology. With this helpful service, there also came the hassle of having to upload images of a certain memory size and dimensions and to do that, the user had to monitor and modify the image or multiple images according to the requirements of the website developer. The proposed product that will be developed by us will resize the image or multiple images according to the requirements and also check for the validity and authenticity of the content of document in the image. This service can be integrated by the particular website developer to use it according to their website requirements. The product will be in the form of a Web API which will have different sections for different functions which are: Resizing, OCR, Document check(Validity of document based on format and layout), Verification(Identity, authenticity). The website developer can opt for the function they need to be performed. The version of the product that will be developed will provide validation and verification only for Aadhar card, PAN card and Driving License. Further updates might include validation and verification for more documents.

II. METHODOLOGY

- The images are uploaded to a website by the user.
- The website calls the Web API for the function that it needs to be performed.
- The Web API starts with resizing the image according to the website's requirement.
- Based on the website's requirement which is either or both validation of a document or/and verification of authenticity of the document in the image, respective functions are executed by the Web API.
- The resized image is sent to the website developer with the details of the document if requested(OCR).
- If the document in the image is not validated or verified when requested, an error code or message is sent to the website developer. The website can then prompt the user to upload a valid and proper image, again.
- If the document is successfully validated and/or verified, a success code or message is sent to the developer. Following sections include a brief about different sections of Web API.

1. Resizing:

Image resizing is the process of increasing or decreasing of dimensions or memory size of an image.

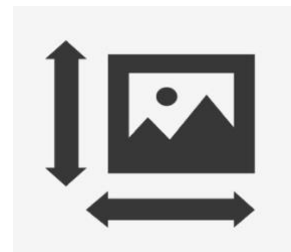


Fig 1: Resizing based on dimensions

2. OCR (Optical Character Recognition):

Optical character recognition or optical character reader is the electronic or mechanical conversion of images of typed, handwritten or printed text into machine-encoded text, whether from a scanned document, a photo of a document, a scene-photo or from subtitle text superimposed on an image.



Fig 2: OCR Process

3. Document Check (Validation):

Document check involves the checking the validity of document scanned based on format/layout of the document(s).



Fig 3: Valid Aadhar card document

4. Document Verification(Authenticity):

Document verification involves the verification of the details of the document scanned and checking if the details are unique and original.



Fig 4: Verification of originality of details

III. BLOCK DIAGRAM

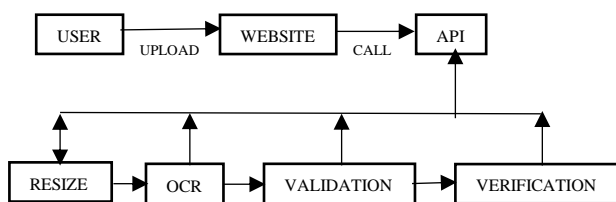


Fig 5: Working of the API

IV. TECHNIQUE

1. Image acquisition from website:

When the website receives the image uploaded by the user, it calls the API and passes the image as a parameter.

2. Resizing:

The API resizes the image based on the requirements of the website developer, images will be resized with respect to dimensions and memory size using OpenCV library functions.

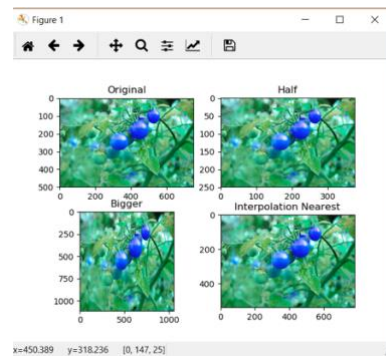


Fig 6: Resizing using OpenCV

3. OCR(Optical Character Recognition):

OCR will involve the usage of OpenCV, Pillow, Numpy and Pytesseract to extract the important information like Name, Date of Birth, Card Number, etc. from the document content in the image.



Fig 7: Using OCR to scan Aadhar card details

4. Validation:

Validation will include the usage of OCR information extracted and the checking of the validity of the document (whether the right document image is uploaded in the right field or not).

5. Verification:

Verification of Aadhaar card is done by using <https://resident.uidai.gov.in/verify> website (Web Scraping) which verifies a valid Aadhaar number by prompting Green tick mark and for PAN card, we'll use <https://www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in/> to check if the PAN number exists.

