MACRO PDF417 2D BARCODE

ENCODER AND DECODER

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ABSTRACT

Barcode symbology is a technique which is used to encode text into barcode which is a sequence of lines and spaces. There are various barcode symbologies existing like code49,code 93,pdf417 etc.,PDF417 is an effective barcode symbology which uses reed Solomon for error correction levels. But the challenges faced in PDF417 is it cant be used to encode large files. Thus we propose a system Macro PDF417 which implementation of PDF417 capable of encoding very large amounts of data into multiple PDF417 barcodes. These multiple barcodes are then scanned by a MacroPDF enabled scanner, which reassembles them into one string of data. Each MacroPDF barcode segment shares a file ID with the other segments, which make up the entire barcode sequence. If the file ID is not the same, the scanner will assume that each of the segments belong to a different barcode sequence. Macro PDF417 has high data capacity and offers Reed-Solomon error correction, which makes it highly secure. It can also be read with a laser scanner in many applications.

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SYMBOL MEANING

PDF Portable Data File.

ECC Error Correction Capacity

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Macro PDF417, or Macro Portable Data File 417, has the same features as PDF417 standard. Macro PDF417 provides a standard mechanism for creating a distributed representation of data files too large to be represented by set of single PDF417 symbols. Macro PDF417 symbols differ from ordinary PDF417 symbols in that they contain additional control information in a zone called Macro PDF417 Control Block. Using Macro PDF417, large data files are split into several data segments and encoded into individual symbols. The Macro PDF417 decoder device uses the Control Block's information to reconstruct the file correctly, independent of symbol scanning order.

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this project is to encode and decode large files in to sequence of barcode using java technology and make it available in open source. When a file is given as input it should generate the appropriate barcode sequence and the receiver must be able to decode it and get back the file content. So that these barcodes can be used for transfering files which are highly confidential and it can be used in e governance etc.

1.3 LITERATURE SURVEY

Linear Bar Codes

Literally hundreds of linear symbologies are in use today. However, only a few are widely adopted and appropriate for use in the Life Sciences. Listed below are some of the more common symbologies employed.

UPC/EAN was developed by the Uniform Code Council (UCC) for use in the retail grocery industry. It has several good features, including a mandatory check digit and good density. *Advantage:* The UPC code has good data security and immunity to ink spread when "similar-edge" algorithm is used. *Disadvantage:* It has a limited number of characters (numeric characters only) and is used for point-of-sale applications.

Code 39 was the first alphanumeric symbology and is still widely used today, Code 39 is also recommended by the NCCLS for specific applications. [2] Advantage: Code 39 offers good security and an alphanumeric character set. Disadvantage: Since it is not as dense as Code 128, Code 39 is not recommended for applications requiring long data identifiers.

Code 128 is a very reliable symbology offering three different character sets. *Advantage:* Its large character set combined with high density and flexibility has earned it the recommendation of NCCLS^[3] and ISBT,^[4] among others. Code 128's mandatory check character maximizes data integrity. *Disadvantage:* Since Code 128 is a modular symbology, users must be aware that problems can arise when the narrow bar width approaches the resolution of the bar code generation system.

Codabar was originally developed for the blood bank industry, but the industry has now started to use Code 128. While Codabar is still used in a number of applications, it offers no advantages and several disadvantages. The code's most significant drawbacks are very low security and a limited character set.

Interleaved 2 of 5 is widely used in shipping applications. *Advantage:* It is the highest density linear bar code for numeric only strings of fewer than 10 characters. *Disadvantage:* Interleaved 2 of 5 has very low security. The symbology uses two bar patterns for start and stop instead of full characters, which can lead to truncation errors.

Code 93 uses the same character set as Code 39. Because Code 93 is a modular symbology, it produces a much more compact bar code than ratio-based Code 39. *Advantage:* Code 93 always uses two check digits to ensure data security. It is also the densest linear symbology for random alphanumeric strings. *Disadvantage:* The symbology is not a standard symbology read by most scanners, and its varying dimensions can be difficult to print accurately.

RSS is a new family of linear symbologies recently introduced by the UCC for small, space-constrained applications. *Advantage*: The RSS family is the most compact linear bar code symbology offered today and has limited orientation requirements. *Disadvantage*: RSS uses multiple bar code widths. As with other modular symbologies, users must be aware that difficulties can arise when the narrow bar width approaches the resolution of the bar code generation system.

Stacked Symbologies Stacked bar codes were developed in the 1980s to encode more data in a smaller footprint than allowed by the then current linear bar codes. Today, the primary advantage to using a stacked symbology is to encode more data into a symbol that can still be read by a laser bar code scanner. While matrix codes are much more space efficient and offer increased data capacity than stacked 2D codes, matrix codes must be read with an image-based reader. One significant drawback to stacked symbologies is their sensitivity to scanner tilt. To decode the symbol, the laser beam must be aligned so that the beam passes through the rows one at a time. The stacked symbology PDF417 provides the user with a little more tolerance. Since PDF417 has three different encoding schemes that read every three rows, the laser beam can pass through up to three rows at a time and still decode the symbol

Code 49 was introduced in 1987 and was designed for labeling small objects. *Advantage:* It has a smaller footprint than most standard linear bar codes. *Disadvantage:* It has a maximum capacity of 49 alphanumeric characters and does not offer built-in error correction.

Code 16K was introduced a year after Code 49 and has an inverted Code 128 character set and has much more data capacity than Code 49. *Advantage:* It is much more compact than standard linear bar codes. *Disadvantage:* It is not widely used and does not offer built-in error correction.

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PDF417 symbology stands for Portable Data File and unlike the other stacked symbologies offers the robust Reed-Solomon form of error correction. This enables the symbol to sustain considerable damage and still be readable.PDF417 has three different encoding schemes that repeat every three rows. So, for example, the bar pattern for the character "A" in row one is not the same pattern for "A" in row 2. However, it is the same pattern in row 4. Since the encoding scheme repeats every three rows, the symbology can sustain a certain degree of scanner tilt and still be readable. Advantage: PDF417 has high data capacity and offers Reed-Solomon error correction, which makes it highly secure. It can also be read with a laser scanner in many applications. Disadvantage: Like other stacked symbologies, it is sensitive to scanner tilt and is not as space efficient as matrix codes

RSS/Composite Symbology The linear symbology RSS has a two-dimensional option called a Composite component. If additional information is needed, the Composite component can be attached to the top of the RSS symbol. The composite options are based on PDF417 and Micro-PDF417. *Advantage:* The composite component increases the data capacity of the RSS symbol. *Disadvantage:* Because the composite symbol is printed so small, the symbol's sensitivity to scanner tilt becomes even more of a concern and can affect ease of use. An image-based reader is recommended for reading RSS/Composite symbols.

