🎥 Face Recognition System  
  
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A comprehensive real-time face recognition system built with Python, featuring advanced detection algorithms, confidence scoring, and detailed recognition history tracking.  
  
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✨ Features  
  
### Core Functionality  
- ✅ \*\*Real-time Face Detection\*\* - Instant face detection using HOG/CNN algorithms  
- ✅ \*\*Face Recognition\*\* - Accurate face recognition with 128-dimensional embeddings  
- ✅ \*\*Confidence Scoring\*\* - Real-time confidence percentage display (0-100%)  
- ✅ \*\*Multi-face Detection\*\* - Detect and recognize multiple faces simultaneously  
- ✅ \*\*Live Video Feed\*\* - Real-time processing from webcam or video files

Advanced Features  
- 📊 \*\*Recognition History\*\* - Automatic logging of all recognition events  
- 💾 \*\*Database Integration\*\* - SQLite database for persistent storage  
- 📈 \*\*Confidence Analytics\*\* - Visual color-coded confidence indicators  
- 🎨 \*\*Modern GUI\*\* - User-friendly Tkinter-based interface  
- 📁 \*\*Multi-format Support\*\* - JPEG, PNG, GIF, TIFF, WebP, BMP support  
- 📤 \*\*Export Functionality\*\* - Export logs to CSV format  
- ⚡ \*\*Performance Optimized\*\* - Processes every 3rd frame for smooth operation  
- 🔄 \*\*Auto-save\*\* - Automatic history backup with configurable cooldown  
  
User Interface  
- 🖥️ \*\*Dual Mode\*\* - Command-line interface and GUI support  
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- 📸 \*\*Capture & Add\*\* - Add new faces on-the-fly during recognition  
- 👥 \*\*Face Management\*\* - Easy add/remove/view known faces  
- 📊 \*\*History Viewer\*\* - Browse and filter recognition history  
- 🎨 \*\*Dark Theme\*\* - Professional dark-mode interface  
  
