# Objective

In this tutorial, we will use the Python programming language to write facial recognition and QR scanning functions using the OpenCV library. Through this experience, you should master the following skills:

1. Implement facial recognition and center the face function;
2. Implement QR Scan function;
3. Integrate the implemented functions into the program code;

# Components

(1) Windows PC；

(2) A 16GB SD Card；

(3) HDMI Screen, USB keyboard, USB mouse and HDMI Cable;

(4) PIPPY;



# Basic Knowledge of the Experiment

OpenCV (Open-Source Computer Vision Library) is an open-source computer vision and machine learning software library. It includes more than 2500 optimized algorithms, covering various aspects of computer vision and machine learning. These algorithms can be used to detect and recognize faces, identify objects, classify images, perform image analysis, and pattern recognition, and more.

One significant feature of OpenCV is its efficiency and real-time capabilities, which come from its optimized C/C++ implementation. Additionally, OpenCV provides interfaces for multiple languages including Python, Java, and MATLAB, and it can run on various operating systems such as Windows, Linux, Android, and Mac OS.

From a broad application perspective, OpenCV is used in many real-time applications, such as facial recognition, autonomous vehicles, medical image analysis, motion tracking, and more.

# Experimental Steps

Notice:

* First, you must clone the PIPPY project from Git Hub. 👉

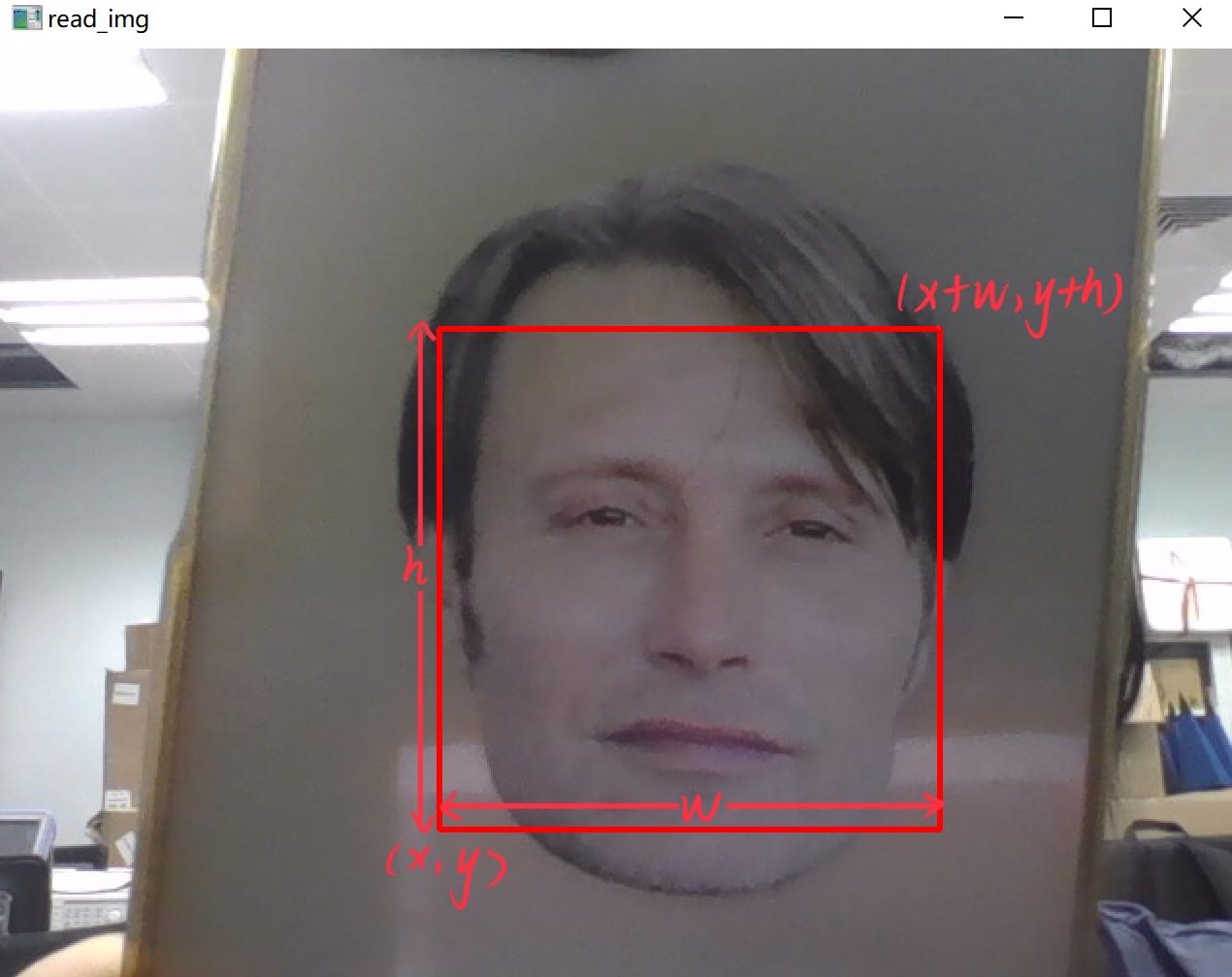
<https://www.waveshare.com/wiki/PIPPY>

## Face Detection

1. Install the “numpy” library. You can find the resources and tutorials on the Internet.
2. Create a new Python file. Write the code. Here, (x,y) is the coordinate of the start point, which is the lower left corner of the rectangle, and (x+w, y+h) is the coordinate of the end point, w refers to the width and h refers to the height.

import os  
import cv2  
  
import numpy as np  
  
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)  
  
while True:  
 ret, frame = cap.read()  
 if ret:  
 print('Working')  
 gray = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR\_BGR2GRAY)  
 face\_detect = cv2.CascadeClassifier(cv2.data.haarcascades + 'haarcascade\_frontalface\_default.xml')  
 face = face\_detect.detectMultiScale(gray)  
 for (x,y,w,h) in face:  
