

The NCKU-VTF Database Release Agreement

Introduction

The goal of our research is to develop new techniques, technology, and algorithms for thermal face recognition and analysis. As part of this research, we were involved to collect a visible-thermal paired face database. The database is meant to aid research efforts in the general area of developing, testing and evaluating thermal face recognition. National Cheng Kung University (henceforth, "NCKU") owns copyright of the collection of images and serves as the source for the NCKU-VTF Database.

Release of the Database

To advance the state-of-the-art in thermal face recognition, this database will be made available to researchers on a case-by-case basis. All requests for the NCKU-VTF Database must be submitted in writing to the NCKU Principal Investigator by the researcher's institution on behalf of the individual researcher or research unit (henceforth the "Licensee"). To receive a copy of the data, Licensee must sign this document and agree to observe the restrictions listed below. In addition to other possible remedies, failure to observe these restrictions may result in revocation of permission to use the data as well as denial of access to additional databases distributed by NCKU. The database will be distributed over the Internet to licensees only. There will be no charge for data made available and downloaded via the Internet.

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4. **Publication Requirements:** Those seeking to include renderings of more than 10 images from the NCKU-VTF Database in reports, papers, and other documents to be published or released must first obtain approval in writing from the NCKU Principal Investigator. In no case should the face images be used in a way that could cause the original subject embarrassment or mental anguish.
5. **Citation:** All documents and papers that report on research that uses the NCKU-VTF Database must acknowledge the use of the database by including the citation specified below.

6. Publications to NCKU: A copy of all reports and papers that are for public or general release that use the NCKU-VTF Database must be forwarded immediately upon release or publication to the NCKU Principal Investigator.
7. Indemnification: Researcher agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the National Cheng Kung University and its Board of Trustees, officers, employees and agents, individually and collectively, from any and all losses, expenses, damages, demands and/or claims based upon any injury or damage (real or alleged) related to, and shall pay all damages, claims, judgments or expenses resulting from, Researcher's use of the NCKU-VTF database.

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