  
🎬 Demo  
  
### Command Line Interface  
```bash  
# Start CLI mode  
python main.py

**Output:** - Green boxes around recognized faces with names - Red boxes around unknown faces - Confidence percentage display - Real-time FPS counter

### Graphical User Interface

# Start GUI mode  
python main.py --gui

**Features:** - Video feed with live recognition - Face detection statistics - Known faces management - Recognition history viewer - Export functionality

## 🚀 Installation

### Prerequisites

* **Python 3.10 or higher**
* **Windows 10/11** (primary support)
* **Webcam** (for real-time recognition)
* **4GB RAM minimum** (8GB recommended)

### Step 1: Clone Repository

git clone https://github.com/yourusername/face-recognition-system.git  
cd face-recognition-system

### Step 2: Create Virtual Environment (Recommended)

# Windows  
python -m venv venv  
venv\Scripts\activate  
  
# Linux/Mac  
python3 -m venv venv  
source venv/bin/activate

### Step 3: Install Dependencies

#### Option A: Standard Installation

pip install --upgrade pip  
pip install opencv-python  
pip install numpy  
pip install Pillow  
pip install pandas  
pip install PyYAML

#### Option B: Install from requirements.txt

pip install -r requirements.txt

#### Option C: Install face\_recognition (Recommended)

**For Windows:**

# Install CMake first  
pip install cmake  
  
# Install dlib (pre-compiled wheel)  
pip install https://github.com/sachadee/Dlib/raw/main/dlib-19.22.99-cp310-cp310-win\_amd64.whl  
  
# Install face\_recognition  
pip install face-recognition

**For Linux/Mac:**

sudo apt-get update  
sudo apt-get install cmake  
sudo apt-get install python3-dev  
pip install dlib  
pip install face-recognition

### Step 4: Verify Installation

python test\_imports.py

**Expected Output:**

✅ OpenCV 4.12.0  
✅ NumPy 2.2.6  
✅ Pillow 12.0.0  
✅ Pandas 2.1.3  
✅ PyYAML 6.0.1  
✅ Face Recognition 1.3.0  
✅ All 6 packages are installed correctly!

## ⚡ Quick Start

### 1. Add Your First Face

python add\_faces.py

**Steps:** 1. Enter person’s name when prompted 2. Position face in camera (look at blue rectangle) 3. Press **SPACE** to capture 4. Press **3** to exit

### 2. Run Face Recognition

**GUI Mode (Recommended):**

python main.py --gui

**CLI Mode:**

python main.py

### 3. Test Detection

python monitor\_confidence.py

## 📖 Usage

### Command Line Arguments

python main.py [OPTIONS]

| Argument | Description | Example |
| --- | --- | --- |
| --gui | Launch GUI interface | python main.py --gui |
| --video SOURCE | Video source (0=webcam, or path) | python main.py --video 0 |
| No arguments | Launch CLI mode | python main.py |

### Examples

#### 1. Start with GUI

python main.py --gui

#### 2. Start with CLI (Default Webcam)

python main.py

#### 3. Use Video File

python main.py --video "path/to/video.mp4"

#### 4. Use External Webcam

python main.py --video 1

### Keyboard Controls (CLI Mode)

| Key | Action |
| --- | --- |
| q | Quit the application |
| s | Save screenshot to captured\_images/ |
| c | Capture and add new face |

### GUI Controls

#### Main Window

* **▶ Start Camera** - Begin face recognition
* **⏹ Stop Camera** - Stop recognition
* **📸 Capture Face** - Add new face from current frame

#### Menu Options

* **File → Add Face from File** - Import face from image
* **File → Export Recognition History** - Save history to CSV
* **File → Export Database Logs** - Export DB to CSV
* **File → Clear History** - Delete all history records
* **View → Recognition History** - View all recognitions
* **View → Database History** - View DB logs
* **View → Today’s Recognitions** - Filter today’s data
* **View → Known Faces Gallery** - Browse registered faces
* **Settings → Auto-save History** - Toggle auto-save
* **Settings → Set Recognition Cooldown** - Configure cooldown

## 📁 Project Structure

face\_recognition\_project/  
│  
├── 📁 src/ # Source code  
│ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py # Package initialization  
│ ├── face\_recognition\_system.py # Main recognition engine  
│ ├── face\_detector.py # Face detection module  
│ ├── face\_encoder.py # Face encoding module  
│ ├── database\_manager.py # Database operations  
│ └── utils.py # Utility functions  
│  
├── 📁 gui/ # GUI application  
│ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py # GUI package init  
│ ├── app.py # Main GUI application  
│ └── widgets.py # Custom widgets  