 cv2.rectangle(frame,(x,y),(x+w,y+h),color=(0,0,255),thickness=2)  
 cv2.imshow('read\_img',frame)  
 if cv2.waitKey(1) == ord('q'):  
 break

1. After running the program, you should see the camera turns on and a screen named read\_img like the one shown below:



Notice:

* To end this process, first click the left mouse to choose the read\_img window, then press “q”.

## Face Centering

The code of this part is used to let the PIPPY detect whether a human’s face is in the center. If not, PIPPY’s camera will move. The Python file is named “Face.py”.

import robot  
import datetime  
import time  
import PIPPY  
  
robotCtrl = PIPPY.PIPPY()  
robotCtrl.start()  
  
screenWidth = 640  
screenHigh = 480  
  
facecenterX = 1  
facecenterY = 1  
centerX = 320  
centerY = 240

findfaceError = min(screenWidth, screenHigh) / 5

def track(posX, posY, posW, posH):  
 print(posX, posY, posW, posH)  
 facecenterX = posX + float(posW/2)  
 facecenterY = posY + float(posH/2)  
 centerX = float(screenWidth/2)  
 centerY = float(screenHigh/2)  
 if centerX - findfaceError > facecenterX:  
 robotCtrl.moveStart(80, 'no', 'right')  
 print('right')  
 time.sleep(1)  
 robotCtrl.moveStop()  
 return 1  
 if centerX + findfaceError < facecenterX:  
 robotCtrl.moveStart(80, 'no', 'left')  
 print('left')  
 time.sleep(1)  
 robotCtrl.moveStop()  
 return 1 # This section of code adjusts the camera left or right to center the face.  
 if centerY - findfaceError > facecenterY:  
 robotCtrl.moveStart(80, 'no', 'forward')  
 print('forward')  
 time.sleep(1)  
 robotCtrl.moveStop()  
 return 1  
 if centerY + findfaceError < facecenterY:  
 robotCtrl.moveStart(80, 'no', 'backward')  
 print('backward')  
 time.sleep(1)  
 robotCtrl.moveStop()  
 return 1 # This section of code adjusts the camera up or down to center the face.  
 if centerX - findfaceError < facecenterX and centerX + findfaceError > facecenterX:  
 if centerY - findfaceError < facecenterY and centerY + findfaceError > facecenterY:  
 print('stay')  
 return 0 #This section of code determines whether the face is centered, if it is, movement ceases.

Notice:

* Remember that you are trying to **move the camera** instead of the faces:
  + If your face is in the left corner, PIPPY should move left, and vice versa.
  + If your face is at the top of the screen, PIPPY should move backward, and vice versa.

