

pedestrian-detection

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[3]: # Cell 1: Install required libraries  
!pip install ultralytics opencv-python
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[4]: # Cell 2: Imports and Configuration
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import cv2
import numpy as np
from ultralytics import YOLO
import time

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from IPython.display import display, Image # Used for displaying output in Jupyter

# --- Configuration ---
# Load a pre-trained YOLOv8 model (using 'n' for speed)
model = YOLO('yolov8n.pt')

# Class ID for 'person' in COCO dataset is 0
PERSON_CLASS_ID = 0
CONFIDENCE_THRESHOLD = 0.5

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runs_dir=path/to/dir'. For help see
<https://docs.ultralytics.com/quickstart/#ultralytics-settings>.
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<https://github.com/ultralytics/assets/releases/download/v8.3.0/yolov8n.pt> to
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[5]: # Cell 3: Main Detection and Processing Function

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def process_video_for_pedestrians(video_path='path/to/your/input_video.mp4',
    output_path='output_pedestrian_detection.mp4', display_output=False):
    """
    Processes a video file to detect pedestrians and saves the output.

    Args:
        video_path (str or int): Path to the video file or 0 for webcam.
        output_path (str): Path to save the processed video.
        display_output (bool): If True, attempts to display frames live (best
    for short clips or file saving).
    """

    # 1. Initialize Video Capture and Writer
    cap = cv2.VideoCapture(video_path)
    if not cap.isOpened():
        print(f"Error: Could not open video source {video_path}")
        return

    # Get video properties for output
    frame_width = int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH))
    frame_height = int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT))
    fps = cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FPS)

    # Define the codec and create VideoWriter object

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# FourCC codes: 'mp4v' or 'XVID' are common
fourcc = cv2.VideoWriter_fourcc(*'mp4v')
out = cv2.VideoWriter(output_path, fourcc, fps, (frame_width, frame_height))

frame_count = 0
start_time = time.time()

# 2. Main Processing Loop
while cap.isOpened():
    success, frame = cap.read()
    if not success:
        break

    # Run YOLOv8 inference (no stream=True for single frames)
    results = model(frame, verbose=False)

    # Process results
    if results:
        r = results[0]

        boxes = r.bboxes.xyxy.cpu().numpy().astype(int)
        confs = r.bboxes.conf.cpu().numpy()
        classes = r.bboxes.cls.cpu().numpy()

        # Iterate through detections and draw
        for box, conf, cls in zip(boxes, confs, classes):
            if cls == PERSON_CLASS_ID and conf >= CONFIDENCE_THRESHOLD:
                x1, y1, x2, y2 = box
                label = f'Pedestrian: {conf:.2f}'

                # Draw bounding box (Green BGR)
                cv2.rectangle(frame, (x1, y1), (x2, y2), (0, 255, 0), 2)

                # Draw label
                cv2.putText(frame, label, (x1, y1 - 10),
                           cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.5, (0, 255, 0), 2)

    # 3. Write Frame to Output Video
    out.write(frame)

    # Optional: Display the frame (Note: live display can be slow/buggy in
    ↪ Jupyter)
    if display_output:
        # Note: If running in Google Colab, use 'from google.colab.patches
    ↪ import cv2_imshow'
        # and replace cv2.imshow with cv2_imshow.
        cv2.imshow("Detection Output", frame)

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        if cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF == ord('q'):
            break

        frame_count += 1

    # 4. Cleanup
    end_time = time.time()

    cap.release()
    out.release()
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()

    processing_time = end_time - start_time
    print("-" * 50)
    print(f" Processing complete.")
    print(f"Total frames processed: {frame_count}")
    print(f"Total time taken: {processing_time:.2f} seconds")
    print(f"Output saved to: {output_path}")
    print("-" * 50)

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[6]: # Cell 4: Execute the function

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# !!! CHANGE THIS PATH to your video file or use 0 for webcam !!!
input_video_path = 'test_video.mp4'

# Set the output file name
output_video_path = 'yolov8_pedestrian_output.mp4'

# Start the detection process
process_video_for_pedestrians(
    video_path=input_video_path,
    output_path=output_video_path,
    display_output=False # Set to True ONLY if running locally and want to see
    ↪ a pop-up window
)

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Processing complete.
Total frames processed: 275
Total time taken: 55.58 seconds
Output saved to: yolov8_pedestrian_output.mp4
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[7]: # Cell 5: Display a message about the output file

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print(f"Your processed video is saved as {output_video_path}")
print("You can download and view this file to see the detection results.")

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Your processed video is saved as yolov8_pedestrian_output.mp4
You can download and view this file to see the detection results.

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[8]: from google.colab import files
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output_video_path = 'yolov8_pedestrian_output.mp4'  
files.download(output_video_path)
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<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

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[9]: # Zip the output video file
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output_video_path = 'yolov8_pedestrian_output.mp4'  
zip_file_name = 'yolov8_pedestrian_output.zip'
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!zip -r {zip_file_name} {output_video_path}
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print(f"Video file '{output_video_path}' has been zipped to '{zip_file_name}'")
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adding: yolov8_pedestrian_output.mp4 (deflated 2%)  
Video file 'yolov8_pedestrian_output.mp4' has been zipped to  
'yolov8_pedestrian_output.zip'
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After running this, you can download the .zip file using the same files.download() method or through the file browser.