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## I. INTRODUCTION

Researchers who want to build on published research can reuse existing data to arrive at new conclusions. In addition, linking scholarly literature and data leads to increased visibility, discovery and retrieval of both literature and data, facilitating reuse, reproducibility and transparency. In a digital world where data can be more easily shared and documented, scholarly literature and its underpinning data are increasingly seen as inseparable.

At the same time, while the importance of data sharing is accepted, there are essential questions that still require an answer. For example, why should authors go through the effort of documenting and publishing datasets, if their career depends on the publication of articles and if there is no standard for metadata and basic attribution information around data? Several RDA projects are underway to provide answers to these questions by creating a framework to measure data reuse in a standardized fashion.

Finding the right way to measure the impact of shared data is crucial if research data is to be included as one of the scholarly outputs used for research evaluation. The current meritocratic system in academia

relies heavily on the publication of scientific results in recognized academic journals, supported by an international editorial board and peer review system. The most commonly used metric to measure the impact of a publication is counting the number of times it receives a citation from other publications that are also peer reviewed and published in recognized journals.

The temptation to use the same metrics for data, and measure citations of datasets in articles, is certainly strong. However, the interaction and impact of research data is more complex than that. The very definition of what a citation for data is fuzzier than the equivalent for articles.

In this paper, I describe how the outputs of two RDA working groups (WGs), the Scholix WG and the Data Usage Metrics WG, can be used to assess data reuse and make data usage statistics and citations available. I will first outline how data repositories and publishers can expose article-data links using Scholix approaches and data usage metrics following the new code of practice for research data. I will then explain how they can consume this information to make DLMs available and help researchers get credit for their work.

## II. DATA CITATION

### a) *Scholix: aggregating article-data links to count data citations*

The goal of the Scholix WG was to establish a high-level framework for exchanging article-data links. It aimed to enable an open information ecosystem to understand systematically what data underpins literature and what literature references data.

The Scholix WG addressed this problem. Its goal was to improve the links between scholarly literature and research data as well as between datasets, thereby making it easier to discover, interpret, and reuse scholarly information. The Scholix initiative offers:

1. A universal, global framework that enables information about the links to be exchanged technical guidelines that specify how the interoperability framework works.
2. A common conceptual model, an information model, and open exchange protocols.
3. A community that discusses, develops and applies these specifications.

*Within the Scholix framework:*

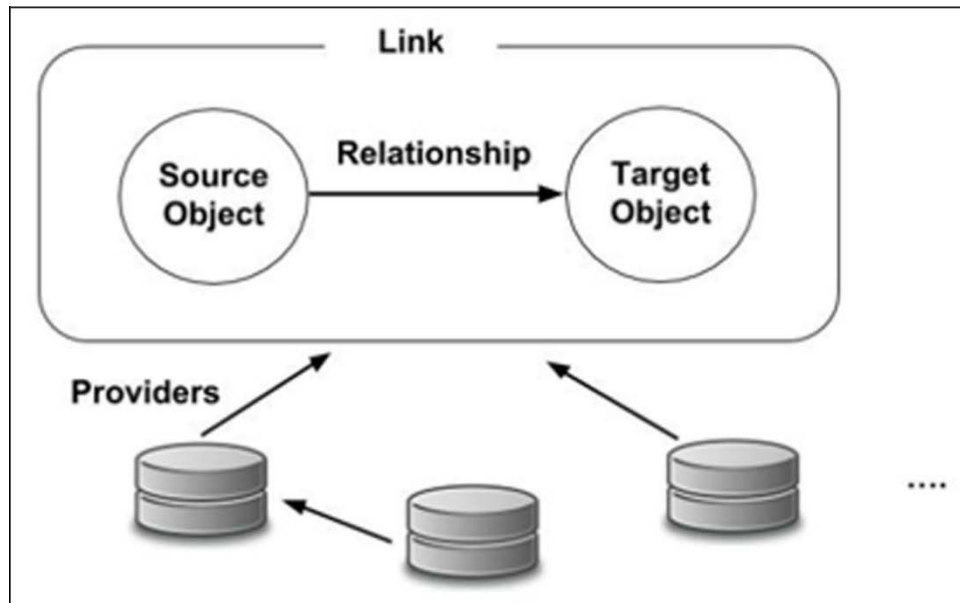
Data repositories, journals, and others provide information about the links between literature and data that they hold to community 'hubs' such as OpenAIRE,

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Crossref and DataCite (with Crossref and DataCite working on a shared infrastructure). This supports and respects existing community-specific practices and the existing means of exchanging this information.

The community 'hubs' – which are natural places to collect and exchange information about the links between literature and data – commit to a common information model for exchanging the links that they hold and an agreed open exchange method enables this to occur.

The conceptual model (Figure 1) is about the link between two objects, such as a journal article and the underpinning data. Rather than describing in detail the properties of each of the two objects, the conceptual model focuses on the relationship between the objects. It also enables a record of who asserted the link and who made the link available.



**Figure 1:** Scholix information model. Providers contribute links by sharing information about the source object (article or dataset), target object (article or dataset) and the nature and direction of the relationship.

**b) Contributing data citations: publishers**

As mentioned in the previous section, within the Scholix framework organizations contribute information through community hubs. The majority of scholarly publishers work with non-profit organization Crossref to share metadata about publications. These metadata records include comprehensive information about the items being registered, and increasingly include links to related scholarly artifacts such as data, software, protocols, and reviews.

As can be seen in Figure 2, Crossref provides two paths to registering data citations: references and relations. Relations are a way to associate related digital objects with each other through metadata. A publisher can register metadata with Crossref explicitly linking a dataset to a journal article. References are formal citations (such as would be provided in a bibliography) and are a type of relation but are provided separately within Crossref metadata.

*Crossref members should deposit data citations as references if:*

- The data citation includes a DataCite DOI

- They include data citations in their reference lists (recommended) Crossref members should deposit data citations as relations if:
- They want to capture specific relation types (e.g. is Supplemented By) beyond 'references'
- They are not able to supply data citations as references

In 2019 Crossref will be expanding citation support to allow publishers to explicitly identify data citations in line with the data citation roadmap for scientific publishers (Cousijn et al. 2018). This will allow for deposition of data citations with all types of persistent identifiers as references.

**c) Contributing data citations: data repositories**

Many data repositories actively curate and keep track of which articles are using the datasets they host. This is valuable information that is currently not always available to other organizations in the data community. For data repositories that use DataCite DOIs, the DOIs and accompanying metadata are registered with

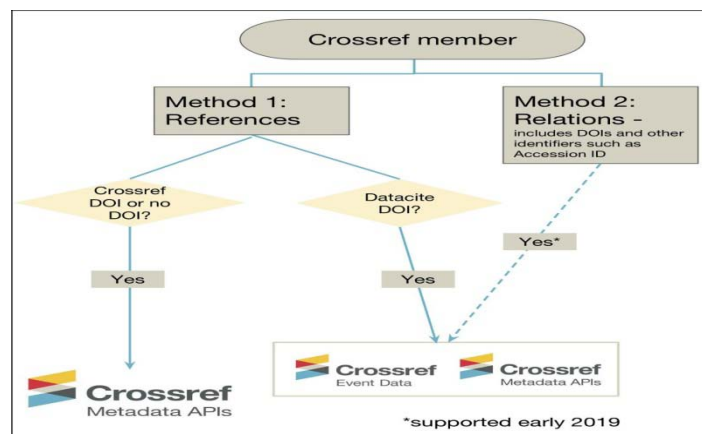


Figure 2: Depositing Data Citations with Crossref. Publishers can deposit data citations following two different methods: references or relations.

DataCite. Therefore, information about any journal publications related to a dataset can be included in the metadata records that are sent to DataCite. This additional information should follow the DataCite metadata schema which is aligned with the Scholix metadata schema (Burton et al. 2017b).

When these elements are added to the metadata that is registered with DataCite, the information about the links will automatically become openly available.

#### d) Contributing data citations: institutional repositories

For data centers that do not assign DataCite DOIs to datasets, OpenAIRE is currently the best place to deposit article-data links. Institutional repositories can export metadata descriptions of their datasets with links to articles as Dublin Core records or as Scholix records and register with OpenAIRE's Scholexplorer Service (Burton et al. 2017c) as a data source. Scholexplorer will bulk collect metadata records from the repository APIs; Scholexplorer is compatible with the OAI-PMH protocol or REST search APIs that allow collection of all records with a paging system (collecting by means of several calls) and with "last date of indexing" (incremental approach). Scholexplorer will then enrich its graph of article-dataset links with the ones collected from the repository, de-duplicate when necessary, and expose all links as Scholix records via APIs on behalf of the registered repository. All links exported by OpenAIRE carry provenance information about the data sources that provided the links (more than one source may have provided the same link), to ensure visibility of the contributing repositories and provide a degree of trust to the consuming services. OpenAIRE asks the database to display the Scholix logo on their website and indicate that it is harvested by Scholexplorer.

