

Using ocrNow! for the iPhone

A Short Guide to Successful OCRing

ocrNow! for the iPhone is a handy way to convert a document into text, just take a photo of the document, submit it to ocrNow! and receive an email back with editable results.

ocrNow! has been tailored for use with office style documents with text of a reasonable size. On an A4/Letter sheet of paper it can detect clearly text as small as 8pt on A4/Letter (10pt recommend) and 10pt (12pt recommended) for A3/Ledger.

The quality of the results you receive back will vary depending on the quality of the image you send. When taking your photo hold the camera about 13 inches (33 cm) away for an A4/Letter document or 20 inches (50 cm) away from an A3/Ledger document – so that borders of the paper match the borders of the photograph.



Try to keep the document you are photographing flat, for example on a desk or flat against the wall.



You can take a picture of any size piece of paper but for best results the sides of the paper should be in line with sides of the photo.

Take the image in good even light, a well lit office is sufficient, if the image is too dark or very blurry in the preview use the **Retake** button and try again.

For the first couple of images select **Yes** for **Return image** when submitting your images to ocrNow! With this selected you will receive a copy of the photo you took as ocrNow! sees it. If you can't read the text on this image ocrNow! will not be able to either. Looking at this image will guide you on how to take a good picture.

The sort of documents ocrNow! handles well are office documents such as memos, invoices, typed pages from books and notices.

Documents ocrNow! may struggle with include very colourful pages such as magazine covers, cartoons and handwritten documents.

Happy OCRing.