Towards Deep Table Understanding

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What is document conversion?

Source: **Business documents** (PDF/Word/Image)

Designed for document exchange, printing, human consumption and archival

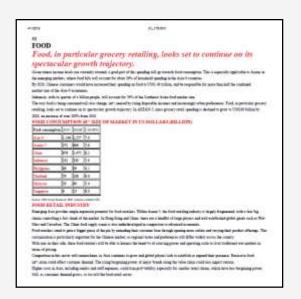




Target: Content in an open text-based format

(JSON, HTML, etc.)

Amenable for NLP/AI driven understanding of its contents



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What is Document Conversion?

An informal view

Preserving the reading order

Identify the correct sequencing of text, tabular and image content mimicking human reading order



Identifying and extracting document structure

For example, extracting document elements such as sections and paragraphs, tables, and relationships among them.

Extracting internal structure of complex document elements

For example, for tables, extracting table cells, column and row headers, individual cell values, table title, etc.

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Deep Document Understanding

Understanding of complex documents

- Visual elements such as charts, tables, photos, images, sketches, etc.
- PDF manuals and technical guides, financial and scientific documents, scanned invoices and passports, etc.

Focus on converting challenging documents

- in terms of structure, content and quality



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Aircraft fuel	206,924	206,017	(27,9%)	3,00	4.41	(32.0%)
Airport operations	142,176	128,381	10.7%	2.06	1.98	4.0%
Flight operations and navigational charges	126,821	112,886	12.3%	1.84	1.74	5.7%
Sales and distribution	98,351	94,764	3.6%	1.43	1.46	(2.1%)
Depreciation and amortization	69,739	56,620	23.2%	1.01	0.87	16.1%
Marketing, general and administration	58,604	50,647	15.7%	0.85	0.78	9,0%
Maintenance	62,347	48,062	29.7%	0.89	0.74	20.3%
Inflight	47,029	43,600	7.9%	0.68	0.67	1.5%
Aircraft leasing	40,572	43,062	(5.8%)	0.59	0.66	(10.6%)
Employee profit share	32,974	19,039	73.2%	0.48	0.29	65,5%
Total operating expenses	885,537	883,896	0.2%	12.83	13.40	(5.7%)
Total, excluding fuel and profit share	645,639	578,042	11.7%	9.35	8.90	5.1%

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, operating expenses remained flat compared to the same period in 2014. On an ASM basis, operating expenses decreased by 3.7 per cent to 13.65 cents from 13.65 cents in the same period in 2014. This decrease was driven largely by a decrease in aircraft fuel expense periodly offset by the increases in our employee profit share expense, maintenance expense and depreciation and emortization expense.

Our CASM, excluding fluel and profit there, increased by 5.1 per cent, which was outside of our previously disclosed guidance of up 3.5 to 4.0 per cent, primarily as the result of lower than expected ASMs during the quarter in addition to a weaker Canadian dollar.

	Expens	o (S in thous	ands)	C	ASM (cunts)	
	Nine months ended Sept. 30			Nine min	Sept. 30	
	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change
Aincraft fuel	632,317	846,514	(25.3%)	3.10	4.41	(29.7%)
Airport operations	+12,510	377,178	9.4%	2.02	1.96	3.1%
Right operations and navigational charges	372,560	339,616	9.7%	1.03	1.77	3.4%
Sales and distribution	285,304	202,590	1.0%	1.40	1.47	(4.8%)
Depreciation and amortization	189,684	172,044	10.5%	0.93	0.90	3.3%
Marketing, general and administration	175,108	164,030	6.8%	0.86	0.85	1.2%
Maintenance	171,599	151,612	13.2%	0.84	0.79	6.3%
Inflight	190,098	130,410	15.1%	0.74	0.60	8.0%
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Employee profit share	92,096	45,360	102.9%	0.46	0.24	91,7%
Total operating expenses	2,613,484	2,646,294	(1.2%)	12.83	13.78	(6.9%)
Total, excluding fuel and profit share	1,889,071	1,754,392	7.796	9.27	9.13	1.5%

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, operating supersea decreased by 1.2 per cont to \$2,413.5 million as compared to \$2,646.5 million in the same period in 2014, primarily driven by the year-over-year decrease in aircraft fuel expense, partially offset by the increase in our employee profit share expense.

