



Software Development Kit

OCRB

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Introduction

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1 Introduction

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1.3 Overview

The library allows to recognize OCR-B codelines from images acquired from scanner. The basic character set supported contains numeric and symbols characters:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 > < # + -

The recognition process is fast and accurate and you can get too the confidence and the rectangle area of each recognized character.

Usage



2 Usage

2.1 Visual C++

You have to include the RECOOCRBAPI.C in your program. Before to execute your application make sure the *RECOOCRB.DLL* is available in your same .exe directory or in windows\system directory.

2.2 C#

You have to include the RECOOCRBAPI.CS in your program. Before to execute your application make sure the *RECOOCRB.DLL* is available in your same .exe directory or in windows\system directory.

2.3 Visual Basic

You have to include the RECOOCRBAPI.BAS in your program. Before to execute your application make sure the *RECOOCRB.DLL* is available in your same .exe directory or in windows\system directory.

2.4 Visual Basic .NET

You have to include the RECOOCRBAPI.VB in your program. Before to execute your application make sure the *RECOOCRB.DLL* is available in your same .exe directory or in windows\system directory.

2.5 Delphi

You have to include the RECOOCRBAPI.PAS in your program. Before to execute your application make sure the *RECOOCRB.DLL* is available in your same .exe directory or in windows\system directory.

2.6 Java

You have to use 32 bit JVM and you have to include the RECOOCRBAPI.java in your program. Before to execute your application make sure the *RECOOCRB.DLL* is available in your same .jar directory.

API References



3 API References

3.1 OCRB_Init

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_Init (char* Name, char* Key,  
long* SessionHandle);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_Init(string Name, string Key, ref int  
SessionHandle);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_Init (ByVal Name As String, ByVal  
Key As String, ByRef SessionHandle As Long) As  
Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_Init(ByVal Name As String, ByVal Key  
As String, ByRef SessionHandle As Integer) As  
Integer
```

Delphi Declaration

```
function  
OCRB_Init(User:PAnsiChar;Password:PAnsiChar;Var  
SessionHandle:THandle):Integer; stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_Init(String User, String Password,int[ ]  
Session);
```

Description

This is the first function to call: initialize the library and returns a session handle to use in next calls. When you buy the library you receive an "user" and a "password" string necessary to initialize the library in normal mode: without this value or with wrong values the library is initialized in evaluation mode. The evaluation mode works exactly as normal mode but some time, when you call the recognition function, is displayed a warning dialog box remembering

the evaluation state: you can close it and continue to work with no problems.

Parameters

User (in) - then user name string

Passwords (in) - then password string

SessionHandle (out) - the session handle to use in next library calls

Return values

OCRB_OK: success, the library is initialized

OCRB_NOMEM: the system don't have enough memory

OCRB_NORESOURCE: some necessary resources don't are available

Note

The "status" string, shown in the windows dialog, is built by 1 and 0 meaning OK or KO for this checking in the order from left to right:

- SDK initialized with valid user/key
- License file integrity
- License file matching sdk version
- Computer verification done or not required
- Dongle verification done or not required
- Date expiration done or not required
- SDK option used unlocked

3.2

OCRB_Done

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_Done(long Session);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_Done(int Session);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_Done(ByVal Session As Long) As Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_Done(ByVal Session As Integer) As
```

Integer

Delphi Declaration

```
function OCRB_Done(SessionHandle:THandle):Integer;  
stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_Done(int Session);
```

Description

This is the last function to call when you don't need more services from the library: deinitialize the library and free all used resources.

