

# **XP Idea OCR SDK v1.0**

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## 1 Symbol Reference

### 1.1 xpidea\_ocr Library

XP Idea OCR Library is a COM object for Windows (tm) operating systems.

XP Idea OCR COM Library is an OCR engine compatible with Visual C++, Visual Basic, Delphi, Borland C-builder, .NET and other programming languages/development platforms supporting COM technology. XP Idea OCR engine is completely implemented in Delphi 5 and does not depend on any 3rd party products and libraries.

You can evaluate the XP Idea OCR using a front end application included with this package. This is a first public release of the library, so you'll probably find a lot of issues. We strongly encourage you to submit all issues to [support@xpidea.com](mailto:support@xpidea.com). Please do not hesitate to ask Support for extension of initial 30 day trial period. This software includes automatic update feature, so you'll receive updates as soon as they available.

As a developer you can evaluate examples provided with this package and give us a feedback on the design, performance and features.

XP Idea OCR SDK will be available for purchase with licensing to OEMs on a royalty or flat annual fee basis.

Source code in Delphi 5 will be sold separately only with SDK purchase. (There will be a written contract and special license agreement with each customer purchasing the source code.)

Please address your pricing and purchase requests to [support@xpidea.com](mailto:support@xpidea.com)

#### Classes

Class	Description
OCREngine (☞ see page 2)	CoClass of the object implementing IOCREngine (☞ see page 5).

#### Interfaces

Interface	Description
ICharacter (☞ see page 3)	Interface to a particular letter (character) in the word. (Implementation to be defined.)
Image (☞ see page 3)	Interface to the document image. Provides various properties and methods allowing pre-process the image before recognition.
IOCREngine (☞ see page 5)	An interface to OCR engine. This interface allows to initialize OCR engine with specific language file and to perform recognition of the image.

IOCREngineEvents (see page 7)	An OCR engine dispatch interface for the events.
IPage (see page 7)	Interface to a recognized document. This interface allows to access all regions on the page. Use RegionsCount (see page 8) method to find -out number of regions on the page. Use Region (see page 8) method to retrieve particular region by its index.
IRestructor (see page 8)	A callback interface that used by the recognition engine to reconstruct a text from the image. Members of this interface are called during the recognition process. They provide the consumer with recognition results and provide some supporting information. Please see sample application for details.
IRegion (see page 11)	Provides access to the properties of particular region of the document as well as to text lines (in case if Content Type is a text).
ITextLine (see page 12)	Provides access to the properties of particular line of text in the region.
ITextWord (see page 13)	Provides access to the properties of the particular word in the line of text.

## Structs, Records, Enums

Struct, Record, Enum	Description
tagImageOperation (see page 14)	Defines a set of operations that could be performed on the image, before it recognized.
tagPoint (see page 14)	Represents a graphical point.
tagRectangle (see page 15)	Represents graphical rectangle defined by Top Left and Bottom Right points.
tagRegionContentType (see page 15)	Defines the type of the document region - graphics or text.

## 1.1.1 Classes

### 1.1.1.1 OCREngine CoClass

CoClass of the object implementing IOCREngine (see page 5).

#### Class Hierarchy

xpidea\_ocr:OCREngine

#### File

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

#### Description

The CoClass describes a unique COM object which implements one or more interfaces and specifies which implemented interface is the default for the object, and optionally, which dispinterface is the default source for events.

A COM object is an instance of a CoClass, which is a class that implements one or more COM interfaces. The COM object provides the services as defined by its CoClass interfaces.

CoClasses are instantiated by a special type of object called a class factory. Whenever an object's services are requested by a client, a class factory creates and registers an object instance for that particular client. If another client requests the object's services, the class factory creates another object instance to service the second client.

A CoClass must have a class factory and a class identifier (CLSID) so that its COM object can be instantiated externally, that is, from another module. Using these unique identifiers for CoClasses means that they can be updated whenever new interfaces are implemented in their class. A new interface can modify or add methods without affecting older versions, which is a common problem when using DLLs.

