

Messing around with OpenCV to create a

License Plate Reader

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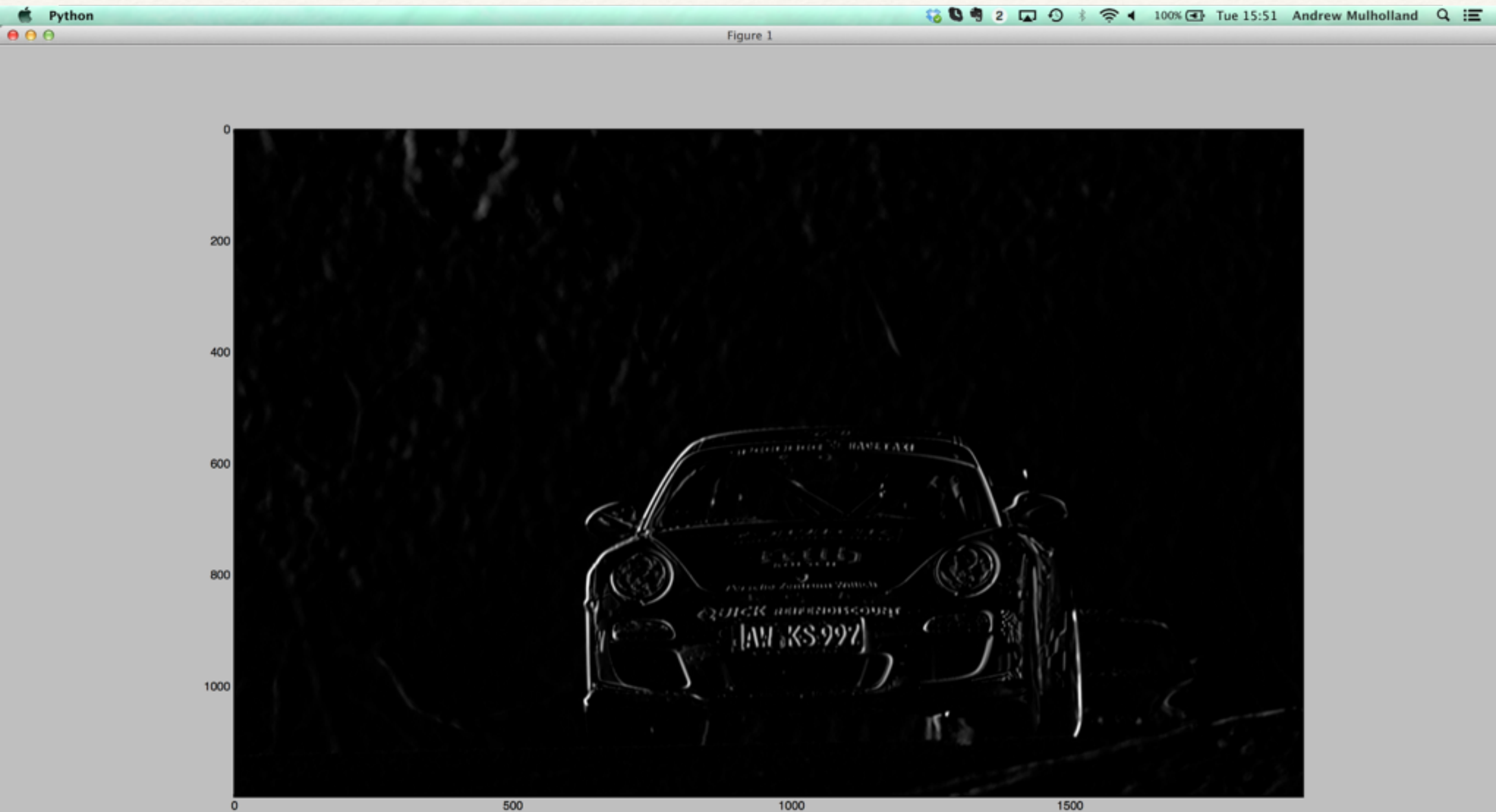
DEMO