1.3.1 Advantages and disadvantages of Barcode Symbologies

Barcode Symbologies	advantages	disadvantages
UPC/EAN	The UPC code has	It has a limited
	good data security	number of characters
	and immunity to	(numeric characters
	ink spread	only) and is used for
		point-of-sale
		applications
Code 39	Code 39 offers	Code 39 is not
	good security and	recommended for
	an alphanumeric	applications
	character set.	requiring long data
		identifiers.
Codo 120	Ita langa ahamatan	Since Code 129 is a
Code 128		Since Code 128 is a
		modular symbology,
		users must be aware
		that problems can
		arise when the
		narrow bar width
	integrity.	approaches the
		resolution of the bar
		code generation
		system.
Interleaved 2 of 5	It is the highest	It has very low
	density linear bar	security. The
	UPC/EAN Code 39 Code 128	UPC/EAN The UPC code has good data security and immunity to ink spread Code 39 Code 39 offers good security and an alphanumeric character set. Its large character set combined with high density and mandatory check character maximizes data integrity. Interleaved 2 of 5 It is the highest

		code for numeric	symbology uses two
		only strings of	bar patterns for start
		fewer than 10	and stop instead of
		characters.	full characters, which
			can lead to truncation
			errors.
5	Code 93	It always uses two	The symbology is
		check digits to	not a standard
		ensure data security	symbology read by
		also the densest	most scanners, and
		linear symbology	its varies in
			dimensions
		It has a smaller	It has a maximum
		footprint than most	capacity of 49
	Code 49	standard linear bar	alphanumeric
6		codes.	characters.

7	Code 16K	It is much more	It is not widely used
		compact than	and does not offer
		standard linear bar	built-in error
		codes.	correction
8	Pdf417	PDF417 has high	Like other stacked
		data capacity and	symbologies, it is
		offers Reed-	sensitive to scanner
		Solomon error	tilt and is not as
		correction, which	space efficient as
		makes it highly	matrix codes.
		secure. It can also	
		be read with a laser	
		scanner in many	
		applications.	
9	MacroPdf417	It can encode and	It cannot encode and
		decode files of	decode audio,video
		unlimited size and	and image files
		has high error	
		correction level	

2. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS & SPECIFICATION

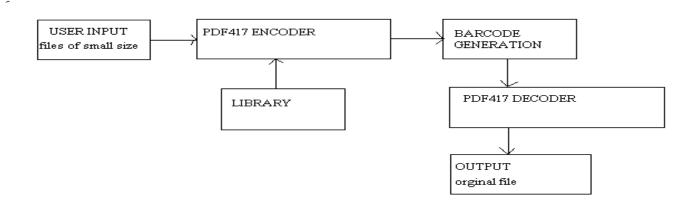
2.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

2.1.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

PDF417 is a multi-row, variable-length symbology with high data capacity and error-correction capability. PDF417 has some unique features which makes it the widely used 2D symbology. A PDF417 symbol can be read by linear scanners, laser scanners or two-dimensional scanners. PDF417 is capable of encoding more than 1100 bytes, 1800 text characters or 2710 digits..

In addition to features typical of two dimensional bar codes, PDF417's capabilities include:

- Linking. PDF417 symbols can link to other symbols which are scanned in sequence allowing even more data to be stored.
- User-specified dimensions. The user can decide how wide the narrowest vertical bar (X dimension) is, and how tall the rows are (Y dimension).
- Public domain format. Anyone can implement systems using this format without any <u>license</u>.



2.1.1.2 EXISTING SYSTEM

2.1.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

Thus we propose Macro PDF417 which is capable of overcoming the disadvantages of PDF417 ie.it can able to encode and decode files of unlimited size. Macro PDF417 symbols differ from ordinary PDF417 symbols in that they contain additional control information in a zone called Macro PDF417 Control Block. Using Macro PDF417, large data files are split into several data segments and encoded into individual symbols. The Macro PDF417 decoder device uses the Control Block's information to reconstruct the file correctly, independent of symbol scanning order.

The Various Macro PDF417 Properties

• Macro PDF Enable-A Boolean indicating that this barcode is a part

of Macro pdf417 sequence.

• Macro PDF File ID-Assign a file ID to the MacroPDF barcode.Each

barcode in the MacroPDF sequence must have the same file ID

assigned to it. Default is 0 valid options are 0-899.

• Macro PDF Segment Index-The index number of this Macro PDF

Barcode in relation to the set.Default is 0; valid option are 0-

99999;*each barcode in the MacroPDF sequence must have a unique

segment index, starting at zero and incrementing thereafter by 1.

• Macro PDF Last Segment-A Boolean indicating that this is the final

barcode in the MacroPDF sequence.

2.1.3 SYSTEM REQURIMENTS

HARWARE:

Processor : pentium111

Hard Disk : 20 GB

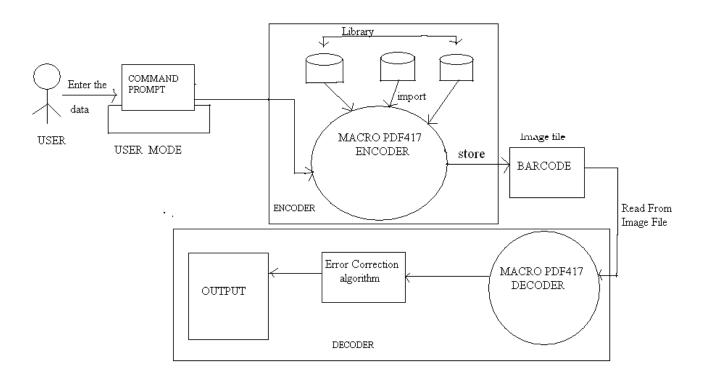
RAM : 128 MB

SOFTWARE:

Core JAVA

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2.2 OVERVIEW OF THE APPROACH



2.2.1 Overall Architecture

3 DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 DESIGN DETAILS

Modules:

- PDF 417 ENCODER
- MACRO PDF417 ENCODER
- MACRO PDF417 DECODER

PDF 417 ENCODER:

This module is to generate barcode for data using PDF417. The user has to enter data of limited size in the command prompt. The barcode generator generates the barcode using PDF library files. The generated barcode is displayed to user in the jpeg format.

