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**Aim :** To Perform face detection on video

**Objective:** Performing face recognition  
Generating the data for face recognition  
Recognizing faces  
Preparing the training data  
Loading the data and recognizing faces.

**Theory:**

**Performing face recognition :**

Detecting faces is a fantastic feature of OpenCV and one that constitutes the basis for a more advanced operation: face recognition. What is face recognition? It's the ability of a program, given an image or a video feed, to identify a person. One of the ways to achieve this (and the approach adopted by OpenCV) is to "train" the program by feeding it a set of classified pictures (a facial database), and operate the recognition against those pictures. This is the process that OpenCV and its face recognition module follow to recognize faces. Another important feature of the face recognition module is that each recognition has a confidence score, which allows us to set thresholds in real-life applications to limit the amount of false reads.

Let's start from the very beginning; to operate face recognition, we need faces to recognize. You can do this in two ways: supply the images yourself or obtain freely available face databases. There are a number of face databases on the Internet:

- The Yale face database (Yalefaces):  
<http://vision.ucsd.edu/content/yaleface-database>

To operate face recognition on these samples, you would then have to run face recognition on an image that contains the face of one of the sampled people. That



may be an educational process, but I found it to be not as satisfying as providing images of my own. In fact, I probably had the same thought that many people had: I wonder if I could write a program that recognizes my face with a certain degree of confidence.

### **Generating the data for face recognition:**

So let's go ahead and write a script that will generate those images for us. A few images containing different expressions are all that we need, but we have to make sure the sample images adhere to certain criteria:

- Images will be grayscale in the .pgm format
- Square shape
- All the same size images (I used 200 x 200; most freely available sets are smaller than that)

### **Recognizing faces :**

OpenCV 3 comes with three main methods for recognizing faces, based on three different algorithms: Eigenfaces, Fisherfaces, and Local Binary Pattern Histograms (LBPH). It is beyond the scope of this book to get into the nitty-gritty of the theoretical differences between these methods, but we can give a high-level overview of the concepts.

### **Preparing the training data:**

Now that we have our data, we need to load these sample pictures into our face recognition algorithms. All face recognition algorithms take two parameters in their train() method: an array of images and an array of labels. What do these labels represent? They are the IDs of a certain individual/face so that when face recognition is performed, we not only know the person was recognized but also



who-among the many people available in our database-the person is. To do that, we need to create a comma-separated value (CSV) file, which will contain the path to a sample picture followed by the ID of that person.

### **Loading the data and recognizing faces :**

Here we need to load a few resources, basically the array of images and CSV file into the face recognition algorithm, so that it can be trained to recognize the faces that are captured . To do so a function is built that reads the CSV file and for each line where the file-loads the image at the corresponding path into the images array and the ID into the labels array.

### **Code:**

```
import cv2
import datetime
from google.colab.patches import cv2_imshow
face_cascade = cv2.CascadeClassifier(cv2.data.harcascades +
'haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml')
cap = cv2.VideoCapture('/content/WhatsApp Video 2023-09-13 at 7.29.40
PM.mp4')
while True:
    ret, frame = cap.read()
    if not ret:
        break
    gray = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
    faces = face_cascade.detectMultiScale(gray, scaleFactor=1.3,
minNeighbors=5, minSize=(30, 30))
    timestamp = datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S")
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cv2.putText(frame, timestamp, (10, 30), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.7,  
(0, 0, 255), 2)  
for (x, y, w, h) in faces:  
    cv2.rectangle(frame, (x, y), (x + w, y + h), (0, 255, 0), 2)  
cv2.imshow('frame')  
if cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF == ord('q'):  
    break  
cap.release()  
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
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### Input Image:





Output:







### **Conclusion:**

In this experiment, we aimed to perform face detection on a video using Python and the OpenCV library. The primary objective was to detect faces within the video frames using a pre-trained face detection model. OpenCV, a powerful computer vision library, was chosen for its extensive capabilities. The experiment involved several key steps: loading a pre-trained face detection model (specifically, a Haar Cascade classifier), opening a video capture object to read frames from a specified video file, converting each frame to grayscale to facilitate face detection, identifying faces within each frame and outlining them with rectangles, displaying the processed frames in a window, and finally, allowing the user to exit the application by pressing 'q'. This code successfully demonstrated real-time face detection in a video and can be adapted and customized for various facial analysis and computer vision projects, making it a valuable starting point for such endeavors.