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ABSTRACT

The weight of the computation has shifted from client to the server side. Invasion of cloud computing has lead to machines that are dedicated to performing certain tasks. A system is proposed where image processing is done on the server instead of on the client's machine. The server will have a code which binarizes the image by separating the image into different regions called the text, near text and the background region. A local server is chosen to be created by using a personal computer. As Linux is the most secured operating system, it is chosen to be on the server side. The browser will give options to upload and download the image so that the client can use it to make notes.

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LIST OF ABBREVATION

| S.NO | ABBREVATION | EXPANSION |
|------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. | BR | Background region |
| 2. | NTR | Near text region |
| 3. | TR | Text region |

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1General

The project aims to build a code which separates the text region from the background region and the near next region and binarize the image. The input to the code are images taken by the camera or mobile cameras of the books and the notes of the class. The output of the code will be a binarized image where the background is eliminated and only the text is displayed.

This code is saved in a local server which the client can use by uploading an image and downloading the resulting image of the code.

1.2 Motivation

As the technology Is advancing people try to find more shortcuts so that their work can be done in a short period of time. We students have to make notes and gather notes from various sources from books, teacher's notes and many more. We often have to go to a Xerox machine to get our work done.

The money spent to take Xerox is although very less but when we need to collect extensive notes it is costly. We have to go and generally wait in a que to get our Xerox done and when the material is more than a hundred pages the shopkeeper asks us to collect he next day.

To save money and time I wanted to develop a code so that we can take pictures from the books or notes through our camera(mostly mobile phones) and get it binarized eliminating the background and the mid tone in the picture with just one click.

The code should eliminate hands, background and other unwanted pixels and display only the background as white and text as black.

1.3 Problem Description

Images of the books and notes taken by the camera has uneven lighting, strong mid tones, shadows at the edges and background such as bed sheet, table. The following code eliminates the uneven lighting condition and gives a perfect binarized image which is easily readable and can be used to make computer notes.

1.4 Main modules

The project is divided into two modules, they are

- 1. The code which is written in opency which will binarize the image by only taking the image as the parameter.
- 2. The local server which will provide pages to upload, process the image and upload the image for the client to download.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

There are many thresholding techniques to binarize an image. For each of this thresholding techniques there is an algorithm which selects a threshold, from which the grey scale value of each pixel is compared and assigned value black or white. Many algorithms are common for binarizing which are Otsu[5] and W.Niblack[6]. These algorithms deals with binarization of document image but doesn't give perfect results for uneven lighted document images.

B.Su, S.Lu, and C. L. Tan[2] tells about binarizing historical images, as the historical images are degraded in various ways such as uneven light, un even mid tone, uneven text grey scale value, this gives an idea of working with degraded images taken by the camera to prepare computer notes form text books and class notes copy. These images have uneven lighting, very dark images uneven text grey scale values and some unwanted background behind the sheet while taking photo.

Siva Rama Sastry Gumma[10] and G. Leedham, C. Yan, K. Takru, J. Hadi, N. Tan ,and Limian[3] have discussed techniques to separate the document image into various regions which are text region, near text region and background region.

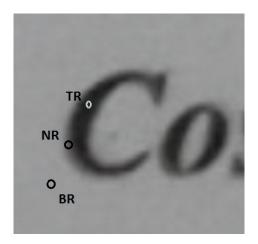


Figure 2.1: Regions

Wang Jianxin, Chen Songqiao, Jia Weijia, Pei Huiming[11], Wang Jianxin, Peng Bei, Jia Weijia[13] Keshou Wu, Wuhan, Lijuan[4] mention about DIPPS which is designed based on Browser/server mode. The clients in the form of Java Applets

embedded in the brower. The server mainly includes a web server to run java beans components. With the help of this idea create a local server using php files .The server will have the code in it to process the image. The clients can use the local area network to connect with the server and uploaded the image using a form and download the processed image later.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM ANALYSIS

3.1Existing Algorithms

Comparing the results of the existing algorithms and the proposed algorithms.