### III. DATA USAGE METRICS

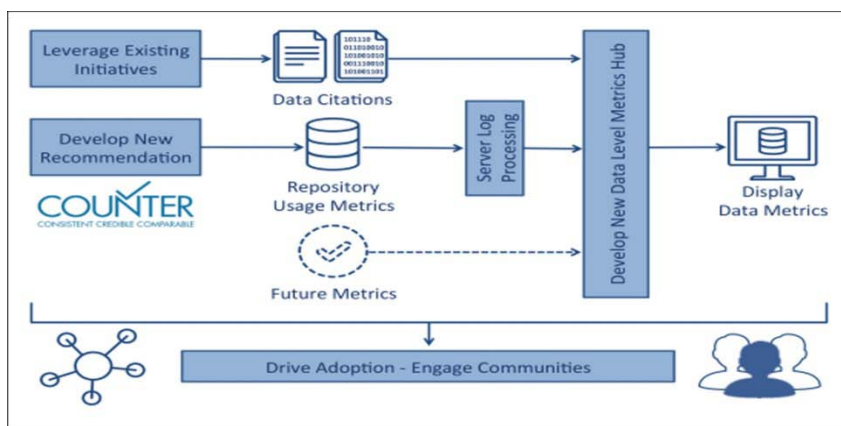
#### a) Standards for data usage metrics

Following the Scholix initiative and the related work of the RDA Data Citation WG, it was clear that

there are broader metrics for data that the community needs to address. With the Scholix working group focusing on the relationships between articles and datasets and the Data Citation Working Group addressing challenges related to dynamic data citation, there was a need for a working group to define usage for data. The Data Usage Metrics WG started in October 2018 and focuses on metrics that reflect usage of research data. The group is working to build a comprehensive list of use cases that covers the spectrum of types of 'usage metrics' that may apply to research data, build a recommendation for community guidance on what types of usage metrics should be applied at the data and repositories levels, and drive adoption of usage metrics across the research landscape. Specifically, the working group is aimed at outlining the barriers to adoption of data-level-metrics standards and current implementations of usage metrics across the data repository landscape. These conversations, surveys, and findings will aid in defining recommendations for types of data and associated metrics that repositories should be considering. The group works closely with the Make Data Count project and leverages the COUNTER code of practice for research data (mentioned below).

#### b) Contributing data usage metrics

This first release of the Code of Practice for Research Data specifically targets research data usage. The recommendations are aligned as much as possible with the COUNTER Code of Practice Release 5 for the major categories of e-resources (journals, databases, books, reference works, and multimedia databases).



**Figure 3:** Framework of the Make Data Count project. Repositories process log files against the new Code of Practice and these processed files feed into the same hub as the article-data links collected following the cholix framework. All this information is made openly available to the community so organizations can develop and display DLMs.

and mainly concern views and downloads – called investigations and requests in the Code of Practice. Many definitions, processing rules and reporting recommendations apply to research data in the same way as they apply to other resources. The Code of Practice for Research Data enables the reporting of usage statistics by different data repositories following common best practices, and thus is an essential step towards realizing usage statistics as a metric available to the community to better understand how publicly available datasets are being reused.

#### IV. CONSUMING DATA USAGE STATISTICS AND CITATIONS

The citations and usage statistics contributed by data repositories and publishers are made openly available to the community via APIs. Crossref and DataCite developed Event Data, a shared underlying infrastructure that holds (among other things) all citations that are contributed as part of article and dataset metadata. Crossref and DataCite each have their own API through which they make these citations available.

- Services such as Scholexplorer retrieve data citations from the Crossref Event Data service using this Scholix API endpoint: <http://api.eventdata.crossref.org/v1/events/scholix>.
- Scholexplorer combines this information with the citations that are provided to OpenAIRE.
- Views and downloads processed against the COUNTER Code of Practice are sent to DataCite and any repository or research data service can consume usage statistics for a given dataset DOI from an Event Data Query API provided by DataCite (<https://support.datacite.org/docs/eventdata-guide>). The API combines citations and other events into one API call.

#### V. CONCLUSIONS

Measuring data (re)use and the development of DLMs are crucial if data is to become a first-class research output. Both the Scholix and Data Usage Metrics WGs are making significant contributions in this area by developing clear guidance on how to collect and share data usage statistics and article-data links. Whereas the Scholix WG has reached the end of two very successful 18 month working group terms, the Data Usage Metrics only just started and will continue the work on DLMs and the adoption thereof.

In this paper, I described how data repositories and publishers can contribute to and participate in these initiatives. The openness of the systems developed offers an infrastructure for collaboration using accepted standards. Community organizations, publishers, data repositories, and service providers can rely on common guidelines and standards to share (re)use information they collect about datasets. The most important next step is for as many organizations as possible to standardize usage counts and contribute usage and citations to the open infrastructure hubs.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Three components of the network architecture are control plane, data plane, and management plane [1]. The control plane carries control traffic (routing protocols) and is responsible for maintaining the routing tables. The management plane carries administrative traffic and is considered a subset of the control plane. The data plane bears the user traffic that the network exists to carry. It forwards the user traffic based upon information learned by the control plane. In a conventional network, all these three planes are implemented in the firmware of routers and switches.

Software Defined Networking (SDN) is a new paradigm that moves out the network switch's control plane from the switch and leaves only data plane inside the switch [2]. Since the control plane is decoupled from hardware and given to a logically centralized software application called a controller, network devices become simple packet forwarding devices that can be programmed via open interfaces. The SDN's concepts: decoupled control logic and programmable networks provide a range of benefits for the network management process. They include centralized control, simplified algorithms, commoditizing network hardware, eliminating middle-boxes and enabling the design and deployment of third-party applications.

The promise of SDN has gained significant attention from both academia and industry. The Open Network Foundation (ONF) is an industrial driven organization, founded in the year 2011 by a group of

network operators, service providers, and vendors to promote SDN and standardize the OpenFlow protocol [3]. Deutsche Telekom, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Verizon and Yahoo are among the founders. Currently, ONF has around 95 members including several major vendors. The OpenFlow Network Research Center (ONRC) was created by the academia with a focus on SDN research [4]. Since the SDN field is growing very fast, it is a very active research area. This review paper discusses the state of art in SDN, with a historic perspective of the field by describing the SDN paradigm, architecture and deployments in detail.

## II. SDN HISTORY

The idea of programmable networks and decoupled control logic has a story of years. The history of SDN goes back to 1980s [5]. This section provides an overview of four technologies which helped SDN to evolve.

### a) Central network control

In earlier days telephone networks were using in-band signaling where the data (voice) and the control signals are sent over the same channel. The resulting networks were always complex and insecure. In 1980s, AT&T separated data and control planes of their telephone network and introduced the concept of "Network Control Point" (NCP) [6]. The idea was to separate voice and control, and the control resided on NCP. NCP allowed operators to have a central network-wide vantage point and directly observe the network-wide behavior. Elimination of in-band signaling lead to independent evolution of infrastructure, data, and services where new services were able to be introduced to customers easily. So NCP was the origin of the SDN's concept: separating control and data plane, and to have centralized control over the network [5].

### b) Programmability in networks

In the mid-1990s, DARPA research community introduced "Active Networks" with the idea of a network infrastructure that would be programmable for customized services [7]. There were two main approaches: user programmable switches, with in-band data transfer and out-of-band management channels and capsules, which were program fragments that carried in user messages. Program fragments would be interpreted and executed by routers [8]. A Cambridge project in the year 1998, Tempset developed

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programmable, virtualizable switches called switchlets [9]. Switchware project of Penn, introduced a programmable switch and a scripting language to support switchlets [10]. Smart Packets, research by BBN was focused on applying the active networks framework to network management process [11]. The Open Signaling project of Columbia, introduced NetScript, a language to provide programmable processing of packet streams [12] [13]. Programmable switches accelerated the innovation of middle-boxes (firewalls and proxies) which are programmed to perform specific functions. Providing programming functions in networks and compose these functions together were the legacy of active networks for SDN [5].

#### c) *Network virtualization*

Network virtualization is the representation of one or more logical network topologies on top of the same infrastructure. It separates the logical infrastructure from underlying physical infrastructure. There are many different instantiations such as Virtual LANs (VLANs), network testbeds and VMWare. In the Switchlets, the control framework has been separated from the switch and allowed virtualization of the switch [9]. In the year 2006, VINI provided a Virtual Network Infrastructure to support different experiments on virtual topologies using a single infrastructure [14]. VINI used the concept of separating control and data planes, and its control plane was a software routing protocol called XORP, which allowed to run routing protocols on virtual network topologies. VINI's data plane "Click" provided the appearance of the virtual network topologies to experimenters. In the year 2007, CABO, a network infrastructure, separated the infrastructure and services to allow service providers to operate independently [15]. The concepts of separating services from infrastructure, using multiple controllers to control a single switch and exposing multiple logical switches on top of a single physical switch were the legacy of network virtualization for SDN [5].

#### d) *Control of packet switched networks*

With the above evolution of network technologies, the separation of control was needed for rapid innovation of networks. Since the control logic is tied to hardware, it was easier to modify the existing control logics of the telephone network. Having a separate control channel made it possible to have a separate software controller and could easily introduce new services to the telephone network. Software controllers also allowed operators to have a centralized network-wide vantage point and directly observe the network-wide behavior of the telephone network. With these motivations, packet switched networks also tried to separate the control plane from the data plane. There are four main ways that packet switched networks achieved separation of control: separate control

channel, in-band protocols, customizing the hardware in the data plane and open Hardware [5].

The first approach of a separate control channel for packet switched network came from the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) with the protocol "FORCES" in the year 2003 [16]. The FORCES redefined the network device's internal architecture by separating the control element (CE) from the forwarding elements (FE). The CE executes control and signaling functions and uses the ForCES protocol to instruct FEs on how to forward packets. The FEs forwards packets according to the instructions given by the CE. Each FE has a Logical Function Block in its data plane which enables the CE to control the FEs' configuration and used to process packets. The communication between FEs and CE are achieved by the FORCES protocol. The protocol works based on a master-slave model; FEs are slaves and CE is the master. Even though the FORCES architecture separated the control plane from the data plane, both the planes were kept in the same network device and was represented as a single entity. However, the FORCES required standardization, adoption and deployment of new hardware.