#### IDL

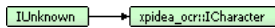
```
[ uuid(70F6A2C2-7749-41E0-9965-25BA6822A838), version(1.0), helpstring("OCREngine Object") ]
coclass OCREngine;
```

## 1.1.2 Interfaces

### 1.1.2.1 ICharacter Interface

Interface to a particular letter (character) in the word. (Implementation to be defined.)

#### Class Hierarchy



#### File

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

#### Description

Used to access a character, determine its case and type.

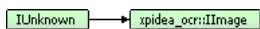
#### IDL

```
[ uuid(D0B34DB0-65D3-4FAF-8CF2-A58BABB215CC), version(1.0) ]
interface ICharacter : IUnknown;
```

### 1.1.2.2 IImage Interface

Interface to the document image. Provides various properties and methods allowing pre-process the image before recognition.

#### Class Hierarchy



#### File

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

#### Description

This interface is one of parameters of OnBeforeRecognition event. It allows to detect image noise level, skew angle and other properties of the document image, it also allows to perform some image processing operations, such as noise removal and skew correction.

This interface also can be used to define recognition regions, overriding auto-detect functionality of OCR engine.

#### Members

#### Methods

Method	Description
◆ AddRegion (see page 4)	Overrides OCR engine's region auto-detection functionality, by forcing it to recognize only specified areas of the image. For instance. You can force the OCR engine to recognize only area of an invoice containing customer's name and address.
◆ NoiseLevel (see page 4)	Detects noise level (in dB) of the image.
◆ PerformOperation (see page 4)	(NOT YET IMPLEMENTED) Performs noise removal, deskew and other operations on the image, before the image is recognized.
◆ SkewAngleDetected (see page 4)	Performs skew angle detection and returns detected skew angle.

#### Legend

◆	Method
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**IDL**

```
[ uuid(BCEF9328-F03E-4A31-88FB-FC6D3401FD8E), version(1.0) ]
interface IImage : IUnknown;
```

**1.1.2.2.1 IImage::AddRegion Method**

Overrides OCR engine's region auto-detection functionality, by forcing it to recognize only specified areas of the image.

For instance. You can force the OCR engine to recognize only area of an invoice containing customer's name and address.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] Rectangle bounds	Rectangle (in pixels) specifying region bounds.

**Description**

(NOT YET IMPLEMENTED)

To define a region, pass Rectangle structure (in pixels) to this method. To define multiple regions call this method multiple times.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000006)]
HRESULT _stdcall AddRegion([in] Rectangle bounds);
```

**1.1.2.2.2 IImage::NoiseLevel Method**

Detects noise level (in dB) of the image.

**Returns**

Image noise level in dB.

**Description**

(NOT YET IMPLEMENTED)

Used to determine how noisy the image is.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000005)]
HRESULT _stdcall NoiseLevel([out, retval] long * Value);
```

**1.1.2.2.3 IImage::PerformOperation Method**

(NOT YET IMPLEMENTED)

Performs noise removal, deskew and other operations on the image, before the image is recognized.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] ImageOperation Operation	Operation to perform.
[in] VARIANT OperationParam1	Operation parameters. Please see appropriate ImageOperation for details.
[in] VARIANT OperationParam2	Operation parameters. Please see appropriate ImageOperation for details.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000004)]
HRESULT _stdcall PerformOperation([in] ImageOperation Operation, [in] VARIANT
OperationParam1, [in] VARIANT OperationParam2);
```

**1.1.2.2.4 IImage::SkewAngleDetected Method**

Performs skew angle detection and returns detected skew angle.

**Returns**

Detected skew angle in degrees.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000003), helpstring("Skew angle degrees. Positive if clockwise.")]
HRESULT _stdcall SkewAngleDetected([out, retval] double * Value);
```

### 1.1.2.3 IOCREngine Interface

An interface to OCR engine. This interface allows to initialize OCR engine with specific language file and to perform recognition of the image.

