

Automated Metadata Extraction Project

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DTIC Mission

DTIC is the central scientific, research, and engineering information support activity for the Director of Defense Research and Engineering under the Office of the Secretary of Defense in executing the programs and functions of the DoD Scientific and Technical Information Program



Who We Are

Did you know that DTIC:

- Is older than the U.S. Department of Defense
- Developed one of the world's first online bibliographic databases
- Fielded its first Web site in 1994, and currently supports more than 100 sites for the Department of Defense and military services



What We Do

- Leverage the multi-billion dollar investment in DoD research and engineering
- Prevent unnecessary or redundant research
- Get scientific and technical information into the hands of the "right" people in the defense community
- Enable the conversion of completed research into the production of mature technology



DTIC Functions

- Single point of access for Defense Acquisition, Scientific and Technical Information (STI)
- Centralized collection and secondary dissemination of STI
- Control access to information products and services
- Balance the scientific community's need for open access to information against DoD's need for limitations on access
- Manage the DoD/DTIC Information Analysis Centers
- Host Web sites for major components of DoD
- Focal point for OSD policy relating to STI



Metadata Extraction-Overview

- DTIC funded the software development effort with Old Dominion University (ODU) Digital Library Research Group in FY 04
- What is Automatic Extraction of Metadata?
 - Software that can identify and extract metadata such as Title, Personal Author, Corporate Author, Report Date, Distribution Limitations, Abstract, from an electronic document with minimal or no human intervention for the citation creation
- Benefits:
 - Citation creation is a labor- intensive process
 - Automating that process reduces operating cost
- NASA joined DTIC on this effort in FY 06





Motivation

- Metadata enhances the value of a document collection
 - Using metadata helps resource discovery
 - Save about \$8,200 per employee for a company to use metadata in its intranet to reduce employee time for searching, verifying and organizing the files (estimation made by Mike Doane on DCMI 2003 workshop)
- Manual metadata extraction is costly and time-consuming
 - It would take about 60 employee-years to create metadata for one million documents (estimation made by Lou Rosenfeld on DCMI 2003 workshop).
 - Automatic extraction tools are essential to reduce cost in metadata creation as well as for rapid dissemination of content
 - OCR is not sufficient for making "legacy" documents searchable



Various Methods for Metadata Extraction

- ODU evaluated different methods to extract metadata from DTIC documents
- Machine Learning Approach
 - Support Vector Machines (SVM)
 - Hidden Markov Model (HMM)
- Template Approach Rule-based approach
 - Using rules to specify how to extract metadata



Methods Comparison

- Machine-Learning Approach
 - Good adaptability, but it has to be trained from samples very time consuming
 - Performance degrades with increasing heterogeneity
 - Difficult to add new fields to be extracted
 - Difficult to select the right features for training
- Template Approach Rule-based
 - No need for training from samples
 - Can extract different metadata from different documents
 - Rules can be written by non-technical people



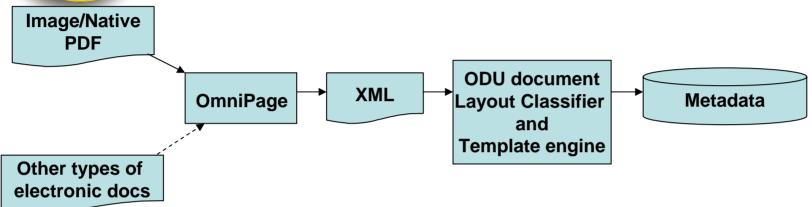
Template Approach

- Template is an XML file describing documents with similar layout
- Uses rules to define how to extract metadata for that layout
- Documents grouped into classes based on the layout, and Template developed for each class
 - Separate Template for documents with RDP (Report Documentation Page)
- Automatic Switching Software is being developed
 - No need for manually grouping documents



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Metadata Extraction Process



Step 1-- Convert electronic documents into XML format using OmniPage

For PDF images files and Native PDF documents, OmniPage OCRs then converts into XML

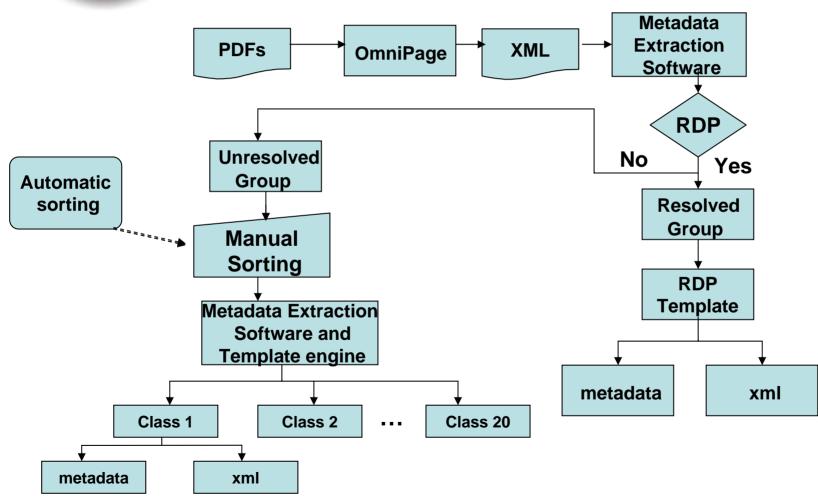
OmniPage converts other types of electronic documents into XML

Step 2: Layout is recognized and grouped to select template

Step 3: Metadata is extracted from XML files using Templates



Metadata Extraction Prototype



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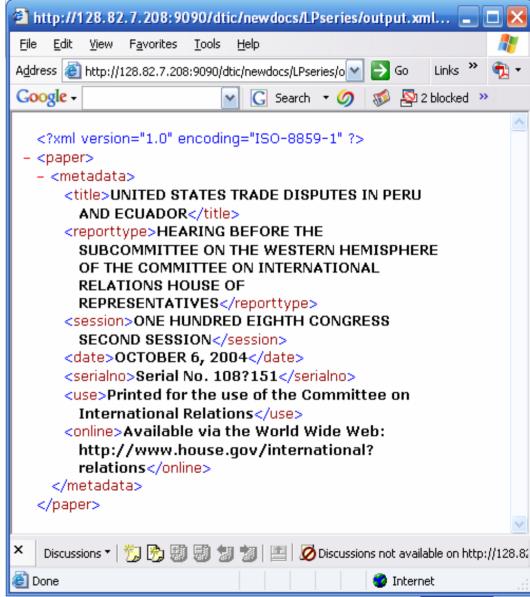
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Current Status

- Development of the software for documents with RDP was completed and delivered to DTIC in June 06
- Testing of the software in the production environment has been completed and is in the process of integrating with DTIC input processing system
 - Benefits: Over 50% documents have RDP, and data entry to create metadata will be eliminated. Acquisition staff might not have to fill out the Web submission form.
- On-going:
 - Development of the software for documents that do not have RDP
 - Also switching software that automatically selects Template for each document type
- Future:
 - Develop "knowledge" base to improve the quality of the metadata output