(result so far)

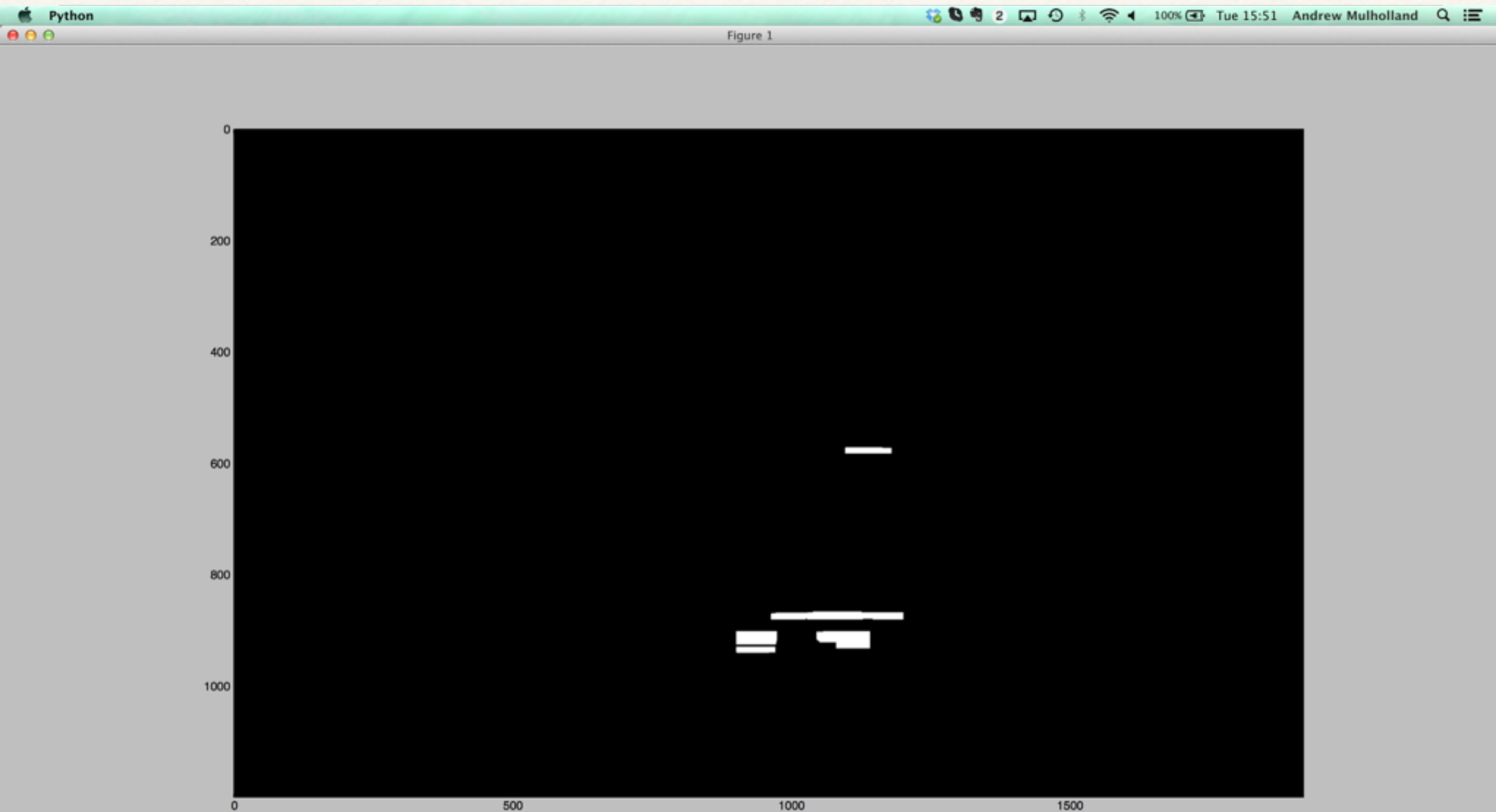
Initial Image



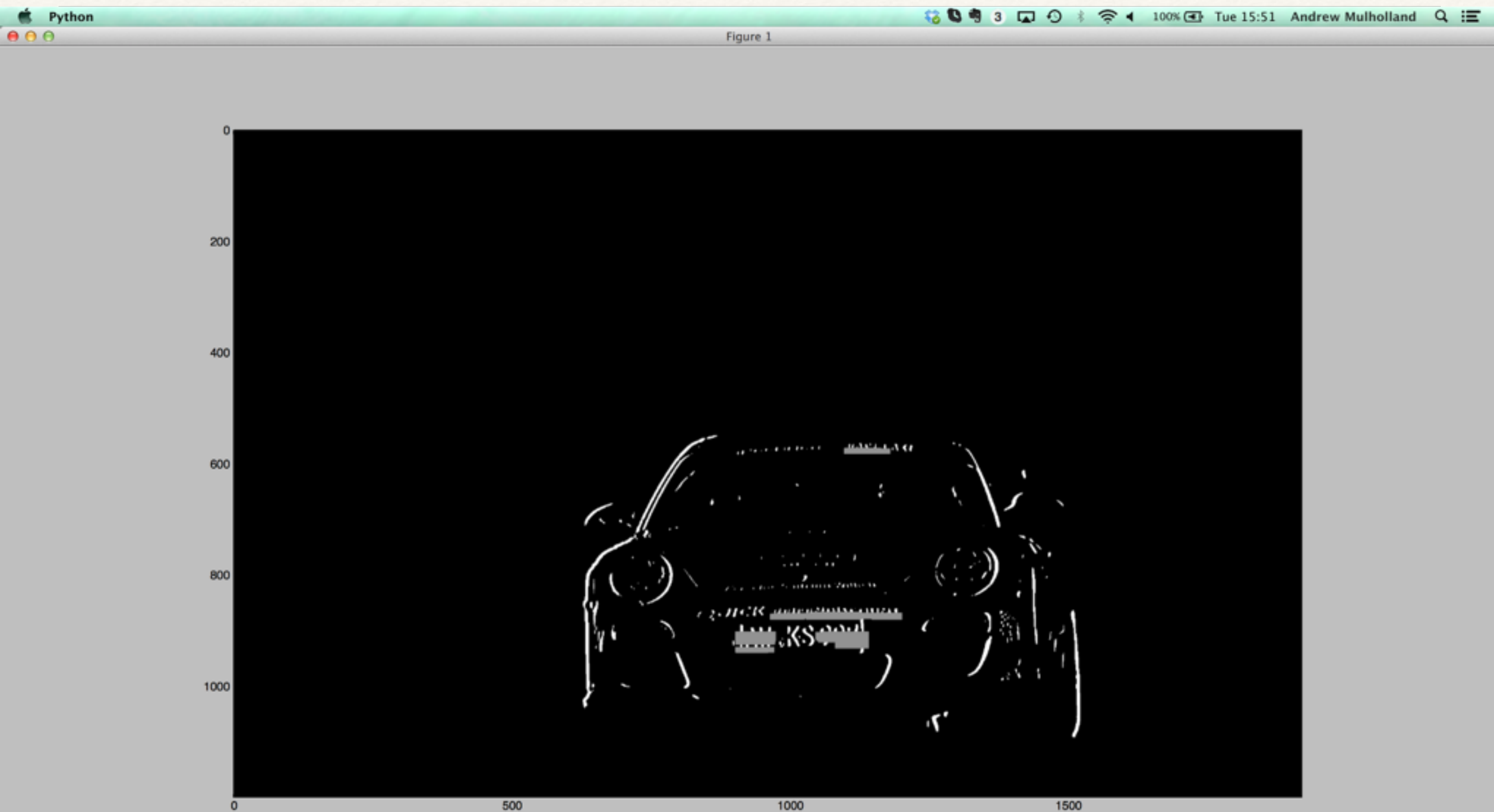
Sobel Filter



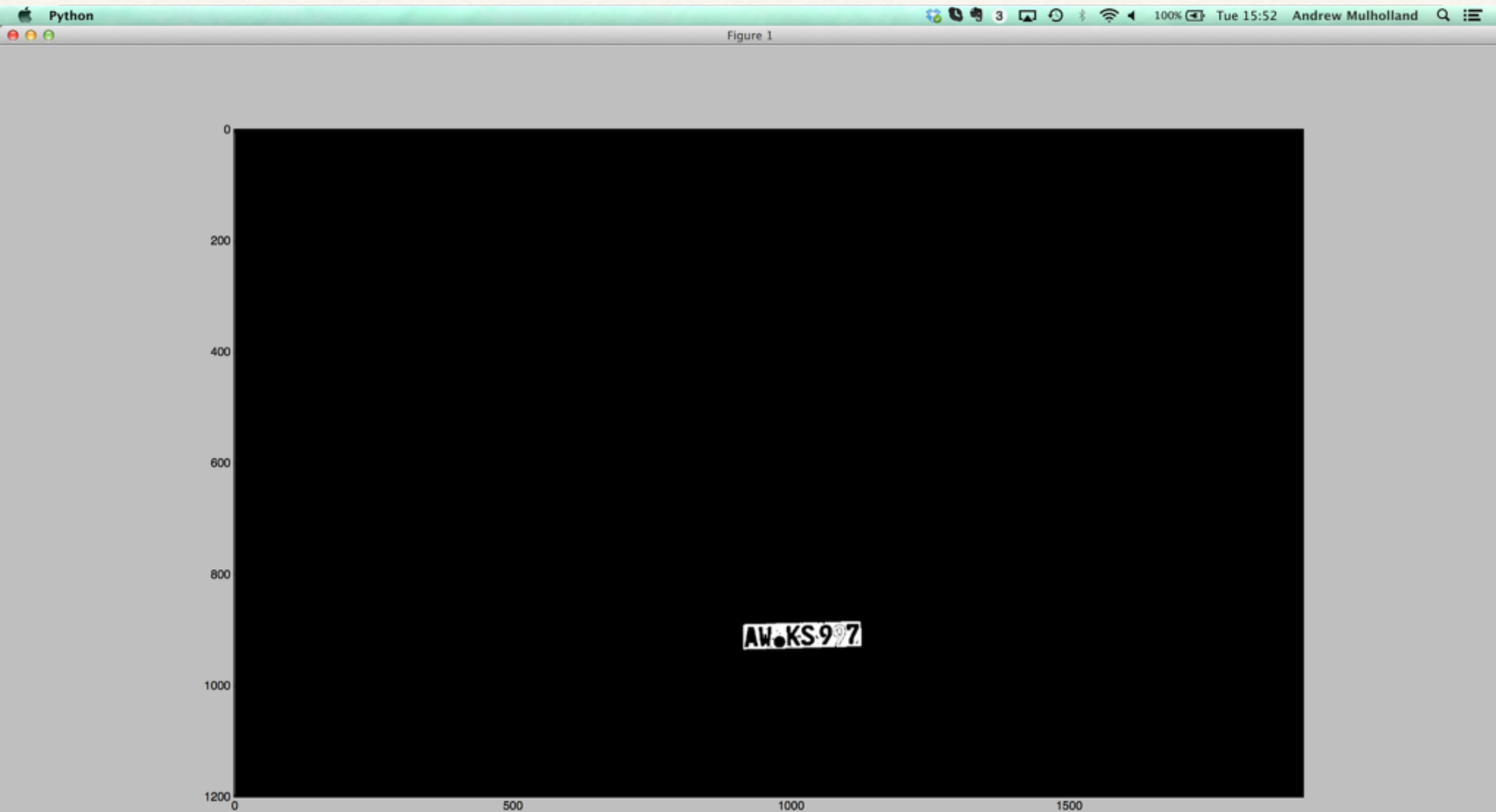