The second approach was to use existing protocols as control channels to send control messages to FEs, and it was called in-band protocols. With the Routing Control Platform (RCP) in the year 2004, each autonomous system in the network had a controller in the form of an RCP [17]. An RCP computed the routes on behalf of routers and, it used existing routing protocols to communicate routes to routers. The limitation with this approach was, the control process was constrained by what the existing protocols can support.

Customizing the hardware in the data plane, supported a wide range of applications in the control plane. In the year 2007, Ethane presented a network architecture for enterprise networks, which used a centralized controller to manage policies and security in a network [18]. Ethane directly enforced a single, network policy at an element called "Domain Controller." A Domain controller computes the flow table entries that should be installed in each of the enterprise switches based on access control policies defined at the Domain Controller. OpenWrt, NetFPGA, and Linux built custom switches to support the Ethane protocol. However, they required new hardware deployments that support Ethane protocol.

The solution was the last approach, to use a method that can operate on existing routing protocols, and did not require customized hardware [19]. It is called open hardware and in the year 2008, the OpenFlow project started with this concept [20] [21]. OpenFlow took the capabilities of existing hardware and opened those capabilities, such that standard control protocols could control the behavior of that hardware.

### e) OpenFlow

The OpenFlow network has been deployed in academic campus networks initially [20] [21] and today more than nine universities in the US have deployed OpenFlow networks [22]. OpenFlow has gained significant attention from both academia and industry as a strategy to increase the functionality of the network, but at the same time reducing costs and hardware complexity. The OpenFlow architecture consists of three modules: a Flow Table in each switch, a Secure Channel that connects the switch to a remote control process (called the controller) and the OpenFlow Protocol [20] [21] as shown in Figure 1.

The forwarding device (OpenFlow enabled switch/router) has one or more flow tables. A flow table consists of flow entries, each of which determines how packets belonging to a flow will be processed and forwarded. Flow entries are stored according to their priorities. A flow table entry consists of three main fields [23] and shown in Figure 2.

- Match fields (information found in the packet header): used to match incoming packets
- Counters: used to collect statistics for the particular flow (number of received packets, number of bytes and duration of the flow)

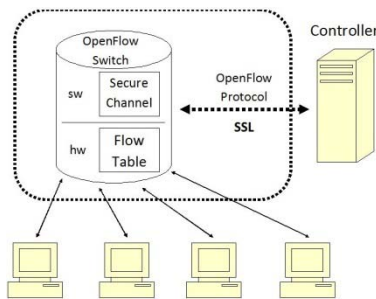


Fig. 1: OpenFlow Architecture [20]

A set of instructions, or actions, to be applied upon a match; they dictate how to handle matching packets. The actions include dropping the packet, continuing the matching process on the next flow table, or forward the packet to the controller over the OpenFlow channel.

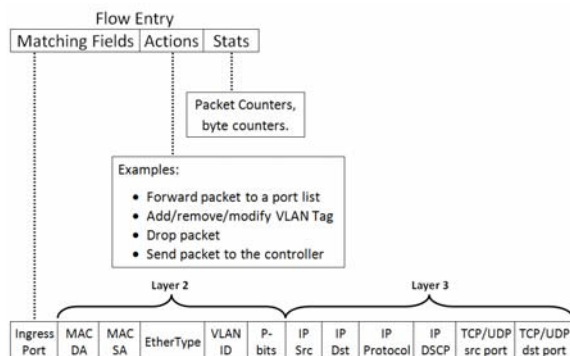


Fig. 2: OpenFlow Flow Table Entry [23]

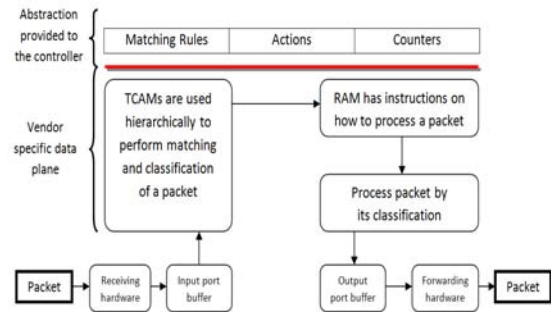


Fig. 3: High-level description of how an OpenFlow switch processes a packet

An OpenFlow enabled switch/router has the capability of forwarding packets according to the rules defined in the flow table. Figure 3 shows a high-level description of how an OpenFlow enabled switch/router processes a packet. Internally, a switch uses Ternary Content Addressable Memory (TCAM) and Random Access Memory (RAM) to process each packet [24]. When a packet arrives at the OpenFlow enabled switch/router, packet header fields are extracted and matched against the matching fields of the first flow table entries. If a matching entry is found, the switch applies the appropriate set of instructions associated with the matched flow entry. If a matching entry is not found, depends on the instructions defined by the table-miss flow entry, the switch will take action. To handle table misses, every flow table must contain a table-miss entry which specifies a set of actions to be performed when no match is found for an incoming packet [23]. Figure 4 shows a low-level description of how an OpenFlow switch processes a packet.

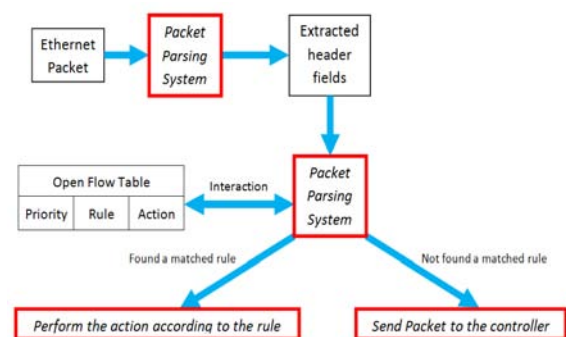


Fig. 4: Low-level description of how an OpenFlow switch processes a packet

The communication between the controller and switch is achieved through the OpenFlow protocol [20] [21]. It defines a set of messages that is exchanged between the controller and a switch over a secure channel. Using the OpenFlow protocol, a controller can add, update, or delete flow entries from the switch flow



tables reactively (in response to a packet arrival) or proactively.

The OpenFlow specifications have different versions [23] and the first version was the OpenFlow version 0.2.0 released in March 2008. OpenFlow version 1.0, which is the most widely deployed version was released in December 2009. A switch which supports OpenFlow specification 1.0.0 uses 12 header fields in the Ethernet header and payload of the Ethernet packets are coming into the switch. The header fields include: Ingress port, Ethernet source address, Ethernet destination address, Ethernet destination address, Ethernet type, VLAN priority QoS, IP source address, IP destination address, IP protocol, IP type of service bits, TCP/UDP source port and TCP/UDP destination port. A packet is matched to a flow entry in the flow table by using one or more header fields of the packet.

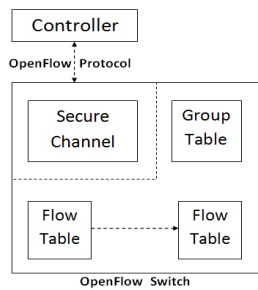


Fig. 5: Main components of the OpenFlow 1.1.0 switch

In the OpenFlow 1.1.0 specification, instead of a single flow table, a switch contains several flow tables and a group table. Figure 5 shows the main components of the OpenFlow

1.1.0 switch with multiple flow tables. Three extra fields (Metadata, MPLS label and MPLS EXP traffic class) have been added to the header fields with OpenFlow 1.1.0. The metadata field acts as a register which can be used to pass information between the tables as the packet traverses through them. The Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) fields are included to support MPLS tagging. Since there are multiple flow tables available in the switch, the processing of a packet entering the switch is changed. The flow tables in the switch are linked together using a process called "pipeline processing." When the packet first enters the switch, it is sent to the first flow table to look for the flow entry to be matched. If there is a match, the packet gets processed there. If there is another flow table that the particular flow entry points to, the packet is then sent to that flow table. The process is repeated until a particular flow entry does not point to any other flow table. The flow entries in the flow tables can also point to the group table. The group table is specially designed to perform operations that are common across multiple flows. The OpenFlow 1.1.0 also replaced actions with instructions. In OpenFlow 1.0.0 an action could be to forward the packet or to drop it, as well as processing it normally

as it would be in a regular switch. Instructions are more complex and they include modifying a packet, updating an action set or updating the metadata.

The OpenFlow 1.2.0 specification was released in December 2011 and it included support to IPv6 addressing. Matching could be done using the IPv6 source and destination addresses. With OpenFlow 1.2.0 specifications, a switch could be connected to multiple controllers concurrently. The switch maintains connections with all the controllers. Controllers can communicate with each other. Having multiple controllers facilitated load balancing and faster recovery during a failure. The OpenFlow 1.3.0 specification was released in June 2012. It included features to (1) control the rate of packets through per flow meters, (2) have auxiliary connections between the switch and the controller and (3) add cookies to the packets sent from the switch to the controller. Table I shows a summarization of OpenFlow specifications.

Table I: Comparison of OpenFlow Specifications

Specification	1.0.0	1.1.0	1.2.0	1.3.0
Widely deployed	Yes	No	No	No
Flow tables	One	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple
Group tables	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
MPLS matching	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Group tables	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
IPv6 Support	No	No	Yes	Yes
Simultaneous communication	No	No	Yes	Yes

### III. SDN ARCHITECTURE

In SDN, the control plane is decoupled from the hardware data plane and given to a software application called a controller. The controller is the core of an SDN network and it lies between network devices and applications [25] [26]. This section gives a brief introduction to the SDN architecture. SDN architecture is shown in figure 6 and it includes: SDN Controllers, Southbound Interfaces, and Northbound Interfaces [25].

