

# cv::CascadeClassifier Class Reference

Object Detection

Cascade classifier class for object detection. [More...](#)

```
#include "objdetect.hpp"
```

## Public Member Functions

	<b>CascadeClassifier</b> ()
	<b>CascadeClassifier</b> (const <b>String</b> &filename) Loads a classifier from a file. <a href="#">More...</a>
	<b>~CascadeClassifier</b> ()
void	<b>detectMultiScale</b> ( <b>InputArray</b> image, std::vector< <b>Rect</b> > &objects, double scaleFactor=1.1, int minNeighbors=3, int flags=0, <b>Size</b> minSize= <b>Size</b> (), <b>Size</b> maxSize= <b>Size</b> ()) Detects objects of different sizes in the input image. The detected objects are returned as a list of rectangles. <a href="#">More...</a>
void	<b>detectMultiScale</b> ( <b>InputArray</b> image, std::vector< <b>Rect</b> > &objects, std::vector< int > &numDetections, double scaleFactor=1.1, int minNeighbors=3, int flags=0, <b>Size</b> minSize= <b>Size</b> (), <b>Size</b> maxSize= <b>Size</b> ())
void	<b>detectMultiScale</b> ( <b>InputArray</b> image, std::vector< <b>Rect</b> > &objects, std::vector< int > &rejectLevels, std::vector< double > &levelWeights, double scaleFactor=1.1, int minNeighbors=3, int flags=0, <b>Size</b> minSize= <b>Size</b> (), <b>Size</b> maxSize= <b>Size</b> (), bool outputRejectLevels=false)
bool	<b>empty</b> () const Checks whether the classifier has been loaded. <a href="#">More...</a>
int	<b>getFeatureType</b> () const
<b>Ptr&lt; BaseCascadeClassifier::MaskGenerator &gt;</b>	<b>getMaskGenerator</b> ()
void *	<b>getOldCascade</b> ()
<b>Size</b>	<b>getOriginalWindowSize</b> () const
bool	<b>isOldFormatCascade</b> () const
bool	<b>load</b> (const <b>String</b> &filename) Loads a classifier from a file. <a href="#">More...</a>

bool **read** (const **FileNode** &node)

Reads a classifier from a **FileStorage** node. [More...](#)

void **setMaskGenerator** (const **Ptr**< **BaseCascadeClassifier::MaskGenerator** > &maskGenerator)

## Static Public Member Functions

static bool **convert** (const **String** &oldcascade, const **String** &newcascade)

## Public Attributes

**Ptr**< **BaseCascadeClassifier** > **cc**

## Detailed Description

Cascade classifier class for object detection.

### Examples:

`facedetect.cpp`.

## Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### § CascadeClassifier() [1/2]

cv::CascadeClassifier::CascadeClassifier ( )

#### Python:

<CascadeClassifier object> = cv.CascadeClassifier( )

<CascadeClassifier object> = cv.CascadeClassifier( **filename** )

### § CascadeClassifier() [2/2]

```
cv::CascadeClassifier::CascadeClassifier ( const String & filename )
```

**Python:**

```
<CascadeClassifier object> = cv.CascadeClassifier(      )
```

```
<CascadeClassifier object> = cv.CascadeClassifier( filename )
```

Loads a classifier from a file.

**Parameters**

**filename** Name of the file from which the classifier is loaded.

## § ~CascadeClassifier()

```
cv::CascadeClassifier::~CascadeClassifier ( )
```

## Member Function Documentation

## § convert()

```
static bool cv::CascadeClassifier::convert ( const String & oldcascade,  
                                             const String & newcascade  
                                             )
```

static**Python:**

```
retval = cv.CascadeClassifier_convert( oldcascade, newcascade )
```

## § detectMultiScale() [1/3]

```

void cv::CascadeClassifier::detectMultiScale ( InputArray          image,
                                              std::vector< Rect > & objects,
                                              scaleFactor =
                                              double          1.1,
                                              minNeighbors =
                                              int              3,
                                              int              flags = 0,
                                              Size             minSize = Size(),
                                              Size             maxSize = Size()
                                              )

```

**Python:**

```

objects          = cv.CascadeClassifier.detectMultiScale( image[, scaleFactor[, minNeighbors[, flags[, minSize[, maxSize]]]]])
objects,
numDetections    = cv.CascadeClassifier.detectMultiScale2( image[, scaleFactor[, minNeighbors[, flags[, minSize[, maxSize]]]]])
objects,
rejectLevels,    = cv.CascadeClassifier.detectMultiScale3( image[, scaleFactor[, minNeighbors[, flags[, minSize[, maxSize[, outputRejectLevels]]]]])
levelWeights

```

Detects objects of different sizes in the input image. The detected objects are returned as a list of rectangles.

**Parameters**

- image** Matrix of the type CV\_8U containing an image where objects are detected.
- objects** Vector of rectangles where each rectangle contains the detected object, the rectangles may be partially outside the original image.
- scaleFactor** Parameter specifying how much the image size is reduced at each image scale.
- minNeighbors** Parameter specifying how many neighbors each candidate rectangle should have to retain it.
- flags** Parameter with the same meaning for an old cascade as in the function cvHaarDetectObjects. It is not used for a new cascade.
- minSize** Minimum possible object size. Objects smaller than that are ignored.
- maxSize** Maximum possible object size. Objects larger than that are ignored. If `maxSize == minSize` model is evaluated on single scale.

