

# Assisting Users in a World Full of Cameras

## Privacy-Aware Infrastructure for Computer Vision Applications

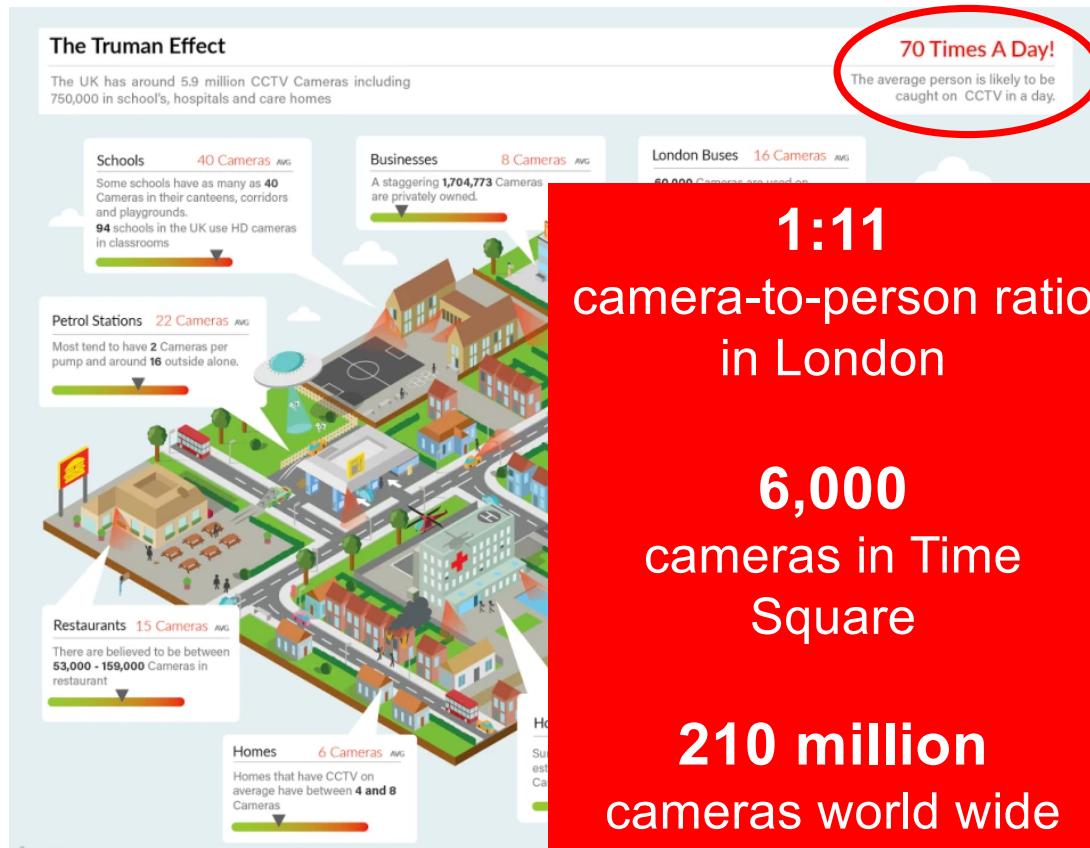


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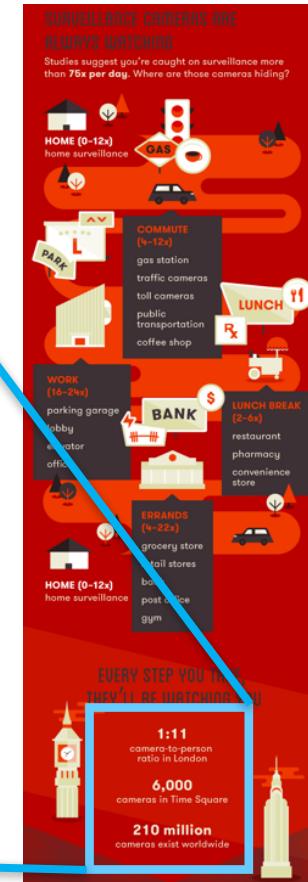
# Cameras are Everywhere



1:11  
camera-to-person ratio  
in London

6,000  
cameras in Time  
Square

210 million  
cameras world wide



Sources: Association of Chief Police Officers, CCTV User Group, The Guardian, Channel 4 news, The Telegraph