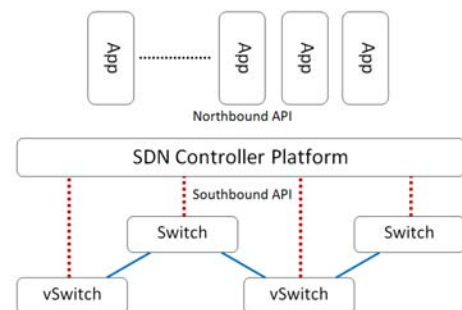


Fig. 6: SDN Architecture

#### a) SDN controller

The controller is as an operating system for the network that provides a uniform and centralized view

point to the network (network operating system) [27]. While a computer operating system provides read and write access to various resources, a network operating system provides the ability to observe and control a network. The network operating system which is referred to as the controller here after, does not manage the network, but it provides a programmatic interface which can be used to implement applications to perform the actual management tasks. SDN controllers presents two possible behaviors: reactive and proactive [28].

When the controller behaves reactively, it listens to switches passively and configures routes on-demand. The first packet of each new flow, received by a switch (flow request) triggers the controller to insert flow entries in each switch of the network [28]. Every new flow introduces a small delay because of the additional set-up time. Also with the hard dependency of the controller, if a switch losses the connection to the controller, the switch will not be able to forward packets of new flows. When the controller behaves pro-actively, it pre-populates a flow table for each switch. So it has zero additional flow set-up time because the forwarding rules are already defined [28]. With this approach, if the switch loss the connection with the controller, it will not disrupt traffic. However, the proactive approach requires the controller to know the traffic flows in advanced to configure the paths before it is used. Current controllers are implemented to facilitates both approaches. The Controller behaves reactively in the initial state of the network and, after getting to know the network it starts to behave pro-actively.

#### b) Southbound Interfaces

The southbound interfaces allow switches to communicate with the controller. The OpenFlow protocol is the most popular implementation of the southbound interface. OpenFlow 1.3.0 and above provide optional support for encrypted Transport Layer Security (TLS) communication and a certificate exchange between the switches and the controller for secure communication [23]. The OpenFlow protocol consists of three types of messages.

- 1) Controller-to-switch messages: Sent by the controller: The Features messages are used to request information on switch capabilities, while configuration messages are used to set or query configuration parameters. Evermore, modify state messages are used to specify, modify or delete flow definitions. The Read state messages are used to retrieve information like counters from the switch and the Role request messages are used to set or query the state of the OpenFlow channel when the switch is connected to multiple controllers. Finally, the Packet out messages are used to send a packet back to a switch for processing after a new flow is created.

- 2) Asynchronous messages: Sent by the switch: The Packet-in messages are used to inform the controller about a packet that does not match an existing flow. The Flow Removed messages are used to inform the controller that a flow has been removed because of its time to live parameter or inactivity timer has expired. Finally, the Port status messages are used to inform the controller of a change in port status or that an error has occurred on the switch.
- 3) Symmetric messages: Sent by both the switch or the controller: The Hello messages exchanged between the controller and switch on startup, and the Echo messages are used to determine the latency of the controller-to-switch connection and to verify that the controller-to-switch connection is still operative. The Error messages are used to notify the other side of the connection of problems. Finally, the Experimenter messages are used to provide a path for future extensions to OpenFlow technology.

The Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), a well-known core Internet routing protocol is used by Juniper Network's in their SDNs [29]. The controller uses BGP as a control plane protocol and leverage NETCONF (an IETF network management protocol) as a management plane protocol to interact with physical routers, switches and networking services like firewalls. This approach enables SDN to exist in a multi vendor environment without requiring infrastructure upgrades. OpenFlow does not address the issue of the controller interoperability and requires physical changes to the network, so Juniper is introducing BGP to be the standard of the SDN. Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP) which was originally developed for instant messaging and online presence detection is also emerging as an alternative SDN protocol [30]. XMPP can be used by the controller to distribute control plane information to the server endpoints because XMPP manages information at all levels of abstraction down to the flow, not only to network devices.

#### c) Northbound APIs

The southbound interfaces allowed controller - switches communication and provided basic operations to access the network system. But they could not retrieve complex information from the switches and therefore programming the network to perform high-level tasks (load balancing, implementing security policies) was difficult. Also, it was difficult to perform multiple independent tasks (routing, access control) concurrently using the south bound interfaces. So the northbound interface, a programming interface that allows applications to program the network with higher level abstraction [25] [26] was introduced. Developers can use the northbound interface to extract information about the underlying network and to implement complex



applications such as path computation, loop avoidance, routing, and security. Additionally, northbound interface can be used by controllers to communicate with each other to share resources and synchronize policies. The North-bound interface offers vendor in-dependability and ability to modify or customize control through popular programming languages. Unlike southbound interfaces, there is no currently accepted standard for northbound interfaces and they are more likely to be implemented depending on the application requirements.

#### IV. SDN DEVELOPMENT TOOLS AND FRAMEWORKS

The concept of decoupling control plane from the data plane allows SDN to facilitate network evolution and innovation by introducing new services and protocols easily. This section gives an overview of currently available tools and environments for developing services and protocols with SDN.

##### a) SDN controller platforms

Many controller implementations are available for SDNs and a suitable controller can be selected by considering the programming language and performances of the controller [31] [32] [33]. The popular controller platforms include ovs [23], NOX [27],

POX [34], Beacon [31], Maestro [35], Trema [36] Ryu [37] and Floodlight [38]. Table II shows a comparison of the SDN controller platforms according to their general details and Figure 7 (taken from [31]) shows a comparison of the performances of SDN controller platforms.

The current standard for evaluating SDN controller performance is Cbench. The Cbench simulates OpenFlow switches and operates in either throughput or latency mode. In throughput mode, each of 64 emulated switches constantly sends as many Packet In messages as possible to the controller, ensuring that the controller always has messages to process. Evaluation tests have been run on Amazon's Elastic Computer Cloud using a Cluster Compute Eight Extra Large instance, containing 16 physical cores from 2 x Intel Xeon E5-2670 processors, 60.5GB of RAM, using a 64-bit Ubuntu 11.10 VM image. Figure 7 shows Cbench throughput mode results using controllers with a single thread. Beacon shows the highest throughput at 1.35 million responses per second, followed by NOX with 828,000, Maestro with 420,000, Beacon Queue with 206,000, Floodlight with 135,000, and Beacon Immediate with 118,000. Both Python-based controllers run significantly slower, POX serving 35,000 responses per second and Ryu with 20,000.

Table II: General comparison of SDN controller platforms

Name	Language	License	Original authors	Can Extend	Currently active	Notes
Ovs	C	OpenFlow license	Stanford/ Nicira	No	No	A reference controller, act as a learning switch
NOX	C++	GPL	Nicira	Yes	Yes	Event-based
POX	Python	GPL	Nicira	Yes	Yes	Event-based
Beacon	Java	GPL	Stanford	Yes	Yes	Web Interface, Regression test framework, Event based and Multi-thread based
Maestro	Java	LGPL	Rice	Yes	No	Multi-thread based
Trema	Ruby, C	GPL	NEC	Yes	No	Emulator and Regression test framework
Floodlight	Java	Apache	Big switch	Yes	Yes	REST APIs, Supports multi-tenant clouds

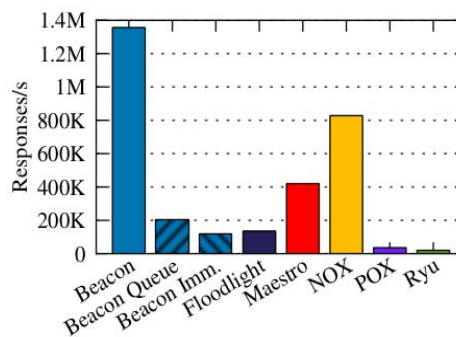


Fig. 7: SDN Controller Platforms Performances Comparison [31]

### b) SDN software switch platforms

With SDN, the switch architecture has become very simple, because it is left only with the data plane. It has reduced functions of switches and introduced concepts of software switch implementation and switch virtualization. The result was rapid innovations in software switch platforms. The software switch platforms can be used to replace the firmware of physical switches that do not support SDN. The popular software switch platforms include Open vSwitch [23], Pantou/OpenWRT [39] and ofsoftswitch13 [40]. Table III shows a comparison of the SDN software switch platforms.

### c) Native SDN switches

As explained at the beginning of the paper, the promise of SDN has gained significant attention from many network devices vendors. One clear evidence of industry strong commitment to SDN is the availability of OpenFlow enabled commodity network hardware. Hewlett-Packard, Brocade, IBM, NEC, Pronto, Juniper, and Pica8 have introduced many OpenFlow enabled switch models. Table IV shows a partial list of native SDN switches.

### d) SDN languages

SDN programming languages are used for higher level abstraction of programming for network management. They consist of high-level abstractions for querying network state, defining forwarding policies and updating policies in a consistent way [41]. SDN languages is an area of very active research and several languages have been proposed and are still under development. Table V shows a classification of different SDN languages.

The FatTire [42] allows programmers to declaratively specify sets of legal paths through the network and fault tolerance requirements for those paths. The FatTire compiler takes programs specified regarding paths and translates them to OpenFlow switch configurations. Since the backup paths are configured with those programs, responding to link

failures can be done automatically without controller intervention.

The Nettle [43] was originally designed for programming OpenFlow networks. Using the discrete nature of Functional Reactive Programming, Nettle can capture control messages to and from OpenFlow switches as streams of Nettle events. The Nettle model messages from switches with a data type SwitchMessage and commands to switches with a data type SwitchCommand. A Nettle program is a signal function (SF) having an input carrying switch messages from all switches in the network and output carrying switch commands to any switches in the network, SF (Event SwitchMessage) (Event SwitchCommand).