Input: Document contents in native format

- PDF
- Image
- Office Docs



Expenses

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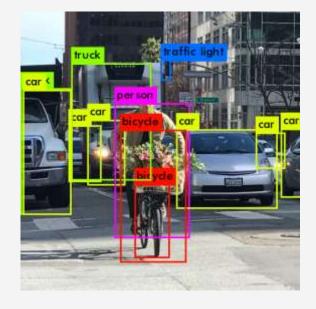
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Output: Document contents with tabular information:

- 1) Table border for each table
- 2) Partitioning table contents into cells
- 3) Both vertical and horizontal alignment of cells

Tables and Cells as Objects

Leverage object detection improvements with deep learning networks to detect tables and cells





Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Time Warner Inc. On October 22, 2016, we entered into and announced a merger agreement (Merger Agreement) to acquire Time Warner Inc. (Time Warner) in a 50% cash and 50% stock transaction for \$107.50 per share of Time Warner common stock or approximately \$85,400 at Time Warner's net right at December 31, 2017, the total transaction value is approximately \$106,523. Each share of Time Warner common stock will be exchanged for \$53.75 per share in cash and a number of shares of AT&T common stock equal to the exchange ratio. If the average stock price (as defined in the Merger Agreement) at the time of closing the Merger is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be the quotient of \$53.75 divided by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be own between 14.4% and 15.7% of ATAT shares on a fully-diluted basis based on the number of AT&T shares outstanding.

Time Warner is a global leader in media and ment whose major businesses encompass an array of some of the most respected and successful media brands. The deal combines Time Warner's vast library of content and ability to create new premium content for audiences around the world with our extensive customer relationships and distribution, one of the world's largest pay-TV subscriber bases and leading scale in TV, mobile and broadband distribution.

The Merger Agreement was approved by Time Warner shareholders on February 15, 2017. The transaction has been approved by all requisite foreign jurisdictions. On November 20, 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a civil antitrust lawsuit against AT&T, challenging our proposed acquisition of Time Warner. The case will be heard March 19, 2018. On December 21, 2017, an agreement was reached with Time Warner to extend the original termination date of April 22, 2018 to June 21, 2018. If the Mercer is terminated as a result of reaching the extended termination date, (and at that time one or more of the conditions relating to certain regulatory approvals have not been satisfied or there is a final, non-appealable order preventing the transaction relating to antitrust laws, communications laws, utilities laws or foreign regulatory laws, then under certain circumstances, we would be obligated to pay

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Property, plant and equipment is summarized as follows at

	Lives (years)	201	7 2016
Land		\$ 1,630	0 5 1,643
Buildings and improvements	2-44	36,319	9 35,036
Central office equipment ¹	3-10	94,076	92,954
Cable, wiring and conduit	15-50	67,695	5 79,279
Satellites	14-17	2,967	7 2,710
Other equipment	3-20	90,017	7 88,436
Software	3-5	16,750	14,472
Under construction	_	4,045	5 5,118
		313,499	9 319,648
Accumulated depreciation			
and amortization		188,277	7 194,749
Property, plant and			
equipment - net		\$125.22	2 5124.899

Our depreciation expense was \$19,761 in 2017, \$20,661 in 2016 and \$19,289 in 2015. Depreciation expense included amortization of software totaling \$2,810 in 2017, \$2,362 in 2016 and \$1,660 in 2015

During the fourth quarter of 2017, we determined that network activity due to fiber deployment plans in particular markets. We recorded a noncash pretax charge of \$2,883 to abandon these assets

During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded a noncash pretax charge of \$278 for the impairment of certain wireless assets that were under construction. These assets primarily related to capitalized costs for wireless sites that are no longer in our construction plans.

Certain facilities and equipment used in operations are leased under operating or capital leases. Rental expenses under operating leases were \$4,953 for 2017, \$4,482 for 2016 and \$5,025 for 2015. At December 31, 2017, the future minimum years 2018 through 2022 were \$3.945 \$3.686 \$3.414 \$2,968 and \$2,659, with \$9,256 due thereafter. Certain real estate operating leases contain renewal options that may be exercised. At December 31, 2017, the present value of the future minimum rental payments under capital leases for the years 2018 through 2022 were \$142, \$90, \$100, \$103 and \$115, with \$1,268 due thereafter.

During fiscal 2016, the Company acquired a direct interest in Vice for \$400 million of cash, and at September 29, 2018 owned an 11% interest. The Company accounts for its interest in Vice as an equity method investment. During fiscal 2018, the Company recorded a \$157 million impairment of its interest in Vice.

