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Improving WATSS web application with Computer Vision techniques

Visual and Multimedia Recognition

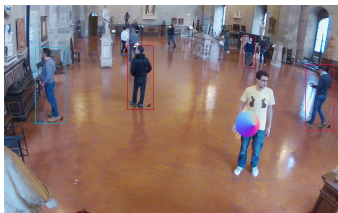
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Introduction

WATSS, **Web Annotation Tool for Surveillance Scenarios**, is a web-based annotation tool developed to annotate dataset in surveillance systems.

Main goal: improve WATSS with some **Computer Vision approaches**, in order to make easy for users to use this tool and make the annotation process more *automatic*



Comparative analysis of annotation tools

LabelMe

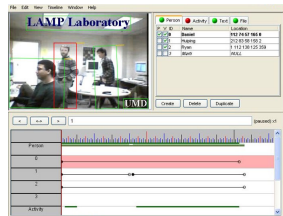
- **Web-based** tool, also for mobile applications
- Annotate scenes with **polygonal areas**
- **Nested** objects and **occlusion** annotation
- *Zoom in* and *out* of the scene



Comparative analysis of annotation tools

ViPER-GT

- **Java application** tool
- Annotate scenes with **geometrical shapes**
- **Timeline** and **annotation highlighting** on time change
- Linear **interpolation** between annotations
- *Zoom in* and *out* of the scene



Comparative analysis of annotation tools

VATIC

- **Online** tool
- Developed for **object detection**
- **Crowd-sourcing** to Amazon's *Mechanical Turk*
- Multiple **plugins**: *object tracking, sentence annotation, etc.*



Comparative analysis of annotation tools

WATSS

- **Web-based** tool
- Annotation with bounding box
- **Occlusion** area
- Coarse **gaze** estimation
- **Groups** and POI under observation
- **Multiple cameras** manager



Improvements


- **User interface** renovation
- Simpler annotation making and editing
- Video **timeline** for annotations
- Annotation automatic **proposals** generation
- **Scene geometry**-based enhancement
- Easy **setup** process

User interface renovation

The **old** WATSS user interface

HomeGT MakingExport ResultsLegend

Welcome, Guest



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Add person

ID	Name	NPeople
G1	Group2P_1	2
G10	G2G_meet	2
G11	Group6P	8

User interface renovation

The **new** WATSS user interface

WATSS

Home

GT Making

Export

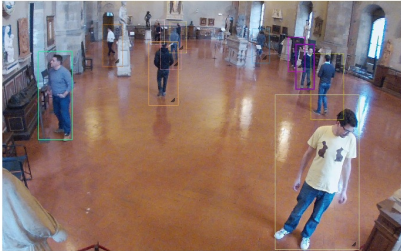
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Timeline



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People

Add person

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11		(295,350)	(0,0)	Nessun gruppo	Nessuna Opera	✕
14		(180,0)	(0,0)	Nessun gruppo	Nessuna Opera	✕
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Groups

Add group

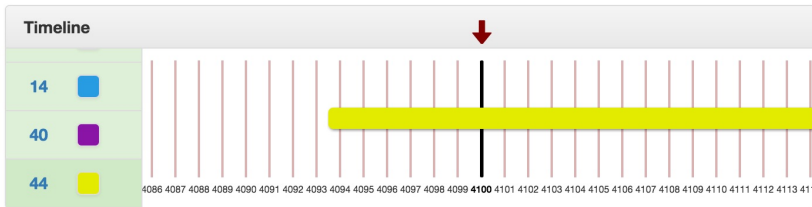
ID	Name	People
1	Gruppo Visitatori 1	7
2	Visitors 1	6
3	Gruppo Visitatori 2	4

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Video timeline

In the video **timeline** all the video frames are shown, coloring the ones with at least one annotated person.



Selecting a person in the list, the timeline displays its **history** highlighting frames where it is present. It is possible to navigate video frames by clicking on it.

Proposals generation

It is possible to generate **proposals** for a person in some selected frames based on previous annotation of a it using timeline: just click and drag highlighted annotation.

Proposals generation is based on the combination of three different techniques:

- **Motion detection** using a *background subtractor*
- **Pedestrian detection** using *HOG descriptors*
- **Kalman filter** for the *motion estimation*

Motion detection

Motion detection is based on a **background subtraction** method: moving objects are detected performing a subtraction between the current frame and a background model of the current scene, obtaining a **foreground mask**.

Each pixel of a frame is modeled as a **Mixture of Gaussians** and those which correspond to background colors are selected according to variance and persistence.

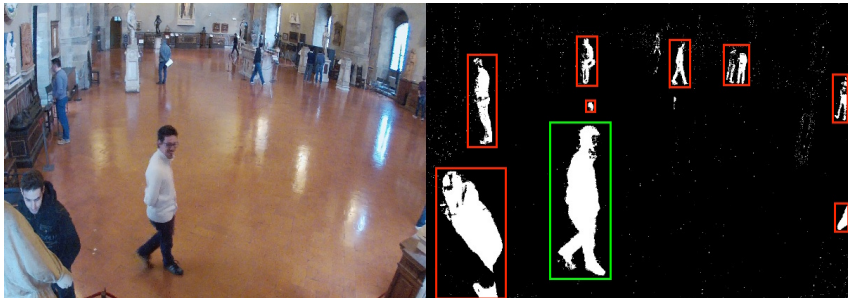
Pixel values that do not fit the background distributions are considered part of the foreground.

Background modeling consists of two main steps:

- **Background initialization:** background model evaluation.
- **Background update:** background model is adapted to possible changes in the scene.

Motion detection

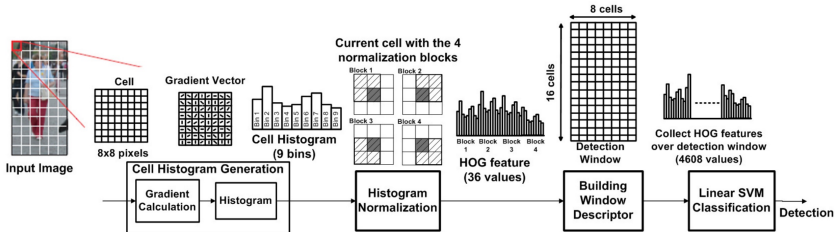
Using the foreground mask, a set of **detections** are extracted based on contours.



Given the previous frame person bounding box, those that do not *overlap* or are *inconsistent* with its dimensions are discarded.

Pedestrian detector

The used *pedestrian detection* technique is based on **Histogram of Oriented Gradients** and SVM classifier.

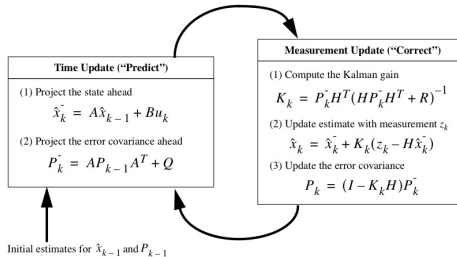


As in the previous case, detections are filtered according to person history in scene.

Figure from Suleiman, A., Sze, V. J Sign Process Syst (2016)

Kalman filter

A **Kalman filter** is an optimal estimator used for following state estimation based on a set of previous observations.



As system state is considered the position of the person in the current scene, using motion and pedestrian detection for updating the measure.