Parameters

SessionHandle (in) - the session handle to free

Return values

OCRB_OK: success, the library is finalized

OCRB_INVALIDHANDLE: the session handle is not valid

3.3

OCRB_Read

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_Read(long Session, long DIB,  
byte SingleLine);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_Read(int Session,int DIB, byte  
SingleLine);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_Read (ByVal Session As Long, ByVal  
DIB As Long, ByVal SingleLine As Byte) As Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_Read(ByVal Session As Integer, ByVal  
DIB As Integer, ByVal SingleLine As Byte) As
```

Integer

Delphi Declaration

```
function  
OCRB_Read(SessionHandle:THandle;DIB:THandle;Single  
Line:Boolean):Integer; stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_Read(int Session, int DIB, int  
SingleLine);
```

Description

This is the function performing the recognition: you have to call this function after library initialization to perform the optical character recognition.

Parameters

SessionHandle (in) - the session handle to use

DIBIn (in) - the handle of the monochrome DIB to recognize

SingleLine (in) - flag to help the recognition: if "true" (1) the engine search for a single codeline, if "false" (0) the engine search for multiple codelines.

Return values

OCRB_OK: success, the recognition is done correctly

OCRB_INVALIDHANDLE: the session handle is not valid

OCRB_INVALIDDIB : the input DIB is not valid, ie. is not a monochrome image

Notes

The library works with standard DIBs images. Refer to Microsoft documentation for additional info about Device Indipendent Bitmaps. If you have to recognize a gray-scale image, please consider to use our Dynamic Thresholding Library to get better result in conversion.

3.4 OCRB_ResultLinesCount

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_ResultLinesCount(long Session,  
long* Count);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLinesCount(int Session, ref int  
Count);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLinesCount (ByVal Session As  
Long, ByRef Count As Long) As Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLinesCount(ByVal Session As  
Integer, ByRef Count As Integer) As Integer
```

Delphi Declaration

```
function  
OCRB_ResultLinesCount(SessionHandle:THandle; Var  
Count:Integer):Integer; stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLinesCount(int SessionHandle, int[]  
Count);
```

Description

This is the function to call after the recognition process to get the number of codelines found in the image.

Parameters

SessionHandle (in) - the session handle to use
LinesCount (out) - the number of codelines recognized in the image

Return values

OCRB_OK: success, the lines count is retrieved

OCRB_INVALIDHANDLE: the session handle is not valid

3.5 OCRB_ResultLineLength

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_ResultLineLength(long Session,
long LineIndex, long* Count);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLineLength(int Session, int
LineIndex, ref int Count);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLineLength (ByVal Session As
Long, ByVal LineIndex As Long, ByRef Count As
Long) As Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLineLength(ByVal Session As
Integer, ByVal LineIndex As Integer, ByRef Count
As Integer) As Integer
```

Delphi Declaration

```
function
OCRB_ResultLineLength(SessionHandle:THandle;
Line:Integer; Var Length:Integer):Integer;
stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLineLength(int Session, int Line,
int [ ] Length);
```

Description

This is the function to call after the recognition process to get the length of a recognized codeline.

Parameters

SessionHandle (in) - the session handle to use

LineIndex (ind) - the number of the codeline to retrieve the length.
First codeline is 0.
LineLength (out) - the number of character recognized in the selected codeline

Return values

OCRB_OK: success, the line length is retrieved
OCRB_INVALIDHANDLE: the session handle is not valid
OCRB_INVALIDLINE: the line index is not valid

3.6 OCRB_ResultLineChars

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_ResultLineChars(long Session,  
long LineIndex, char* Buffer);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLineChars(int Session, int  
LineIndex, StringBuilder Buffer);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLineChars (ByVal Session As  
Long, ByVal LineIndex As Long, ByVal Buffer As  
String) As Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLineChars(ByVal Session As  
Integer, ByVal LineIndex As Integer, ByVal Buffer  
As StringBuilder) As Integer
```

Delphi Declaration

```
function  
OCRB_ResultLineChars(SessionHandle:THandle;  
Line:Integer; Buffer:PAnsiChar):Integer; stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLineChars(int Session, int Line,  
Memory Buffer);
```

Description

This is the function to call after the recognition process to get the chars recognized in a codeline.

