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Step-by-Step Guideline for Running MTCNN on FaceScrub Dataset

1. Introduction

MTCNN (Multi-task Cascaded Convolutional Networks) is a popular deep learning-based face detection algorithm. This guide explains how to use MTCNN for detecting faces from the FaceScrub dataset and saving the detected face images using Python.

2. Prerequisites

Before running the code, ensure you have the required libraries installed. Use the following command to install missing dependencies:

```
pip install mtcnn tensorflow opencv-python imutils tqdm
```

Ensure your system has a properly configured TensorFlow environment with GPU support if available.

3. Understanding the Code

The provided Python script performs the following tasks:

- Configures GPU settings for TensorFlow.
- Loads the MTCNN model.
- Iterates through images in the dataset directory.
- Detects faces in images.
- Extracts and saves the detected faces into a new directory.

4. Step-by-Step Execution

Step 1: Import Necessary Libraries

The following libraries are required for the implementation:

```
from mtcnn import MTCNN
import tensorflow as tf
from imutils import paths
from tqdm import tqdm
import cv
import os
```

Step 2: Configure GPU (if available)

To use GPU for processing, configure TensorFlow to allow dynamic GPU memory allocation:

```
os.environ["CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES"] = "0"
config = tf.compat.v1.ConfigProto()
config.gpu_options.allow_growth = True
session = tf.compat.v1.Session(config=config)
```

Step 3: Initialize MTCNN Detector

Create an instance of the MTCNN face detector:

```
detector = MTCNN()
```

Step 4: Load Image Paths

Set the directory path where images are stored and retrieve the list of image paths:

```
dirpath = "new/training"
imagePaths = sorted(list(paths.list images(dirpath)))
```

Step 5: Process Each Image

Iterate through each image in the dataset, detect faces, and save the cropped face images:

```
for imagePath in tqdm(imagePaths):
    path_split = imagePath.split(os.sep)
    name_actor = path_split[-2]
    fn = path_split[-1]
    fn = fn.split('.')
    filename = fn[0]
    fileformat = fn[1]

dirdest = "new_mtcnn/training/" + name_actor + "/"
if not os.path.exists(dirdest):
    os.makedirs(dirdest)
    image = cv2.cvtColor(cv2.imread(imagePath), cv2.CoLOR_BGR2RGB)
    result = detector.detect_faces(image)

for i in range(len(result)):
```

```
bounding_box = result[i]['box']
keypoints = result[i]['keypoints']

bounding_box[0] = 0 if bounding_box[0] < 0 else bounding_box[0]
bounding_box[1] = 0 if bounding_box[1] < 0 else bounding_box[1]

path_save = dirdest + filename + "." + fileformat
img = image[bounding_box[1]:bounding_box[1] + bounding_box[3], \
    bounding_box[0]:bounding_box[0] + bounding_box[2]]

cv2.imwrite(path_save, cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_RGB2BGR))</pre>
```

Step 6: Verify the Output

Once the script completes execution, verify that the cropped face images are saved in the directory:

```
new mtcnn/training/{actor name}/
```

where {actor_name} represents the subdirectory corresponding to each person in the dataset.

5. Notes and Considerations

- Ensure that the dataset directory (new/training) contains correctly structured images.
- Adjust the bounding box settings if necessary to fine-tune face cropping.
- Use visualization tools like OpenCV (cv2.imshow()) to inspect detected faces before saving.
- If running on CPU, remove GPU configurations to avoid errors.

6. Conclusion

This guide provides a structured approach to using MTCNN for face detection on the FaceScrub dataset. By following these steps, users can effectively detect, extract, and store face images for further processing.