## QR scan

1. Install the “pyzbar” library. You can find the resources and tutorials on the Internet.
2. Write the code. The Python file is named “QR.py”

import cv2

import numpy as np

from pyzbar.pyzbar import decode

def decoder(image):  
 gray\_img = cv2.cvtColor(image,0)  
 barcode = decode(gray\_img)  
  
 for obj in barcode:  
 points = obj.polygon  
 (x,y,w,h) = obj.rect  
 pts = np.array(points, np.int32)  
 pts = pts.reshape((-1, 1, 2))  
 cv2.polylines(image, [pts], True, (0, 255, 0), 3)  
  
 barcodeData = obj.data.decode("utf-8")  
 if barcodeData:  
 return( barcodeData )

To further process the scanned QR, just use a variable and assign it with the return value of the decoder function, an example is shown below in 3).

If your camera could not open even video0 exist, you can go and check [6.1 Open camera](#_6.1_Open_camera).

1. The following part is for you to verify the QR\_SCAN function. Write the following code below the previous code.

if \_\_name\_\_ == "\_\_main\_\_":  
 cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)  
 while True:  
 ret, frame = cap.read()  
 if ret:  
 cv2.imshow("Main", frame)  
 data = decoder(frame)  
 if data:  
 print(data)  
 if cv2.waitKey(1) == ord('q'):  
 break

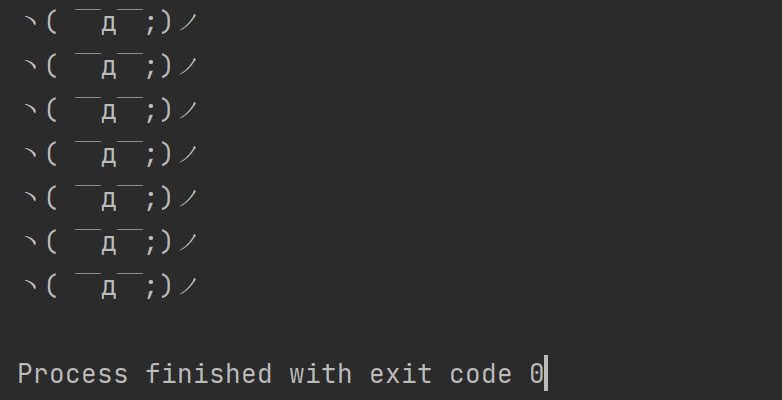
The whole code structure should be like the figure below:



1. Open the link: <https://cli.im/> to generate a QR code. (For example, here I input “ヽ( ￣д￣;)ノ” and generate the corresponding QR code.)



1. Run the program again, this time, show the generated QR code to the camera, you should see the content you input on the terminal screen.

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Still, press “q” to end the process.

# Potential Direction

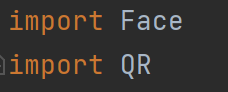
When you need to run your own code simultaneously with the original PIPPY codes, you are limited since you cannot run two cv2.VideoCapture(0) at the same time for only one camera. You can only use the processed image from its original cv2.VideoCapture(0) function. The following tutorial shows how to integrate your codes into PIPPY.

However, if you meet the problem that shows you don’t have enough permission to edit the original PIPPY codes (like the one in below picture), you can follow the steps shown in the [6.2 Edit the PIPPY file](#_6.2_Edit_the).

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1. Import the Python file into camera\_opencv.py.



1. Add your own function in the CVThread class inside the camera\_opencv.py.

def trackFace(self,frame\_image):   
 gray = cv2.cvtColor(frame\_image, cv2.COLOR\_BGR2GRAY)  
 face\_detect = cv2.CascadeClassifier(cv2.data.haarcascades + 'haarcascade\_frontalface\_default.xml')  
 face = face\_detect.detectMultiScale(gray)  
 for (x,y,w,h) in face:  
 cv2.rectangle(gray,(x,y),(x+w,y+h),color=(0,0,255),thickness=2)

print('findFace')  
 Face.track(x,y,w,h)  
 self.pause()