3.1.1Otsu's Algorithm

Otsu's algorithm is used to perform clustering based image thresholding, this is an automated process or the reduction of a grayscale image into binary image. The algorithm assumes that the image to be thresholded contains two classes of pixels they are foreground and background. Then it calculates the optimum threshold separating those two classes so that their combined spread i.e intra class variance is minimal. Based on a very simple idea: Finds the threshold that minimizes the weighted within-class variance. Operates directly on the gray level histogram [e.g. 256 numbers, P(i)], so it's fast once the histogram is completed. Histogram (and the image) are bimodal. There is no use of spatial coherence, nor any other notion of object structure. It Assumes stationary statistics, but can be modified to be locally adaptive. It Assumes uniform illumination implicitly, so the bimodal brightness behavior arises from object appearance differences only. The class variences are calculated as:

$$\delta_1^2(t) = \sum_{i=1}^t [i - M_1(t)]^2 \frac{P(i)}{q_1(t)}$$

$$\delta_{2}^{2}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{t} [i - N_{2}(t)]^{2} \frac{P(i)}{q_{2}(t)}$$

Figure 3.1 Formula

Now, we could actually stop here. All we need to do is just run through the full range of t values [1,256] and pick the value that minimizes.

Disadvantages:

- The method breaks down when the two classes are very unequal.
- The method doesn't work well for variable illumination

3.1.2Niblack's Algorithm

Niblack's algorithm calculates a pixel-wise threshold by sliding a rectangular window over the gray level image. The computation of threshold is based on the local mean m and the standard deviation s of all the pixels in the window and is given as:

$$T_{\text{Ni black}} = m + k*s$$

$$T_{\text{Ni black}} = m + k\sqrt{\frac{1}{NP}\sum_{i=1}^{NP}(p-m)^{2}}$$

$$= m + k\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{NP}p_{i}^{2}}{NP}} = m + k\sqrt{B}$$

Figure 3.2 Threshold for Ni black

where NP is the number of pixels in the gray image, m is the average value of the pixels pi, and k is fixed to -0.2 by the authors.

Disadvantage:

- A lot of computation is needed.
- Binary noise in the resultant image is large

3.2Proposed algorithm

For the proposed algorithm the threshold is fixed between 0-30 and this threshold is compared by the difference between the difference between the maximum mean and minimum mean . The mean is found for different filter sizes at each pixel. The difference Vp=mean(max) – mean(min) when compared with the threshold Cv tells if the pixel is in background region or text and near text region. This algorithm tries to find the change when a text is starting to build up. The graph shows the various regions:

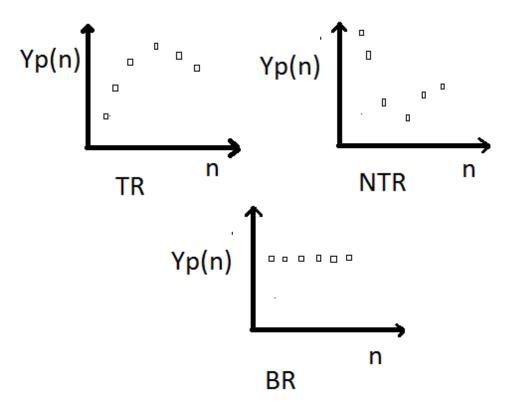


Figure 3.3 Graph Regions

Advantages:

- Threshold need not be calculated.
- Gives better result than Otsu's and Niblack algorithm in case of uneven lighting.

3.3 Server

To create a local server so that the clients in the given LAN connection can connect to the server which consists the proposed code. The clients can process the degraded image with the help of the browser and save it in their directory where they are keeping their notes.

Advantages:

- The code to process can be used by anyone in the LAN network.
- This server can be used within an institution.
- Students can make notes by using this code

CHAPTER 4

SYSYEM DESIGN

The system is broken down into two modules. The first modules deals with the code that deals with the processing of the image to get a binarized output and the second module deals with creating a server so that the client can upload and process the image using the code and then download back the resultant image to his computer.

4.1 Algorithm

Here the description of the code for binarizing the image is given step by step which is done with the help of Opency libraries.

