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In 1974 Ray Kurzweil started the company Kurzweil Computer Products, Inc. and led development of the first omni-font optical character recognition system — a computer program capable of recognizing text printed in any normal font. He decided that the best application of this technology would be to create a reading machine for the blind, which would allow blind people to have a computer read text to them out loud. This device required the invention of two enabling technologies — the CCD flatbed scanner and the text-to-speech synthesizer. On January 13, 1976 the successful finished product was unveiled during a widely-reported news

Green County Animal Shelter

ADOPTION/MEDICAL CONTRACT

(Non-Transferable)

Contract No. ABC-157890

License No. DXY-23-FP

Receipt No. 1234

Animal ID No. 56780

Green County Animal Shelter
1234 Green Drive
Qweency, QC 123456
(123) 456-7890

This contract is made between Yan Yanovich Address Green Drive 145, Qweency QC 1245678
Phone No. 145-678-908 and Green County Animal Shelter on, (date) 12/03/07. The fee for adoption is \$25.00 which
is refundable only when said terms of this contract are met and conditions specified apply.

- I. The Wilson County Animal Shelter agrees to the following:
- A. To give the adopter a receipt when he/she assumes possession and control of the animal described herein:
Breed cat Color brown Sex male
- B. To exchange or make refund on any animal that requires major medical treatment as certified by a veterinarian or dies from natural causes within 7 calendar days from the date of adoption; either must be requested by adopter only.
- C. To exchange or make refund on any animal that exhibits unusual or unpredictable behavioral tendencies within 7 calendar days from the date of adoption; either must be requested by the adopter only.
- D. The terms of this contract expires at 5:00 p.m. on (date) 12/03/07.
- II. Participating veterinary hospitals agree to provide the services stated herein for animals adopted from the Wilson County Animal Shelter at no charge to the adopter and these services must be performed to validate the terms of this contract except
as pertains to death from natural causes. A free examination will be given to include a visual and physical examination including a check of temperature, pulse, respiration, eyes, gum coloring, ears, and palpating the abdomen. The examination
DOES NOT include any lab fees, vaccinations, or medications. These services included will be provided on a one time basis only.
- III. In return, as adopter, I Yan Yanovich, agree to the following:
- A. To take the animal to a participating veterinary hospital within stated period of time, which is 7 calendar days, to receive initial free examination. **Form A must be completed by attending licensed veterinarian.**
- B. The animal will not be allowed to breed indiscriminately. As the adopter, I agree to provide adequate food, water, shelter, and exercise and agree to obey all applicable laws governing control and custody of the animal, to include, but not limited to, the proper confinement laws and wearing of tags as applicable.
- C. To provide with proper veterinary care as related to the specific type of animal. This is meant to include any yearly or other vaccinations, any needed medications or other special care as needed.
- D. **To exchange an animal, I understand that I must follow these specific criteria:**
1. I must have complied with Article A of this section.
 2. The animal must be in such poor health that major medical treatment is necessary, unless #3 in this section applies. Minor parasitical treatment is not considered a major medical problem.
 3. If the above free examination has been performed and the animal's behavior is unacceptable (this is not to cover housetraining or any other trainable characteristic) to your household or living conditions, a refund may be made with the proper completion of Form B.
 4. The animal along with the veterinarians completion of Form A shall be brought to the Animal Shelter, or in the event of the animal's death, the carcass and/or other satisfactory evidence of the death and date of death must be presented. Terms of this contract will recognize death by natural causes only.
 5. The request for a refund or exchange must be made by the date and time specified in Section I, Article D of this contract.
 6. No refund or substitution shall be given for the animal that has been lost, stolen, or killed.

I understand the adoption contract requirements and further agree that failure to comply with this contract will result in the animal



D. Brawn Manufacture

Invoice no. DVT-AX-345678

Payment date: 03/12/2006

Reference	Designation	Qty	Unit price	Total CHF	Sales
Work					
SERVICE D	COMPLETE OVERHAUL	1	5500.00	5500.00	220
SERVICE D	REFRESHING COMPLETE CASE AND RHODIUM BATH	1	380.00	380.00	220
Exterior parts:					
JO.297.065.FP	FLAT GASKET	1	3.00	3.00	220
JO.197.075.FP	FLAT GASKET	1	4.00	4.00	220
JO.199.059.OS	FLAT ROUND GASKET	1	6.00	6.00	220
VI.261.036.BC	W.G.FIXATION SCREWS	10	4.00	40.00	220
AI.465.055.BC	WHITE GOLD "FOIL" PAIR OF HAND LENGTH: 10/13.50MM CALIBRE 2868	1	70.00	70.00	220
SPECIAL DISCOUNT			-3003.00	-3003.00	
Discount			-900.00	-900.00	
Total CHF				2100.00	

RETURN AFTER REPAIR
NO COMMERCIAL VALUE

Payment:

Mr. John Doe
Green Street 15, Office 4
1234 Vermut
New Caledonia

Credit Card: Visa
Card No: 112345678

18 October 2006

Greg White, Secretary
321 Green Ave. GX, Room 123
Foxcity, FX 12345

Dear Mr. White:

This is a request for an investigation of companies that conduct so-called "free marketing," which is a technique by which corporations seek to influence buying decisions, often by stealth. There is evidence that some of these companies are perpetrating large-scale deception upon consumers by deploying free marketers who fail to disclose that they have been enlisted to promote products.