1. Add your code to the run function.

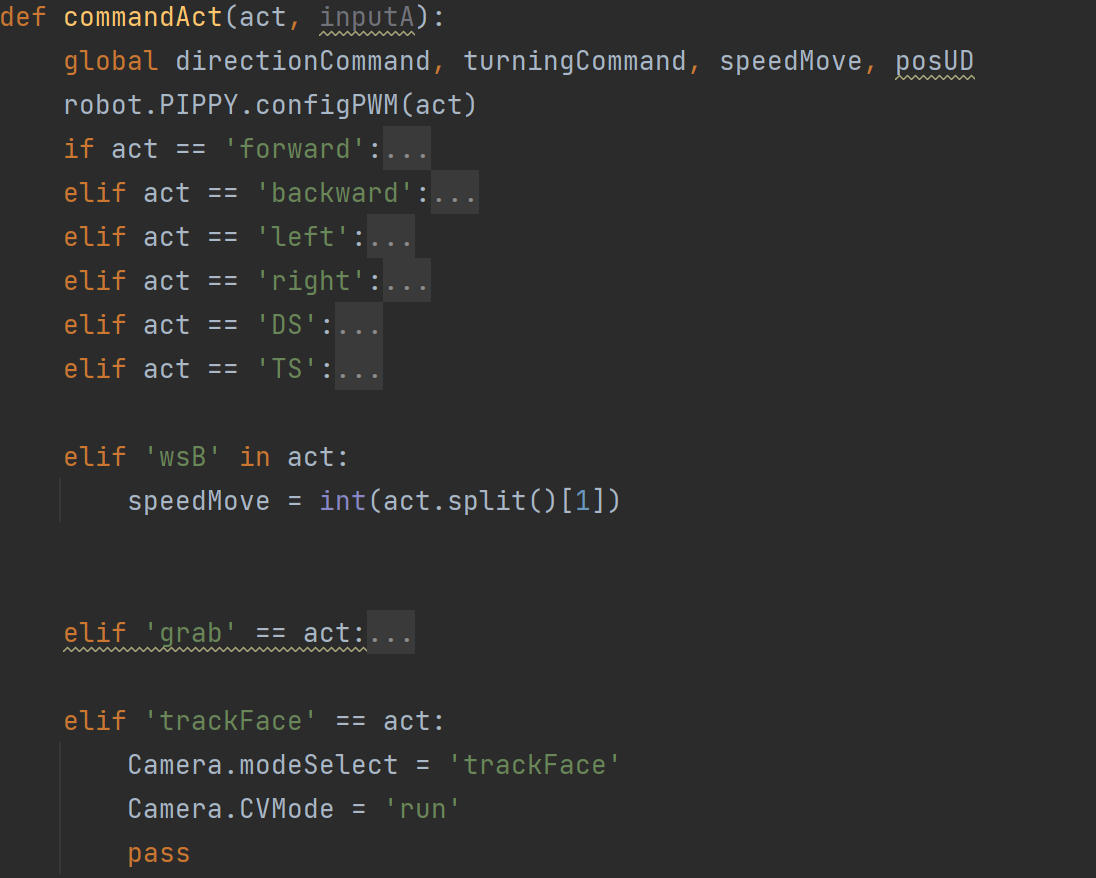
elif self.CVMode == 'trackFace':  
 self.CVThreading = 1  
 self.trackFace(self.imgCV)  
 self.CVThreading = 0