MACRO PDF417 ENCODER:

Large data files can be encoded into a series of linked PDF417 symbols using a standard methodology referred to as Macro PDF417. This module is to generate barcode for large files using macro PDF417 which is an extension of PDF 417. The user has to enter alphanumeric characters or can browse it and submit it. The barcode encoder generates the barcode using Macro PDF library files. The generated barcode is displayed to user.

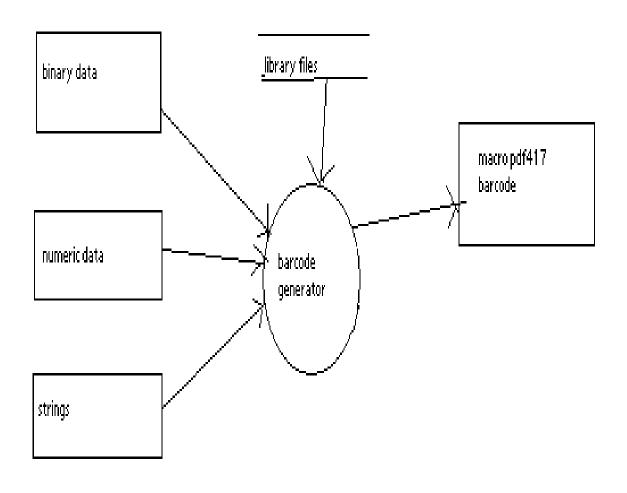
MACRO PDF417 DECODER:

This module is to generate the given source file for barcode given. The user as to give barcode image as input and submit it. On submitting it, source file

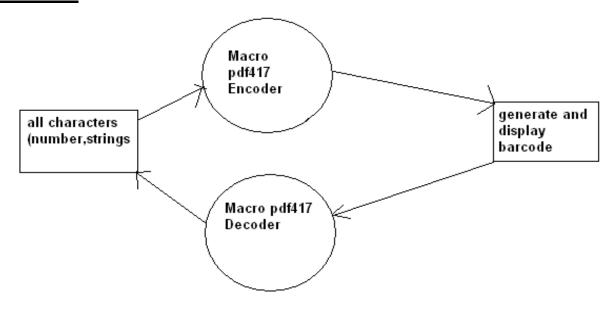
is decoded from the barcode image and displayed. The generated source file displayed to user is the secret information exchanged .

3.2 DATA FLOW DIAGRAMS

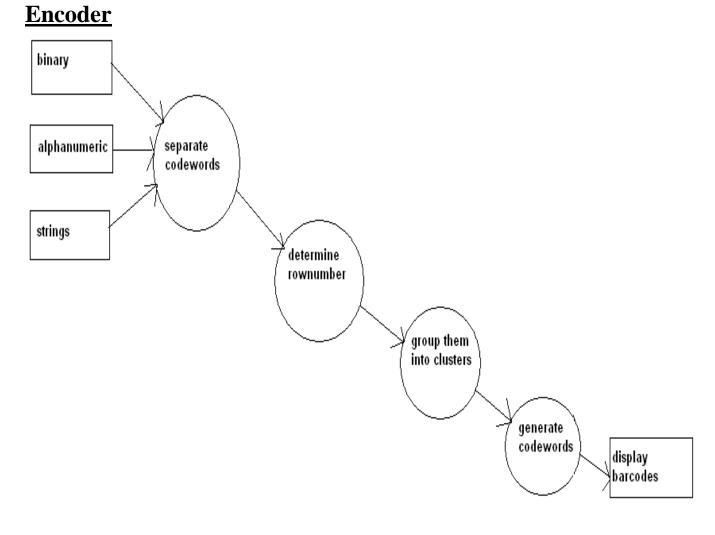
DATA FLOW DIAGRAM – LEVEL0



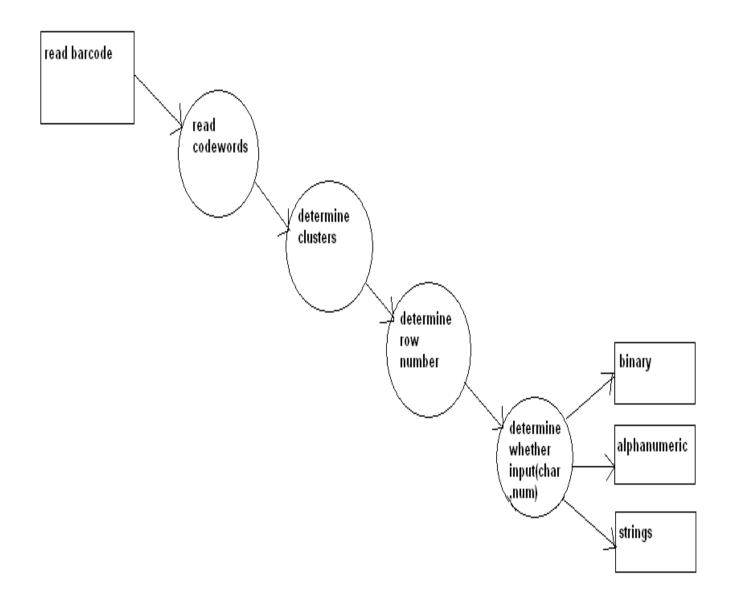
LEVEL 1:



LEVEL 2:Macro PDF417



LEVEL 2:Macro PDF417 Decoder



3.3 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS:

PDF 417 ENCODER

Format

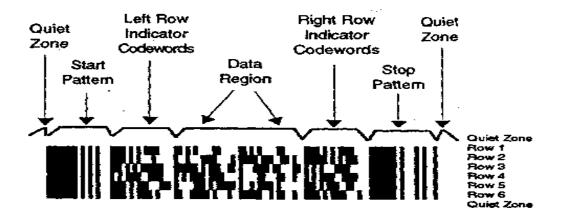
The PDF417 bar code (also called a **symbol**) consists of 3 to 90 rows, each of which is like a small linear bar code. Each row has:

- a **quiet zone**. This is a mandated minimum amount of white space before the bar code begins.
- a start pattern which identifies the format as PDF417. Every type of bar code symbology has a unique start and stop pattern.
- a "row left" codeword containing information about the row (such as row number and what error correction rate the row is using)
 - 1 30 data codewords: Codewords are a group of bars and spaces representing one or more numbers, letters, or other symbols.
 - o All rows have the same number of codewords.
 - Every codeword contains four bars and four spaces (where the 4 in the name comes from).
 - The total width of a codeword is 17 times the width of the narrowest allowed vertical bar (the X dimension). This is where the 17 in the name comes from.
 - Each codeword starts with a bar and ends with a space.
 - There are 929 codewords to choose from, 900 for data, and 29 for special functions.
 - Each codeword is printed using one of three distinct clusters:

- A cluster is a bar-space pattern for each of the 929 codewords
- No bar-space pattern is repeated between clusters
- The row number determines which cluster to use
- The cluster is the same for all codewords in a row.
- The purpose of clusters is to determine which row (mod 3) the codeword is in, allowing the scan to be skewed from the horizontal. For instance, the scan might start on row 6 at the start of the row, and be on row 10 at the end.
- A "row right" codeword with more information about the row.
- A stop pattern.
- A quiet zone.

Symbol Structure

A typical PDF417 symbol contains 3 to 90 rows. Each row consists of



3.3.1 Symbol Structure

- Leading quiet zone
- Start Pattern

- Left row indicator symbol character
- 1 to 30 data symbol characters
- Right row indicator symbol character
- Stop pattern.
- Trailing quiet zone

MACRO PDF417 ENCODER

Macro PDF417 symbols differ from ordinary PDF417 symbols in that they contain additional control information in a zone called Macro PDF417 Control Block. The properties of macro PDF 417 barcode can be set as follows:

- 1. Set the **data** property with the value to encode. Type is **String**. Servlet URL Parameter: "Data".
- 2. Set the **dataMode** property. Default is PDF417.Text.
 - PDF417.AUTO (0): Barcode Library will use the different compaction modes and switching procedures automatically.
 - PDF417.MODE_TEXT (1) (default): It allows encoding all printable ASCII characters, i.e. values from 32 to 126 inclusive in accordance with ISO/IEC 646, as well as selected control characters such as TAB (horizontal tab ASCII 9), LF (NL line feed, new line ASCII 10) and CR (carriage return ASCII 13)

PDF417.MODE_BYTE (2): It allows encoding all 256
 possible 8-bit byte values. This includes all ASCII characters value from 0 to 127 inclusive and provides for international character set support

 PDF417.MODE_NUMERIC (3): It allows encoding numeric data.

Servlet URL Parameter: "DataMode". Sample: &DataMode=1

3. Set the **processTilde** property to true, if you want use the tilde character "~" to specify special characters in the encoding data. Default is false.

Format of the tilde:

 ~NNN: is used to represent the ASCII character with the value of NNN. NNN is from 000 - 255.

 ~6NNNNN: is used to represent the Unicode. NNNNN is from 00000 - 65535.

 ~7NNNNNN: is used to specify the Extended Channel Interpretations and NNNNNN is a value between 000000 and 999999.

 ~rp: is used only at the very beginning of the symbol for the reader programming purpose.

Servlet Parameter: "ProcessTilde". Value: "t" (true), "f" (false).

Sample: &ProcessTilde=t

4. Set the **ecl** property. PDF417 Error Correction Level. Default is PDF417.ECL 2 (2).

Servlet URL Parameter: "ECL". Sample: &ECL=2

5. Set the **truncated** property to true, if you want truncated PDF417. Default is false.

truncated PDF417 may be used where space considerations are a primary concern and symbol damage is unlikely.

Servlet URL Parameter: "Truncated". Value: "t" (true), "f" (false). Sample: &Truncated=t

6. Set the **column** property value.

Number of columns. The value range is from 1 to 30. The default is 5. Increase this value, if your data size is large.

Servlet URL Parameter: "ColumnCount". Sample:

&ColumnCount=5

7. Set the **row** property value.

The number of rows for PDF417. The value range is from 3 to 90. The default is 3.

Servlet URL Parameter: "RowCount". Sample: &RowCount=3

8. Macro PDF 417

PDF 417 can be divided into multiple data areas, also called Macro PDF 417. Conversely, information stored in multiple PDF417 symbols can be reconstructed as single data symbols.

- Set isMacro property to true, then Macro PDF417 is enabled.
 Servlet Parameter: "IsMacro".
- Set macroSegmentCount property to the number of total symbols which make the sequence.

Servlet Parameter: "MacroSegmentCount".

 Set macroSegmentIndex property to the position of current symbol in the secuence (Start with 0).

Servlet Parameter: "MacroSegmentIndex".

- Set macroFileIndex property to be identified to the same file .
 Servlet Parameter: "MacroFileIndex".
- 9. Setting up barcode image size:
 - Set property uom (Unit of Measure) for properties X, Y,
 leftMargin, rightMargin, topMargin and bottomMargin.
 Default is Linear.UOM_PIXEL (0). Valid values are
 Linear.UOM_PIXEL (0), Linear.UOM_CM (1),
 Linear.UOM_Inch (2).
 Servlet URL Parameter: "UOM". Value: 0 (pixel), 1 (cm), 2
 (inch). Sample: &UOM=0
 - Set the X (for barcode module width) and barRatio (barcode module height = X * barRatio) properties.
 X type is float, default is 1.
 barRatio type is int, default is 5.
 Servlet URL Parameter: "X", "BarRatio".
 - Set the leftMargin, rightMargin, topMargin and bottomMargin properties, and types are all float.
 Default values are 0 for all 4 margin settings.
 Servlet URL Parameter: "LeftMargin", "RightMargin", "TopMargin", "BottomMargin". Sample: &LeftMargin=0
 - Set the **resolution** property (Value is expressed in DPI Dots per inch).

Default is 72 dpi.