At the end of fiscal 2015, the Company had a 33% interest in Hulu, a joint venture owned one-third each by the Company, 21CF and Comcast Corporation. Warner Media LLC (WM) acquired a 10% interest from Hulu for \$0.6 billion in August 2016, which diluted the Company's ownership interest to 30%. In addition, WM has made \$0.2 billion in subsequent capital contributions. For not more than 36 months from August 2016. WM has the right to sell its shares to Hulu and Hulu has the right to purchase the shares from WM under certain limited circumstances arising from regulatory review. The Company and 21CF have agreed to make a capital contribution for up to approximately \$0.4 billion each if Hulu is required to repurchase WM's shares. The August 2016 transaction resulted in a deemed sale by the Company of a portion of its interest in Hulu at a gain of approximately \$175 million. The Company expects to recognize the gain if and when the put and call options expir Following completion of the 21CF acquisition the Company will consolidate Hulu's financial results and assume 21CF's

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Balance at Oct. 1, 2016	\$	16,345	S	291	S	6,830	\$	4,344	S		S	27,81
Acquisitions		_		_		_		_		3,600		3,60
Dispositions		_		_		_		_		_		
Other, net		(20)		_		(13)		49		_		1
Balance at Sept. 30, 2017	s	16,325	S	291	S	6,817	\$	4,393	S	3,600	S	31,42
Acquisitions		_		_		_		_		_		
Dispositions		_		_		_		_		_		
Other, net		3,063		_		347		33		(3,600)		(15
Balance at Sept. 29, 2018	s	19,388	S	291	S	7,164	s	4,426	S		S	31.26

Other, net primarily represents the allocation of RAMTech goodwill to segments based on the final nurchase price

4 Other Income, net

	2018			2016		
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In fiscal 2018, the Company recorded gains of \$560 million in connection with the sale of real estate and property rights

In fiscal 2018, the Company recorded \$38 million in insurance recoveries in connection with the settlement of a litigation matter for which the Company recorded a charge of \$177 million, net of committed insurance recoveries in fiscal 2017.

But where do we get the data???

ICDAR 2013 Dataset [1]: 256 table xambes with table structure

ICDAR 2019 Dataset [2]: 80 page impres with table structure realining Marmot dataset [3]: 2000 total labored LCF pages with 1349 tables

TableBank [4]: 145k labelled table examples ... but labelled tables structures only have logical coordinate.

Missing critical information

[1] M. Göbel et al., ICDAR 2013 Table Competition ICDAR 2013

[2] L.Gao et. al., ICDAR 2019 Competition on table detection and recognition (CTDAR). ICDAR 2019

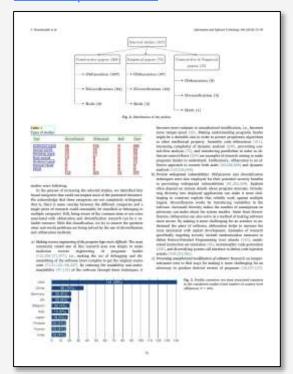
[3] http://www.icst.pku.edu.cn/cpdp/data/marmot_data.htm

[4] Minghao Li et al. Tablebank: Table benchmark for image-based table detection and recognition. LREC 2020

Enhanced scientific dataset with cell bounding boxes with automated text matching.

568K Tables from PubMed

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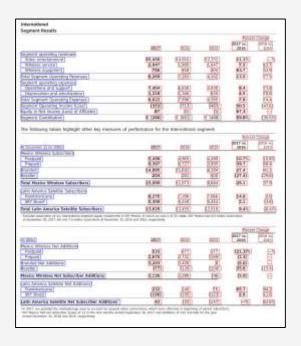


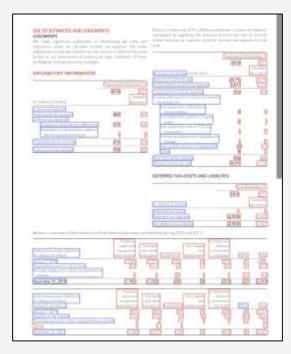
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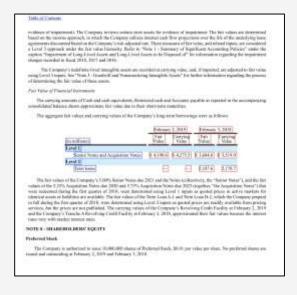
New dataset with auto-generated table boundary, cell boundary and structure annotations.

>110k Tables from annual reports of S&P 500 companies.

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detectors, right?

So, just finetune the existing object

Motivation for a Specialized Table and Cell Detector

Tables and cells have very different sizes and aspect ratios, unlike the classic object detection classes

Cells are always inside tables and tables always contain cells

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Our depreciation expense was \$19,761 in 2017, \$20,661 in 2016 and \$19,289 in 2015. Depreciation expense included amortization of software totaling \$2,810 in 2017, \$2,362 in 2016 and \$1,660 in 2015.