1. Edit the commandAct function

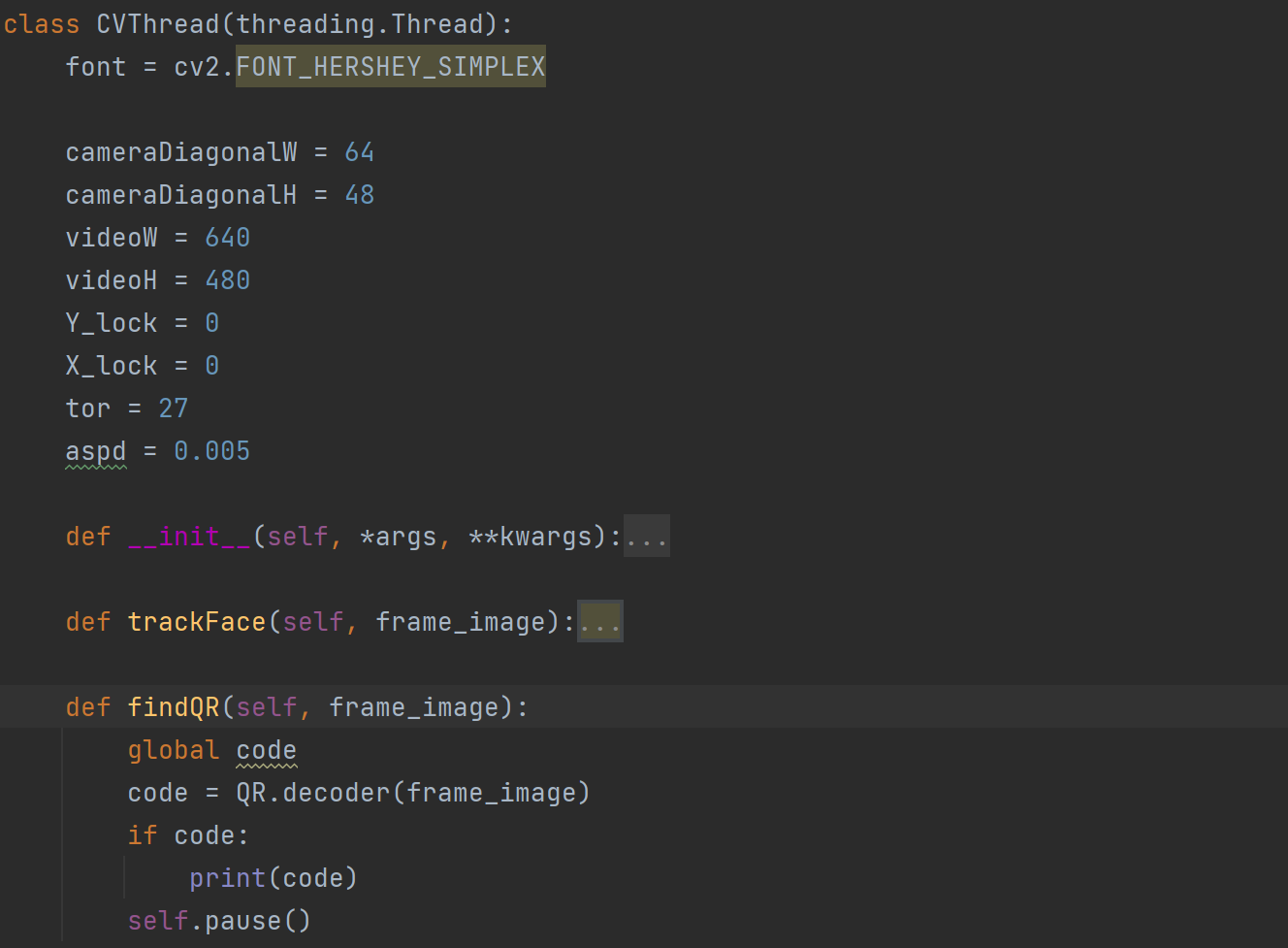
elif 'trackFace'== act:  
 Camera.modeSelect = 'trackFace'  
 Camera.CVMode = 'run'