Servlet URL Parameter: "Resolution". Sample: &Resolution=72

10. With **rotate** property, you can display barcode horizontally or vertically.

Value can be

- ∘ 0 (Linear.ANGLE_0),
- ∘ 1 (Linear.ANGLE_90),
- o 2 (Linear.ANGLE_180),
- o 3 (Linear.ANGLE_270)
- o Servlet URL Parameter: "Rotate".

Macro PDF417 Example

First Segment:



MacroPDFEnable = True

MacroPDFFileID = 237

MacroPDFSegmentIndex* = 0

MacroPDFLastSegment = False

Second Segment:



MacroPDFEnable = True

MacroPDFFileID = 237

MacroPDFSegmentIndex* = 1

Description of encoding algorithm

The amount of data compaction will vary depending upon the type of data that is being encoded and the error correction level chosen. If the scanner supports it, smaller symbols may be obtained by performing any of the following:

- 1. Use TEXT compaction mode.
- 2. Decrease the error correction level to 2.
- 3. Increase the number of columns to the largest possible size.
- 4. Decrease the X dimension to the smallest possible size the scanner will read.
- 5. Turn on truncation, which decreases the symbol size by two columns.
- 6. Choose an X to Y ratio of 1:3.

MACRO PDF417 DECODER

In this module the barcode which is in the svg format is given as input and the macro pdf417 decoder must use the library files to decode and get the orginal file back.

The "edge to similar edge" estimation method is employed to check whether the detected bar-space pattern is correct. Below shows the pattern information obtained by scanning the warped image given below

31112144 1233113 iiimx 14141411 131114~m mii 1 2 2 im3

5212311221112~361142111 11413133 1?psllu li32tm 125511114

1142W22114?41142!32122 Pit3111 33122114 3111233522114722

1 ~%1 3 2 1 1 4 ~ 2 5 1 2 1 1 1 41121 42521 312212% 351L2Z 1221m3

3113251112421142522113312 43111412 PIE412 28LWII IL%%JI

The bar-space patterns depicted in can be converted to the encoded codewords by using the lookup table specified. The codewords are checked whether there are any errors through Reed-Solomon error correction algorithm. The codeword sequence after applying error correction algorithm are as follows.

Error Correct Level: 3

I errors corrected

194 **453** 172 **824** 52n 547 **435** aoo 709 359

746 467 441 243 138 800 544 528 802 **258**

236 -1 3 784 18 746 364 577 423 794 179

Given the error-corrected codewords, they *are* decoded in the manner as specified in the message the error corrected codewords.

4 RESULTS & DISCUSSION

4.1 TEST CASE

S.NO	INPUT	EXPECTED OUTPUT	ACTUAL OUTPUT
1	Numeric file		TRUE
2	Text file		TRUE
3	Mixed file type		TRUE
4		Appropriate file content	TRUE

4.2 DISCUSSION:

Comparsion of different barcodes

It is very fast It can encode and decode files of unlimited size
and decode files of
files of
unlimited size
2-Dimensional
barcodes
It uses the same
error correction
level used in
pdf417
_

				level)	
5	format	1234	ABCxyz#\$\$15z		
6	Advantages	It is the highest	Its large	PDF417 has	It can encode
		density linear bar	character set	high data	and decode
		code for numeric only	combined with	capacity and	files of
		strings of fewer than	high density	offers Reed-	unlimited size
		10 characters.	and mandatory	Solomon error	and has high
			check character	correction,	error correction
			maximizes data	which makes it	level
			integrity.	highly secure.	

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Thus the proposed system Macro PDF 417 encoder is used to encode large files into barcode and the decoder reads the barcode to get the files encoded in the barcode image. This is used in E-GOVERNANCE application to transfer secret files by encoding it to a barcode image. Macro PDF 417 can be extended to 3D barcode symbology to encode audio and video files and also image files which is left for future research.