This failure to disclose is fundamentally fraudulent and misleading; and it might violate prohibitions against unfair or deceptive acts and practices affecting commerce. An investigation by the Commission could lead to actions against individual free marketers, and/or to new guidelines requiring disclosure by any and all persons who are paid to engage in free marketing operations.

Fraud is fraud, and a harmless-sounding name such as "free marketing" doesn't change that.

Sincerely,

Fred Vert,
Executive Director



THE POETIC SOCIETY

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4 September 2006

Dear John,

In 2000, with an invitation from Tree Press Editor Brian Dorn, *The Poetic Society* agreed to sponsor the New Light Prize in Poetry for a First Book. As chairman of the Poetic Society, I consented with pleasure to serve as final judge for the contest – an annual award to recognize and publish a poet's first collection. The plans for the press were ambitious: *The Book Review* would sponsor a book prize to be given to any poet, previously published or not; *Blue Sky* would sponsor a criticism prize; and *Tree Press* would publish other books of drama, fiction, and poetry.























I am proud of the books selected for the New Light Prize—books by Greg Best, Lilly Black, Rose Red, and most recently Fred White. The books have been handsome, widely reviewed, and well received.

Or three of them have been. Lilly Black was awarded the 2004 prize, but her book has yet to appear. I wrote an introduction to *Joyful Day* – her brilliant, darkly adventurous book of lyrics –

Differences between FineReader versions

	supplied with your scanner	for beginners	for home	for office
	Sprint 4.0	StartUp 5.0	Pro 5.0	Office 5.0
Recognition				
Recognition quality		Recognition quality better by 1,5-2 times	Recognition quality better by 1,5-2 times	Recognition quality better by 1,5-2 times
Recognition of superscript, subscript and dropped capitals			+	+
Barcode recognition				+
Language support				
Recognition languages	53 languages	12 languages ¹	176 languages	176 languages
Multilingual document recognition			+	+
Built-in spelling check			30 languages	30 languages
Pattern training for new symbols			+	+
Creation of new languages				+
Saving				
Saving in MS Word, MS Excel, Word Pro, WordPerfect, StarWriter	+	+	+	+
Saving in HTML, PDF, RTF, DOC, XLS, DBF, CSV, and TXT formats	Only RTF, TXT	All save PDF, HTML	+	+
Export via ODMA				+
Interface				
OCR Wizard		+	+	+
Built-in editor			+	+
Network				
Network installation				+
Distributed document processing over a network				+
Control of licences run simultaneously				+
Professional features				
Background recognition			+	+
Batch work			+	+
Multiprocessing support				+
FormFiller				+
Correspondence between version of 4.0 series and 5.0 series	Sprint	StartUp	Standard	Professional

¹ - English, Dutch (Standard, Belgium), Spanish, Italian, German (Standard, New Spelling), Portuguese (Standard, Brazilian), Russian, Turkish, French.

		Demographic data and estimates						Area, Density, Capital City			
			Population Mid-2002 (millions)	Projected Population (millions) 2025	Percent of Population of Age		Life Expectancy at Birth (years)	Area of Countries (square miles)	Pop. per Square Mile	Capital City	
		WORLD	6,215	7,859	30	7	67	51,789,601	120		
		MORE DEVELOPED	1,197	1,249	18	15	76	19,814,584	60		
		LESS DEVELOPED	5,018	6,61	33	5	65	31,975,017	157		
AFRICA		Egypt	71.2	96.1	36	4	66	386,66	184	Cairo	
		Nigeria	129.9	204.5	44	3	52	356,668	364	Abuja	
		Ethiopia	67.7	117.6	44	3	52	426,371	159	Addis Ababa	
		Tanzania	37.2	59.8	45	3	52	364,9	102	Dodoma	
		Congo, Dem. Rep. of	55.2	106.0	48	3	49	905,351	61	Kinshasa	
		South Africa	43.6	35.1	34	5	51	471,444	93	Pretoria	
AMERICA		Canada	31.3	36.0	19	13	79	3,849,670	8	Ottawa	
		United States	287.4	346.0	21	13	77	3,717,796	77	Washington, DC	
		Mexico	101.7	131.7	33	5	75	756,062	135	Mexico City	
		Argentina	36.5	47.2	28	10	74	1,073,514	34	Buenos Aires	
		Brazil	173.8	219.0	30	6	69	3,300,154	53	Brasilia	
		Colombia	43.8	59.7	33	5	71	439,734	100	Bogota	
ASIA		Australia & Oceania	32	40	25	10	75	3,306,741	10		
		Bangladesh	133.6	177.8	40	3	59	55,598	2,403	Dhaka	
		India	1,049.5	1,363.0	36	4	63	1,269,340	827	New Delhi	
		Pakistan	143.5	242.1	42	4	63	307,375	467	Islamabad	
		Indonesia	217.0	281.9	31	5	68	735,355	295	Jakarta	
		Philippines	80.0	115.5	37	4	68	115,83	691	Manila	
		Vietnam	79.7	104.1	31	6	68	128,066	622	Hanoi	
EUROPA		China	1,280.7	1,454.7	23	7	71	3,696,100	347	Beijing	
		Japan	127.4	121.1	14	18	81	145,869	873	Tokyo	
		United Kingdom	60.2	64.8	19	16	78	94,548	637	London	
		France	59.5	64.2	19	16	79	212,934	279	Paris	
		Germany	82.4	78.1	16	16	78	137,83	598	Berlin	