The Flow-based Management Language (FML) [44] comes with high-level built-in policy operators that allow or deny certain flows flowing through a firewall or provide quality of service. If network forwarding policy falls into the space of policies that can be described by an FML program, the code for implementing the policy is easy. But adding new policy operators to the system requires coding outside the FML language. Moreover, a resulting policy decision applies equally to all packets within the same flow and it is not possible to move or redirect a flow as it is processed. So, even though FML provides network operators with a very useful set of SDN abstractions, the programming model, is inflexible.

The Procera [45] is an extension to Nettle, which has been designed to incorporate events that originated from sources other than OpenFlow switches. It supports policies that react to conditions such as user authentications, time of day, bandwidth use and server load. Procera is expressive and extensible, so users can easily extend the language by adding new constructs. The input to the main Procera signal function is a world signal whose instantaneous values have the abstract World type. The output of a Procera program is a signal carrying flow constraint functions. A flow constraint function determines the constraints that are applied to a flow: allow or deny.

**Table III:** General comparison of software switch platforms

Software switch	Language	OpenFlow Version	Notes
OpenVSwitch	C, Python	V 1.0	Implements a switch platform in a virtualized server environment. Supports standard Ethernet switching with VLANs and access control lists. Provides interfaces for managing configuration state and a method to remotely manipulate the forwarding path.
Pantou/ OpenWRT	C	V 1.0	Turns a commercial wireless router/access point to an OpenFlow enabled switch. OpenFlow is implemented as an application on top of OpenWRT. Pantou is based on the BackFire OpenWRT release and the OpenFlow module is based on the Stanford reference implementation.
ofsoftswitch13	C, C++	V 1.3	A user space software switch implementation. The code is based on the Ericsson's Traffic Lab 1.1 soft switch implementation.

Table IV: Native SDN switches

Switch Company	Series
Cisco	Cisco cat6k, catalyst 3750,6500 series
Juniper	Juniper MX-240,T-640
HP	HP pro-curve 5400zl,8200zl,6200zl,3500zl,6600
NEC	NEC IP8800
Pronto	Pronto 3240, 3290
Dell	Dell Z9000 and S4810
Toroki	Toroki Light switch 4810
Ciena	Ciena Core-director running firmware version 6.1.1
Quanta	Quanta LB4G

The Frenetic language is embedded in Python and comprises two integrated sub-languages: a declarative network query language and a network policy management library. The results of such queries may be used for security monitoring and for decisions about the forwarding policy.

The Flog [46] combines features of both FML and in Frenetic. From FML, Flog uses logic programming as the central paradigm for controlling SDNs. Logic programming fits the SDN domain because SDN programming is table driven collection and processing of network statistics. From Frenetic, Flog uses the concept that controller programs may be factored into three key components: a mechanism for querying network state, a mechanism for processing data learned from queries and a component for generating packet forwarding policies. Flog is designed as an event-driven and forward chaining logic programming language. Each time a networking event occurs, the logic program executes. It can have two effects: generates a packet forwarding policy that is compiled and deployed on switches and generates a state that is used to help the logic program to be executed when the next network event is processed.

The Pyretic system [47] enables programmers to specify network policies, compose them together and execute them on abstract network topologies. The Pyretic's static policy (lan-network), and policy combinators, which are used to mix primitive actions, predicates, and queries together to craft sophisticated policies from simple components. The policies can be composed together in two ways: parallel and sequential. In parallel composition, multiple policies operate concurrently on separate copies of the same packets. In sequential composition, one module operates on the packets produced by another.

#### e) SDN debugging tools

The emergence of SDN enables adding new network functionalities easily, at the risk of programming

errors. Even though the centralized programming model has reduced the likelihood of bugs, the ultimate success of SDN depends on having effective ways to test applications in pursuit of avoiding bugs. There are many SDN debugging tools have been developed and they can be divided into four categories based on the layers they are working with. Table VI shows a classification of different debugging tools according to the layers they are working with.

The NICE [48] is an automated testing tool that can be used to identify bugs in OpenFlow programs though model checking and symbolic execution. It automatically generates streams of packets under possible events and tests unmodified controller programs. The programmer must supply the controller program and the specification of a topology with switches and hosts, to use with NICE. NICE can be instructed by the programmer to check for generic correctness properties (no forwarding loops or no black holes), and optionally application-specific correctness properties. NICE is developed to explore the space of possible system behaviors systematically and checks them against the desired correctness properties. As the output, NICE reports property violations with the traces to deterministically reproduce them.

Anteater [49] is the first design and implementation of a data plane analysis system which can be used to find bugs in real networks. The system detects problems by analysing the contents of forwarding tables in routers, switches, firewalls and other networking equipment. It checks network invariants

Table V: General comparison of SDN Languages

Language	Supports	Type	Based on	Used for
FatTire	Only OpenFlow	-	Regular expressions	Fault tolerant programming
Nettle	Only OpenFlow	Functional	Functional Reactive Programming	Load balancing programming
FML	Only OpenFlow	Logical	datalog	Policy implementation programming
Procera	Any type of hardware	Functional	Functional Reactive Programming	General programming
Flog	Any type of hardware	Logical	datalog	General programming
Frenetic	Any type of hardware	Logical	Query language	General programming
Pyretic	Any type of hardware	Logical	Query language	General programming

Table VI: Classification of SDN debugging tools according to the layers they are working with

Layer	Tools
Application layer	NICE
Data Plane	Anteater
Control Plane	ndb, OFrewind
A new layer between Data Plane and Control Plane	VeriFlow

(connectivity or consistency) that exist in the data plane. Violations of these invariants are considered as a bug in the network. Anteater translates the detected high-level network invariants into instances of boolean satisfiability problems (SAT). Then checks them against network state using an SAT solver. And finally, if violations have been found, it reports counter examples.

The ndb [50] is a prototype network debugger inspired by gdb (a popular debugger for software programs). It implements two primitives useful for debugging a SDN control plane: breakpoints and packet back-traces. A packet back-trace in ndb allows the user to define a packet breakpoint (an un-forwarded packet or a packet filter). Then it shows the sequence of forwarding actions seen by that packet leading to the breakpoint.

OFrewind [51] allows SDN control plane traffic to be recorded at different granularities. Later they can be replayed to reproduce a specific scenario, giving the opportunity to localize and troubleshoot the events that caused the network anomaly. It records flow table state via a proxy and logs packet traces and aids debugging via scenario re-creation. The VeriFlow [52] is a SDN debugging tool which finds faulty rules issued by SDN applications and prevents them from reaching the network and causing anomalous network behavior.

VeriFlow operates as a layer between the controller and the devices, and checks the validity of invariants as each rule is inserted. To ensure a real-time response, VeriFlow introduces new algorithms to search for potential violation of key network invariants: availability of a path to the destination, absence of routing loops, access control policies or isolation between virtual networks.

Other than the SDN debugging tools which were described earlier, there are two SDN troubleshooting simulators: STS (SDN Troubleshooting Simulator) [53] and OpenSketch [54]. STS [53] is a SDN troubleshooting simulator which is written in python and depends on POX controller [34]. It simulates the devices of the network to allow operators to easily generate test cases, examine the state of the network interactively and find the exact inputs that are responsible for triggering a given ment architecture, which separates the measurement data plane from the control plane. In the data plane, OpenSketch provides a simple three-stage pipeline (hashing, filtering, and counting). They can be implemented with commodity switch components and support many measurement tasks. In the control plane, OpenSketch provides a measurement library that automatically configures the pipeline and allocates resources for different measurement tasks.

#### f) SDN emulation and simulation tools

The Mininet [55], the Emulab and the ns-3 [56] are popular emulation and simulation Tools used with SDN. Mininet [55] is an emulation environment which creates a complete network of hosts, links, and switches on a single machine. It creates virtual networks using process-based virtualization and network namespaces (features available in Linux kernels). In Mininet, hosts are emulated as bash processes running in a network namespace. So any code that would run on a Linux server can be run within a Mininet "Host". The Mininet "Host" has its private network interface and can only see its own processes. Switches in Mininet are software-

based OpenFlow switches. Links are virtual ethernet pairs, which resides in the Linux kernel and connect emulated switches to emulated hosts. Mininet is useful for SDN interactive development, testing, and demonstrations. SDN prototypes in Mininet can be transferred to hardware with minimal changes for real-time execution.

The Emulab [57] is a network emulation testbed which includes a network facility and a software system. Emulab is widely used by computer science researchers in the fields of networking and distributed systems and it support OpenFlow. So currently it is used also used for SDN research works. The primary Emulab installation is run by the Flux Group, part of the School of Computing at the University of Utah. The ns-3 [56] is a discrete event network simulator for internet systems. It is based on C++ and Python and widely used for research and educational use. Since ns-3 provides support for OpenFlow, it can be used to emulate SDNs.

#### g) SDN virtualization tools

The OpenFlow has opened the control of a network for innovation, but only one network administrator can do experiments on the network at a time. If there is a way to divide, slice or replicate network resources, more than one network administrator can use them in parallel to do experiments. Actions in one slice or replication should not negatively affect other, even if they share the same underlying physical hardware. SDN Virtualization concepts have been introduced to achieve these goals.

The FlowVisor [58] is a special purpose OpenFlow controller that allows multiple researchers to run experiments independently on the same production OpenFlow network. It uses a new approach to switch virtualization, in which the same hardware forwarding plane is shared among multiple logical networks, each with distinct forwarding logic. FlowVisor acts as a middle layer between the underlying physical hardware and the software that controls it. It is implemented as an OpenFlow proxy that intercepts messages between OpenFlow switches and OpenFlow controllers. The AutoSlice [59] develops a transparent virtualization layer (SDN hypervisor) which automates the deployment and operation of vSDN topologies. In contrast to FlowVisor, AutoSlice focuses on the scalability aspects of the hypervisor design. AutoSlice monitors flow level traffic statistics to optimize the resource utilization and to mitigate flow-table limitations. With the distributed hypervisor architecture, Autoslice can handle large numbers of flow table control messages from multiple tenants.