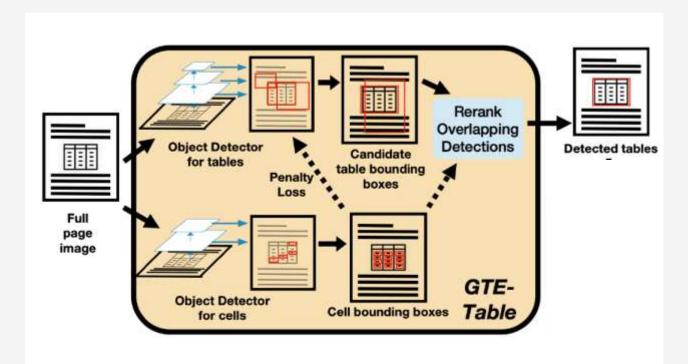
During the fourth quarter of 2017, we determined that certain copper assets will not be necessary to support future network activity due to fiber deployment plans in particular markets. We recorded a noncash pretax charge of \$2,883 to abandon these assets.

During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded a noncashpretax charge of \$278 for the impairment of certain wireless assets that were under construction. These assets primarily related to capitalized costs for wireless sites that are no longer in our construction plans.

Certain facilities and equipment used in operations are leased under operating or capital leases. Rental expenses under operating leases were \$4,953 for 2017, \$4,482 for 2016 and \$5,025 for 2015. At December 31, 2017, the future minimum rental payments under noncancelable operating leases for the years 2018 through 2022 were \$3,945, \$3,686, \$3,414, \$2,968 and \$2,659, with \$9,256 due thereafter. Certain real estate operating leases contain renewal options that may be exercised. At December 31, 2017, the present value of the future minimum rental payments under capital leases for the years 2018 through 2022 were \$142, \$90, \$100, \$103 and \$115, with \$1,268 due thereafter.

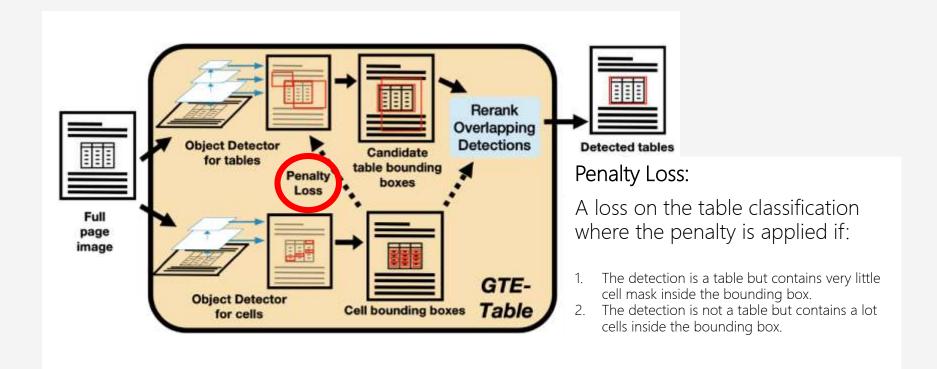
During fiscal 2016, the Company acquired a direct interest in Vice for \$400 million of cash, and at September 29, 2018 owned an 11% interest. The Company accounts for its interest in Vice as an equity method investor During fiscal 2018, the Company recorded a \$157 million impairment of its interest in Vice. At the end of fiscal 2015, the Company had a 33% interest in Hulu, a joint venture owned one-third each by the Company, 21CF and Comcast Corporation. Warner Media LLC (WM) acquired a 10% interest from Hulu for \$0.6 billion in August 2016, which diluted the Company's ownership interest to 30%. In addition, WM has made \$0.2 billion in subsequen capital contributions. For not more than 36 months from August 2016, WM has the right to sell its shares to Hulu and Hulu has the right to purchase the shares from WM under certain limited circumstances arising from regulatory review. The Company and 21CF have agreed to make a capital contribution for up to approximately \$0.4 billion each if Hulu is required to repurchase WM's shares. The August 2016 transaction resulted in a deemed sale by the Company of a portion of its interest in Hulu at a gain of approximately \$175 million. The Company expects to recognize the gain if and when the put and call options expire. Following completion of the 21CF acquisition the Company will consolidate Hulu's financial results and assume 21CF's The Company accounts for its interest in Hulu as an equity method investment The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the years ended September 29, 2018 and September 30, 2017 are as Balance at Sept. 30, 2017 \$ 16,325 \$ Other, net primarily represents the allocation of BAMTech goodwill to segments based on the final purchase price allocation and also includes the impact of updates to our initial estimated fair value of intangible assets related to BAMTech 4 Other Income, net Other income, net is as follows Settlement of litigation In fiscal 2018, the Company recorded gains of \$560 million in connection with the sale of real estate and property right in New York City. In fiscal 2018, the Company recorded \$38 million in insurance recoveries in connection with the settlement of a litigation matter for which the Company recorded a charge of \$177 million, net of committed insurance recoveries in fiscal 2017

