Limitations of OCR

- What is Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and how does it work?

- Machine read characters.

  - Bank checks.

  - Newsprint.

  - Typed documents.

  - Computer generated documents.

  - Postal zip codes.

- Reading problems for OCR.

  - Light print, letters are not fully formed.

  - Creases in the paper.

  - Fonts that are fancy or tight.

- Examples of problem pages.

- Overcoming the limitations of OCR.

  - Search criteria.

  - Framing the search.

  - Unexpected results.

  - Focus the search.

  - Spelling variations.

- Not all search engines are alike.