6 APPENDICES

6.1 APPENDIX 1:

```
/* main class for macro pdf417 encoder*/
public class Main {
private static final String[] APP_HEADER = {
"Barcode4J command-line application, Version " + getVersion(), ""};
 public static PrintStream stdout = System.out;
 public static PrintStream stderr = System.err;
 private static ExitHandler exitHandler = new DefaultExitHandler();
 private Options options;
private boolean headerPrinted = false;
private Logger log;
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Main app = new Main();
     app.handleCommandLine(args);
  }
public static void setExitHandler(ExitHandler handler) {
```

```
exitHandler = handler;
}
public void handleCommandLine(String[] args) {
  CommandLine cl;
  String[] msg;
  try {
       CommandLineParser clp = new PosixParser();
        cl = clp.parse(getOptions(), args);
          msg = cl.getArgs();
    if (msg.length == 0) {
       throw new ParseException("No message");
     }
    if (msg.length > 1) {
       throw new ParseException("Too many parameters: " msg.length);
     }
  } catch (MissingOptionException moe) {
    printHelp(new PrintWriter(stdout));
```

```
exitHandler.failureExit(this, "Bad command line. Missing option: "
+ moe.getMessage(), null, -2);
       return;
     }
catch (ParseException pe) {
       printHelp(new PrintWriter(stdout));
       //pe.printStackTrace();
       exitHandler.failureExit(this,
         "Bad command line: " + pe.getMessage(), null, -2);
       return; //never reached
     }
 try {
       OutputStream out;
if (!cl.hasOption("o")) {
 log = new
AdvancedConsoleLogger(AdvancedConsoleLogger.LEVEL_ERROR,
false, stderr, stderr);
         printAppHeader();
```

```
out = stdout;
} else {
     int logLevel = AdvancedConsoleLogger.LEVEL_INFO;
  if (cl.hasOption('v')) {
    logLevel = AdvancedConsoleLogger.LEVEL_DEBUG;
  }
  log = new AdvancedConsoleLogger(logLevel, false, stdout,stderr);
  printAppHeader();
  File outFile = new File(cl.getOptionValue("o"));
  if (log.isDebugEnabled()) {
    log.debug("Output to: " + outFile.getCanonicalPath());
  } out = new java.io.FileOutputStream(outFile);
}
log.debug("Message: " + msg[0]);
```

```
String format = MimeTypes.expandFormat(cl.getOptionValue("f",
MimeTypes.MIME_SVG));
      int orientation = 0;
      log.info("Generating " + format + "...");
      BarcodeUtil util = BarcodeUtil.getInstance();
      BarcodeGenerator gen = util.createBarcodeGenerator(
           getConfiguration(cl));
       if (MimeTypes.MIME_SVG.equals(format)) {
         SVGCanvasProvider svg = new
SVGCanvasProvider(false, orientation);
         gen.generateBarcode(svg, msg[0]);
  try {
           TransformerFactory factory =
TransformerFactory.newInstance();
           Transformer trans = factory.newTransformer();
           Source src = new javax.xml.transform.dom.DOMSource(
             svg.getDOMFragment());
```

```
Result res = new javax.xml.transform.stream.StreamResult(out);
            trans.transform(src, res);
          } catch (TransformerException te) {
            exitHandler.failureExit(this, "XML/XSLT library error", te, -6);
          }
       }
        else {
         int dpi = Integer.parseInt(cl.getOptionValue('d', "300"));
         log.debug("Resolution: " + dpi + "dpi");
         BitmapCanvasProvider bitmap;
         if (cl.hasOption("bw"))
         {
            log.debug("Black/white image (1-bit)");
            bitmap = new BitmapCanvasProvider(out,
              format, dpi, BufferedImage.TYPE_BYTE_BINARY, false,
orientation);
          }
```

```
else
          {
            log.debug("Grayscale image (8-bit) with anti-aliasing");
            bitmap = new BitmapCanvasProvider(out,
               format, dpi, BufferedImage.TYPE_BYTE_GRAY, true,
orientation);
          }
         gen.generateBarcode(bitmap, msg[0]);
         bitmap.finish();
       }
  out.close();
       log.info("done.");
       exitHandler.successfulExit(this);
     } catch (IOException ioe) {
       exitHandler.failureExit(this,
          "Error writing output file: " + ioe.getMessage(), null, -5);
     } catch (ConfigurationException ce) {
```

```
exitHandler.failureExit(this,
       "Configuration problem: " + ce.getMessage(), ce, -6);
  } catch (BarcodeException be) {
     exitHandler.failureExit(this,
       "Error generating the barcode", be, -3);
  }
private Options getOptions() {
  if (options == null) {
     this.options = new Options();
     Option opt;
     this. options. add Option (Option Builder\\
       .withLongOpt("verbose")
       .withDescription("enable debug output")
       .create('v'));
```

```
this.options.addOption(OptionBuilder
   .withLongOpt("output")
   .withArgName("file")
   .hasArg()
   .withDescription("the output filename")
   .create('o'));
 //Group: config file/barcode type
 OptionGroup group = new OptionGroup();
 group.setRequired(true);
 group.addOption(OptionBuilder
   .withArgName("file")
   .withLongOpt("config")
   .hasArg()
   .withDescription("the config file")
   .create('c'));
 group.addOption(OptionBuilder
```

```
.withArgName("name")
  .withLongOpt("symbol")
  .hasArg()
  .withDescription("the barcode symbology to select "
    + "(default settings, use -c if you want to customize)")
  .create('s'));
this.options.addOptionGroup(group);
//Output format type
this.options.addOption(OptionBuilder
  .withArgName("format")
  .withLongOpt("format")
  .hasArg()
  .withDescription("the output format: MIME type or file "
    + "extension\n"
    + "Default: " + MimeTypes.MIME_SVG + " (SVG)")
  .create('f'));
```

```
//Bitmap-specific options
  this. options. add Option (Option Builder\\
     .withArgName("integer")
     .withLongOpt("dpi")
     .hasArg()
     .withDescription("(for bitmaps) the image resolution in dpi\n"
       + "Default: 300")
     .create('d'));
  this. options. add Option (Option Builder\\
     .withLongOpt("bw")
     .withDescription("(for bitmaps) create monochrome (1-bit) "
       + "image instead of grayscale (8-bit)")
     .create());
return this.options;
```

}

}

```
private Configuration getConfiguration(CommandLine cl) {
  if (cl.hasOption("s")) {
    String sym = cl.getOptionValue("s");
    DefaultConfiguration cfg = new DefaultConfiguration("cfg");
    DefaultConfiguration child = new DefaultConfiguration(sym);
    cfg.addChild(child);
    return cfg;
  }
  if (cl.hasOption("c")) {
    try {
       String filename = cl.getOptionValue("c");
       File cfgFile = new File(filename);
       if (!cfgFile.exists() || !cfgFile.isFile()) {
         throw new FileNotFoundException(
            "Config file not found: " + cfgFile);
       }
```

```
DefaultConfigurationBuilder builder = new
DefaultConfigurationBuilder();
         return builder.buildFromFile(cfgFile);
       } catch (Exception e) {
         exitHandler.failureExit(this,
            "Error reading configuration file: " + e.getMessage(), null, -3);
       }
     }
    return new DefaultConfiguration("cfg");
  }
  /** @return the Barcode4J version */
  public static String getVersion() {
    String version = null;
    Package jarinfo = Main.class.getPackage();
```