│  
├── 📁 known\_faces/ # Known face images  
│ ├── John\_Doe.jpg # Face images (auto-generated)  
│ └── README.md # Folder instructions  
│  
├── 📁 data/ # Data storage  
│ ├── face\_encodings.pkl # Cached face encodings  
│ ├── recognition\_history.csv # Recognition logs  
│ ├── recognition\_log.csv # Exported logs  
│ └── database.db # SQLite database  
│  
├── 📁 captured\_images/ # Screenshots  
│ └── capture\_\*.jpg # Saved captures  
│  
├── 📁 config/ # Configuration  
│ ├── config.yaml # System configuration  
│ └── settings.json # User settings  
│  
├── 📁 logs/ # Application logs  
│ └── app.log # Runtime logs  
│  
├── 📁 docs/ # Documentation  
│ ├── README.md # This file  
│ ├── INSTALLATION.md # Installation guide  
│ ├── USER\_GUIDE.md # User manual  
│ ├── API.md # API documentation  
│ └── TROUBLESHOOTING.md # Common issues  
│  
├── main.py # Application entry point  
├── add\_faces.py # Add faces utility  
├── monitor\_confidence.py # Confidence testing  
├── test\_imports.py # Verify installation  
├── requirements.txt # Python dependencies  
├── .gitignore # Git ignore rules  
└── README.md # This file

## 🛠️ Technologies

### Core Technologies

| Technology | Version | Purpose |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Python | 3.10+ | Primary language |
| OpenCV | 4.12+ | Computer vision & video processing |
| dlib | 19.24+ | Face detection & recognition algorithms |
| face\_recognition | 1.3.0 | High-level face recognition API |

### Supporting Libraries

| Library | Purpose |
| --- | --- |
| NumPy | Numerical operations & array handling |
| Pillow (PIL) | Image processing & format conversion |
| Pandas | Data manipulation & CSV export |
| PyYAML | Configuration file management |
| Tkinter | GUI framework (built-in) |
| SQLite3 | Database (built-in) |

### Algorithms & Models

* **Face Detection**: HOG (Histogram of Oriented Gradients)
* **Face Recognition**: 128-dimensional face embeddings
* **Distance Metric**: Euclidean distance
* **Threshold**: 0.6 (configurable)

## 

## 🎯 Configuration

### config/config.yaml

camera:  
 device: 0 # Camera index (0 = default webcam)  
 width: 640 # Frame width  
 height: 480 # Frame height  
 fps: 30 # Frames per second  
  
face\_recognition:  
 tolerance: 0.6 # Recognition threshold (0.0-1.0)  
 model: 'hog' # Detection model: 'hog' or 'cnn'  
 encoding\_model: 'large' # Encoding model: 'large' or 'small'  
 num\_jitters: 1 # Encoding samples (higher = more accurate, slower)  
 process\_interval: 3 # Process every Nth frame  
  
storage:  
 known\_faces\_dir: 'known\_faces'  
 captured\_images\_dir: 'captured\_images'  
 encodings\_file: 'data/face\_encodings.pkl'  
 database\_file: 'data/database.db'  
 history\_file: 'data/recognition\_history.csv'  
  
ui:  
 window\_name: 'Face Recognition System'  
 show\_fps: true  
 show\_confidence: true  
 theme: 'dark'

### Adjust Settings

**Increase Accuracy:**

face\_recognition:  
 tolerance: 0.5 # Stricter matching  
 num\_jitters: 10 # More encoding samples  
 model: 'cnn' # More accurate (but slower)

**Increase Speed:**

face\_recognition:  
 tolerance: 0.7 # Looser matching  
 num\_jitters: 1 # Faster encoding  
 model: 'hog' # Faster detection  
 process\_interval: 5 # Process every 5th frame

## 🔧 Troubleshooting

### Common Issues

#### 1. ModuleNotFoundError: No module named ‘cv2’

**Solution:**

pip install opencv-python

#### 2. dlib installation fails on Windows

**Solution:**

# Use pre-compiled wheel  
pip install https://github.com/sachadee/Dlib/raw/main/dlib-19.22.99-cp310-cp310-win\_amd64.whl  
pip install face-recognition

#### 3. “Unsupported image type” error

**Solution:** - Delete corrupted images from known\_faces/ - Re-add faces using python add\_faces.py - Ensure images are RGB format

#### 4. Camera not opening

**Solutions:**

# Try different camera index  
python main.py --video 1  
  
# Check camera permissions (Windows)  
Settings → Privacy → Camera → Allow apps to access camera

#### 5. Low FPS / Laggy performance

**Solutions:** - Reduce camera resolution in config.yaml - Increase process\_interval to 5 or 7 - Use HOG instead of CNN model - Close other applications

#### 6. Face not recognized

**Solutions:** - Ensure good lighting - Look directly at camera - Re-add face with better image quality - Adjust tolerance in config (increase to 0.65-0.7)

### For More Issues

See [TROUBLESHOOTING.md](file:///C:\Users\niloy\Desktop\docs\TROUBLESHOOTING.md) for detailed solutions.

