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# Features list

Cloud Vision API currently allows you to use the following features:

## All feature types

### Face detection

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/detecting-faces>)

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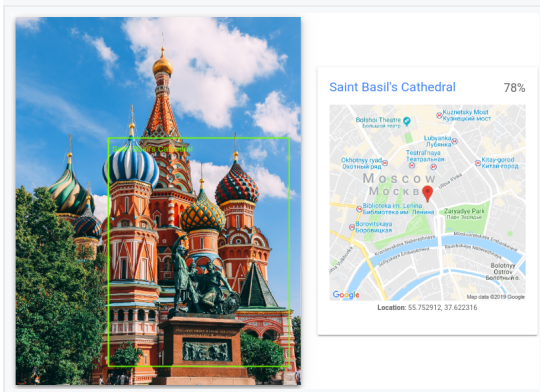


- Locates faces with bounding polygons, and identifies specific facial "landmarks" such as eyes, ears, nose, mouth, etc. along with their corresponding confidence values.
- Returns likelihood ratings for emotion (joy, sorrow, anger, surprise) and general image properties (underexposed, blurred, headwear present).
- Likelihoods ratings are expressed as 6 different values: **UNKNOWN, VERY\_UNLIKELY, UNLIKELY, POSSIBLE, LIKELY, or VERY\_LIKELY.**

### Landmark detection

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/detecting-landmarks>)

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- Provides the name of the landmark, a confidence score and a bounding box in the image for the landmark.
- Gives coordinates for the detected entity.

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### Logo detection

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/detecting-logos>)

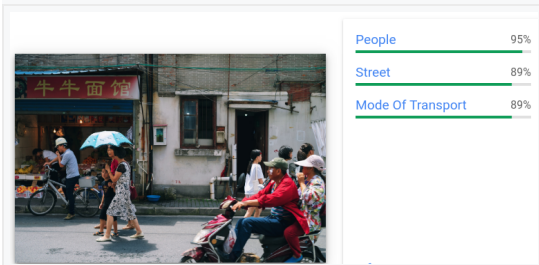
3 (#fn3)



- Provides a textual description of the entity identified, a confidence score, and a bounding polygon for the logo in the file.

### Label detection

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/labels>) 4  
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- Provides generalized labels for an image.
- For each label returns a textual description, confidence score, and topicality rating.



Need customized labeling? With [AutoML Vision](https://cloud.google.com/vision/automl/docs/) (<https://cloud.google.com/vision/automl/docs/>) you can create a custom machine learning model for your specific image labeling use case.

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### Text detection

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/ocr>)

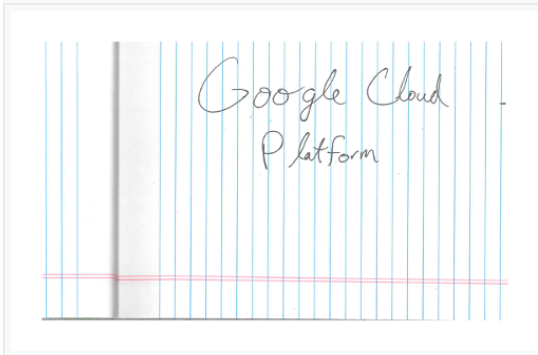


- Optical character recognition (OCR) for an image; text recognition and conversion to machine-coded text. Identifies and extracts UTF-8 text in an image.
- **Images:** Optimized for *sparse* areas of text within a larger image.
- **Response:** Returns both a list of words identified with text, bounding boxes, and confidence scores (`textAnnotations`), as well as the structural hierarchy for the OCR detected text (`fullTextAnnotation`).
  - Hierarchy of extracted text structure:
    - TextAnnotation -> Page -> Block -> Paragraph -> Word -> Symbol.
    - Each structural component from Page on may further have their own properties such as detected languages, breaks, etc.
- **Languages supported:** Works with currently supported, mapped, and experimental (<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/languages>) languages.
- Feature enum value: `TEXT_DETECTION`.

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### Document text detection (dense text / handwriting)

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/pdf>)