Global Table Extractor (GTE)

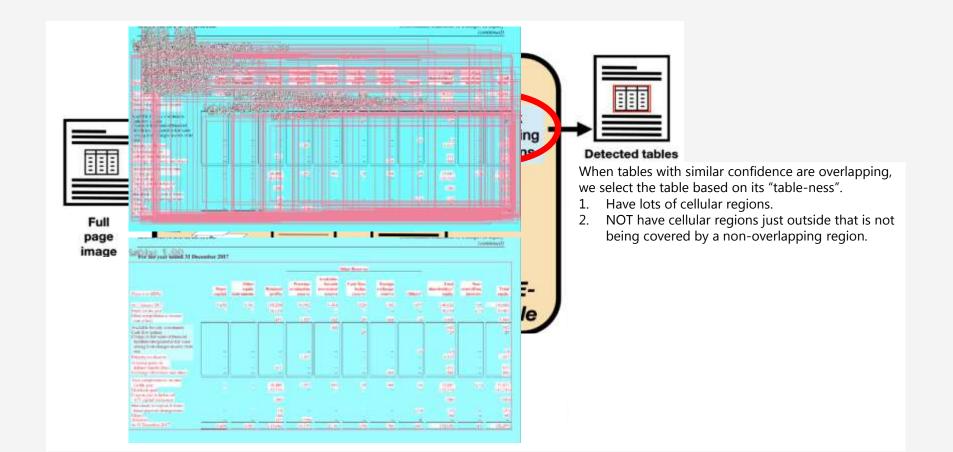


Zheng et al. A Deep Learning Framework for Joint Table Identification and Cell Structure Recognition Using Visual Context. WACV. 2021

Penalty Loss



Cell-Aware Table Reranking



SoTA on Table Border Detection

ICDAR 2013

Character level recall, precision and F1

Category	Method	Input type	Recall	Precision	F1
Commercial Softwares	FineReader	PDF	99.71	97.29	98.48
Non Deep Learning	Nurminen[8]	PDF	90.77	92.10	91.43
Deep Learning	TableBank[18]	Image	1	1	96.25
Ours	GTE	Image	99.77	98.97	99.31
Ablation	Detection-Base GTE-Table-Sep	Image Image	84.64 95.71	90.65 98.18	84.65 95.71

ICDAR 2019

Precision and Recall at different levels of Intersection Over Union (IOU)

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Method	P	R	P	R	Weighted F1
NLPR-PAL[4]	93	93	86	86	93
TableRadar[4]	95	94	90	89	94
GTE	96	95	90	89	94

Tables Come in Different Styles

Object detection models focus on local areas and cannot handle nuances of different global table styles.

Table 8.12 - Own brand shares (food only) for leading retailers, 1996

Names	Own brands market share	Number of items
Franprix	28.0	n.a.
Casino	24.8	1800
Intermarché	24.7	2500
Géant	20.0	1800
Carrefour	18.9	1642
Monoprix	18.7	1800
Système U	18.5	985
Continent	17.8	1440
Stoc	16.2	650
Auchan	15.7	1500
Match	15.4	1100
Champion	15.1	1240
Leclerc	14.8	500
Cora	12.2	1224
Prisonic	11.7	550

Source: Secodip-linéaires, 1997

Table 8.13 illustrates the development of own brand market shares in supermarkets and hypermarkets:

Table 8.13 - National brands, Own brand and low price items shares for supermarkets and

	1991	1994	1995	1996
National Brands	80.6	75.0	75.3	76.0
Own Brands	14.7	17.1	17.4	17.1
Low price items	4.7	7.0	7.2	6.0

Source: LSA, 1998

Own brands growth is a major trend in the recent evolution of distribution. In 1995, own brands provided on average 20% of sales (25% of delf space) compared to only 10% ton years before and the development goes on. Leclerc, for instance, which was initially opposed to own brand development (less than 7% of sales before 1997 were own brand), changed its strategy in 1997 and its goal is now to double its own brands turnover. Retailers typ to reinforch the association between their name and their own products. Table of Contents

Dollar Tree
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We have the vast majority of our stores and expect to lease the majority of our new stores as we expand. Our leases typically provide for a short initial lease term, generally five years, with options to extend; however, in some cases we have initial lease terms of seven to fifteen years. We believe this leasing strategy enhances our fixeshilly to pursue various expansion opportunities resulting from changing market conditions. As current leases expire, we believe that we will be able to obtain lease renewals, if desired, for present store locations, or to obtain leases for equipment or better locations in the same generals on