The function is parallelized with the TBB library.

**Note**

- (Python) A face detection example using cascade classifiers can be found at [opencv\\_source\\_code/samples/python/facedetect.py](#)

**Examples:**

[facedetect.cpp](#).

§ `detectMultiScale()` [2/3]

```

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                                              std::vector< int > & numDetections,
                                              double              scaleFactor =
                                              1.1,
                                              int               minNeighbors =
                                              3,
                                              int               flags = 0,
                                              Size              minSize = Size(),
                                              Size              maxSize = Size()
                                              )

```

#### Python:

```

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levelWeights

```

This is an overloaded member function, provided for convenience. It differs from the above function only in what argument(s) it accepts.

#### Parameters

- image** Matrix of the type CV\_8U containing an image where objects are detected.
- objects** Vector of rectangles where each rectangle contains the detected object, the rectangles may be partially outside the original image.
- numDetections** Vector of detection numbers for the corresponding objects. An object's number of detections is the number of neighboring positively classified rectangles that were joined together to form the object.
- scaleFactor** Parameter specifying how much the image size is reduced at each image scale.
- minNeighbors** Parameter specifying how many neighbors each candidate rectangle should have to retain it.
- flags** Parameter with the same meaning for an old cascade as in the function cvHaarDetectObjects. It is not used for a new cascade.
- minSize** Minimum possible object size. Objects smaller than that are ignored.

**maxSize**

Maximum possible object size. Objects larger than that are ignored. If `maxSize == minSize` model is evaluated on single scale.

§ `detectMultiScale()` [3/3]

```

void cv::CascadeClassifier::detectMultiScale ( InputArray      image,
                                              std::vector< Rect > & objects,
                                              std::vector< int > & rejectLevels,
                                              std::vector< double > & levelWeights,
                                              double          scaleFactor = 1.1,
                                              int             minNeighbors = 3,
                                              int             flags = 0,
                                              Size            minSize = Size(),
                                              Size            maxSize = Size(),
                                              bool            outputRejectLevels = false
                                              )

```

**Python:**

```

objects          = cv.CascadeClassifier.detectMultiScale( image[, scaleFactor[, minNeighbors[, flags[, minSize[, maxSize]]]]])
objects,
numDetections    = cv.CascadeClassifier.detectMultiScale2( image[, scaleFactor[, minNeighbors[, flags[, minSize[, maxSize]]]]])
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levelWeights

```

This is an overloaded member function, provided for convenience. It differs from the above function only in what argument(s) it accepts. This function allows you to retrieve the final stage decision certainty of classification. For this, one needs to set `outputRejectLevels` on true and provide the `rejectLevels` and `levelWeights` parameter. For each resulting detection, `levelWeights` will then contain the certainty of classification at the final stage. This value can then be used to separate strong from weaker classifications.

A code sample on how to use it efficiently can be found below:

```

Mat img;
vector<double> weights;
vector<int> levels;
vector<Rect> detections;
CascadeClassifier model("/path/to/your/model.xml");
model.detectMultiScale(img, detections, levels, weights, 1.1, 3, 0, Size(), Size(), true);
cerr << "Detection " << detections[0] << " with weight " << weights[0] << endl;

```



## § empty()

```
bool cv::CascadeClassifier::empty ( ) const
```

### Python:

```
retval = cv.CascadeClassifier.empty( )
```

Checks whether the classifier has been loaded.

### Examples:

[facedetect.cpp](#).

## § getFeatureType()

```
int cv::CascadeClassifier::getFeatureType ( ) const
```

### Python:

```
retval = cv.CascadeClassifier.getFeatureType( )
```

## § getMaskGenerator()

```
Ptr<BaseCascadeClassifier::MaskGenerator> cv::CascadeClassifier::getMaskGenerator ( )
```

## § getOldCascade()

```
void* cv::CascadeClassifier::getOldCascade ( )
```

## § getOriginalWindowSize()

**Size** cv::CascadeClassifier::getOriginalWindowSize ( ) const

**Python:**

```
retval = cv.CascadeClassifier.getOriginalWindowSize( )
```

## § isOldFormatCascade()

bool cv::CascadeClassifier::isOldFormatCascade ( ) const

**Python:**

```
retval = cv.CascadeClassifier.isOldFormatCascade( )
```

## § load()

bool cv::CascadeClassifier::load ( const **String** & **filename** )

**Python:**

```
retval = cv.CascadeClassifier.load( filename )
```

Loads a classifier from a file.

**Parameters**

**filename** Name of the file from which the classifier is loaded. The file may contain an old HAAR classifier trained by the haartraining application or a new cascade classifier trained by the traincascade application.

**Examples:**

**facedetect.cpp.**

## § read()

```
bool cv::CascadeClassifier::read ( const FileNode & node )
```

**Python:**

```
retval = cv.CascadeClassifier.read( node )
```

Reads a classifier from a **FileStorage** node.

**Note**

The file may contain a new cascade classifier (trained traincascade application) only.

**§ setMaskGenerator()**

```
void cv::CascadeClassifier::setMaskGenerator ( const Ptr< BaseCascadeClassifier::MaskGenerator > & maskGenerator )
```

## Member Data Documentation

**§ CC**

```
Ptr<BaseCascadeClassifier> cv::CascadeClassifier::cc
```

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