4.1.1 Creating a 3D matrix

The height and the width of the grayscale image is saved in an integer variable. Then we have created a 3D matrix to store the image. Each pixel is linking to an array to store information regarding that pixel. The 3D matrix is made using the malloc()

4.1.1.1 Coding

First we are saving the height and the width of the image in variables. A pointer logic points to an array of pointers of the size height. This array of pointers point to another array of pointers of size width. Hence this forms the two dimentional array representation of the picture of dimensions height and width. The pointers of size width points to an integer array of size four. This array stores information about the pixels in it. The first element is made to store the original pixel value and the other two are made to store the maximum and the minimum value from the mean filter which is discussed later.

4.1.1.2 Diagram

The diagram shows the 3D array created using the pointer. The ***logic points to the 3D array. **height is the pointer to *width and *width is the pointer to an integer array of size of four elements.

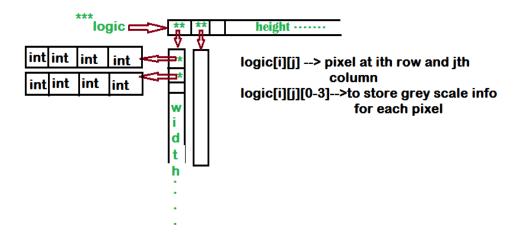


Figure 4.1 3D matrix

4.1.2 Creating New Image Variables

- i. Tr_image:to store the text region of the image
- ii. Ntr_image:to store the near next region of the image
- iii. Br_image to store the Background region of the image

These variables are created to store the different regions.

4.1.3 Function For Finding Mean With Different Filter Size

Iterating 4 times to run mean filters of sizes 7x7,9x9,11x11,13x13 on each pixel of the image. The maximum mean and minimum mean is saved in the linked array elements arr[1] and arr [2] respectively.the original pixel value is stored in the first element [0] of the array.

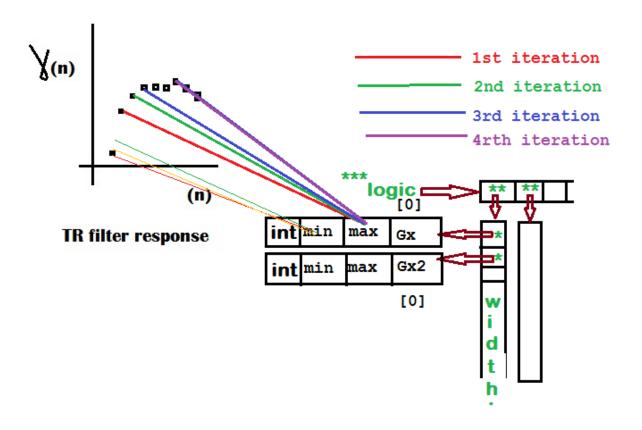


Figure 4.2 Iteration

4.1.4 Separating The Three Regions

Vp which is the difference between the mean maximum and mean minimum is calculated. The threshold for the mean difference is set as 11 represented as Cv. R is taken as CV/2. Using the following in if else saved the pixels in TR ,NTR and BR image variable separately by giving the pixel value 0 for TR and NTR and 255 for BR.

| Region | Condition |
|--------|--|
| BR | Vp <cv< td=""></cv<> |
| TR | Vp>Cv ;arr[0]-min mean(arr[1]) <r< td=""></r<> |
| NTR | Vp>Cv ;max mean(arr[2])-arr[0]<=R |
| | |

Table 4.1 different regions

The image is written in the directory where the source image is stored with .jpg extension.

4.2 Creating Server

Downloaded XAMPP which is a free open source cross platform web server package, it consists of Apache2 HTTP Server, MySQL database and PHP language.

For my project I have used PHP for preparing the server-side scripting. XAMPP and linux provides a safe environment as most of the work needs root access hence the security is guaranteed.

After downloading XAMPP named it as localhost. As the operating system is Linux it has many permission issues. The php codes can not be created using notepad++ directory. It can only be created by terminal. The php code resides in the /var/www directory to function. www can initially be accessed only by using the terminal. We have changed the directory permission to the user "shreyas" from the root by typing the following lines in the command promt.