Distribution Centers

The following table includes information about the distribution centers that we operate in the United States. Except for OA 2018, we completed our Marrebution, enter expenditure, and a read including state of the One distribution center of the States. Except for OA 2018, we completed our Warrebution, Missouri distribution center, which is 1.2 million square feet, automated and currently severe states in our Duller reseguent. In 2018, we completed our 15 million square feet, automated and currently severe states in our Duller reseguent. In 2018, we completed our 15 million square feet, the other count, south Cention distribution center and expanded our Stocknon, California distribution center by 0.3 million square feet, Our St. George, Unit distribution center excises both femally Oblina and Duller Tere source, build center our content of the orientation content of the orientation or the orientation of the orientation of the orientation of the orientation or the orientation orientation or the orientation orientation or the orientation or the orientation orientat

Dollar Tree Distribution Centers	Square Footage	Family Dollar Distribution Centers	Square Footage
Chesapeake, Virginia	400,000	Matthews, North Carolina	930,000
Olive Branch, Mississippi	425,000	West Memphis, Arkansas	850,000
Joliet, Illinois	1,470,000	Front Royal, Virginia	907,000
Stockton, California	854,000	Duncan, Oklahoma	907,000
Savannah, Georgia	1,014,000	Morehead, Kentucky	907,000
Briar Creek, Pennsylvania	1,003,000	Maquoketa, Iowa	907,000
Marietta, Oklahoma	1,004,000	Odessa, Texas	907,000
San Bernardino, California	802,000	Marianna, Florida	907,000
Ridgefield, Washington	665,000	Rome, New York	907,000
Windsor, Connecticut	1,001,000	Ashley, Indiana	814,000
Cherokee County, South Carolina	1,512,000	St. George, Utah*	814,000
Warrensburg, Missouri	1,200,000		

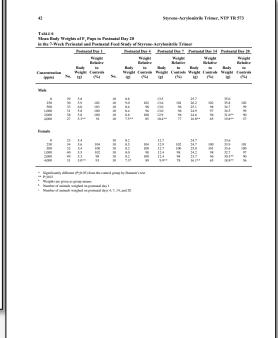
*Services both Dollar Tree and Family Dollar stores

In 2018, we began construction on our Morrow County, Ohio distribution center, which will be 1.2 million square feet and authorized, and will initially serve stores in our Dollar The segment. We expect his facility to be operational in the third quarter of 2019. In facia 2019, we amounteed plans to construct a new 1.2 million square foot distribution center in Knownbey, Exast which is expected to provide service directly to Dollar Tree and Family Dollar stores and be operational by the summer of 2020. All future distribution centers will open with the capability to service both Dollar Tree and Family Dollar stores.

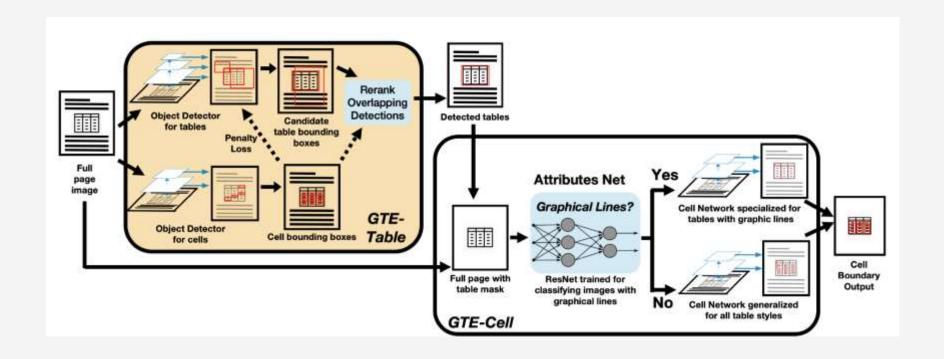
Each of our distribution centers contains advanced materials handling technologies, including radio-frequency inventory, tracking equipment and specialized information systems. With the exception of our Ridgeffeld, Washington facility and our Matthews, North Carolina facility, each of our distribution centers in the United States also contains automated conveyor and sorting systems.

Distribution services in Canada are provided by a third party from facilities in British Columbia and Ontario.