## 📊 Performance Benchmarks

### System Requirements

| Component | Minimum | Recommended |
| --- | --- | --- |
| CPU | Dual-core 2.0 GHz | Quad-core 3.0+ GHz |
| RAM | 4 GB | 8 GB |
| Storage | 500 MB | 2 GB |
| Camera | 480p | 720p+ |

### Performance Metrics

| Configuration | FPS | CPU Usage | Accuracy |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HOG + Process every 3rd | 25-30 | 15-25% | 95%+ |
| HOG + Process every 5th | 30-35 | 10-15% | 93%+ |
| CNN + Process every 3rd | 15-20 | 35-50% | 98%+ |

## 🐛 Known Issues & Solutions

### Issues Encountered During Development

#### 1. ❌ **Database Logging Error**

Error binding parameter 0 - probably unsupported type

**Cause:** NumPy float64 incompatible with SQLite

**Solution:**

# Convert numpy types to Python types  
confidence\_value = float(confidence) / 100.0  
self.db\_manager.log\_recognition(name, confidence\_value)

#### 2. ❌ **OpenCV putText Error**

Can't convert object to 'str' for 'text'

**Cause:** Non-string values passed to cv2.putText()

**Solution:**

# Ensure all text is converted to string  
cv2.putText(frame, str(name), ...)  
cv2.putText(frame, f"{float(confidence):.1f}%", ...)

#### 3. ❌ **Image Format Not Supported**

Unsupported image type, must be 8bit gray or RGB image

**Cause:** Incorrect dtype when converting PIL to NumPy

**Solution:**

# Explicitly set dtype to uint8  
image\_array = np.array(pil\_image, dtype=np.uint8)

#### 4. ❌ **Laggy Video Feed**

**Cause:** Processing every frame with face recognition

**Solution:**

# Process every 3rd frame  
if frame\_count % 3 == 0:  
 # Perform face recognition  
   
# Draw results on every frame (smooth display)

#### 5. ❌ **CMake Not Found (Windows)**

**Cause:** dlib requires CMake to build

**Solution:**

# Install via pip  
pip install cmake  
  
# Or use pre-compiled wheel  
pip install https://github.com/sachadee/Dlib/raw/main/dlib-19.22.99-cp310-cp310-win\_amd64.whl

#### 6. ❌ **Multiple History Entries for Same Person**

**Cause:** No cooldown between recognitions

**Solution:**

# Implement recognition cooldown (5 seconds)  
if name in self.last\_recognized:  
 time\_diff = (current\_time - self.last\_recognized[name]).total\_seconds()  
 if time\_diff < self.recognition\_cooldown:  
 return # Skip logging

## 📚 API Documentation

See [API.md](file:///C:\Users\niloy\Desktop\docs\API.md) for detailed API documentation.

### Quick Reference

from src.face\_recognition\_system import FaceRecognitionSystem  
  
# Initialize system  
system = FaceRecognitionSystem()  
  
# Load known faces  
system.load\_known\_faces("known\_faces/")  
  
# Recognize face in image  
frame = cv2.imread("image.jpg")  
processed\_frame, info = system.process\_frame(frame)  
  
# Get results  
for face in info['faces']:  
 print(f"Name: {face['name']}")  
 print(f"Confidence: {face['confidence']:.1f}%")

## 🤝 Contributing

Contributions are welcome! Please follow these steps:

1. **Fork the repository**
2. **Create a feature branch** (git checkout -b feature/AmazingFeature)
3. **Commit changes** (git commit -m 'Add AmazingFeature')
4. **Push to branch** (git push origin feature/AmazingFeature)
5. **Open a Pull Request**

### Coding Standards

* Follow PEP 8 style guide
* Add docstrings to all functions
* Include type hints where applicable
* Write unit tests for new features

## 🧪 Testing

### Run Tests

# Run all tests  
python -m pytest tests/  
  
# Run specific test  
python -m pytest tests/test\_detection.py  
  
# Run with coverage  
python -m pytest --cov=src tests/

### Manual Testing

# Test detection  
python test\_detection.py  
  
# Test confidence scoring  
python monitor\_confidence.py  
  
# Verify installation  
python test\_imports.py

## 📝 Changelog

### Version 1.0.0 (2024-01-15)

* ✅ Initial release
* ✅ Real-time face recognition
* ✅ GUI and CLI interfaces
* ✅ Confidence scoring
* ✅ Recognition history
* ✅ Database integration

See [CHANGELOG.md](file:///C:\Users\niloy\Desktop\CHANGELOG.md) for complete history.

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**Project Link:** <https://github.com/yourusername/face-recognition-system>

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## \*\*2. INSTALLATION.md\*\* (Detailed Installation Guide)  
  
Create `docs/INSTALLATION.md`:  
  