**Class Hierarchy**



**File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

**Members**

**Methods**

Method	Description
◆ Configure (see page 5)	Provides a way to configure the OCR engine. All sonfiguration settings provided as a pair of key-value strings. List of the keys and possible values are presented in the table below.
◆ Init (see page 6)	Initializes the OCR engine with specific Language file. This is the first and only operation that needs to be performed before OCR engine can operate. Please call this method only once per recognition session.
◆ Recognize (see page 6)	Recognizes the given image. During the recognition process various members of IReconstructor (see page 8) interface are called to produce the result.

**Legend**



**IDL**

```
[ uuid(365DFDDE-2B08-4110-AA13-961799F6BDB6), version(1.0), helpstring("Dispatch interface for OCREngine Object"), dual, oleautomation ]
interface IOCREngine : IDispatch;
```

#### 1.1.2.3.1 IOCREngine::Configure Method

Provides a way to configure the OCR engine.

All sonfiguration settings provided as a pair of key-value strings.

List of the keys and possible values are presented in the table below.

Key	Possible values
"NOISE LEVEL"	<b>Default: "2"</b> Group of N or fewer pixels considered as noise and ignored. Example: "3" - groups of 3 or fewer pixels will be considered as noise and ignored during recognition.
"REGION MERGE THRESHOLD"	<b>Default: "1.1"</b> Regulates text oversegmentation. (Prevents single words being recognized as separate text regions)



'DEFAULT IMAGE BINARIZATION METHOD'	<p><b>Default: "AVERAGE"</b></p> <p><b>Values:</b> 'AVERAGE' 'MAXIMUM ENTROPY' 'OTSU' 'SIMPLE' 'TRIANGLE' 'MINMAX'</p> <p>Defines default image thresholding (binarization) method to produce black and white bitmap. There are some extra settings required for by some thresholders. SIMPLE thresholder needs an integer threshold value (default 127) MINMAX thresholder needs 2 integers: Neighborhood size (3..7) default is 4, and bias value (0..255) default is 0;</p> <p><b>Example:</b> "SIMPLE,127" "MINMAX,4,20"</p>
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**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000003)]
HRESULT _stdcall Configure([in] BSTR Setting, [in] BSTR Value);
```

**1.1.2.3.2 IOCREngine::Init Method**

Initializes the OCR engine with specific Language file.

This is the first and only operation that needs to be performed before OCR engine can operate. Please call this method only once per recognition session.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] BSTR languageFileName	String containing full path and name of the language file. Example "C:\XPidea.OCR\English.dat"

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000001)]
HRESULT _stdcall Init([in] BSTR languageFileName);
```

**1.1.2.3.3 IOCREngine::Recognize Method**

Recognizes the given image. During the recognition process various members of IReconstructor (see page 8) interface are called to produce the result.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] SAFEARRAY(unsigned char) imageBytes	Array of bytes that contains the image. (Currently only 24bpp BMP image format is supported)
[in] IReconstructor * reconstructor	An IReconstructor (see page 8) call back interface that used to retrieve recognition results.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000002)]
HRESULT _stdcall Recognize([in] SAFEARRAY(unsigned char) imageBytes, [in] IReconstructor * reconstructor);
```

## 1.1.2.4 IOCREngineEvents Interface

An OCR engine dispatch interface for the events.

### Class Hierarchy

xpidea\_ocr::IOCREngineEvents

### File

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

### Members

### Methods

Method	Description
◆ OnAfterRecognition (see page 7)	This event gets fired by recognition engine after page recognition is completed. A page parameter of this event provide access to the structure of recognized document through IPage (see page 7) interface.
◆ OnBeforeRecognition (see page 7)	This event gets fired right before recognition happens. Please use this event to perform any image preprocessing operations, such as skew angle correction and noise removal.

### Legend

◆	Method
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### IDL

```
[ uuid(1DC89BA1-0A91-4BC2-AD91-E70414C290CB), version(1.0), helpstring("Events interface for OCREngine Object") ]
dispinterface IOCREngineEvents;
```

### 1.1.2.4.1 IOCREngineEvents::OnAfterRecognition Method

This event gets fired by recognition engine after page recognition is completed. A page parameter of this event provide access to the structure of recognized document through IPage (see page 7) interface.

### Parameters

Parameters	Description
[in] IPage * aPage	IPage (see page 7) interface to recognized document.

### IDL