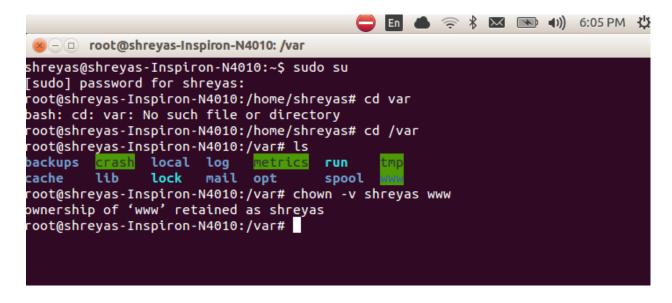


Figure 4.3 cmd

Sudo su is used to enter the super user mode Cd /var is done to enter into var folder ls will show the list of the directory "var"

"chown" is used to change the ownership of a directory which is followed by "-v" name of the user we want to change the permission to "shreyas" and the name of the file/folder we want to change the permission of "www". Now we can save notepad++ files into www and edit files by opening and saving again.

Before typing the php codes and executing them, we have to open the terminal and reach the php directory to open and edit the php.ini file. The "displaying error" = On which is initially set as Off so that the clients done get displayed error messages if any error occurs.

4.3 Working

- 1. Client uploads a picture using a form provided by the server.
- 2. The sever receivies the picture and downloads into a directory.
- 3. The server process the image using an image processing exe file.
- 4. The processed image is uploaded in form of thumbnail for the client to download the image
- 5. The client download s the processed image into its device.

The figure shows how client gets the processed image:

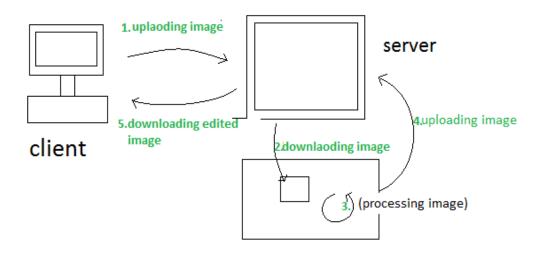


Figure 4.4 server and client

4.4 PHP Files

Made various php files to create a browser for client to upload the image ,process it and download the binarized image. The various php and html files are:

4.4.1 Index.html

The index.html will be the main page when the Ip address of the server is typed on the browser. The first page will have two frames. The frams are created by creating two rows by using

```
<frameset rows="20%,80%">
```

This will create two frames row wise. We set both the frames to a fresh php file namely link.php and link2.php by using the following code

```
<frame src="link.php">
<frame src="link2.php">
```

The title of the page is set as welcome

4.4.2 Link.php

This is used to create the heading for the page. The background is set as "teal" by writing the code as

```
<body bgcolor="teal">
```

Here teal has a hex value stored as variable. The heading is given as Welcome to Binarization by using font and bold tags

```
<font size=7 color="#fffffff">
```

#fffffff is used to generate white color againt the teal background which is one of the attributes of the font tag. The size for it is taken as 7 which is also an attribute of the tag font. The tag <dfn> adds boldness to the text.

4.4.3 Link2.php

The bottom part is again framed into two halves column wise. On the left side we can upload the image and on the right side we can download the image. The frames are set as 50%,50%.

```
<frameset cols="50%,50%">
<frame src='link3.html'>
```

<frame src='link4.php'>

4.4.4 Link3.html

Here we are displaying text asking the client if he wants to edit your photo if yes please click on the link bellow.

The link is provided by using the tag this tag will make the contents after it hypertext. This tag is closed by tag.

The link is given to go to the page where form is provided for the client to choose and upload an image by submitting the image.

4.4.5 Link4.php

This is the other size of the frame in which the option to download is available. After process the image the user needs to come to this side of the frame to download the image to his specified directory. The background is given as "000080" which is light blue in color.

The hypertext is given by using the tag download image. 'Download image' becomes a hyper text to go to link99.php.

4.2.6 Link7.php

the form is created by using the tag <form>
<form action="upload.php" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">

| Attribute | Description |
|-----------|--|
| | |
| Action | Specifies where to send the form-data when a form is |
| | submitted. |
| Method | POST: Specifies the HTTP method to use when sending |
| | form-data |
| Enctype | Specifies how the form-data should be encoded when |
| | submitting it to the server |

4.2 Attributes

The action is that the iamge is sent to upload.php

For this form we have to take an input of the type 'file' and of name 'file'

<input type='file' name='file' />

We have to create a submit button so that we can submit the file

<input type='submit' value='send file'>

The text "submit file" will appear on the button.