```markdown  
# 📦 Installation Guide - Face Recognition System  
  
Complete installation instructions for all platforms.  
  
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## 📋 System Requirements  
  
### Minimum Requirements  
- \*\*OS:\*\* Windows 10, macOS 10.14+, or Ubuntu 18.04+  
- \*\*Python:\*\* 3.10 or higher  
- \*\*RAM:\*\* 4 GB  
- \*\*Storage:\*\* 500 MB free space  
- \*\*Camera:\*\* Any USB webcam (480p minimum)  
  
### Recommended Requirements  
- \*\*OS:\*\* Windows 11 or Ubuntu 22.04  
- \*\*Python:\*\* 3.11+  
- \*\*RAM:\*\* 8 GB  
- \*\*Storage:\*\* 2 GB free space  
- \*\*Camera:\*\* HD webcam (720p or higher)  
- \*\*GPU:\*\* Optional (for CNN model)  
  
---  
  
## 🪟 Windows Installation  
  
### Step 1: Install Python  
  
1. Download Python from [python.org](https://www.python.org/downloads/)  
2. Run installer  
3. ✅ \*\*Check "Add Python to PATH"\*\*  
4. Click "Install Now"  
5. Verify installation:  
```cmd  
python --version

### Step 2: Install Visual Studio Build Tools (For dlib)

**Option A: Quick Install**

# Skip building, use pre-compiled wheel (Recommended)  
pip install https://github.com/sachadee/Dlib/raw/main/dlib-19.22.99-cp310-cp310-win\_amd64.whl

**Option B: Full Build Tools** 1. Download [Visual Studio Build Tools](https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/downloads/#build-tools-for-visual-studio-2022) 2. Install with “Desktop development with C++” 3. Restart computer 4. Install dlib:

pip install cmake  
pip install dlib

### Step 3: Install Dependencies

# Clone repository  
git clone https://github.com/yourusername/face-recognition-system.git  
cd face-recognition-system  
  
# Create virtual environment  
python -m venv venv  
venv\Scripts\activate  
  
# Install requirements  
pip install opencv-python  
pip install numpy  
pip install Pillow  
pip install pandas  
pip install PyYAML  
  
# Install face\_recognition (if using pre-compiled dlib)  
pip install face-recognition

### Step 4: Verify Installation

python test\_imports.py

**Expected output:**

✅ OpenCV 4.12.0  
✅ NumPy 2.2.6  
✅ Pillow 12.0.0  
✅ Pandas 2.1.3  
✅ PyYAML 6.0.1  
✅ Face Recognition 1.3.0  
✅ All 6 packages are installed correctly!

## 🐧 Linux (Ubuntu/Debian) Installation

### Step 1: Update System

sudo apt-get update  
sudo apt-get upgrade

### Step 2: Install Python and Dependencies

# Install Python  
sudo apt-get install python3.10 python3-pip python3-venv  
  
# Install build tools  
sudo apt-get install build-essential cmake  
sudo apt-get install python3-dev  
sudo apt-get install libopencv-dev

### Step 3: Clone and Setup

# Clone repository  
git clone https://github.com/yourusername/face-recognition-system.git  
cd face-recognition-system  
  
# Create virtual environment  
python3 -m venv venv  
source venv/bin/activate  
  
# Install dependencies  
pip install --upgrade pip  
pip install opencv-python  
pip install numpy  
pip install Pillow  
pip install pandas  
pip install PyYAML  
pip install dlib  
pip install face-recognition

### Step 4: Verify Installation

python test\_imports.py

## 🍎 macOS Installation

### Step 1: Install Homebrew

/bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/HEAD/install.sh)"

### Step 2: Install Python and CMake

brew install python@3.10  
brew install cmake