Hot Keys

To:	Press:
The File menu	
Open image from file	CTRL+O
Scan image	CTRL+K
Scan multiple images	CTRL+SHIFT+K
Stop scanning	CTRL+T
Create new batch	CTRL+N
Open a batch	CTRL+P
Save text to file	F2
Save image to file	F12
The Edit menu	
Undo the last action	CTRL+Z
Redo the last undone action	CTRL+Y
Cut the selection and put it to the clipboard	CTRL+X
Copy the selection to the clipboard	CTRL+INS or CTRL+C
Paste the clipboard contents	CTRL+V or SHIFT+INS
Delete the active block, the selection, the selected pages	DEL
Find the specified text	CTRL+F
Find the next occurrence of the search text	F3
Search for and replace the specified text	CTRL+H
The View menu	
Magnify the image in the Image window	CTRL+SHIFT+NUM+
Zoom Out the image in the Image window	CTRL+SHIFT+NUM-
Zoom In to selected blocks	CTRL+SHIFT+NUM*
Properties	ALT+ENTER
The Batch menu	
Open next batch page	ALT+Down
Open previous batch page	ALT+Up
Open page with specified number	CTRL+G
Close the current page	CTRL+4
Delete the recognized text in the Text window	CTRL+SHIFT+Del

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When converting and creating a PDF file, PDF Transformer 2.0 Pro automatically preserves all internal links and hyperlinks from the original document and reconstructs them into an output file.

User-friendly Interface

PDF Transformer 2.0 Pro features a new view-style interface. It gives users the flexibility to look through the entire PDF document and/or select desired pages or areas prior to starting the conversion process. The program also provides additional tools that allow users to manually select the conversion areas and block types in PDFs with complicated layouts.

Product Benefits

Easy to Use

With a single mouse-click you can convert PDF files to editable documents or turn an office document into a searchable PDF file. The user-friendly interface aligns complex tasks to be completed with a single click.

Quick

When converting scanned documents PDF Transformer 2.0 Pro is two times faster than the previous version of the product. The new product transforms PDF files with 100% layout retention, with no need to retype or reformat the document.

Accurate

When converting PDFs to office documents PDF Transformer Pro 2.0 is up to 30% more accurate than the previous version of the product.

Flexible

Processes all types of PDF files, including image-only PDFs generated from scanners, MFPs or digital copiers.

Cost-effective

With two utilities in one, ABBYY PDF Transformer 2.0 Pro is the right choice for your routine PDF conversion and PDF creation tasks.

Free Technical Support

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ABBYY Mobile OCR Engine 3.0

Compact Code OCR for Mobile Devices

What is the ABBYY Mobile OCR Engine SDK?

The ABBYY Mobile OCR Engine 3.0 Software Development Kit (SDK) is a specialised toolkit for empowering mobile and other "compact" applications with text recognition and conversion capabilities. ABBYY's specially developed "compact code OCR" is optimised to deliver a highly accurate conversion of image files into text using a small amount of memory and system resources. Platform independence ensures support for such operating systems as Android, Linux, Symbian, Windows and Windows Mobile.

Your Mobile Application with the Power of OCR

ABBYY OCR technology transforms images into manageable text which can be saved, stored, edited or sent via web, web services, email or SMS. Applications based on the Mobile OCR Engine 3.0 will transform notes, business cards, newspaper clippings, menus and other texts captured via a mobile imaging device into data which can easily be embedded into other applications. Examples of applications which can be enhanced with ABBYY Mobile OCR Engine include:

Camera Smartphone/PDA Applications:

Take full advantage of cameras on mobile devices. Photo menus, signs and posters, business cards, and other documents can be converted into text for easier input into a variety of applications such as:

- Phone and address books
- Calendars
- Task lists
- All-in-one personal information managers (PIMs)
- Business card readers

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- Easy integration of high performance text recognition capabilities
- Business card recognition
- Platform independence - supporting such systems as Windows Mobile, Symbian, Android™ and Linux Systems
- Optimised memory management and efficient loading for high performance
- Multilingual support
- Sample application and test shell
- Sophisticated OCR functionality:
- Extremely accurate text conversion
- Multi-column document