log.info("Using configuration: " + cfgFile);

```
if (jarinfo != null) {
     version = jarinfo.getImplementationVersion();
  }
  if (version == null) {
   version = "DEV";
  }
  return version;
}
/**
* Prints the application header on the console. Ensures that this is only
* done once.
*/
public void printAppHeader() {
  if (!headerPrinted) {
     if (log != null) {
       for (int i = 0; i < APP\_HEADER.length; i++) {
```

```
log.info(APP_HEADER[i]);
         }
       } else {
         for (int i = 0; i < APP\_HEADER.length; i++) {
           stdout.println(APP_HEADER[i]);
       }
       headerPrinted = true;
    }
  private void printHelp(PrintWriter writer) {
    printAppHeader()
//Get a list of additional supported MIME types
    Set knownMimes = new java.util.HashSet();
    knownMimes.add(null);
    knownMimes.add("");
```

```
knownMimes.add(MimeTypes.MIME_PNG);
    knownMimes.add("image/png");
    knownMimes.add(MimeTypes.MIME_JPEG);
    knownMimes.add(MimeTypes.MIME_TIFF);
    knownMimes.add(MimeTypes.MIME_GIF);
    Set additionalMimes =
BitmapEncoderRegistry.getSupportedMIMETypes();
    additionalMimes.removeAll(knownMimes);
HelpFormatter help = new HelpFormatter();
    final String unavailable = " (unavailable)";
    help.printHelp(writer, HelpFormatter.DEFAULT_WIDTH,
      "java -jar barcode4j.jar "
        + "[-v] [[-s <symbology>]|[-c <cfg-file>]] [-f <format>] "
        + "[-d <dpi>] [-bw] [-o <file>] <message>",
      null,
      getOptions(),
      HelpFormatter.DEFAULT_LEFT_PAD,
HelpFormatter.DEFAULT_DESC_PAD,
```

```
"Valid output formats:"
         + "\nSVG: " + MimeTypes.MIME_SVG + "
        + "\nJPEG: " + MimeTypes.MIME_JPEG + ", jpeg, jpg"
           + (BitmapEncoderRegistry.supports(MimeTypes.MIME_JPEG)
              ? "": unavailable)
         + (additionalMimes.size() > 0
           ? "\nAdditional supported formats:\n" + additional : "")
         }
/*Main program of decoder*/
public final class CommandLineRunner {
 private CommandLineRunner() {
 }
 public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
  if (args == null || args.length == 0) {
   printUsage();
```

```
return;
}
boolean tryHarder = false;
boolean pureBarcode = false;
boolean productsOnly = false;
boolean dumpResults = false;
boolean dumpBlackPoint = false;
for (String arg : args) {
 if ("--try_harder".equals(arg)) {
  tryHarder = true;
 } else if ("--pure_barcode".equals(arg)) {
  pureBarcode = true;
 } else if ("--products_only".equals(arg)) {
  productsOnly = true;
 } else if ("--dump_results".equals(arg)) {
  dumpResults = true;
```

```
} else if ("--dump_black_point".equals(arg)) {
    dumpBlackPoint = true;
   } else if (arg.startsWith("-")) {
    System.err.println("Unknown command line option " + arg);
    printUsage();
    return;
   }
  Hashtable<DecodeHintType, Object> hints = buildHints(tryHarder,
pureBarcode, productsOnly);
  for (String arg : args) {
   if (!arg.startsWith("--")) {
    decodeOneArgument(arg, hints, dumpResults, dumpBlackPoint);
   }
```

```
tryHarder,
                                  boolean pureBarcode,
                                  boolean productsOnly) {
  Hashtable<DecodeHintType, Object> hints = new
Hashtable<DecodeHintType, Object>(3);
  Vector<BarcodeFormat> vector = new Vector<BarcodeFormat>(8);
  vector.addElement(BarcodeFormat.PDF417);
  }
  hints.put(DecodeHintType.POSSIBLE_FORMATS, vector);
  if (tryHarder) {
   hints.put(DecodeHintType.TRY_HARDER, Boolean.TRUE);
  if (pureBarcode) {
   hints.put(DecodeHintType.PURE_BARCODE, Boolean.TRUE);
```

private static Hashtable<DecodeHintType, Object> buildHints(boolean

```
return hints;
 }
 private static void printUsage() {
  System.err.println("Decode barcode images using the ZXing library\n");
  System.err.println("usage: CommandLineRunner { file | dir | url } [
options ]");
  System.err.println(" --try_harder: Use the TRY_HARDER hint, default is
normal (mobile) mode");
    System.err.println(" --dump_results: Write the decoded contents to
input.txt");
  System.err.println(" --dump_black_point: Compare black point
algorithms as input.mono.png");
 }
 private static void decodeOneArgument(String argument,
Hashtable<DecodeHintType, Object> hints,
   boolean dumpResults, boolean dumpBlackPoint) throws IOException,
   URISyntaxException {
```

```
File inputFile = new File(argument);
  if (inputFile.exists()) {
    if (inputFile.isDirectory()) {
     int successful = 0;
     int total = 0;
     for (File input : inputFile.listFiles()) {
      String filename = input.getName().toLowerCase();
      // Skip hidden files and text files (the latter is found in the blackbox
tests).
      if \ (filename.startsWith(".") \ || \ filename.endsWith(".txt")) \ \{\\
        continue;
       }
      // Skip the results of dumping the black point.
      if (filename.contains(".mono.png")) {
        continue;
       }
```

```
Result result = decode(input.toURI(), hints, dumpBlackPoint);
  if (result != null) {
   successful++;
   if (dumpResults) {
    dumpResult(input, result);
   }
  }
  total++;
 }
System.out.println("\nDecoded " + successful + " files out of " + total +
   " successfully (" + (successful * 100 / \text{total}) + "%)\n");
} else {
Result result = decode(inputFile.toURI(), hints, dumpBlackPoint);
if (dumpResults) {
  dumpResult(inputFile, result);
 }
```

```
} else {
   decode(new URI(argument), hints, dumpBlackPoint);
  }
 }
 private static void dumpResult(File input, Result result) throws
IOException {
  String name = input.getAbsolutePath();
  int pos = name.lastIndexOf('.');
  if (pos > 0) {
   name = name.substring(0, pos);
  }
  File dump = new File(name + ".txt");
  writeStringToFile(result.getText(), dump);
 }
 private static void writeStringToFile(String value, File file) throws
IOException {
```

```
Writer out = new OutputStreamWriter(new FileOutputStream(file),
Charset.forName("UTF8"));
  try {
   out.write(value);
  } finally {
   out.close();
 }
 private static Result decode(URI uri, Hashtable<DecodeHintType, Object>
hints,
   boolean dumpBlackPoint) throws IOException {
  BufferedImage image;
  try {
   image = ImageIO.read(uri.toURL());
  } catch (IllegalArgumentException iae) {
   throw new FileNotFoundException("Resource not found: " + uri);
  }
```

```
if (image == null) {
   System.err.println(uri.toString() + ": Could not load image");
   return null;
  }
  try {
   LuminanceSource source = new
BufferedImageLuminanceSource(image);
   BinaryBitmap bitmap = new BinaryBitmap(new
HybridBinarizer(source));
   if (dumpBlackPoint) {
    dumpBlackPoint(uri, image, bitmap);
    }
   Result result = new MultiFormatReader().decode(bitmap, hints);
   ParsedResult parsedResult = ResultParser.parseResult(result);
   System.out.println(uri.toString() + " (format: " +
result.getBarcodeFormat() +
      ", type: " + parsedResult.getType() + "):\nRaw result:\n" +
result.getText() +
      "\nParsed result:\n" + parsedResult.getDisplayResult());
                                    lxiv
```

```
return result;
  } catch (NotFoundException nfe) {
   System.out.println(uri.toString() + ": No barcode found");
   return null;
  } finally {
   //System.out.println("Threw " +
ReaderException.getExceptionCountAndReset() + "exceptions");\\
   /\!/System.out.println("Throwers:\n" +
ReaderException.getThrowersAndReset());
  }
 }
private static void dumpBlackPoint(URI uri, BufferedImage image,
BinaryBitmap bitmap) {
  String inputName = uri.getPath();
  if (inputName.contains(".mono.png")) {
   return;
  }
```

```
int width = bitmap.getWidth();
 int height = bitmap.getHeight();
 int stride = width * 3;
 int[] pixels = new int[stride * height]
int[] argb = new int[width];
 for (int y = 0; y < height; y++) {
   image.getRGB(0, y, width, 1, argb, 0, width);
   System.arraycopy(argb, 0, pixels, y * stride, width);
  }
BitArray row = new BitArray(width);
 for (int y = 0; y < \text{height}; y++) {
   try {
    row = bitmap.getBlackRow(y, row);
   } catch (NotFoundException nfe) {
    int offset = y * stride + width;
```

```
for (int x = 0; x < width; x++) {
  pixels[offset + x] = 0xffff0000;
 }
 continue;
}
int offset = y * stride + width;
for (int x = 0; x < width; x++) {
 if (row.get(x)) {
  pixels[offset + x] = 0xff000000;
 } else {
  pixels[offset + x] = 0xffffffff;
 }
```

