

Nephi OCR project

More accessible OCR library

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Tricky to get into the field

github.com/olivernina/nephi

Open source

Community resource

Good starting point

Tools to make your life easier:

- Loads XML from certain data sources, or from files on the file system.

- Computes the average loss over the last epoch to see how it's getting better

- It resizes images for you, keeping the aspect ratio (flexible max width)

Better examples

Tech involved

CRNN (popular)

NN: CNN+RNN+CTC for the underlying tech.

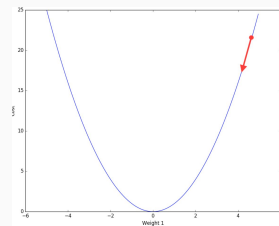
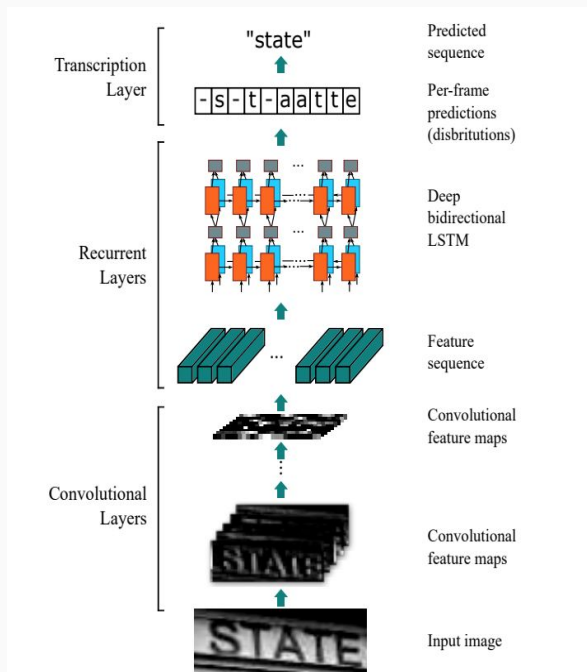
NN: (demo)

CNN: Simplified number of connections.

RNN: LSTM “capture long-range dependencies”

CTC: <https://github.com/baidu-research/warp-ctc>

How effective is it? (demo)



Ease of use

So how hard is it?

We want to make it easy.

Fun and easy!

Demo install + train

Demo train large data set/videos

Results

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After training 1 epoch (untrained):

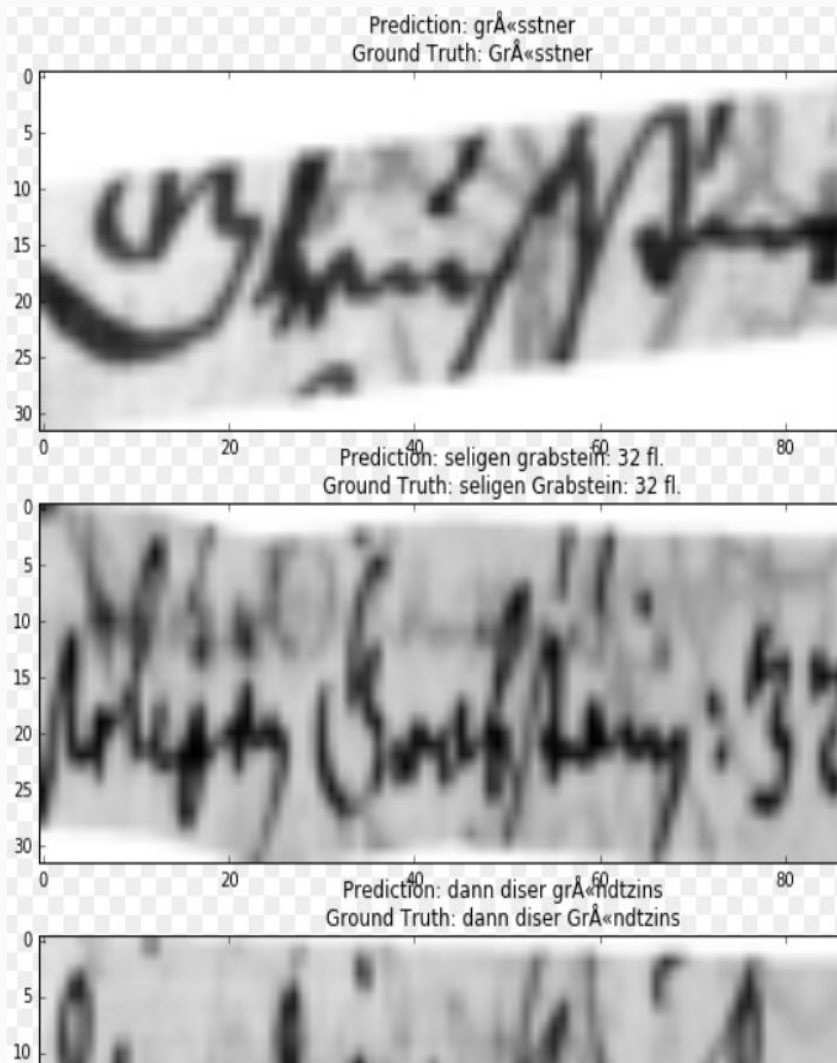
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After training over 3000 epochs (not on same segments):

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Results

Best on test set



0.43%

Test:

Character error rate mean: 0.0043; Character error rate sd: 0.0471

Word error rate mean: 0.0160; Word error rate sd: 0.1104

Validation:

Character error rate mean: 0.4376; Character error rate sd: 0.5089

Word error rate mean: 0.8576; Word error rate sd: 0.4160

Collaboration:

This is the code you have been
looking for.

Parsing

Resizing

Average loss over the epoch



Contributions welcome!

Excited to see what you will do.



“Power to you, the people”



Thanks!

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