```
[id(0x00000002)]
HRESULT OnAfterRecognition([in] IPage * aPage);
```

### 1.1.2.4.2 IOCREngineEvents::OnBeforeRecognition Method

This event gets fired right before recognition happens. Please use this event to perform any image preprocessing operations, such as skew angle correction and noise removal.

### Parameters

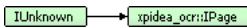
Parameters	Description
[in] IImage * args	IImage (see page 3) interface of the image to be recognize.

### IDL

```
HRESULT OnBeforeRecognition([in] IImage * args);
```

## 1.1.2.5 IPage Interface

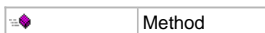
Interface to a recognized document. This interface allows to access all regions on the page. Use RegionsCount (see page 8) method to find -out number of regions on the page. Use Region (see page 8) method to retrieve particular region by its index.

**Class Hierarchy****File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

**Members****Methods**

Method	Description
Region (see page 8)	Retrieves region IRegion (see page 11) by given index.
RegionsCount (see page 8)	Number of regions detected or defined on the page.

**Legend****IDL**

```
[ uuid(162B2F74-1639-4E81-9DC9-30A7EE378775), version(1.0) ]
interface IPage : IUnknown;
```

**1.1.2.5.1 IPage::Region Method**

Retrieves region IRegion (see page 11) by given index.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] long index	index of the region to retrieve.
[out, retval] IRegion ** Value	IRegion (see page 11) interface of the region with given index.

**Returns**

IRegion (see page 11) interface with given index.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000003)]
HRESULT _stdcall Region([in] long index, [out, retval] IRegion ** Value);
```

**1.1.2.5.2 IPage::RegionsCount Method**

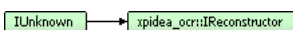
Number of regions detected or defined on the page.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000001)]
HRESULT _stdcall RegionsCount([out, retval] long * Value);
```

**1.1.2.6 IReconstructor Interface**

A callback interface that used by the recognition engine to reconstruct a text from the image. Members of this interface are called during the recognition process. They provide the consumer with recognition results and provide some supporting information. Please see sample application for details.

**Class Hierarchy****File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

**Members****Methods**

Method	Description
⇒◆ Character (🔗 see page 9)	Called by OCR engine to give recognized character(s) to consumer.
⇒◆ EndBlock (🔗 see page 9)	Called after recognition of each region is completed. If you treat each region as a text paragraph, you can use this method to create the end of paragraph mark in recognized text.
⇒◆ EndLine (🔗 see page 9)	Called after recognition of each line of text. You can put caret return/line feed symbols (CRLF) into a recognized text when this method is called.
⇒◆ EndPage (🔗 see page 10)	Called after recognition of image is completed. You can put a page break symbol into the recognized text when this method is called.
⇒◆ EndWord (🔗 see page 10)	Called after recognition of word is completed. You can put a space into the recognized text when this method is called.
⇒◆ Progress (🔗 see page 10)	This method is called by recognition engine, to notify client on the progress of recognition.
⇒◆ StartBlock (🔗 see page 10)	Called before recognition of the image region begins. Provides consumer with the information about the region to be recognized. If ContentType of the region is graphic - you can use bounds parameter as a clip rectangle to insert the image into recognized text.
⇒◆ StartLine (🔗 see page 10)	Called before recognition of each text line. Provides consumer with the information about the line location.
⇒◆ StartPage (🔗 see page 10)	Called by OCR engine right after page segmentation and before character recognition. Parameters are bounds of the page and IPage (🔗 see page 7) interface to a page being recognized.
⇒◆ StartWord (🔗 see page 11)	Called before recognition of each word. Provides consumer with the information about the word location.

**Legend**

⇒◆	Method
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**IDL**

