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This paper explains when the service is useful and how to test its value.

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Automated Document Processing & Data Entry

Why businesses need it, how to measure value, and what comes next

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EVIDENCE

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Business case and evidence

Executive summary

Document processing is most useful when it converts repetitive, reviewable material into usable records without pretending every scan is clean. Extract only agreed fields and make uncertain or contradictory results easy to review before they reach the system of record.

Why a business needs it

Manual rekeying delays downstream processing, and a wrong amount, date or customer identifier can cost more than a short review. The business objective is a correct accepted record per unit of effort, not a high optical character recognition score in isolation.

947,642 table instances [S1]

The CVPR 2022 PubTables-1M structure benchmark contains 947,642 tables from scientific literature. It demonstrates benchmark scale, not the accuracy of invoice, job-form or receipt processing.

52.7% complex table structures [S1]

That particular table dataset defines complexity as at least one spanning cell. Design business intake tests around local layouts, image quality and exception types rather than extrapolating.

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PROCESS

The diagram shows the sequence of work. It does not represent measured impact. Confirm scope and acceptance criteria before committing.

How the work is done

EXHIBIT / SERVICE DELIVERY WORKFLOW



Conceptual sequence. The agreement defines the actual scope, approval gates, and deliverables.

What the service covers

Agree on supported document types and field definitions; capture provenance, validate values and route exceptions; then export approved records. Exclude payment release and consequential decisions unless separately governed.

Define the schema

List required fields, accepted formats, source page references, retention rules and which values need human approval.

Pilot on real variety

Use authorized redacted examples including scans, rotated pages, blanks, duplicates and unfamiliar layouts.

Validate before export

Check totals, required-field completeness and duplicate records. Put uncertain cases in a review queue and preserve correction history.

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DECISION

Compare the alternatives against the current baseline, not against a hypothetical perfect system. Review costs, access, and ownership.

Use cases and decision tradeoffs

Invoice intake without automatic payment

Capture vendor, reference, date and amount into a review queue. Check duplicate identifiers and totals before export; a reviewer, not the extraction model, decides whether to approve a payment.

Field report indexing

Extract site ID, job date and form type from submitted reports. Store the source and page reference with each record so staff can verify handwriting, missing signatures or uncertain results.

Separate text recognition, extraction and acceptance

An OCR engine can read a date correctly while the application chooses the wrong date field. Report accuracy for each critical field and introduce business validations before automatic acceptance.

Do not equate schema validity with truth

Constrained outputs can improve the shape of returned data [S3]. A well-formed record can still contain the wrong amount. Reconcile against source text and inspect fields where rejection or error is costly.

Illustrative: calculate review burden

If 100 documents yield 70 correctly processed without review, 25 sent for review and five errors discovered in sampling, report 70% correct straight-through processing, 25% review, and five errors in that evaluated batch. A claimed 95% extraction rate would conceal the operational cost.

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MEASUREMENT

Define the denominator, source and observation window before comparing results. Keep an owner for each measure.

How to measure impact and prepare for change

Critical-field accuracy

Correct nonblank critical fields ÷ audited expected critical fields, with missing values counted as errors.

Exception and straight-through rates

Report review-queued and correctly processed without review as separate shares of eligible documents.

Cost per accepted record

Processing, manual review and correction cost ÷ accepted records.

Future outlook

As document models improve, keep portable schemas and test sets for unfamiliar formats. Spend effort on keeping human exception handling short, observable and easy to correct.

Boundaries and limitations

Public benchmark scores cannot predict your documents. Review design, retention and access controls before importing confidential records. Make no promise of zero errors.

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