4.2.7 Upload.php:

After submitting the image in the previous page the image is stored in the temporary folder of the server. The name of the file can be saved in a variable \$name by using the following command:

```
$name=$_FILES['file']['name'];
```

This is the exact name of the image that we have uploaded. When the image is uploaded on the server it resides in the temporary folder called tmp and has a temporary name to it. We can get the temporary name of the file as well as its path using the following code

```
$tmp_name=$_FILES['file']['tmp_name'];
```

We can also know the size and type of the file of the image by using \$_FILES["file"]["size"] and

\$_FILES["file"]["type"] respectively. If we want to view this we can directly echo this in the code.

Once this is done we have to save the image in the directory where the **project .exe** so that they remain in the same folder for the execution. This is done with the help of the php library function move_uploaded_image();

The parameters for this function are:

- Temporary name of the file \$tmp_name.
- The path were the image will be stored.\[\frac{\fra

After getting the name of the image we have to store the command to execute the program whose parmeter will be the image name.

Using the variable \$cmd stored the code to execute the program.exe

```
$cmd="cd uploads/ && ./project";
```

The image and the project.exe file is saved in the uploads folder in the www directory. To this we have concatenated the name of the image by using the code:

```
$cmd.=$name;
```

\$cmd will store "cd uploads/ && ./project imagename.extension". && is used to run to terminal codes,if the first one is successful only then the second line is executed. This execution line has to be stored into a file.txt. For this we have done the following line

```
$handle = fopen("name.txt","w");
fwrite($handle, $cmd);
fclose($handle);
```

handle is the handler of the file name.txt. this is open in the writing mode. Using the fwrite we have written the content of the variable \$cmd into the text file name.txt. there can be various opening modes of a file they are:

| W+ | Open for reading and writing, place the file pointer at the beginning of |
|----|---|
| | the file and truncate the file to zero length. If the file does not exist, |
| | attempt to create it. |
| W | Open for writing only, place the file pointer at the beginning of the file |
| | and truncate the file to zero length. If the file does not exist, attempt to |
| | create it. |
| A | Opens for writing only; place the file pointer at the end of the file. If the |
| | file does not exist, attempt to create it. |
| A+ | Opens for reading and writing; place the file pointer at the end of the |
| | file. If the file does not exist, attempt to create it. |

4.3 opening modes

After this we have given a new link to display that the file is successfully uploaded and to continue click on process so that the picture can be edited. A

hyperlink is given to the next page which will successfully process the image as "process".

4.2.8 Process.php

Here the server waits for the image to download. This is done by executing the code sleep(5). Were 5 is for five seconds. And then the name.txt is read and the command is executed using the function exec(command line).

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

The proposed algorithm is successfully eliminating the uneven lighting condition and the text are perfectly binarized separating the near text and the background region. The client can successfully download the image after processing on the server. The various advantages are that it gives better result than other algorithms, can be used to make digital notes and can be used to binarize any text image of any grey scale value. It can have various applications. It is used to make computer notes so that the processed image can be stored in a folder to keep a record of the photos taken to create the notes. The processed image is very clear with background eliminated.