### Step 3: Clone and Setup

# Clone repository  
git clone https://github.com/yourusername/face-recognition-system.git  
cd face-recognition-system  
  
# Create virtual environment  
python3 -m venv venv  
source venv/bin/activate  
  
# Install dependencies  
pip install --upgrade pip  
pip install opencv-python  
pip install numpy  
pip install Pillow  
pip install pandas  
pip install PyYAML  
pip install dlib  
pip install face-recognition

## 🐳 Docker Installation

### Dockerfile

Create Dockerfile:

FROM python:3.10-slim  
  
# Install system dependencies  
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \  
 build-essential \  
 cmake \  
 libopencv-dev \  
 python3-dev \  
 && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/\*  
  
# Set working directory  
WORKDIR /app  
  
# Copy requirements  
COPY requirements.txt .  
  
# Install Python dependencies  
RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt  
  
# Copy application  
COPY . .  
  
# Run application  
CMD ["python", "main.py", "--gui"]

### Build and Run

# Build image  
docker build -t face-recognition-system .  
  
# Run container  
docker run -it --rm \  
 --device=/dev/video0 \  
 -e DISPLAY=$DISPLAY \  
 -v /tmp/.X11-unix:/tmp/.X11-unix \  
 face-recognition-system

## 🔧 Troubleshooting Installation

### Issue: pip not found

# Windows  
python -m ensurepip --upgrade  
  
# Linux/Mac  
sudo apt-get install python3-pip

### Issue: Permission denied (Linux/Mac)

# Use --user flag  
pip install --user opencv-python  
  
# Or use virtual environment (recommended)  
python3 -m venv venv  
source venv/bin/activate

### Issue: SSL Certificate Error

pip install --trusted-host pypi.org --trusted-host files.pythonhosted.org opencv-python

### Issue: Camera not detected

# Linux: Check camera permissions  
ls -l /dev/video0  
sudo usermod -a -G video $USER  
  
# Restart after adding to group

## ✅ Post-Installation Steps

### 1. Configure Camera

# Test camera  
python -c "import cv2; cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0); print('Camera OK' if cap.isOpened() else 'Camera Error')"

### 2. Add Known Faces

python add\_faces.py

### 3. Run Application

# CLI mode  
python main.py  
  
# GUI mode  
python main.py --gui

## 📚 Next Steps

* Read [USER\_GUIDE.md](file:///C:\Users\niloy\Desktop\USER_GUIDE.md) for usage instructions
* See [TROUBLESHOOTING.md](file:///C:\Users\niloy\Desktop\TROUBLESHOOTING.md) for common issues
* Check [API.md](file:///C:\Users\niloy\Desktop\API.md) for development

## 🆘 Getting Help

If you encounter issues: 1. Check [TROUBLESHOOTING.md](file:///C:\Users\niloy\Desktop\TROUBLESHOOTING.md) 2. Search [existing issues](https://github.com/yourusername/face-recognition-system/issues) 3. Create a [new issue](https://github.com/yourusername/face-recognition-system/issues/new)

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## \*\*3. USER\_GUIDE.md\*\* (User Manual)  
  
Create `docs/USER\_GUIDE.md`:  
  
```markdown  
# 📖 User Guide - Face Recognition System  
  
Complete guide for using the Face Recognition System.  
  
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---  
  
## 🚀 Getting Started  
  
### First Launch  
  
After installation, follow these steps:  
  
1. \*\*Add at least one known face\*\*  
2. \*\*Start face recognition\*\*  
3. \*\*View results\*\*  
  