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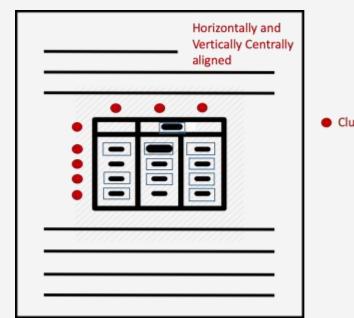


Cell Detection Framework



Cell Boundary to Structure with Position Clustering

- Sample at each box center horizontally and vertically to determine the number of rows and columns in table
- 2. Determine **alignment** for columns and rows based on cell bounding box distance
- 3. Use **K-means clustering** with number of centers from step 3 for each direction with coordinates depending on alignment
- 4. Assign cell boxes to each row/column depending on alignment



Cluster Centers

Detection to Structure with Location and Alignment Clustering

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Faculty cluster	Population size	Sample size	
Sciences	1269 (19.9%)	101(20.4%)	
Social Sciences	3212 (50.6%)	247(50.0%)	
Humanities	1168 (18.4%)	95(19.3%)	
Civil Sciences	705 (11.1%)	51(10.3%)	

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	to air	to water kg/year	to land			
Asbestos	1	1	1			
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Cyanides (as total CN)	G	50	50			
Fluorides (as total E)	4	2.000	2 000			
Particulate matter (PM10)	50 000					
Total Nitrogen		50 000	50.000			
Total Phosphorus		5 000	5 000			

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Total items	135	100	(60)	100	75	100
Purposes of reading						
Literary experience	72	53	33	55	59	52
Acquiry and use information	0,3	47	27	45	36	48
Processes of comprehension						
Focus on and retrieve explicitly stated information	(33	24	14	23	19	25
Make straightforward inferences	46	34	20	33	36	15
Interpret and integrate ideas and information	38	28	18	30	30	27
Examine and evaluate content, language, and textual elements	18	13		13	10	13

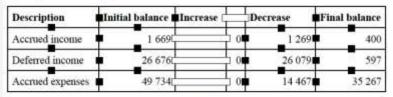
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Fluorides (as	-	2 000	2 000				
Particulate m	50 000	-	-				
Total Nitrogen	-	50 000	50 000				
Total Phosphorus	-	5 000	5 000				

Cell Structure Evaluation

Description	Initial	balance Increase	Dec	rease	Final	balance
Accrued income	•	1 669	0	1 269	•	400
Deferred income	•	26 676	0	26 079	•	597
Accrued expenses		49 734	0	14 467	•	35 267

(a) Original table as in ground truth



- (b) Incorrectly recognized cell structure with split column
- Correct adjacency relations □ Incorrect adjacency relations

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recall} &= \frac{\text{correct adjacency relations}}{\text{total adjacency relations}} = \frac{24}{31} = 77.4\% \\ \text{Precision} &= \frac{\text{correct adjacency relations}}{\text{detected adjacency relations}} = \frac{24}{28} = 85.7\% \end{aligned}$$

Cell Adjacency Relations

ICDAR2013: Match based on text

ICDAR2019: Match based on bounding box IOU

SOTA for Cell Structure Recognition

ICDAR 2013

Method	GT?	Rec.	Prec.	F1
Nurminen[8]	N	80.78	86.93	83.74
GTE	N	92.72	94.41	93.50
Tensmeyer[33]	Y	94.64	95.89	95.26
GTE	Y	95.77	96.76	96.24
Detection-Base	Y	76.66	80.63	78.10
GTE-Cell-Style-Mix -no-pt	Y	89.78	89.30	89.43
GTE-Cell-Style-Mix	Y	92.39	94.20	93.15
GTE-Cell-Border	Y	91.60	93.67	92.48

ICDAR 2019

Method	IOU			Waighted C1	
Method	0.1	0.5	0.6	Weighted F1	
NLPR-PAL[4]	-	36.5	30.5	20.6	
CascadeTabNet[23]	-	43.8	35.4	23.2	
GTE	77.5	54.8	38.5	24.8	

Is better really better?

Let's Look an Example

Original Table:

	Revenue	(\$Bn)
	2008	2009
AAL	23.8	19.9
LUV	11.0	10.4
SAVE	1.10	0.70
ULCC	1.40	1.10
UAL	20.2	16.3
DAL	22.7	28.1
JBLUE	3.40	3.30
ALK	3.70	3.40

Ground Truth:

	Revenue (\$Bn)		
	2008	2009	
AAL	23.8	19.9	
LUV	11.0	10.4	
SAVE	1.10	0.70	
ULCC	1.40	1.10	
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Which One is Better?

Candidate Table A

	Revenue (\$Bn)	
	2008	2009
AAL	23.8	19.9
LUV	11.0	10.4
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ULCC	1.40	1.10
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JBLUE	3.40	3.30
ALK	3.70	3.40

Candidate Table B

Revenue (\$Bn)

2008 2009

AAL	23.8	19.9
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Let's Compute the Metrics ... Wait ... Which One?

