Optical graph recognition

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Problem statement

Before



After

- List of nodes A,B,C,D,E,F
- List of edges
 A->B,A->C,C->D,C->E,B >F,F->E
- Node positions and sizes
- Other visual and nonvisual graph elements

Where it can be used?

- Reuse old schematics
- Use drawings for data import/export between various systems
- Special kind of transform between raster and vector graphics
- Understanding typical problems with graph recognition we can improve graph layout and graph drawing









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Evolution of graph recognizers

- Separate recognizer for each major visualization class
- Library of recognition algorithms
- Tool for interactive algorithm creation (Building block approachs)

Building block approach

- Building blocks
- Common memory for all blocks
- Links between blocks that specifies execution order and connections between block inputs and outputs

Input image





Result

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Future work

- Still need to work on recognizing other visual and nonvisual graph elements
- Should move towards computer vision system which suggests solutions rather than asks for every detail from the user
- Extend previously used Building Blocks visual programming language to make it user friendly

Thank you!