pass



In terms of QR Scan：

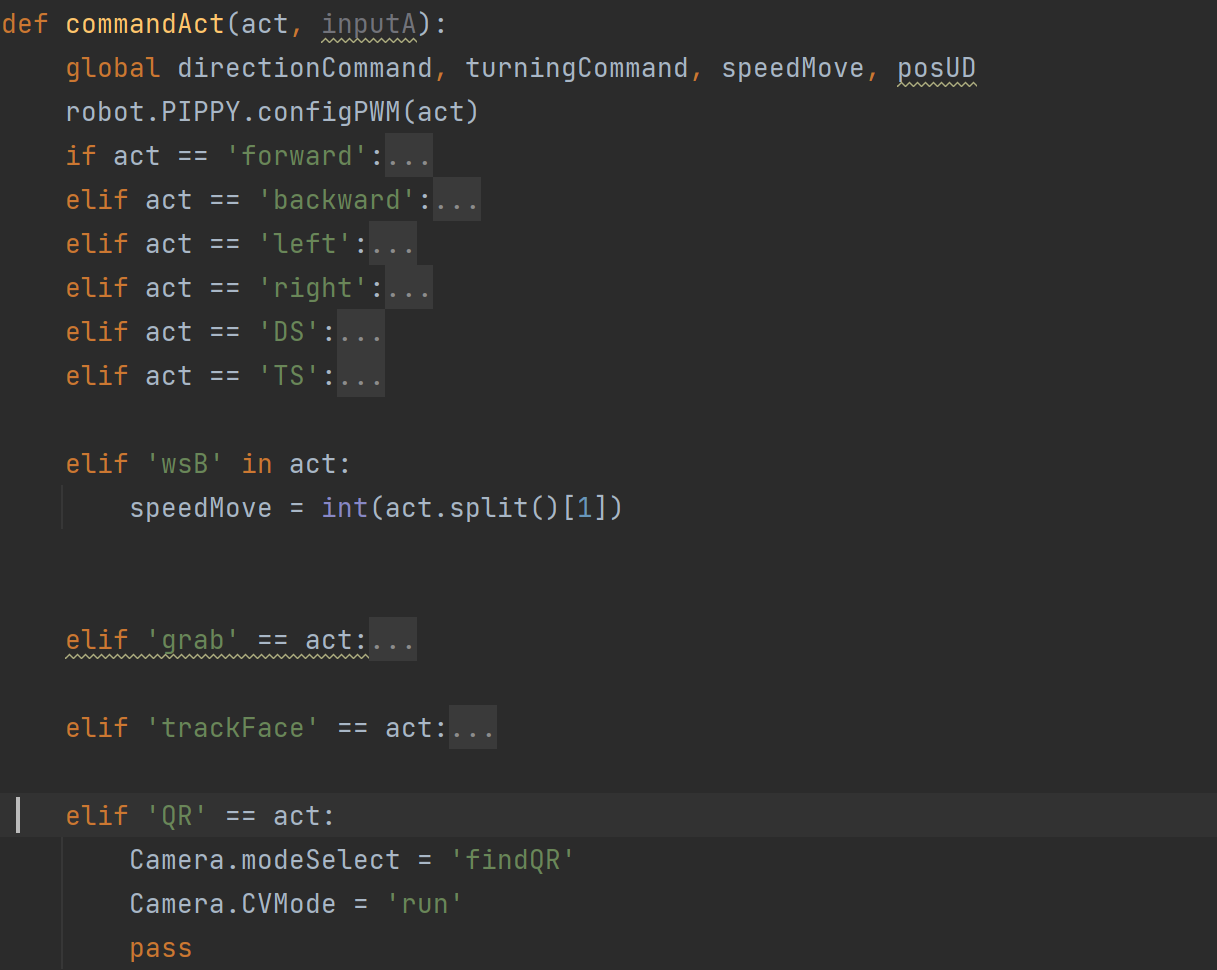
def findQR(self,frame\_image):  
 global code  
 code = QR.decoder(frame\_image)  
 if code:  
 print(code)  
 self.pause()



elif self.CVMode == 'findQR':  
 self.CVThreading = 1  
 self.findQR(self.imgCV)  
 self.CVThreading = 0



elif 'QR'== act:  
 Camera.modeSelect = 'findQR'  
 Camera.CVMode = 'run'  
 pass



In summary, when you want to add and run your own code in the machine, the following steps are basic processes you need to do:

1. Import the file you are going to use (e.g., a function to realize dancing) into camera\_opencv.py.
2. Complete the functions you want to achieve in the CVThread class inside.

def your\_function\_name(self,frame\_image): '''

#############

Your code here

#############  
 self.pause()

Notice

* Remember to add self.pause() at the end when you define a function.
* If you want to use the image captured by the camera, use the frame\_image , and your function imported in 1) should have an argument reserved for frame\_image.
* If you want to use the parameters inside your function, make it a global variable.

1. Add your function declaration in the run function.

elif self.CVMode == ' your\_function\_name ':  
 self.CVThreading = 1  
 self. your\_function\_name (self.imgCV)  
 self.CVThreading = 0

1. Edit your content in the commandAct function.

elif ' Trigger word '== act:  
 Camera.modeSelect = ' your\_function\_name '  
 Camera.CVMode = 'run'

pass

Notice:

* If you want to call the function you added, use the Android pad or other communication approaches to send ‘Trigger word’ (Input anything you want) to the PIPPY’s WebSocket, referring to 5.2 from *Tutorial 1*.

# Potential Solutions to problems

## 6.1 Open camera

Run below command and then run QR.py again, you should see the picture now.

sudo pkill python

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## 6.2 Edit the PIPPY file

1) Method 1: Run below command. Remember to substitute /var/www/html to your corresponding PIPPY file catalogue.

sudo chmod -R 777 /var/www/html

2) Method 2: If method 1 doesn’t work, you can do below steps.

a) Create a file.

sudo vi test.py

b) Enter “:wq” to save and exit. Now you should see the file under your PIPPY catalogue. 图形用户界面, 应用程序

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c) Run below command.

sudo chmod 777 test.py

# Reference

1. Open CV, get started with videos, <https://docs.opencv.org/3.4/dd/d43/tutorial_py_video_display.html>
2. PIPPY Waveshare, <https://www.waveshare.com/wiki/PIPPY>

# End of Tutorial