---  
  
## 👤 Adding Faces  
  
### Method 1: Using add\_faces.py (Recommended)  
  
```bash  
python add\_faces.py

**Steps:** 1. Enter person’s name (e.g., “John Doe”) 2. Position face in camera - Look directly at camera - Ensure good lighting - Center face in blue rectangle 3. Press **SPACE** to capture 4. Face is automatically saved

**Tips:** - ✅ Good lighting (face well-lit, no shadows) - ✅ Look directly at camera - ✅ Neutral expression - ✅ Remove glasses (or add with/without separately) - ❌ Avoid blurry images - ❌ Avoid extreme angles

### Method 2: Manual Image Addition

1. Take a clear photo of the person
2. Save as known\_faces/PersonName.jpg
3. Restart application to load

**Image Requirements:** - Format: JPG, PNG, BMP, GIF - Size: Any (will be auto-resized) - Face: Clearly visible, front-facing - Quality: Not blurry or pixelated

### Method 3: During Recognition (GUI)

1. Start camera
2. Click “📸 Capture Face”
3. Enter name
4. Face is added immediately

## 🎥 Running Recognition

### GUI Mode (Recommended for Beginners)

python main.py --gui

**Interface Overview:**

┌─────────────────────────────────────────┐  
│ 🎥 Face Recognition System │  
├──────────────────┬──────────────────────┤  
│ │ 📊 Detection Info │  
│ Video Feed │ - Faces: 1 │  
│ (Live Camera) │ - Name: John Doe │  
│ │ - Confidence: 95.2% │  
│ │ │  
│ ▶ ⏹ 📸 │ 👥 Known Faces │  
│ Start Stop Cap │ 1. John Doe │  
│ │ 2. Jane Smith │  
│ │ ➕ 🗑️ 🔄 │  
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**Controls:** - **▶ Start Camera** - Begin recognition - **⏹ Stop Camera** - Pause recognition - **📸 Capture Face** - Add new face - **➕ Add** - Add face from file - **🗑️ Remove** - Delete selected face - **🔄 Refresh** - Update face list

### CLI Mode (For Advanced Users)

python main.py

**Controls:** - **Q** - Quit - **S** - Save screenshot - **C** - Capture and add face

**Display Information:** - Green box = Recognized person - Red box = Unknown person - Confidence percentage shown below name

## 🖥️ GUI Features

### Main Window

#### Video Feed Panel

* Shows live camera feed
* Real-time face detection boxes
* Color-coded confidence:
  + 🟢 Green (70-100%) - High confidence
  + 🟡 Orange (50-70%) - Medium confidence
  + 🔴 Red (0-50%) - Low confidence / Unknown

#### Detection Info Panel

Shows: - Number of faces detected - Names of recognized faces - Confidence scores - Average confidence

#### Known Faces Panel

* List of all registered faces
* Add/Remove/Refresh buttons
* Click to select face

### Menu Options

#### File Menu

File  
├── Add Face from File  
├── ───────────────────  
├── Export Recognition History  
├── Export Database Logs  
├── ───────────────────  
├── Clear History  
├── ───────────────────  
└── Exit

#### View Menu

View  
├── Recognition History  
├── Database History  
├── Known Faces Gallery  
├── ───────────────────  
└── Today's Recognitions

#### Settings Menu

Settings  
├── ☑ Auto-save History  
└── Set Recognition Cooldown

## 💻 CLI Features

### Command Line Arguments

# Default (webcam 0, CLI mode)  
python main.py  
  
# GUI mode  
python main.py --gui  
  
# Use different camera  
python main.py --video 1  
  
# Use video file  
python main.py --video "C:\videos\test.mp4"

### Real-time Statistics

When running, you’ll see:

Faces: 2 ← Number of detected faces  
Known: 5 ← Total known faces registered  
Avg Confidence: 92.3% ← Average confidence score

## 📁 Managing Faces

### View Known Faces

**GUI:** - View → Known Faces Gallery

**CLI:**

python -c "from src.face\_recognition\_system import FaceRecognitionSystem; s = FaceRecognitionSystem(); s.load\_known\_faces(); print(s.get\_known\_faces())"

### Remove a Face

**GUI:** 1. Select face in list 2. Click “🗑️ Remove” 3. Confirm deletion

**Manual:** 1. Delete image from known\_faces/ 2. Delete face\_encodings.pkl 3. Restart application

### Update a Face

1. Remove old face