Morph - fill in the gaps



Overlay mask



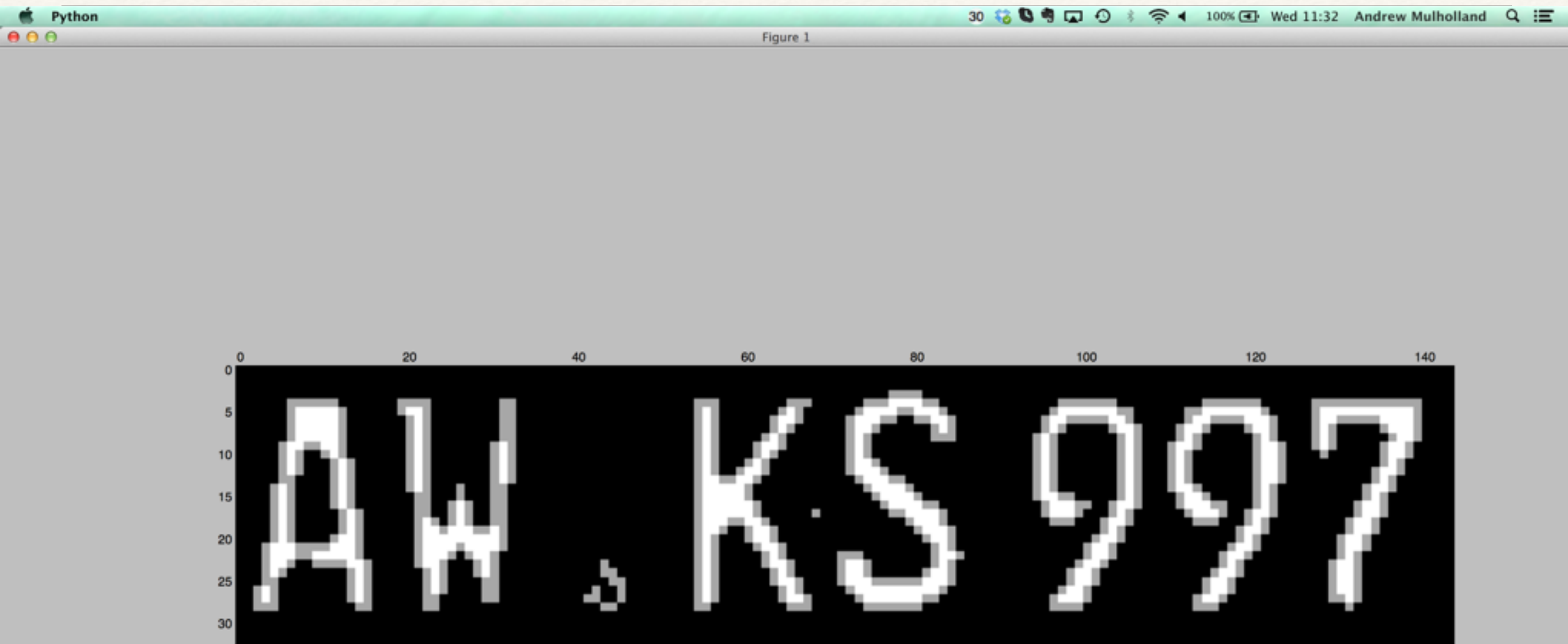
Flood Fill



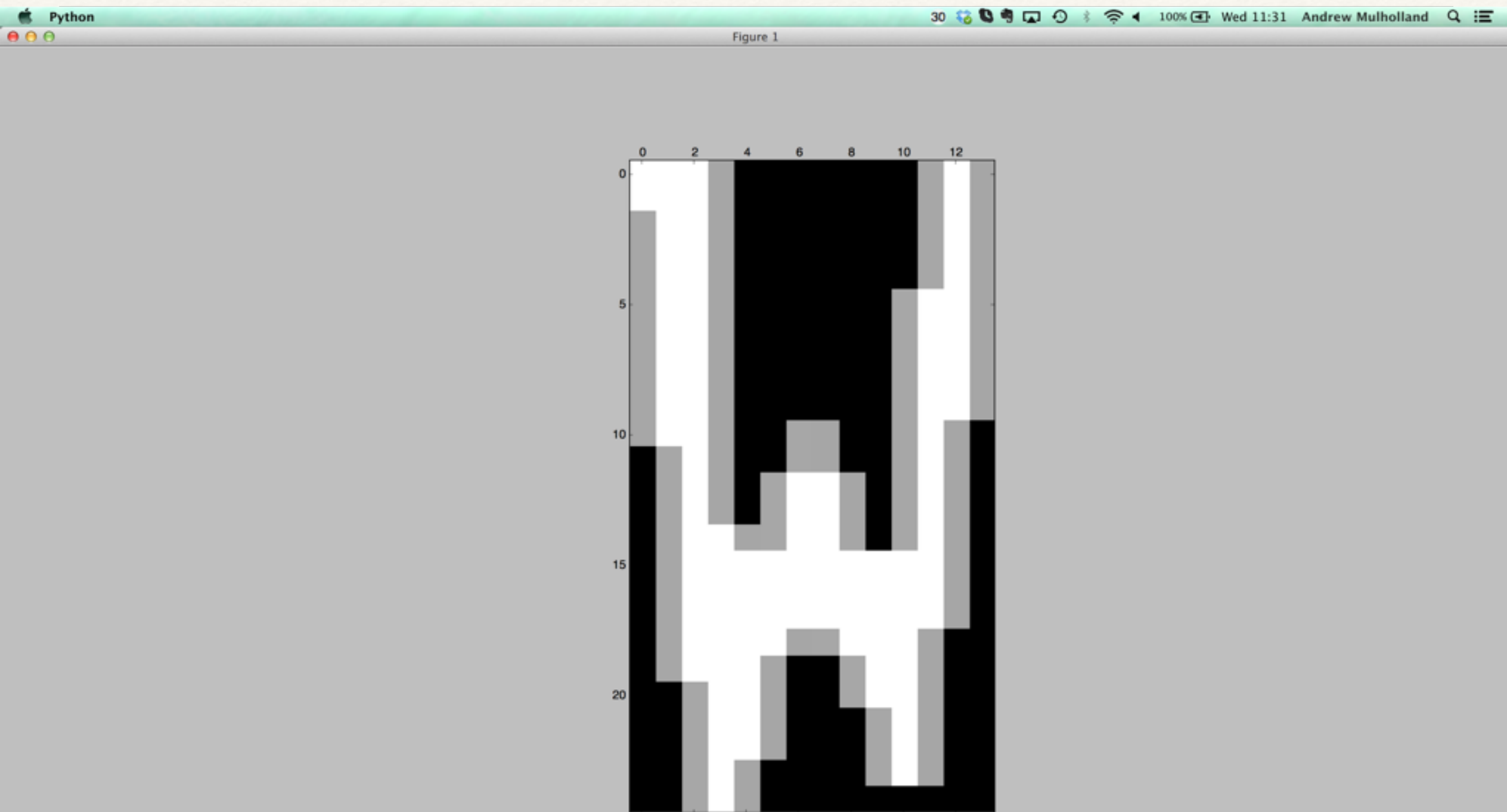