}

```
try {
 for (int y = 0; y < height; y++) {
  BitMatrix matrix = bitmap.getBlackMatrix();
  int offset = y * stride + width * 2;
  for (int x = 0; x < width; x++) {
   if (matrix.get(x, y)) {
     pixels[offset + x] = 0xff000000;
    } else {
     pixels[offset + x] = 0xffffffff;
    }
   }
} catch (NotFoundException nfe) {
}
```

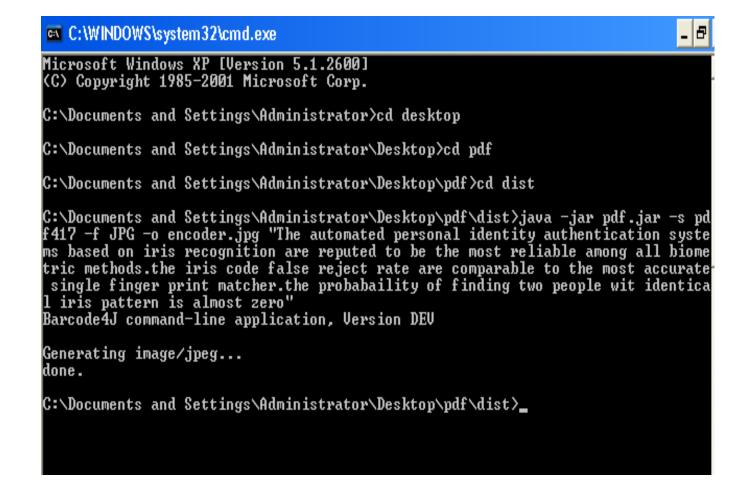
```
BufferedImage result = new BufferedImage(stride, height,
BufferedImage.TYPE_INT_ARGB);
  result.setRGB(0, 0, stride, height, pixels, 0, stride);
  String resultName = inputName;
  if ("http".equals(uri.getScheme())) {
   int pos = resultName.lastIndexOf('/');
   if (pos > 0) {
    resultName = '.' + resultName.substring(pos);
   }
  }
  int pos = resultName.lastIndexOf('.');
  if (pos > 0) {
   resultName = resultName.substring(0, pos);
  }
  resultName += ".mono.png";
```

```
OutputStream outStream = null;
 try {
   outStream = new FileOutputStream(resultName);
   ImageIO.write(result, "png", outStream);
  } catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
   System.err.println("Could not create " + resultName);
  } catch (IOException e) {
   System.err.println("Could not write to " + resultName);
  } finally {
   try {
    if (outStream != null) {
     outStream.close();
    }
   } catch (IOException ioe) {
    // continue
   } }
}}
```

6.2 APPENDIX 2

SNAPSHOT OF THE ENCODER:

EXECUTING THE JAR FILE IN COMMAND PROMPT

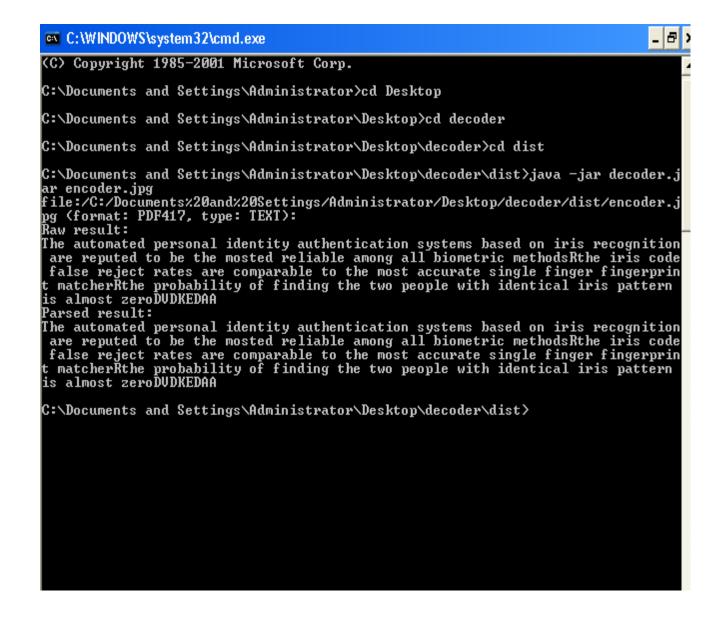


OUTPUT OF THE BARCODE IN JPEG FORMAT:



SNAPSHOT OF DECODER

EXECUTING THE JAR FILE IN COMMAND PROMPT



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