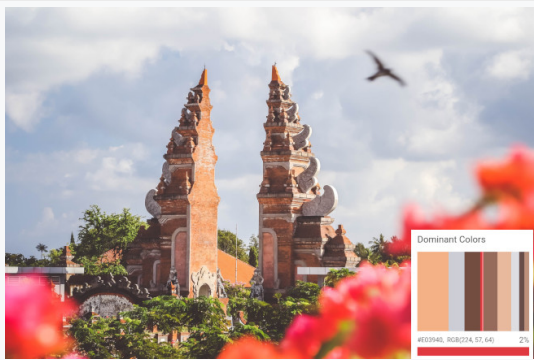
- Optical character recognition (OCR) for a file (PDF/TIFF) or dense text image; dense text recognition and conversion to machine-coded text.
- **Files:** Optimized for document files (PDF/TIFF).
- **Images:** Optimized for *dense* areas of text in an image (images that are documents), and images that contain handwriting.
- **Response:** Returns the structural hierarchy for the OCR detected text (`fullTextAnnotation`).
  - Hierarchy of extracted text structure:
    - TextAnnotation -> Page -> Block -> Paragraph -> Word -> Symbol.
    - Each structural component from Page on may further have their own properties such as detected languages, breaks, etc.
- **Languages supported:** Works with currently supported, mapped, and experimental (<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/languages>) languages.
- Feature enum value: `DOCUMENT_TEXT_DETECTION`.
  - Takes precedence when both `DOCUMENT_TEXT_DETECTION` and `TEXT_DETECTION` are requested.

## All feature types

### Image properties

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/detecting-properties>)

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- Returns dominant colors in an image.
- Each color is represented in the RGBA color space, has a confidence score, and displays the fraction of pixels occupied by the color [0, 1].

### Object localization

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/object-localizer>)

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- Provides general label and bounding box annotations for multiple objects recognized in a single image.
- For each object detected the following elements are returned: a textual description, a confidence score, and normalized vertices [0,1] for the bounding polygon around the object.



Need customized object detection? With [AutoML Vision Object Detection](https://cloud.google.com/vision/automl/object-detection/docs/)

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you can create a custom machine learning model for your specific image object detection use case.

## All feature types

### Crop hint detection

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/detecting-crop-hints>)

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- Provides a bounding polygon for the cropped image, a confidence score, and an importance fraction of this salient region with respect to the original image for each request.
- You can provide up to 16 image ratio values (width:height) for a single image.



## All feature types

### Web entities and pages

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/detecting-web>)

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Category	Responses
Web entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>entityId: /m/02p7_j8, score: 1.3225499, description: Carnival in Rio de Janeiro</li> <li>entityId: /m/006gmr, score: 1.1684971, description: Rio de Janeiro</li> <li>entityId: /m/04cx88, score: 1.05945, description: Brazilian Carnival</li> </ul>
Full matching images	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>url: https://1000lugaresparair.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/quinten-de-graaf-278848.jpg</li> <li>url: https://freewalkingtourrotterdam.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/quinten-de-graaf-278848.jpg</li> </ul>
Partial matching images	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>url: https://www.linnanetto.fi/wp-content/uploads/sambakarnevaali-riossa.jpg</li> <li>url: https://static.airhelp.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/26105557/two-women-in-carnival-costumes.jpg</li> </ul>
Pages with matching images	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>url: https://travelnoire.com/best-carnival-celebrations-around-the-world/, pageTitle: Best Carnaval Celebrations Around The World - Travel Noire, fullMatchingImages: [url: https://travelnoire.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/quinten-de-graaf-278848-unsplash.jpg]</li> <li>url: https://bespokebrazil.com/rio-carnival-2019/, pageTitle: Visit Rio Carnival 2019 with the Brazil Specialists - Bespoke Brazil, partialMatchingImages: [url: https://bespokebrazil-2018-bespokebrazil.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Carnival-1.jpg]</li> </ul>
Visually similar images	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>url: https://www.brazilbookers.com/_images/photos/rio-carnival-images/rio-carnival-2016-carnival-dance.jpg</li> <li>url: https://image.redbull.com/rbcm/010/2017-02-08/1331843859949_3/0100/0/1/watch-rio-carnival-2017-live-on-red-bull-tv.jpg</li> </ul>
Best guess labels	rio carnival 2019 dancers

- Provides a series of related Web content to an image.
- Returns the following information:
  - **Web entities:** Inferred entities (labels/descriptions) from similar images on the Web.
  - **Full matching images:** A list of URLs for fully matching images of any size on the Internet.
  - **Partial matching images:** A list of URLs for images that share key-point features, such as a cropped version of the original image.
  - **Pages with matching images:** A list of Webpages (identified by page URL, page title, matching image URL) with an image that satisfies the conditions described above.
  - **Visually similar images:** A list of URLs for images that share some features with the original image.
  - **Best guess label:** A best guess as to the topic of the requested image inferred from similar images on the Internet.

### Explicit content detection (Safe Search)

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/docs/detecting-safe-search>)

- Provides likelihood ratings for the following explicit content categories: **adult**, **spooF**, **medical**, **violence**, and **racy**.
- Likelihoods ratings are expressed as 6 different values: **UNKNOWN**, **VERY\_UNLIKELY**, **UNLIKELY**, **POSSIBLE**, **LIKELY**, or **VERY\_LIKELY**.

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