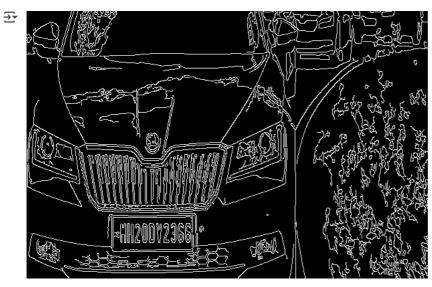
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# Install required packages
!apt install tesseract-ocr
!pip install pytesseract opencv-python-headless matplotlib

→ Reading package lists... Done

     Building dependency tree... Done
     Reading state information... Done
     tesseract-ocr is already the newest version (4.1.1-2.1build1).
     0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 34 not upgraded.
     Collecting pytesseract
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     Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (from python-dateutil>=2.7->matplotlib) (1.17.0)
     Downloading pytesseract-0.3.13-py3-none-any.whl (14 kB)
     Installing collected packages: pytesseract
     Successfully installed pytesseract-0.3.13
import cv2
import pytesseract
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from google.colab.patches import cv2_imshow
# Configure pytesseract path (Colab already has it after install)
pytesseract.pytesseract.tesseract_cmd = r'/usr/bin/tesseract'
Double-click (or enter) to edit
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# Load the image
img = cv2.imread('/content/car.jpg')
img = cv2.resize(img, (600, 400)) # Resize for better visibility
# Convert to grayscale
gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
# Noise removal
blur = cv2.bilateralFilter(gray, 11, 17, 17)
# Edge detection
edged = cv2.Canny(blur, 30, 200)
cv2_imshow(edged)
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\verb"cnts", \_ = \verb"cv2.findContours" (edged.copy"(), \verb"cv2.RETR_TREE", \verb"cv2.CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE")" \\
# Sort and look for rectangular contour
cnts = sorted(cnts, key=cv2.contourArea, reverse=True)[:10]
screenCnt = None
for c in cnts:
    peri = cv2.arcLength(c, True)
    approx = cv2.approxPolyDP(c, 0.018 * peri, True)
    if len(approx) == 4:
        screenCnt = approx
        break
if screenCnt is None:
    print("No contour detected.")
else:
    # Mask everything except plate
    mask = cv2.drawContours(np.zeros(gray.shape, dtype=np.uint8), [screenCnt], 0, 255, -1)
    out = cv2.bitwise_and(img, img, mask=mask)
    # Crop the plate
    (x, y) = np.where(mask == 255)
    (topx, topy) = (np.min(x), np.min(y))
    (bottomx, bottomy) = (np.max(x), np.max(y))
    cropped = gray[topx:bottomx+1, topy:bottomy+1]
    cv2_imshow(cropped)
No contour detected.
# Enhance cropped image
cropped = cv2.resize(cropped, None, fx=2, fy=2, interpolation=cv2.INTER_CUBIC)
_, thresh = cv2.threshold(cropped, 0, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY + cv2.THRESH_OTSU)
# OCR
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Start coding or generate with AI.