Extract the plate



Image processing on the plate



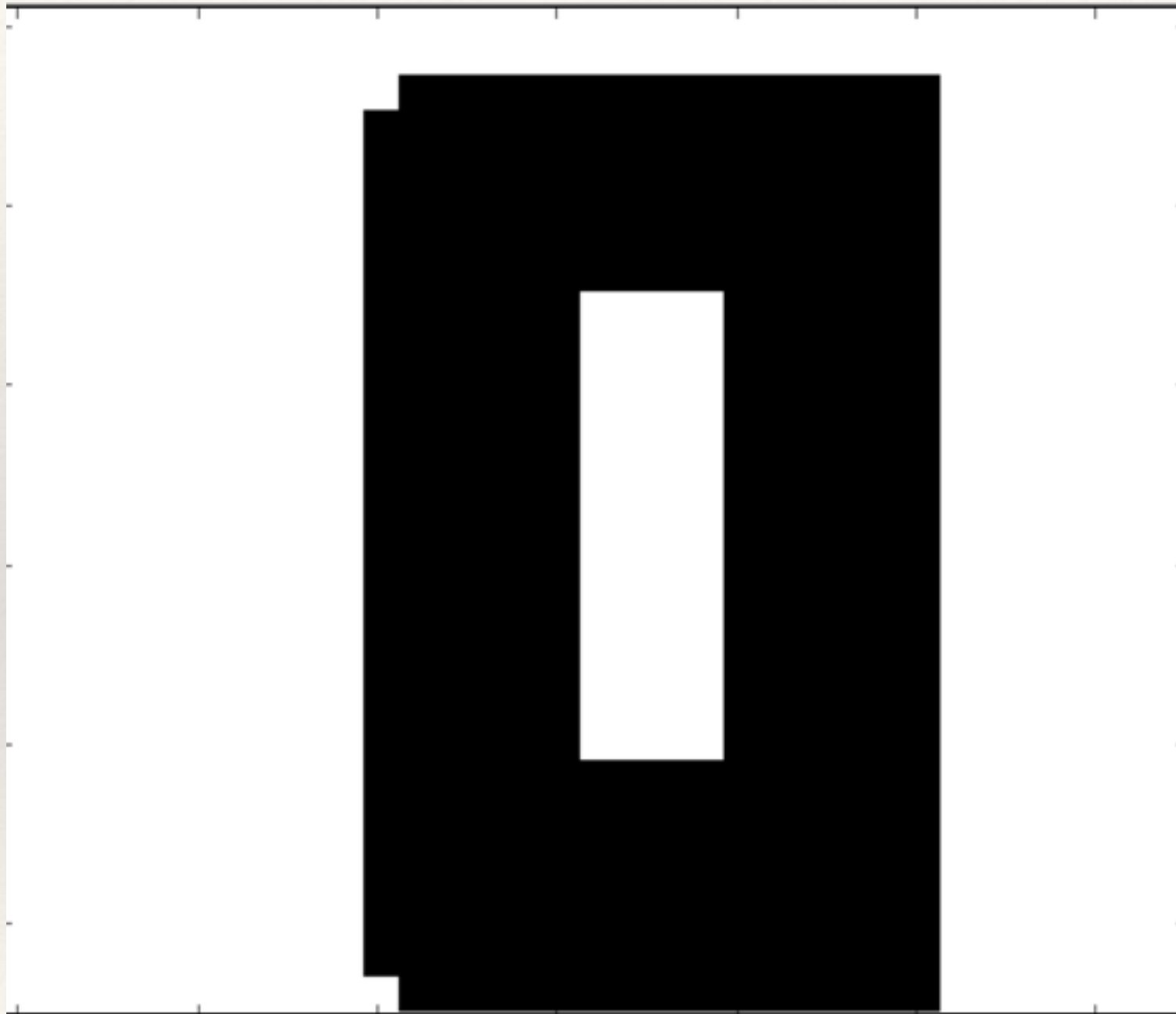
Which Letter is this?



What is the 3rd Char from right?



This is how we send to Tesseract



Results

- ❖ Speed: under 5 seconds per image without optimisation
 - ❖ Possible to take this down to 0.5 seconds with reduced accuracy, and by tuning parameters.
- ❖ Accuracy: Letter by letter over 60% - lots of ideas for improvement.

Further improvements

- ❖ Training set, would boost accuracy
- ❖ Tesseract interaction is perf bottleneck
- ❖ Looking for other text on cars (Sponsor logos, race numbers)

Thank you