APPENDIX 1

OPENCY CODE

```
#include "cv.h"
#include "highgui.h"
#include<math.h>
#include <iostream>
#define N 7
using namespace cv;
using namespace std;
void compute_logic ( Mat , int ***);
//function to perform to store maximum and minimum mean
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
  if(argc<2)
       {
              printf(" please specify the input file name \n execute like <executable>
<inputfile> \n ");
              exit(0);
       }
  Mat im_rgb;// takes RBG image by the user
  Mat im_gray;// for storing the converted RBG into grey scale
  Mat im_smooth;// to
  //storing image in im_rbg given by the user
  im_rgb = imread(argv[1]);
  //converting to grey scale and saving in im_gray
  cvtColor(im_rgb,im_gray,CV_RGB2GRAY);
  int height = im_rgb.rows;//stores the height of the image
  int width = im rgb.cols;//stores the width of the image
  //saving the grey scale image in the system
  imwrite("grayscale.pgm",im_gray);
  //forming the three dimentional matrix
  int ***logic = (int***)malloc(height*sizeof(int**));
              for (int i=0; i<height; i++)
```

```
logic[i] = (int**)malloc(width*sizeof(int*));
                  for (int j=0; j<width; j++)
                    logic[i][j] = (int*)malloc(4*sizeof(int));
          }
// initializing the first three elements as the original
//pixel
for(int i=0; i<im_gray.rows;i++)</pre>
                     uchar* rowi = im_gray.ptr/*<uchar>*/(i);
                    for(int j=0; j<im_gray.cols; j++)
                    {
                            logic[i][j][0] = logic[i][j][1] =
 logic[i][j][2] = (int) rowi[j];
     }
//iterating to find the mean with different filter sizes
for ( int I = 3; i < N; i++)
 //calling mean filter from the library using blur
     blur(im_gray, im_smooth, Size(2*i+1,2*i+1));
     compute_logic( im_smooth, logic);
}
int Cv=8;// setting threshold as 8
int Rg = Cv/2;// setting R as half of the threshold
int Vp;
//im_tr image object to store the text region
Mat im_tr = Mat(height, width, CV_32F);
//to store the near text region
Mat im_ntr =Mat(height, width, CV_32F);
//to store the background region
Mat im bgr = Mat(height, width, CV 32F);
for(int i=0; i<im_gray.rows;i++)</pre>
     {
                    for(int j=0; j<im_gray.cols; j++)
```

```
{
 //setting background for text by default
 //as 255(white)
                   im_{tr.at} < float > (I, j) = (float) 255;
 //by default as white
                   im_ntr.at < float > (I, j) = (float) 255;
 //by default as black
                  im\_bgr.at < float > (I, j) = (float) 0;
//computing vp
                   Vp = logic[i][j][2] - logic[i][j][1];
                   if (Vp \leq Cv)
                       //its background set as white
                           im\_bgr.at < float > (I, j) = (float) 255;
                           logic[i][j][3] = 3;
                  else
                  if (logic[i][j][0] - logic[i][j][1] < Rg)
                              // its near text set as black
                           im_tr.at < float > (I, j) = (float) 0;
                                   logic[i][j][3] = 1;
                           }
                  if (logic[i][j][2] - logic[i][j][0] \le Rg)
     // its text set as black
                           im_ntr.at < float > (I, j) = (float) 0;
                                   logic[i][j][3] = 2;
                           }
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}

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}
        }
  // save text image in directory
  imwrite("textregion.jpg",im_tr;
 // save near text region image in directory
 imwrite("neartextregion.jpg",im_ntr);
  // save background region in directory
  imwrite("backgroundregion.jpg",im_bgr);
}
//function that stores the minimum mean un 1^{st} logic[i][j][1]
//and stores maximum in 2<sup>nd</sup> logic[i][j][2]
void compute_logic ( Mat im_smooth, int ***logic)
int val;
       for(int i=0; i<im_smooth.rows;i++)</pre>
                        uchar* rowi = im_smooth.ptr/*<uchar>*/(i);
                       for(int j=0; j<im_smooth.cols; j++)</pre>
                        {
                                       val = (int)rowi[j];
                                       if ( val < logic[i][j][1] )
                                       logic[i][j][1] = val;
                                       if ( val > logic[i][j][2] )
                                       logic[i][j][2] = val;
                 }
        }
}
```