```
[ uuid(BD40B2FC-BA70-406F-B1E2-199DE78C6AE5), version(1.0) ]
interface IReconstructor : IUnknown;
```

**1.1.2.6.1 IReconstructor::Character Method**

Called by OCR engine to give recognized character(s) to consumer.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] BSTR ch	Character that was recognize.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000009)]
HRESULT _stdcall Character([in] BSTR ch);
```

**1.1.2.6.2 IReconstructor::EndBlock Method**

Called after recognition of each region is completed. If you treat each region as a text paragraph, you can use this method to create the end of paragraph mark in recognized text.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000004)]
HRESULT _stdcall EndBlock(void);
```

**1.1.2.6.3 IReconstructor::EndLine Method**

Called after recognition of each line of text. You can put caret return/line feed symbols (CRLF) into a recognized text when this method is called.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000006)]
HRESULT _stdcall EndLine(void);
```

**1.1.2.6.4 IReconstructor::EndPage Method**

Called after recognition of image is completed. You can put a page break symbol into the recognized text when this method is called.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000002)]
HRESULT _stdcall EndPage(void);
```

**1.1.2.6.5 IReconstructor::EndWord Method**

Called after recognition of word is completed. You can put a space into the recognized text when this method is called.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000008)]
HRESULT _stdcall EndWord(void);
```

**1.1.2.6.6 IReconstructor::Progress Method**

This method is called by recognition engine, to notify client on the progress of recognition.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x0000000A)]
HRESULT _stdcall Progress([in] long Percent, [in] BSTR Status);
```

**1.1.2.6.7 IReconstructor::StartBlock Method**

Called before recognition of the image region begins. Provides consumer with the information about the region to be recognized.

If ContentType of the region is graphic - you can use bounds parameter as a clip rectangle to insert the image into recognized text.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] Rectangle bounds	Region bounds in pixels.
[in] RegionContentType ContentType	Specifies type of the region (graphic or text).
[in] Font * font	Detected font that used in the region. (In this version of the software just estimates the font size. Does not detect the actual type face.)

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000003)]
HRESULT _stdcall StartBlock([in] Rectangle bounds, [in] RegionContentType ContentType, [in]
Font * font);
```

**1.1.2.6.8 IReconstructor::StartLine Method**

Called before recognition of each text line. Provides consumer with the information about the line location.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000005)]
HRESULT _stdcall StartLine([in] Rectangle bounds);
```

**1.1.2.6.9 IReconstructor::StartPage Method**

Called by OCR engine right after page segmentation and before character recognition.

Parameters are bounds of the page and IPage (see page 7) interface to a page being recognized.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000001)]
HRESULT _stdcall StartPage([in] Rectangle bounds, [in] Rectangle margins, [in] IPage *
aPage);
```

**1.1.2.6.10 IReconstructor::StartWord Method**

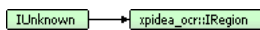
Called before recognition of each word. Provides consumer with the information about the word location.

**IDL**

```
[id(0x00000007)]
HRESULT _stdcall StartWord([in] Rectangle bounds);
```

**1.1.2.7 IRegion Interface**

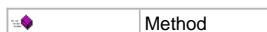
Provides access to the properties of particular region of the document as well as to text lines (in case if Content Type is a text).

**Class Hierarchy****File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

**Members****Methods**

Method	Description
◆ bounds (see page 11)	Bounds of the region expressed in pixels.
◆ ContentType (see page 11)	Type of the region - Text or Graphics. If content type is Text - you can access text lines through Lines (see page 12) and LinesCount (see page 12) methods. For graphic regions LinesCount (see page 12) always returns 0.
◆ Lines (see page 12)	Provides indexed access to ITextLine (see page 12) member of the region.
◆ LinesCount (see page 12)	Returns number of text lines in the region. Used for indexed access to the text lines.