ICDAR 2013

	Ca	Candidate Table A			didate Ta	able B
	Р	R	F1	Р	R	F1
Table Area	1	0.79	0.88	1	0.81	0.90

ICDAR 2019

	Candidate Table A	Candidate Table B
	IOU	IOU
Table Area	0.8	0.8

Candidate Table A

Candidate Table B

	Revenue (\$Bn)	
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	Р	R	F1	Р	R	F1
Table Area	1	0.79	0.88	1	0.81	0.90
Cell Adjacency	1	0.76	0.86	1	0.88	0.94

ICDAR 2019

	Candidate Table A	Candidate Table B
	IOU	IOU
Table Area	0.8	0.8

Candidate Table A

Candidate Table B

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Let's Compute the Metrics ... Wait ... Which One?

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	Cell Adjacency		1	0.76	0.86	1	0.88	0.94
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^[1] Max C. Göbel, Tamir Hassan, Ermelinda Oro, Giorgio Orsi: *A methodology for evaluating algorithms for table understanding in PDF documents.* Document Engineering 2012

Our Goal

Achieve SoTA on public benchmark datasets

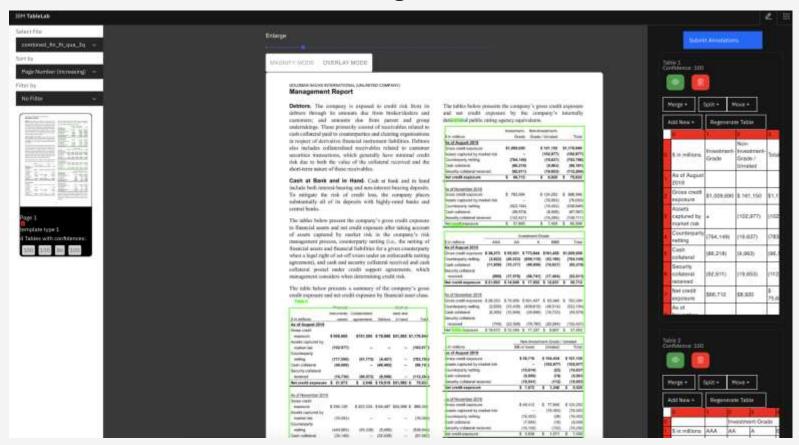
• Significantly outperform our competitors on data and metrics that matter



Retraining with interactive labeling

How to make it works better?

TableLab: Interactive Labeling



Preliminary Experimental Results for Retraining

Table Boundary Detection

Method	CEDAR	EDGAR	Invoices	Appraisals	Health Docs
GTE	0.94	0.84	0.47	0.85	0.93
GTE with Retraining	0.96	0.91	0.92	0.96	0.98

Cell Adjacency Detection

Method	CEDAR	EDGAR	Invoices	Appraisals	Health Docs
GTE	0.88	0.62	0.42	0.71	0.55
GTE with Retraining	0.90	0.82	0.68	0.90	0.77

Dataset

20 pages with tables per category: 10 for retraining, 10 for testing

Evaluation Metric

F1 metric for Table Boundary and Cell Adjacency as defined in [1]

[1] Göbel et al. "A Methodology for Evaluating Algorithms for Table Understanding in PDF Documents". DocEng '12

Summary: Retraining is effective even with small amount of labeled data

Example Use Cases – Research & Social Good

CORD-19 [Wang et al, ACL-CORD-19'21]



Weather.com COVID-19 Dashboard

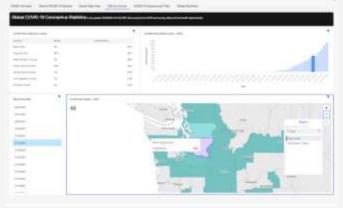
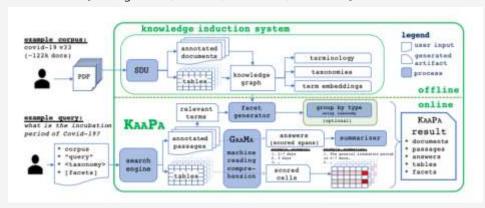


Table QA [Fauceglia et al, AAAI'21, Glass et al, NAACL'21]



Better Understand Climate Change via Historical Records



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Example Use Cases - Business

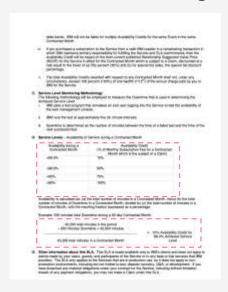
Invoice Understanding



Purchase Order Understanding



Contract Understanding



Open Challenges

Quality

Runtime Performance

Customizability

Evaluation

Multi-task learning