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PHP files for the server
//creating form
<form action="upload.php" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
           <input type="file" name="file" /><br>
<input type="submit" value="Send File" />
<
</form>
<?php
//saving the command to execute the processing of the image
echo $name=$_FILES['file']['name'];
$cmd="cd uploads/ && ./project ";
$cmd .=$name;
$handle = fopen("name.txt","w");
//saving command for execution in name.txt
fwrite($handle,$cmd);
fclose($handle);
$tmp_name=$_FILES['file']['tmp_name'];
move_uploaded_file($tmp_name,'uploads/'.$name);
echo "\n";
echo 'uploaded';
?>
//waiting for server to download and then process image using exec function
<?php
sleep(5);
$cmd = implode(" ",file('name.txt'));
exec($cmd);
```

?>

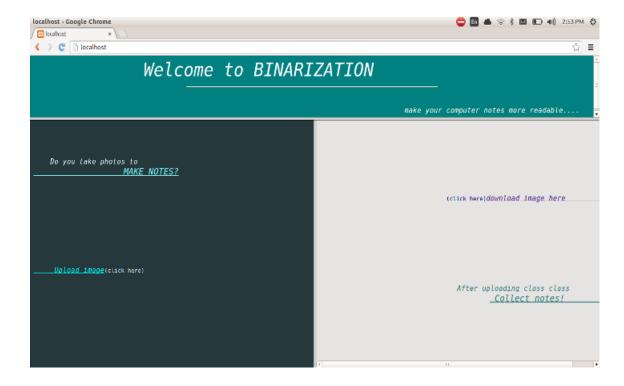
APPENDEX 2

Browser Display

Here the step by step view of the browser for uploading,processing and downloading image.

1.Outlook

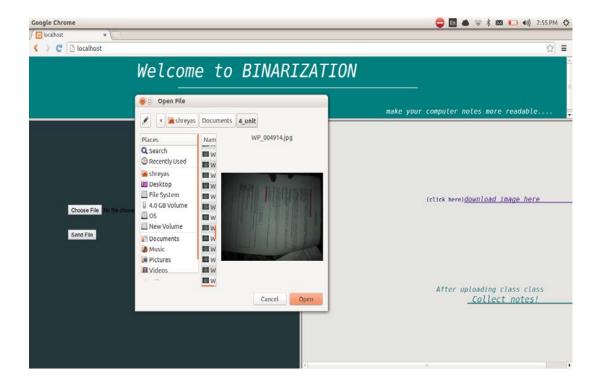
The index page which appears when the client types the IP address of the server system. The index page is divided into two frames for uploading in the left and downloading in the right.



browser display

The client clicks on upload image (click here) to get to the form to upload image.

2. Uploading Image

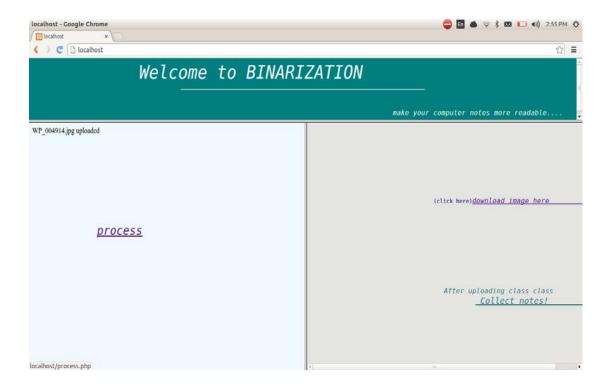


click on upload

The client selects the photo and clicks on submit. The client is shown that the picture is uploaded and is ready to be processed. The client clicks on process to execute the code with the image.

3.Processing Image

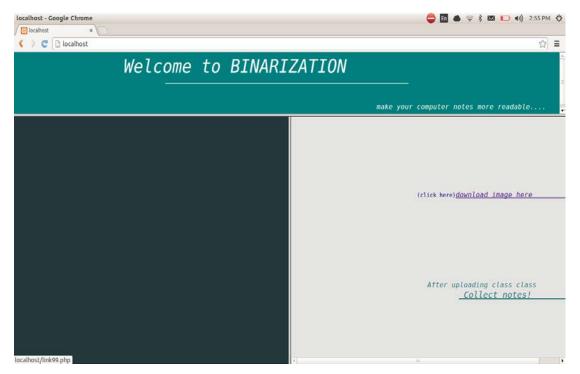
The client next clicks on "process" to process the uploaded image.



click on process

4.Processing Done