Parameters

SessionHandle (in) - the session handle to use

LineIndex (ind) - the number of the codeline to retrieve the recognized chars. First codeline is 0.

CharBuffer (out) - the buffer where will be movede the characters recognized in the selected codeline. You have to allocate enough space.

Return values

OCRB_OK: success, the line length is retrieved

OCRB_INVALIDHANDLE: the session handle is not valid

OCRB_INVALIDLINE: the line index is not valid

3.7

OCRB_ResultLineConfidences

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_ResultLineConfidences(long Session, long LineIndex, float* Buffer);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLineConfidences(int Session, int LineIndex, ref float Buffer);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLineConfidences(ByVal Session As Long, ByVal LineIndex As Long, ByRef Buffer As Single) As Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLineConfidences(ByVal Session As Integer, ByVal LineIndex As Integer, ByRef Buffer As Single) As Integer
```

Delphi Declaration

```
function
```

```
OCRB_ResultLineConfidences(SessionHandle:THandle;  
Line:Integer; Buffer:Pointer):Integer; stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLineConfidences(int Session, int  
Line, float[] Confidences);
```

Description

This is the function to call after the recognition process to get the confidences of recognized chars in a codeline. The confidence is the probability that a char was benn recognized correctly.

Parameters

SessionHandle (in) - the session handle to use

LineIndex (ind) - the number of the codeline to retrieve the recognized chars. First codeline is 0.

ConfidenceBuffer (out) - the buffer where will be movede the confidences of characters recognized in the selected codeline. You have to allocate enough space. Each confidence value is rapresented by a single precision number in the range 0.0 - 1.0 where 0.0 is lowest confidence and 1.0 is the highest confidence level.

Return values

OCRB_OK: success, the line length is retrieved

OCRB_INVALIDHANDLE: the session handle is not valid

OCRB_INVALIDLINE: the line index is not valid

3.8

OCRB_ResultLineRects

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_ResultLineRects(long Session,  
long LineIndex,rect* Buffer);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLineRects(int Session, int  
LineIndex, ref Rect Buffer);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLineRects(ByVal Session As
Long, ByVal LineIndex As Long, ByRef Buffer As
Rect) As Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_ResultLineRects(ByVal Session As
Integer, ByVal LineIndex As Integer, ByRef Buffer
As Rect) As Integer
```

Delphi Declaration

```
function OCRB_ResultLineRects
(SessionHandle:THandle; LineIndex:Integer; Var
Buffer:TRect): Integer; stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_ResultLineRects(int Session, int Line,
Memory Buffer);
```

Description

This is the function to call after the recognition process to get the rectangle areas filled by each character in a codeline.

Parameters

SessionHandle (in) - the session handle to use

LineIndex (ind) - the number of the codeline to retrieve the recognized chars. First codeline is 0.

RectsBuffer (out) - the buffer where will be movede the rects of characters recognized in the selected codeline. You have to allocate enough space. Each rect value is rapresented by four long numbers rapresenting left, top, right and bottom posizion of the rectangle.

Return values

OCRB_OK: success, the line length is retrieved

OCRB_INVALIDHANDLE: the session handle is not valid

OCRB_INVALIDLINE: the line index is not valid

3.9 OCRB_SetParameter

C/C++ Declaration

```
__stdcall long OCRB_SetParameter(long Session,  
long ParameterID, long ParameterValue);
```

C# Declaration

```
int OCRB_SetParameter(int Session, int  
ParameterID, int ParameterValue);
```

Visual Basic Declaration

```
Function OCRB_SetParameter (ByVal Session As Long,  
ByVal ParameterID As Long, ByVal ParameterValue As  
Long) As Long
```

Visual Basic .NET Declaration

```
Function OCRB_SetParameter(ByVal Session As  
Integer, ByVal ParameterID As Integer, ByVal  
ParameterValue As Integer) As Integer
```

Delphi Declaration

```
function OCRB_SetParameter(Session:Integer;  
ParameterID :Integer; ParameterValue:Integer):  
Integer; stdcall;
```

Java Declaration

```
int OCRB_SetParameter(int Session, int  
ParameterID, int ParameterValue);
```

Description

This function allows to modify default parameters for recognition: you can use it for special requirements before perform the recognition, but be aware you can compromise the result with no correct settings.