V. LITERATURE SURVEY

[1] Author Kunal Relan has proposed that Flask is a lightweight microframework for web applications built on top of Python, which provides an efficient framework for building web-based applications using the flexibility of Python and strong community support with the capability of scaling to serve millions of users. Flask has excellent community support, documentation, and supporting libraries; it was developed to provide a barebone framework for developers, giving them the freedom to build their applications using their preferred set of libraries and tools. This book takes you through different stages of a REST API-based application development process using flask which explains the basics of the Flask framework assuming the readers understand Python. We'll cover database integration, understanding REST services, REST APIs performing CRUD operations, user authentication, third-party library integrations, testing, deployment, and application monitoring. At the end of this book, you'll have a fair understanding of Flask framework, REST, testing, deploying, and managing Flask applications, which will open doors to understanding REST API development.

[2] Author Miguel Grinberg has proposed that Flask makes it very easy to create RESTful web services. The familiar route () decorator along with its methods optional argument can be used to declare the routes that handle the resource URLs exposed by the service. Working with JSON data is also simple, as JSON data included with a request can be obtained in dictionary format by calling request.get_json(), and a response that needs to contain JSON can be easily generated from a Python dictionary using Flask's jsonify() helper function.

[3] Author Prateek Joshi has proposed that Whenever we resize an image, there are multiple ways to fill in the pixel values. When we are enlarging an image, we need to fill up the pixel values in between pixel locations. When we are shrinking an image, we need to take the best representative value. When we are scaling by a non-integer value, we need to interpolate values appropriately, so that the quality of the image is maintained. There are multiple ways to do interpolation. If we are enlarging an image, it's preferable to use linear or cubic interpolation. If we are shrinking an image, it's preferable to use the area-based interpolation. Cubic interpolation is computationally more complex, and hence slower than linear interpolation. But the quality of the resulting image will be higher.

OpenCV provides a function called resize to achieve image scaling. If you don't specify a size (by using None), then it expects the X and Y scaling factors.

[4] Authors Chirag Indravadanbhai Patel and Dharmendra Patel have proposed that Optical character recognition (OCR) method has been used in converting printed text into editable text. OCR is very useful and popular method in various applications. Accuracy of OCR can be dependent on text preprocessing and segmentation algorithms. Sometimes it is difficult to retrieve text from the image because of different size, style, orientation, complex background of image etc.

An image with the text is given as input to the Tesseract engine that is command-based tool. This method is very useful because it does the OCR of image with white text and black background. Tesseract was probably first to provide this kind of processing. Then after, the outlines are converted into Blobs. Blobs are organized into text lines, and the lines and regions are analyzed for some fixed area or equivalent text size. Text is divided into words using definite spaces and fuzzy spaces. Recognition of text is then started as two-pass process.

In the first pass, an attempt is made to recognize each word from the text. Each word passed satisfactory is passed to an adaptive classifier as training data. The adaptive classifier tries to recognize text in more accurate manner. As adaptive classifier has received some training data it has learn something new so final phase is used to resolve various issues and to extract text from images. More details regarding every phase are available at.

[5] Authors Satish Gojar, Rahul Joshi & Dhanashree Gaigaware have proposed that Automation testing uses automation tools to reduce human intervention and repeatable tasks. In this paper we have designed and implemented automation testing framework for testing web applications. This new automation testing framework has been implemented using selenium WebDriver tool. Using this framework tester can easily write their test cases efficiently and in less time. Selenium is composed of multiple software automation tools such as, Selenium IDE, Selenium RC (selenium 1.0), and Selenium web driver (selenium 2.0). Selenium IDE is an integrated development environment to build the test scripts. It is a Firefox plug-in allow you to record edit and debug the selenium test cases. It records all actions performed by the end user and generate the test scripts. Selenium remote control (RC)

was main selenium project for long time. Selenium RC is slower than the selenium webdriver because it uses the java script program called selenium core. Selenium RC requires to start the server before executing the test scripts. It doesn't support the Ajax applications. To avoid the limitations of selenium RC, selenium webdriver has been invented by merging selenium and webdriver.

In order to test the web application proposed automation framework surely reduces the time required to write the test cases and increase the pass percentage of test cases. It also reduces hectic workload of tester. By using this framework one can generate the customized test reports and also analyze the failures using screenshots of failed test cases. Tester can maintain the all data from central place. This framework is very useful for dynamically changing web applications.

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