Now the image is processed and uploaded again by the server. The client clicks on download image here to save the image.

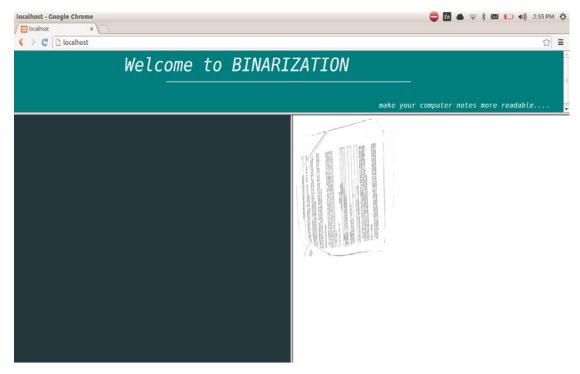


click on download

A thumbnail appears which the client has to right click and save the image to his chosen directory.

5. Saving Image

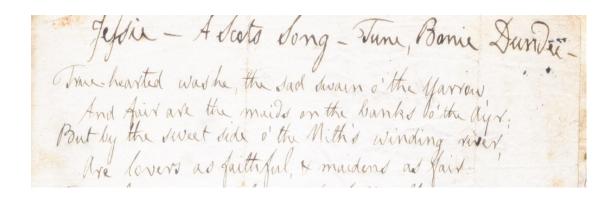
After the processing is done the client has to right click on the thumbnail and save it in a directory of his choice.



save image

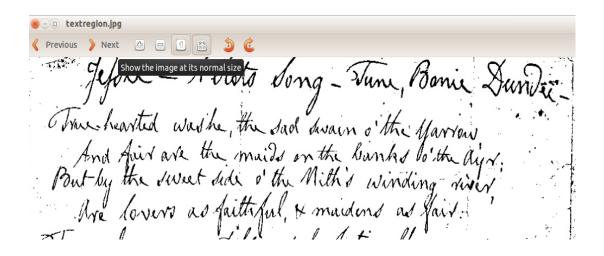
Few Examples

Example 1



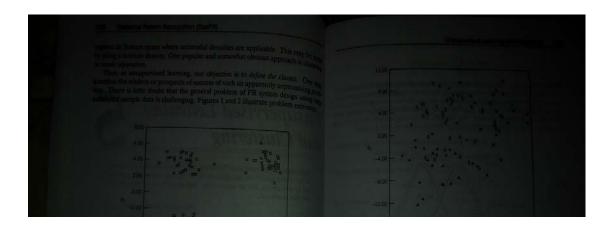
Here the body of the poem is very light as compared to the heading which is also having different grey scale values. We want to have a uniform color text.

Output:

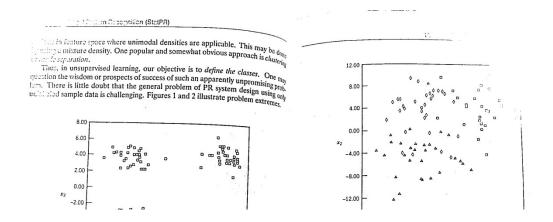


Example2

Here the corners of the image is very dark.



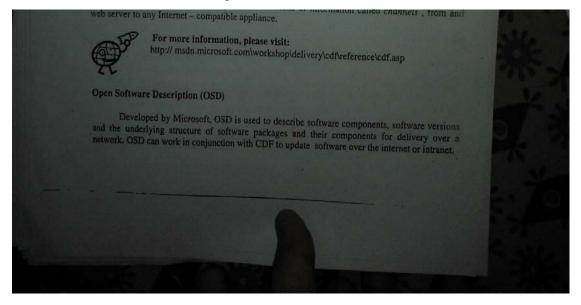
And the text is almost not readable



The output is almost very remarkable.

Example 3

Here the image contains a tumb and a background which is black in color.hence to show its not a normal thresholding function.



We can see that the thumb is eliminated along with the background which was a bedsheet.

variety of delivery mechanisms to publish collections of information called *channels*, from and web server to any Internet – compatible appliance.



For more information, please visit: http://msdn.microsoft.com/workshop/delivery/cdf/reference/cdf.asp

Open Software Description (OSD)

Developed by Microsoft, OSD is used to describe software components, software versions and the underlying structure of software packages and their components for delivery over a network. OSD can work in conjunction with CDF to update software over the internet or intranet.

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