Parameters

SessionHandle (in) - the session handle to use
ParameterId (in) - the parameter index to modify. Currently are

supported this parameters:

OCRBPARAM_RECOGNIZESPACE : enable or disable the recognition of spaces. If Value is 1 the space recognition is enabled, if 0 is disabled. Default is 1.

OCRBPARAM_SPACEWIDTH : set the medium space width. Value is the space width expressed in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 18.

OCRBPARAM_CHARMINW : set the minimum character width. Value is the width expressed in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 6.

OCRBPARAM_CHARMINH : set the minimum character height. Value is the height expresssd in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 12.

OCRBPARAM_CHARMAXW : set the maximum character width. Value is the width expressed in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 25.

OCRBPARAM_CHARMAXH : set the maximum character height. Value is the height expressed in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 30.

OCRBPARAM_NOISESIZE : set the max noise size. Value is the noise size expressed in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 6.

OCRBPARAM_MINUSMINW : set the minimum "minus" width. Value is the width expressed in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 10.

OCRBPARAM_MINUSMINH : set the minimum "minus" height. Value is the height expresssd in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 2.

OCRBPARAM_MINUSMAXW : set the maximum "minus" width. Value is the width expressed in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 20.

OCRBPARAM_MINUSMAXH : set the maximum "minus" height. Value is the height expressed in pixels at 200 DPI. Default is 8.

OCRBPARAM_TECHNOLOGY : set the primary technology to use. Value can be 0 for neural network, 1 for statystical analysis. Default is 0.

OCRBPARAM_MAXRETRIES : set the maximum number of attempt to recognize a character: Value can range from 1 (faster) to 8 (slower). Default is 8.

ParameterValue (in) - the new parameter value. See parameter Id for admitted values.

Return values

OCRB_OK : success, the binarization is done correctly

OCRB_INVALIDHANDLE : the session handle is not valid

OCRB_INVALIDPARAMETER : the parameter index is not valid

Sample

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4.1 Code Sample

```

// Demo user function
long RecognizeMyCodeline(long CodelineDIB)
{
    // Declare local variables
    long Session,Error,Lines,LineLen;
    char Chars[1024]; // We expect to have codelines with less
then 1024 chars !
    single Confidences[1024];
    rect Rects[1024];

    // Init the library
    Error=OCRB_Init("demo","demo", &Session);

    // Check if any error occurred
    if (Error!=OCRB_OK)
    {

        // Perform the recognition
        Error=OCRB_Read(Session, CodelineDIB, FALSE);

        // Check if any error occurred
        if (Error!=OCRB_OK)
        {

            // Retrieve the number of recognize lines
            OCRB_ResultLinesCount(Session, &Lines);

            // For each recognized text line...
            for (i=0; i<Lines; i++)
            {

                // Retrieve the codeline length
                OCRB_ResultLineLength(Session,i,&LineLen);

                //
                =====
                =
                // You could allocate here memory for Chars,
                Confidences and Rects
                // using LineLen value instead to use fixed size
                buffers...
                //
                =====
                =

                // Retrieve the codeline chars
                OCRB_ResultLineChars(Session,i,&Chars);

                // Retrieve the codeline char confidences...if
                required
                OCRB_ResultLineConfidences(Session,i,&Confidences);

                // Retrieve the codeline char rects...if required
                OCRB_ResultLineRects(Session,i,&Rects);

```

```
// =====
// Add here your code to use the recognized data
// =====

    }

}

// Deinitialize the library
OCRB_Done(Session);
}
return (Error);
}
```

Annotation