In a virtual machine environment, moving applications from one location to another without a disruption in service is called Live virtual machine (VM) migration. SDN applications can reside and rely on multiple VMs. So migrating individual SDN VMs, one by

one, may disrupt the SDN applications. So the LIME [60] design migrate an ensemble: the VMs, the network, and the management system to a different set of physical resources at the same time. LIME uses the SDN concept of separation between the controller and the data plane state in the switches. LIME clones the data plane state to a new set of switches, transparent to the application running on the controller. And then incrementally migrates the traffic sources.

The RouteFlow [61] provides virtualized IP routing over OpenFlow capable hardware. It is composed with a OpenFlow Controller application, a server, and a virtual network environment. The virtual network environment rebuild the connectivity of the physical infrastructure and runs IP routing engines. The routing engines generate the forwarding information base (FIB) according to the routing protocols configured. An extension of RouteFlow [62], discusses incorporating RCPs [17] in the context of OpenFlow and SDN. It proposes a controller centric networking model with a prototype implementation of an autonomous system-wide abstract BGP routing service.

## V. FINAL REMARKS

SDNs have emerged in the last decade as a very active research domain, gaining significant attention from both academia and industry. This survey discussed the state of art in SDN, with a historic perspective of the field by describing the SDN paradigm, architecture and deployments in detail.

We first introduced the concepts and definitions that enable a clear understanding of SDNs. The idea of programmable networks and decoupled control logic has been around for many years and the history of SDN goes back to the early 1980s. Central network control, programmability in networks, network virtualization and control of packet switched networks were the four main supporting technologies which helped SDN to evolve. The survey was extended by exploring the OpenFlow project and the standardized SDN architecture. Standard SDN three tier architecture includes: SDN controller, southbound APIs and northbound APIs. For a broader scope, the paper detailed the tools and frameworks associated with SDN development in the categories of SDN controller platforms, SDN software switch platforms, native SDN switches, SDN languages, SDN debugging tools, SDN emulation/simulation tools and SDN virtualization tools.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

According to Sommerville [2], software processes are categorized as either plan-driven or agile processes. Plan-driven processes involve all process activities being planned in advance and progress is measured against the devised plan. Agile processes on the other hand, involve planning that is incremental and is much easier to change the process to reflect changing customer requirements. A mix of both processes in SE is important as each comes with its values necessary for product development. As Boehm and Turner [3] discuss, each approach is suitable for different types of software. Generally, SE needs to find a balance between plan-driven and agile processes [2]. Spataru [4] established that agile methods are good approaches towards mobile application development coined together with end-user inclusion in the lifecycle, performance testing of components and adoption of software product line principles.

## II. THE CONCEPT AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Corrall et al. [1] stated that mobile software development and applications need to cope with a particular execution environment that have limited resources, high autonomy requirements, market regulations, and many other constraints. There is need for developers to therefore to employ the agile

development which is an umbrella term for several iterative and incremental software development methodologies [5]. According to Sriram and Saji [6] a development methodology has a direct relationship with managing project complexity. It accompanies and has implications for usability, maintainability, adaptability, reliability and portability of the software being developed.

In the late 1990's, agile methodologies became dominant to address some shortcomings of traditional methodologies like heavy documentation, lack of productivity, reliability and simplicity [7]. Agile alliance, in response to more process driven traditional methodologies, stresses upon people, communication and customer priorities [8]. Also, different agile methodologies have exhibited flexibility to working within constraints, without demanding major upfront investments, while being adaptable to changing market conditions [9].

The fundamentals of agile methodology namely the incremental and iterative development methods required the researchers to work on the principle of separating design, implementation and testing [10]. To date the most popular agile methodologies include Extreme Programming (XP), Scrum, Crystal, Dynamic Systems Development Method (DSDM), Lean Development, and Feature-Driven Development (FDD) [5] have been employed in software development giving software products that are versatile and more robust to the market. Sriram and Saji [6] cited a document by Nerur & Baliyepally [11] on the main characteristics of agile development methodologies stating that the main characteristics of agile development methodologies include more autonomy, decision-making discretion and adaptive understanding, have a theoretical background, which is consistent with problem framing, problem solving approaches in architecture and strategic management. These main characteristics indicate that agile methodologies provide the designers with greater opportunities to develop software products that are reliable.

## III. PLAN-DRIVEN AND AGILE DEVELOPMENT

Software processes can be categorized as either plan-driven or agile processes. According to [2], Plan-driven are processes where all of the process activities are planned in advance and progress is measured against this plan. In comparison to agile

processes, Sommerville [2] indicates that in agile planning is incremental and it is easier to change the process to reflect changing customer requirements. Each approach is therefore suitable for different types of software. Good practice as discussed by Boehm and Turner [3] is that there is need to find a balance between plan-driven and agile processes.

Software processes are complex and, like all intellectual and creative processes, rely on people making decisions and judgments [2]. In line with this, software processes can be improved by process standardization where the diversity in software processes across an organization is reduced. Through this, there is improved communication and a reduction in training time, and makes automated process support more economical. Standardization is important first step in introducing new software engineering methods and techniques and good software engineering practice.

According to Mudasir Kirmani [12], agile methodology follow an iterative approach to build software rapidly where the entire software development lifecycle is broken down into smaller iterations. The iterations helps to minimize overall risks allowing a software development project be easily modified on the upfront and strictly maintaining the project schedule and budget. In all this the software product is delivered on time and according to the budget that it was initially proposed on.

In spite of the agile methodology being iterative, the methodology has some limitations [6]. Such as dependence on run-time tacit knowledge rather than more documented information, lack of traceable and proved implementation guidelines for mission critical projects, lack of adequate support for repetitive and large scale projects and team requirement of highly talented, self-motivated individuals with a high degree of implementation freedom [7]. The resulting software product/ project developed using agile methodologies are dependent mainly on organizational factors like customer commitment, decision time, team location and composition, corporate culture and people factors like competency and self-motivation [13].

According to Andrei C. Spataru [4] the main argument against agile methods is the asserted lack of scientific validation for associated activities and practices, as well as the difficulty of integrating plan-based practices with agile ones. In order to address various concerns, several methodologies within the agile category have evolved Abrahamsson et al. [14] identifies ten of them as truly agile. They include: - SCRUM, PP, ASP, FDD, XP, DSDM, Crystal, AM and ASD. For mobile software development, agile methods represent a relatively new approach to software development [4].

#### IV. AGILE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

According to Beck et al. [8] Agile alliance, in response to more process driven traditional methodologies, stresses upon people, communication and customer priorities. Rajagopalan and Mathew [6] indicated that agile software development methodology has a direct relationship with managing project complexity. According to Martin et al. the customer plays a very important role in agile projects with key responsibilities to drive the project, interact constantly with business users and provide requirements and participate in retrospection to test the intermediate deliverable and its compliance [15]. However, at times the customer may fail to keep these practices or be consistent due to the dynamic nature of development projects.

In solving this, the customer's role is essentially not played by a single person but there are pseudo roles assumed by different people to drive the project effective conclusion. Known by role labels such as the technical liaison, negotiator, and customer coach, skill specialists for designer, tester and quality facilitator [6]. Chow et al. [16] Identified factors that can serve to guide in the selection of agile methodologies for projects in organizations with specific characteristics. Project success or failure in agile methodologies are guided by six key dimensions of agile methodologies with specific attributes to guide selection of a specific methodology. They include: - delivery strategies, software engineering techniques, team capability, project management process, team environment and customer involvement [6].

#### V. AGILE METHODS IN MOBILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

According to Spataru [4] mobile applications market is currently undergoing rapid expansion. He further asserts that mobile platforms continue to improve in performance as the users' need for a wide variety of mobile applications increases. Software development for mobile platforms comes with unique features and constraints. The development environment and the technologies that support the software are different compared to "traditional" settings. Abrahamsson et al [17] identified important distinguishing characteristics to be a high level of competitiveness, necessarily short time-to-delivery and added difficulty in identifying stakeholders and their requirements.

Due to substantial differences in the environment and in platform specifications, mobile application development requires a suitable development methodology. Usually the mobile software released in an uncertain and dynamic environment with high levels of competition. Development teams face the challenge of a dynamic environment, with frequent



modifications in customer needs and expectations. Abrahamsson [18] states Technological constraints apply to mobile platforms in the form of limited physical resources and rapidly changing specifications. There is need to focus on agile methods and their suitability for mobile application development. Agile methods for mobile software development emphasize the adaptability of enterprises to a dynamic environment [19]. The unique features of agile methods derive from the list of principles found in the Agile Manifesto [20].

Smart mobile devices like cellphones and tablets are a key target for software products and services [1]. Consequently, software applications for the smart devices is receiving greater attention by companies' individuals and business enterprises globally. Along with the features and computing power offered by these mobile equipment, mobile software applications (apps) bear the big challenge of performing satisfactorily in a heterogeneous and resource- limited environment [12] that demands high availability, efficient performance and short response time while delivering value to the end user.

In the mobile ecosystem mobile software development rapidly requires updates and developments to meet the diverse customer requirements against a universe of constraints that exist on mobile environments namely evolving and inherent. The evolving constraints include current limitations that will be solved in the future by the evolution in technology, resources, bandwidth and coverage. Inherent constraints on the other hand are those intrinsic to mobile platforms, since they are part of the operational condition of the system and will not be solved in the near future [1]. These constraints should be taken into account by developers to determine the practices to relieve them as means of non-functional requirements.

