

Data Annotation Guide

The goal of this process is to get bounding boxes of a single fish in the images. The result for each tracked fish should be a directory that contain the bounding box for each frame.

To do this we follow the stages below for each fish:

- 1) Create a directory that contain images of all the video frames.
- 2) Open the annotation tool, set format to YOLO, and specify the class name.
- 3) For each image: mark a single bounding box on the same single fish, and save.
- 4) Repeat (3) for all images. The the end the directory should contain a text file for each image in which the fish exist.

1. Create a directory with video frames

Run the script:

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extract_images_from_video.py
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This will write the images to, e.g., the folder:

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pathOut = '.\data\video\VIDEO_20230223_133606599'
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2. Use the annotation tool

pip install labelImg

Working sequence with labelImg for fish tracking annotation:

- 1) Open the annotation tool by running from the terminal:

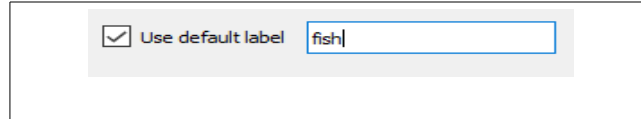
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>labelImg
```

Additional info can be found here: <https://pypi.org/project/labelImg/>

- 2) Change save format to 'YOLO' (icon on the left, blow the 'save' icon):



3) Check the 'Use default label' checkbox. Fill 'fish' in class name:

A screenshot of a software interface. It features a light gray rectangular area containing a checkbox with a checkmark and the text 'Use default label'. To the right of the checkbox is a text input field with a blue border, containing the text 'fish'.

- 4) Click 'Open Dir' and select directory with images to annotate.
- 5) Mark a bounding box around a single fish in the image (Edit → Create RectBox, or W shortcut).
- 5) Click 'save'. File name should be the same number as the image (this is the frame number in the video).
- 6) Click 'Next image' to go to the next frame.
- 7) Repeat for all frame. Make sure that you mark the same fish in all frames.