In Quest of a More Advanced Recognition Technology

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Image Recognition & Processing

United States Postal Service
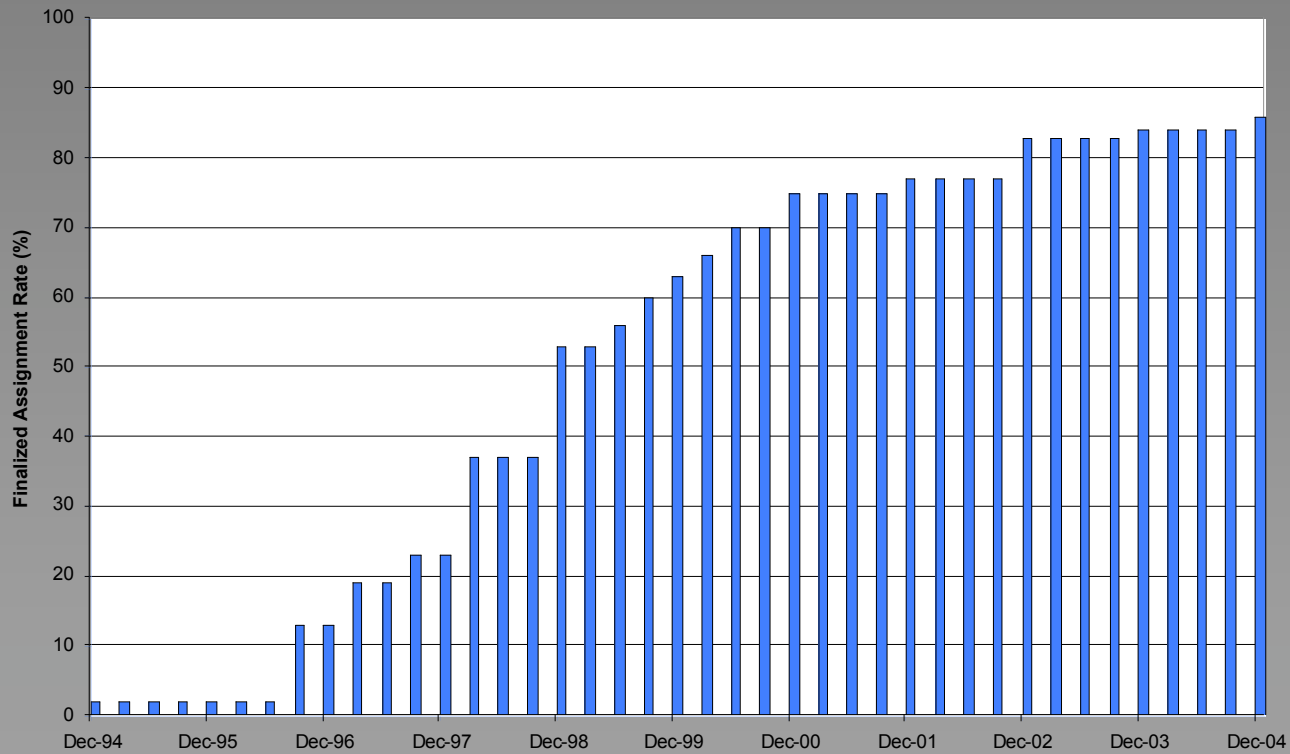
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Handwritten Recognition Rate

Machine Print Recognition Rate
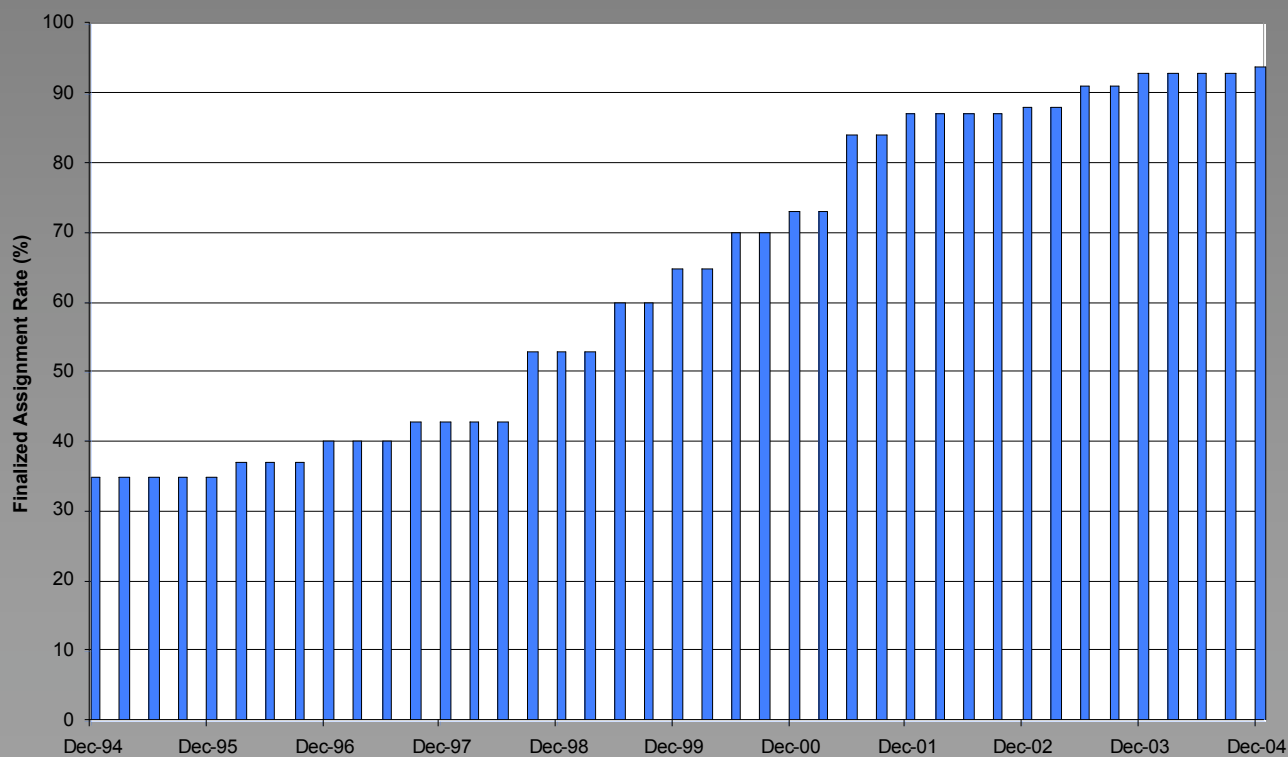
Goals

- ■ **Increased encode rate**

- ■ **Reduced error rate**

- ■ **Reduce processing costs**

Current Recognition Improvement Programs

- **Traditional algorithmic improvements**
  - **Ideas from these and other conferences**
  - **Independent developments by systems integrators and their subcontractors**
- **Distribution Quality Improvement (DQI) Program**
  - **Address mail with incomplete/erroneous address information**
  - **Utilize commercially available name and address database(s)**
  - **Built-in privacy protections**

Future Recognition Improvement Programs

- **Continue traditional approach**
  - **Integrate orthogonal approaches**
- **Continue DQI**
- **Convert to Wide Field of View (WFOV) Camera for image acquisition**
  - **256 dpi**
  - **6.25 inch vertical scan**
  - **160 inch/second transport speed**
  - **Full mail piece width**
  - **Grayscale and binary outputs**
  - **Facilitates multiple binarizations of images**
    - **Integrate into recognition system**
    - **Multiple pre-defined binarizations**