Wasserman [21], indicated that mobile applications development are similar to software engineering for other embedded applications. However, the mobile applications development present some additional requirements that are less commonly found if compared to traditional software applications [12]. Boehm and Turner [22] identify fundamental concepts to agile development such as: simple design principles, a large number of releases in a short time frame, extensive use of refactoring, pair programming, test - driven development, and seeing change as an advantage. Abrahamsson, et al. [23] mention that an agile development method is incremental, cooperative, straightforward and adaptive.

Along the agile methodology, a new development methodology specifically tailored for mobile application development, called Mobile-D, is presented [17]. The method is based on agile practices, drawing elements from well- established agile methods such as Extreme Programming and Crystal

Methodologies and also from the heavier Rational Unified Process [24]. The Rational Unified Process is explained from a practical point of view in [25]. Practices associated to Mobile-D include test-driven development, pair programming, continuous integration, refactoring, as well as software process improvement tasks. The methodology serves as a basis for this work, and will be further detailed in the following section [26].

The Mobile-D process should be used by a team of at most ten co-located developers, working towards a product delivery within ten weeks. The Mobile-D methodology of the agile method comprises five phases: Explore, Initialize, Productionize, Stabilize, and System Test & Fix. Each of these phases has a number of associated stages, tasks and practices. The complete specifications of the method are available in [27].

One issue with the mobile-D method is that the well-known practices adopted by the Mobile-D process do not account for the performance of components under development, either at design time or during coding [4]. To address the issue integration of performance testing activities in the lifecycle, more specifically extending the Test-Driven Development practice with performance aspects is mentioned.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

The importance of projection completion JIT cannot be over emphasized, with the use of the agile methodology in mobile software development, it introduces end -user feedback support, application categories and software product lines principles. The Mobile-D presents more of the ideal characteristics. Since the methodology was improved in aspects such as the inclusion of performance testing in the lifecycle. The ever dynamic changing environment of the mobile devices, software developers for mobile applications must be up to the task to develop software apps that meet this limitations and still satisfy the user needs. The different agile methodologies have demonstrated flexibility to working within constraints, without demanding major upfront investments, while being adaptable to changing market conditions [9].

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Protein and other biomedical entity name are used in various biomedical and other bioinformatics-related research. So we will have to work hard to identifying the entities. In text-based literature protein and other biomedical name are tagged with other text. Identifying such entities from text file is very difficult. So we will have to use any scientific approach to solve the problem. Natural language processing is a system which can be used to solve the problem. Using natural language processing we will extract the required info from a text file. We use 'GENIA tagger' database to extract the information from the pdf file and get our required biomedical name. Then we will use these names to make a relation between them and visualized them.

## II. RELATED WORK

Many researches are introduced in the field of biomedical and bioinformatics by using data extraction technique. All the work is currently done by text reading system. It is not possible to get the accurate data from manually text extraction technique. As a result protein and other

Biomedical entities are not possible to find out correctly. So it is huge drawback of these types of a research field. In the research we have tried to find out the protein, and gene name which is about 70%-80% correct.

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## III. OUR PROPOSED WORK

In the research we try to identify the tagging problem and find a solution related to this type of work. Our work will follow the below procedure.

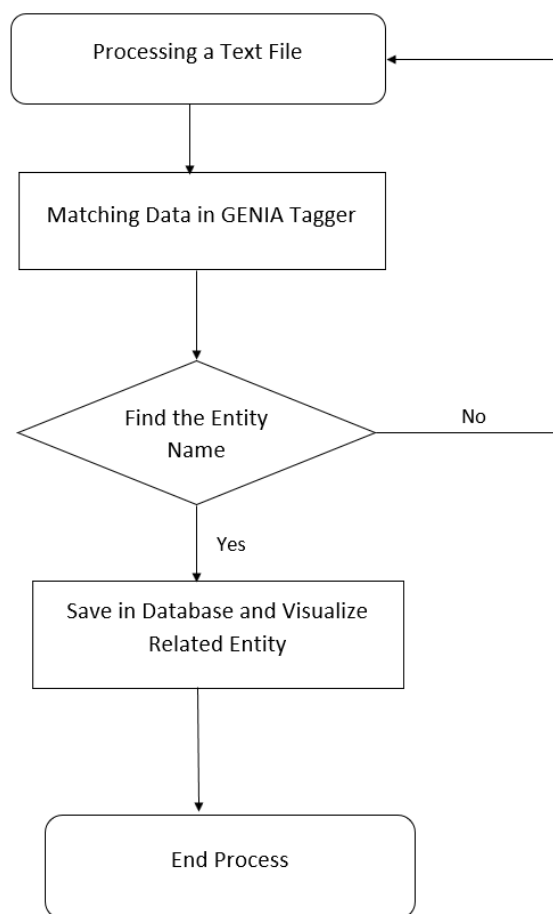


Fig. 1: Tagging & Visualize Protein and Other Biomedical Entity Name

## IV. CONVERSION OF PDF FILES TO TEXT FILE

Pdf to text file conversion is looks complex task, but we can convert it easily with the use of the algorithm and other tools.

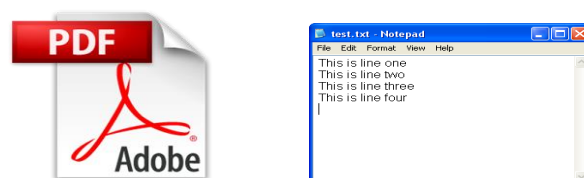


Fig. 2: Conversion of Pdf to Text File

## V. TEXT-BASED APPROACH USING NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

For our project work, we will have to work on the natural language based text extraction system, which will identify which type of the data is in the text file. Moreover, we can find out the required data and another type of system approach to find that entity. The natural language based system will help us on the text file to find out the necessary information for the system fulfillment of the data. By using this system, we can find out protein and its related entity.

## VI. USING GENIA TAGGER FOR DATA EXTRACTION

GENIA tagger is a website that will help to find out the natural language based system for the protein name tagging from the text; we will use this website for

protein name contains an acronym abbreviating the species name , e.g . Protein human growth hormone ( hGH ) /pro- tein , but long-form human protein IGF-II / protein /long-form . protein entities share common terms , there may be only one name entity that can be easily tagged . We tag such an entity as a protein, while the list of enti- ties together are tagged as a long-form, e.g . Long-form protein CSN subunits 4 /protein, 5, 6 /long-form . Assessment of v2 The results on inter-coder reliability using the revised guidelines are much better . We present results for F-measure

Fig. 3: Data Tagging in a Text File

## VIII. TAGGING PERFORMANCE WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS

GENIA tagger performance is better than other biomedical websites. GENIA tagger is trained in Wall Street Journal corpus, PennBioIE corpus so it performs well in various types of medical data.

Table 1: Genia Tagger Comparison with Other Documents

	Wall Street Journal	GENIA corpus
A tagger trained on the WSJ corpus	97.45%	85.34%
A tagger trained on the GENIA corpus	78.4%	95.67%
GENIA tagger	94.67	97.45

the relevant data search. Moreover, we will use this information in the desired data analyze technique [5]. We also use these type of system for our data processing system [6].

## VII. DATA TAGGING

First we will keep the data in the text file. These data will help us in accessing the information [7][8].

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## IX. RETRIEVING DATA AND SAVE DATABASE ACCORDING TO THE RELATED ENTITY

We will have to save data according to the text file which we will get from GENIA tagger website. Then we will able to visualize them.

	id	entity_name	entity_tag
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit <input type="checkbox"/> Copy <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	1	protein_complex	gene_promoters
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit <input type="checkbox"/> Copy <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	2	La-related protein 6	LARP6
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit <input type="checkbox"/> Copy <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	3	Haptoglobin- protein	HPR
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit <input type="checkbox"/> Copy <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	4	Parathyroid Protein	HMM

Fig. 4: Saving Related Entity to Database

## X. DATA VISUALIZATION

After retrieving the data, we will analyze all the entities which are related to each other. We will categorize them according to the protein, gene, chromosome various entities. Then we will visualize

them according to their category so that we will able to know which data are the same group[10][11].

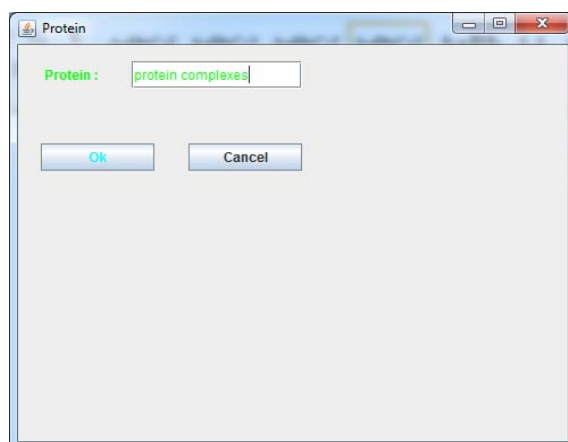


Fig. 5: Searching Related Protein Name

## XI. NAMED ENTITY RECOGNITION PERFORMANCE

Our pdf file contains lots of entity of Protein, DNA, RNA, Cell Line, and Cell Type. Genia tagger provides us the flowing the final performance on the evaluation set is as follows [12].