**Legend****IDL**

```
[ uuid(45F4CE79-AE7C-4666-A14B-F977DA4F0307), version(1.0) ]
interface IRegion : IUnknown;
```

**1.1.2.7.1 IRegion::bounds Method**

Bounds of the region expressed in pixels.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000004)]
HRESULT _stdcall bounds([out, retval] Rectangle * Value);
```

**1.1.2.7.2 IRegion::ContentType Method**

Type of the region - Text or Graphics. If content type is Text - you can access text lines through Lines (see page 12) and LinesCount (see page 12) methods. For graphic regions LinesCount (see page 12) always returns 0.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000001)]
HRESULT _stdcall ContentType([out, retval] RegionContentType * Value);
```

### 1.1.2.7.3 IRegion::Lines Method

Provides indexed access to ITextLine (see page 12) member of the region.

#### Parameters

Parameters	Description
[in] long index	Line index. Please use LinesCount (see page 12) to determine number of lines in the region.
[out, retval] ITextLine ** Value	ITextLine (see page 12) interface to a text line.

#### IDL

```
[propget, id(0x00000003)]
HRESULT _stdcall Lines([in] long index, [out, retval] ITextLine ** Value);
```

### 1.1.2.7.4 IRegion::LinesCount Method

Returns number of text lines in the region. Used for indexed access to the text lines.

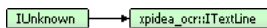
#### IDL

```
[propget, id(0x00000002)]
HRESULT _stdcall LinesCount([out, retval] long * Value);
```

## 1.1.2.8 ITextLine Interface

Provides access to the properties of particular line of text in the region.

#### Class Hierarchy



#### File

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

#### Members

#### Methods

Method	Description
bounds (see page 12)	Bounds of the text line expressed in pixels.
Words (see page 12)	Provides indexed access to ITextWord (see page 13) member of the text line.
WordsCount (see page 13)	Returns detected number of words in the line of text. Used for indexed access to the words.

#### Legend



#### IDL

```
[ uuid(8AD37025-7DFF-4C8F-A460-D325547CED6C), version(1.0) ]
interface ITextLine : IUnknown;
```

### 1.1.2.8.1 ITextLine::bounds Method

Bounds of the text line expressed in pixels.

#### IDL

```
[propget, id(0x00000003)]
HRESULT _stdcall bounds([out, retval] Rectangle * Value);
```

### 1.1.2.8.2 ITextLine::Words Method

Provides indexed access to ITextWord (see page 13) member of the text line.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] long index	index of the word.
[out, retval] ITextWord ** Value	ITextWord (see page 13) interface.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000002)]
HRESULT _stdcall Words([in] long index, [out, retval] ITextWord ** Value);
```

**1.1.2.8.3 ITextLine::WordsCount Method**

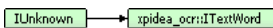
Returns detected number of words in the line of text. Used for indexed access to the words.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000001)]
HRESULT _stdcall WordsCount([out, retval] long * Value);
```

**1.1.2.9 ITextWord Interface**

Provides access to the properties of the particular word in the line of text.

**Class Hierarchy****File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

**Members****Methods**

Method	Description
bounds (see page 13)	Word location and size on the image expressed in pixels.
Characters (see page 13)	Provides indexed access to a character(letter) ICharacter (see page 3) in the word.
CharactersCount (see page 14)	Returns detected number of letters in the word. Used for indexed access to the letters.

**Legend**

	Method
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**IDL**

```
[ uuid(B929589E-EC9A-417E-8597-1FFE79C3CB31), version(1.0) ]
interface ITextWord : IUnknown;
```

**1.1.2.9.1 ITextWord::bounds Method**

Word location and size on the image expressed in pixels.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000003)]
HRESULT _stdcall bounds([out, retval] Rectangle * Value);
```

**1.1.2.9.2 ITextWord::Characters Method**

Provides indexed access to a character(letter) ICharacter (see page 3) in the word.

**Parameters**

Parameters	Description
[in] long index	Index of the letter in the word.
[out, retval] ICharacter ** Value	ICharacter (see page 3) interface.



**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000002)]
HRESULT _stdcall Characters([in] long index, [out, retval] ICharacter ** Value);
```

**1.1.2.9.3 ITextWord::CharactersCount Method**

Returns detected number of letters in the word. Used for indexed access to the letters.

