Requirements Document

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1 Program Input

- 1. User must select one or more image files containing handwriting to load
 - (a) Image can contain one or more words
 - (b) Words should be in top down, left to right format
 - (c) Image can be in any common image format such as jpeg, png, windows BMP, GIF, etc.
 - (d) Image must be no greater in size than 200MBytes
- 2. User can optionally select one or more text file to be loaded for training or testing purposes
 - (a) Document should be in ASCII or Unicode format
 - (b) Document should have the same number of lines as the loaded image
 - (c) Each line in the loaded image file should match a line in the text document
 - (d) Each word in a line of the text document should match the word in the same position in the image file
 - (e) There should be one text file for each image file used

2 User Options

- 1. Algorithm options
 - (a) User can select one or more algorithms to be used in word recognition
 - (b) User can modify the order in which the algorithms are run and how they are combined
 - (c) Software will manage algorithm compatibility (user won't be able to select incompatible algorithms)
- 2. Logging options
 - (a) User can enable/disable performance logging
 - (b) User can set the output destination directory
 - i. Log file name base name should be the same as the loaded image file's base name (image.png becomes image.txt)

- (c) User can modify the logging detail level
- 3. Preprocessing options
 - (a) User can select one or more preprocessing algorithms
 - (b) User can modify the order in which the algorithms are run on the input image and how they are combined
 - (c) Software will manage algorithm compatibility (user won't be able to select incompatible algorithms)
- 4. Training options
 - (a) User can select one or more training algorithms
 - (b) User can modify the order in which the algorithms are run and how they are combined
 - (c) Software will manage algorithm compatibility (user won't be able to select incompatible algorithms)
- 5. Recognition options
 - (a) User can select confidence threshold
- 6. Testing options
 - (a) User can select the number of tests to execute
 - (b) User can select one or more recognition algorithms to be used for each test
 - (c) User can modify the order in which the algorithms are run on the input image and how they are combined for each test
 - (d) User can specify the destination directory of output log file

3 Training Mode

- 1. Training
 - (a) Program will execute the Recognition mode using just the image of handwritten text as input
 - (b) Program will examine each word image and gather certain attributes of the image
 - (c) Program will store the images and attributes extracted using the corresponding word from the text file as the index of the data

4 Recognition Mode

- 1. Recognition
 - (a) Program will extract each word from the image file as individual images

- (b) Program will examine each word image and apply recognition algorithms to attempt to recognise word
- (c) Program will store recognised word for program output
- 2. Feedback
 - (a) Program will highlight the current word it is working on
 - (b) When the program suspects that a the current word is incorrectly matched with the corresponding word in the text file it will prompt user for input on what the word is

5 Testing Mode

- 1. Recognition
 - (a) Program will execute the Recognition mode using the image of handwritten text as input
 - (b) Program will compare the matching text file with the text file derived from Recognition to determine accuracy of the algorithms used in Recognition
 - (c) Program will output relative performance of the algorithms used in Recognition
- 2. Feedback
 - (a) Program will highlight the current word it is working on
 - (b) When the program suspects that a the current word is incorrectly matched with the corresponding word in the text file it will prompt user for input on what the word is

6 Program output

- 1. Program will output one text file for each input image
 - (a) Text file will be in Unicode format
 - (b) Line endings will be the default for the current platform
 - (c) Text file will contain line feeds that match the input image