2. Add new face with same name

## 📊 Recognition History

### View History

**GUI Method:** - View → Recognition History

**Displays:** - Timestamp of recognition - Person’s name - Confidence score - Date and time

### Export History

**CSV Export:** 1. File → Export Recognition History 2. Choose save location 3. Opens in Excel/Spreadsheet

**File Format:**

timestamp,name,confidence,date,time  
2024-01-15 14:30:45,John Doe,95.2%,2024-01-15,14:30:45  
2024-01-15 14:31:10,Jane Smith,87.5%,2024-01-15,14:31:10

### Today’s Activity

View → Today’s Recognitions

Shows all recognitions from current day.

### Database Logs

View → Database History

Shows SQLite database records with: - Recognition events - Person information - Historical data

## 💡 Tips & Best Practices

### For Best Recognition Accuracy

#### Lighting

* ✅ Face well-lit from front
* ✅ Natural or bright white light
* ❌ Backlit (window behind)
* ❌ Colored lighting
* ❌ Dark shadows on face

#### Camera Position

* ✅ 1-3 feet from camera
* ✅ Look directly at camera
* ✅ Face centered in frame
* ❌ Too close (face cuts off)
* ❌ Too far (face too small)
* ❌ Extreme angles

#### Face Appearance

* ✅ Neutral or slight smile
* ✅ Clear, visible features
* ✅ No obstructions
* ❌ Sunglasses (unless adding specifically)
* ❌ Face masks
* ❌ Hand covering face

### Performance Optimization

#### If Experiencing Lag:

1. **Reduce Processing Frequency**
   * Edit config/config.yaml
   * Change process\_interval: 3 to 5 or 7
2. **Use HOG Model**

* face\_recognition:  
   model: 'hog' # Faster than 'cnn'

1. **Lower Camera Resolution**

* camera:  
   width: 640  
   height: 480

1. **Close Other Applications**

#### For Better Accuracy:

1. **Use CNN Model**

* face\_recognition:  
   model: 'cnn' # More accurate

1. **Increase Jitters**

* face\_recognition:  
   num\_jitters: 10 # More encoding samples

1. **Stricter Tolerance**

* face\_recognition:  
   tolerance: 0.5 # Stricter matching

### Adding Multiple People

**Best Practice:** 1. Add one person at a time 2. Ensure only one face visible during capture 3. Good lighting for each person 4. Test recognition after each addition

**For Families/Groups:** - Add each person separately - Use different angles/expressions for same person - Test in various lighting conditions

## 🎯 Common Workflows

### Workflow 1: Office Attendance System

1. Add all employees at start of day
2. Start recognition at entrance
3. Export daily report at end of day
4. Review recognition history

### Workflow 2: Home Security

1. Add family members
2. Run 24/7 in CLI mode
3. Monitor for unknown faces
4. Review alerts in history

### Workflow 3: Event Check-in

1. Pre-add registered attendees
2. Use GUI for easy monitoring
3. Add walk-ins on the spot
4. Export attendance list after event

## ⌨️ Keyboard Shortcuts

### CLI Mode

| Key | Action |
| --- | --- |
| Q | Quit application |
| S | Save screenshot |
| C | Capture new face |

### GUI Mode

| Shortcut | Action |
| --- | --- |
| Ctrl+O | Add face from file |
| Ctrl+E | Export history |
| Ctrl+Q | Quit application |
| F5 | Refresh known faces |

## 📞 Support

### Getting Help

1. Check [TROUBLESHOOTING.md](file:///C:\Users\niloy\Desktop\TROUBLESHOOTING.md)
2. Review this user guide
3. Check [FAQ](#faq) below
4. Contact support

### FAQ

**Q: How many faces can I add?** A: No limit, but performance may decrease with 100+ faces.

**Q: Can I use photos instead of live camera?** A: Yes, use --video "path/to/image.jpg"

**Q: How to backup my data?** A: Copy known\_faces/ folder and data/ folder.

**Q: Can I run on Raspberry Pi?** A: Yes, but use HOG model for better performance.

**Q: Does it work with masks?** A: No, faces must be unobstructed for recognition.

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