Table II: Genia Tagger Performance

Entity Type	Recall	Precision	F-Score
Protein	75.89	68.89	90.89
RNA	72.56	65.56	67.34
DNA	69.34	73.78	78.90
Cell Line	63.56	85.35	76.34
Cell Type	56.78	65.45	82.98
Overall	73.45	68.67	78.79

## XII. CONCLUSION

Natural Language Processing is a way to find out the similar relational data from a text or document. We try find out related protein and other biomedical entity name and visualize them. Our research makes the system fruitful for the data analysis process.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The world as we all know nowadays is extremely fast paced and extremely machine-driven. Technology has become similar to automation. All this is often as a result of we have a tendency to, humans, have a bent to try to our job quicker and within the most effective method. thus the additional we have a tendency to change, the simpler and quicker our work becomes. Next trend in today's quick dynamical world is medical care. Since this is often the age of computers we would like each data obtainable be digitized and keep within the computers, since they need quicker computing capabilities. however the matter in digitizing world data into digital domain is we'd like to show the pc specifically concerning our involved world information.

Texture affirmation (OCR) is the distinction in physically formed or created substance into an electronic course of action, which can be secured, deciphered and orchestrated by a PC. It can be utilized as a snappy information input framework for a front line PC. Any OCR framework depends upon the running with four key advances:- Texture affirmation (OCR) is the difference in translated or created substance into an electronic plan, which can be secured, deciphered and

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## II. BACKGROUND

In certainties, principal Component assessment (pca) can be a technique that might be acclimated change a dataset., extra formally it's far a straight change that picks a front line reference outline for the informational collection specific the fine fluctuation through any projection of the actualities set incorporates lie on the essential hub (at that point called the essential most critical segment), the second quality difference on the second one pivot, et cetera. PCA are often utilized for diminishing dimensionality in a greatly dataset while retentive those attributes of the dataset that make a commitment most to its variance with the guide of expelling the later imperative components (with the asset of an extra or a dreadful parcel considerably less heuristic decision). Those qualities additionally can be the "greatest basic", however this can be not essentially the situation, depending on the applying.

PCA has the forte of being the top notch straight change numerical space that has greatest fluctuation. In any case, this comes at the doubtlessly worth of vast approach call for. Never again like probability direct changes, the PCA does not have an intense and fast arrangement of premise vectors, its premise vectors depend on the data set. expecting 0 exact propose (the observational suggest of the circulation has been subtracted from the information set), the fundamental part American joined conditions of a dataset x are every now and again compute with the asset of finding the Eigen values and eigenvectors of the fluctuation lattice of x, we discover that the eigenvectors with the most basic eigenvalues compare to the measurements which have the most effective correlation inside the dataset. The preparatory estimations ar eventually anticipated onto the diminished vector locale. Look based absolutely acknowledgment exploitation PCA.

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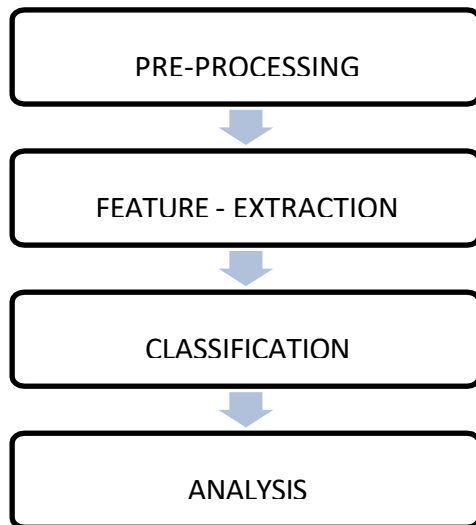


Figure 1.1: Steps for OCR

### III. PROBLEM FORMULATION AND PROPOSED SOLUTION

In comparison of pervious work, our main focus would be on

#### Proposed Algorithm

*Step 1-* Take input data set in RGB texture and then perform linearization for making it compatible for the tool.

*Step 2-* Pre-processing of data set should be performed to implement masking and filtering for getting more accurate results

*Step 3-* In order to get accurate image segmentation and extraction

*Step 4-* A maximum threshold is set now for pixel intensity of 30 so that object lower than this pixel vector can be removed in order to provide better visual effects and less distortion in the dataset and texture .

*Step 5-* Again the linearization of image will be repeated to get the final noise removed image.

*Step 6-* To provide dynamic dimension to our proposed algorithm we have calculated region attributes of image.

*Step 7-* Region properties can be calculated using bounding index for better texture recognition.

*Step 8-* Bounding box plotting is done now for getting exact position and edge color of the input data set.

*Step 9-* Now final object extraction will be performed using pseudo code like  
%% Objects extraction  
figure

for n=1:Ne where L and Ne is label connected component

[r,c] = find (L==n); r and c are rows and column feature vectors

n1=imagen(min(r):max(r),min(c):max(c));maximum and minimum feature vectors are calculated to extract each texture.

n is the position of texture and region property attributes.  
*Step 10-* The above steps will be repeated till the last texture is not extracted efficiently.

*Step 11-* exitr

### IV. SIMULATION AND RESULTS



Fig 4.1: Input data\set of car number plate

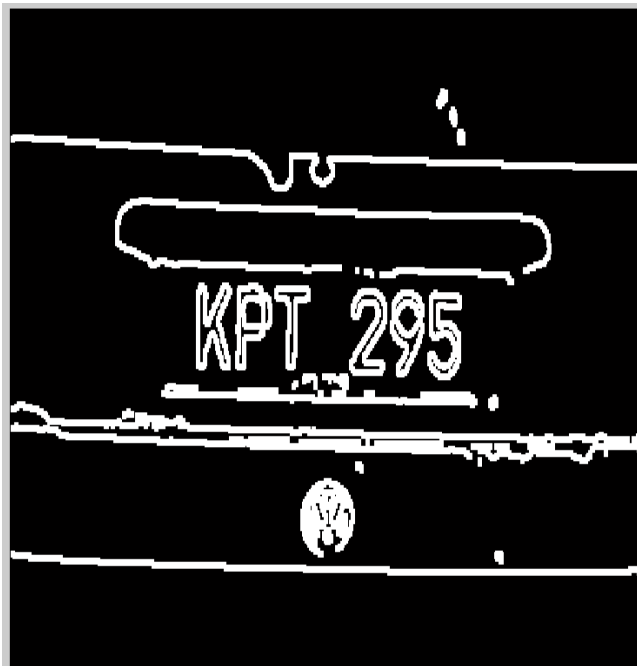
The figure 1 is just used as in input data set which depicts the car number plate the first module will load this into the tool for pre-processing then the next process will be implemented .the given image is used in implementing the existing work with random approach of setting the threshold value.



Fig. 4.2: Binarization of the input data set

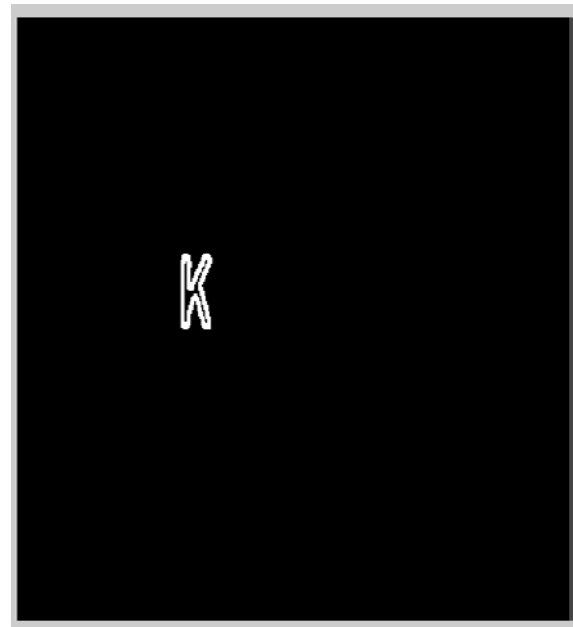
The fig 2 shown above is just the linearization of the input dataset so that it becomes compatible to the

tool to get processed further. The 2 dimensional one is only acceptable in the tool for getting the number of maximum connected components so that we can get that number reduce in the proposed method to get the accuracy improved along with better time complexity and better extraction capabilities. The existing work has randomly set the maximum threshold for the probe image to extract the textures more accurately in the first module of the work .considering the module1 .We have contemplated a new technique with dynamic approach to get the characters on a console window with more accuracy and clarity. Instead of setting the threshold value randomly we have used bounding boxes in the work and proposed algorithm.



*Fig. 4.3:* Texture segmentation of the probe image to get content separated

The fig 3 is showing the segmentation of different textures so that the content can be recognized accurately but the existing work has a drawback it can recognize s single character for each time, It will certainly increased the time complexity for each loop and it also requires us to set the random threshold for different character to be recognized. The existing work has randomly set the maximum threshold for the probe image to extract the textures more accurately in the first module of the work. considering the module1



*Fig. 4.4:* The single texture extracted character by using existing Algorithm

The Fig 4 has depicted the extracted texture which has been performed by using existing work algorithm which was very much random in approach so we can see that only single texture can be recognized at the single time this was one of the drawback of existing work.

## V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

A road accident is something which misshapen with our Image processing methodologies and area is quite extensive and simply efficient now days for real time applications. There are different proposed approach which perform segmentation based texture recognition with on the web and disconnected methodologies with high and low accuracy of in recognition .Our work concentrates around commuted methodologies which incorporates pre-handling of test set first to show signs of improvement precision and afterward examine the output goes under the recognition task. The current work has picked irregular and static methodologies which at times blend information pixel and result in worst precision and poor texture recognition rate.

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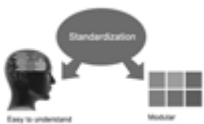
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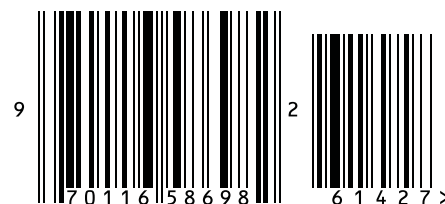
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