**IDL**

```
[propget, id(0x00000001)]
HRESULT _stdcall CharactersCount([out, retval] long * Value);
```

**1.1.3 Structs, Records, Enums****1.1.3.1 xpidea\_ocr::tagImageOperation Enumeration**

Defines a set of operations that could be performed on the image, before it recognized.

**File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

**Members**

Members	Description
Rotate = 0	Rotates the image on specified number of degrees. Used to deskew the image by angle opposite to detected by the SkewAngleDetected method.  First parameter of PerformOperation method is angle in degrees (of double type).
RemoveNoise = 1	Tries to reduce the noise in the image. Should be applied to a noisy images.  No parameters needed for PerformOperation method.
AutoContrast = 2	Automatically adjusts contrast of the image. Should be applied to a low contrast or very dark images.  No parameters needed for PerformOperation method.
Threshold = 3	Thresholds (creates black and white) image with the given threshold method and optional threshold value.  Currently use Otsu automatic global thresholding method and no parameters needed for PerformOperation method.

**IDL**

```
[ uuid(04F53DBB-A2FE-4C6F-8D3C-4755547C7A7A), version(1.0) ]
enum tagImageOperation {
    Rotate = 0,
    RemoveNoise = 1,
    AutoContrast = 2,
    Threshold = 3
};
```

**1.1.3.2 xpidea\_ocr::tagPoint Struct**

Represents a graphical point.

**File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl (see page 16)

**Members**

Members	Description
long X;	X-coordinate.
long Y;	Y-coordinate.

**IDL**

```
[ uuid(E56DC05D-5BD4-456F-B0A9-09760C246846), version(1.0) ]
struct tagPoint {
    long X;
    long Y;
};
```

### 1.1.3.3 xpidea\_ocr::tagRectangle Struct

Represents graphical rectangle defined by Top Left and Bottom Right points.

**File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl ([see page 16](#))

**Members**

Members	Description
Point TopLeft;	Top left (location) point of the rectangle.
Point BottomRight;	Bottom right corner location of the rectangle.

**IDL**

```
[ uuid(87C6CD2D-C8C2-4ACE-926B-1B9B40F1A3F0), version(1.0) ]
struct tagRectangle {
    Point TopLeft;
    Point BottomRight;
};
```

### 1.1.3.4 xpidea\_ocr::tagRegionContentType Enumeration

Defines the type of the document region - graphics or text.

**File**

xpidea\_ocr.idl ([see page 16](#))

**Members**

Members	Description
Text = 0	Region with this type contains text.
Graphic = 1	Region with this type contains a graphic object.

**IDL**

```
[ uuid(FF5D8D46-458B-4D43-97A8-3CCAAAAC732F), version(1.0) ]
enum tagRegionContentType {
    Text = 0,
    Graphic = 1
};
```

## 1.2 Files

## 1.2.1 xpidea\_ocr.idl

Interface Definition (IDL) File

### Libraries

Library	Description
xpidea_ocr (see page 1)	<p>XP Idea OCR Library is a COM object for Windows (tm) operating systems.</p> <p>XP Idea OCR COM Library is an OCR engine compatible with Visual C++, Visual Basic, Delphi, Borland C-builder, .NET and other programming languages/development platforms supporting COM technology. XP Idea OCR engine is completely implemented in Delphi 5 and does not depend on any 3rd party products and libraries.</p> <p>You can evaluate the XP Idea OCR using a front end application included with this package. This is a first public release of the library, so you'll probably find a lot of issues. We strongly encourage you to submit all issues to <b>support@xpidea.com</b>. Please do not hesitate to ask Support for extension of initial 30 day trial period. This software includes automatic update feature, so you'll receive updates as soon as they available.</p> <p>As a developer you can evaluate examples provided with this package and give us a feedback on the design, performance and features.</p> <p>XP Idea OCR SDK will be available for purchase with licensing to OEMs on a royalty or flat annual fee basis.</p> <p>Source code in Delphi 5 will be sold separately only with SDK purchase. (There will be a written contract and special license agreement with each customer purchasing the source code.)</p> <p>Please address your pricing and purchase requests to <b>support@xpidea.com</b></p>

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