

Face Processing for Security: a Short Review

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Face detection video example

- Crowded public place.
- Risk of criminal activities.
- Need of video surveillance system.
- Face detection and storing software for video surveillance

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- This example belongs to a commercial solution.
- Illustrates the tracking capabilities of their system.
- Tracks (and recognizes) faces along a *The Office* TV series episode.
- Face location (and recognition) software for [Tracking example video](#)

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Security Applications in Information Security

- Access security (OS access, data base access control).
- Data privacy (e.g. medical records).
- User authentication (trading, on-line banking, OS log in authentication).

Security Applications

Access Management and Biometrics

- Secure access authentication (restricted facilities).
- Permission based systems.
- Access log or audit trails.
- Person identification (national IDs, Passports, voter registration, driver licenses).

Security Applications

Law Enforcement

- Automatic Identity verification (border controls).
- Video surveillance.
- Suspect tracking.
- Simulated aging.
- Forensic face reconstruction.

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Personal Security

- Home video surveillance systems.
- Expression interpretation (driver monitoring systems).
- Electronic device use restriction (e.g. children's safety).

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