

FERET Database Release Agreement

The DOD Counterdrug Technology Program sponsored the Facial Recognition Technology (FERET) program and development of the FERET database. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is serving as Technical Agent for distribution of the FERET database. The goal of the FERET program is to develop new techniques, technology, and algorithms for the automatic recognition of human faces. As part of the FERET program, a database of facial imagery was collected between December 1993 and August 1996. The database is used to develop, test, and evaluate face recognition algorithms. To advance the state-of-the-art in face recognition the FERET database will be made available to researchers in face recognition on a case by case basis only. All requests for the FERET database must be submitted in writing to the Technical Agent at NIST. To receive a copy of the database, the researcher must sign this document and thereby agree to observe the restrictions listed in this document. Failure to observe the restrictions in this document will result in access being denied for the balance of the FERET database and being subject to civil damages in the case of publication of images that have not been approved for release, a violation of restriction 3 below. The database will be available to researchers on two DVDs. The images are available in ppm format; no other image formats or methods of distribution will be permitted. There will be no charge for those images. The researcher(s) agrees to the following restrictions on the database:

1. The database will not be further distributed, published, copied, or further disseminated in any way or form whatsoever, whether for profit or not. This includes further distributing, copying or disseminating to a facility or organization unit in the requesting university, organization, or company.
2. All requests for copies of the database will be forwarded to the Agent at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).
3. Images that appear in reports, papers, and other documents published or released must first be approved in writing by NIST Technical Agent. The images will only appear in technical reports, technical papers, and technical documents reporting on face recognition research.
4. All documents and papers that report on researcher that use the FERET database will acknowledge the use of the FERET database. Use of the FERET database will be acknowledged as follows: "Portions of the research in this paper use the FERET database of facial images collected under the FERET program, sponsored by the DOD Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office" and citations to
 - a. P.J. Phillips, H. Wechsler, J. Huang, P. Rauss, "The FERET database and evaluation procedure for face recognition algorithms," *Image and Vision Computing J*, Vol.16, No.5, pp. 295-306, 1998,.
 - b. P.J. Phillips, H. Moon, S.A. Rizvi, P. J. Rauss, "The FERET Evaluation Methodology for Face Recognition Algorithms," *IEEE Trans. Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, Vol. 22, pp. 1090-1104, 2000.
5. A copy of all reports and papers that are for public or general release that use the FERET database will be forwarded prior to release or public or publication to the Technical Agent at NIST for approval. The Technical Agent at NIST will obtain approval from the DOD Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office for the release of information.

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