Source: UrbanEye, New York Civil Liberty Union

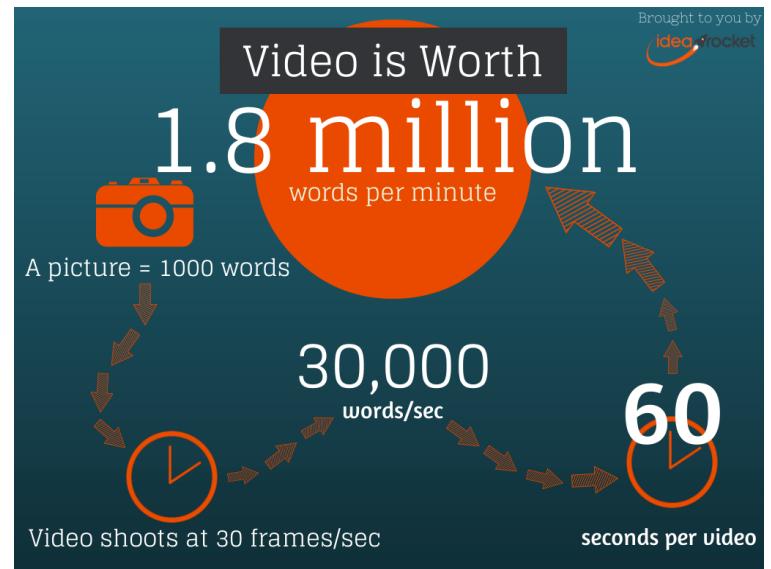
# More Gadgets with Cameras



# A Picture is Worth 1000 Words

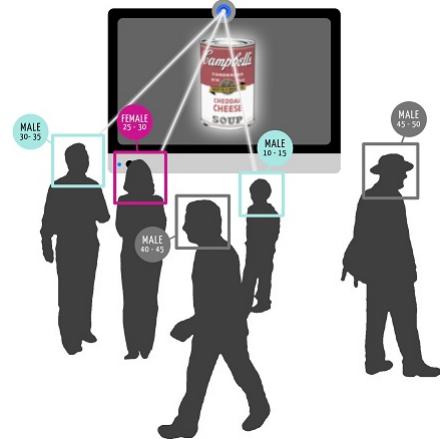
Images can be used for:

- Facial recognition
  - Identification
  - Mood / Expression / Health
  - Demographics
- Object recognition
- Scene recognition
- Activity recognition
- Safety and security
  - surveillance, criminal investigation



Source: IdeaRocket

# Use of Facial Recognition is on the Rise



# Privacy Implications of Facial Recognition

Facial Recognition can be used to:

- Generate a customer/user profile
  - Serve customized ads/services
- Infer lifestyle, behavior, and habits
- Infer health conditions
- Track users' whereabouts
- Infer social associations and activities

Regulators and policymakers advocate the right to **notice** and **choice**.

# Privacy Preference Study

**Vignette Study** on IoT privacy preferences:

- 1007 Amazon MTurk participants gave feedback for 380 scenarios consisting of eight factors.
- Each user saw at least one scenario involving facial recognition.

Example Scenario:

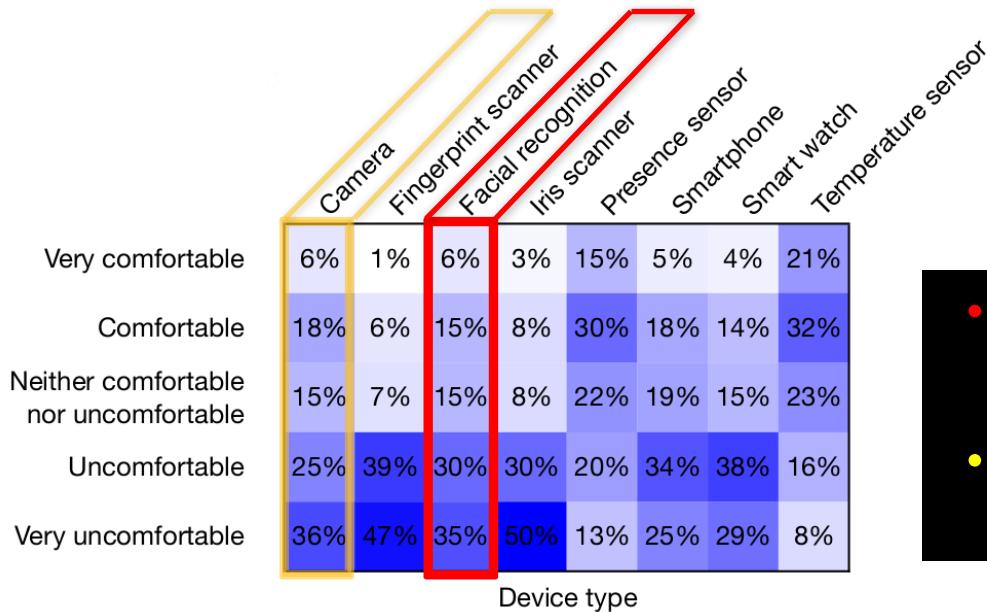
“You are at a [coffee shop]. This store uses [facial recognition system] to automatically [identify returning customers]. The system is also used to keep track of [your orders and make suggestions] based on your ordering habits. Your picture will be kept for [a few hours]”.

P. Naeini, S. Bhagavatula, H. Habib, M. Degeling, L. Bauer, L. Cranor, and N. Sadeh, “*Privacy Expectations and Preferences in an IoT World*.” SOUPS 2017

<https://www.privacyassistant.org/publications>

# Users are Uncomfortable with Image Data

- Self-reported comfort level for different data collection devices (regardless of the specific scenario)



- **65%** of the users were uncomfortable with **facial recognition**
- **61%** of the users were uncomfortable with **data captured by cameras**

# Users Want Notice and Choice

- Users expressed interest in being **notified** about the presence of facial recognition especially when the data collection purpose is unclear.
- Most would **disable** facial recognition if given the option.
- **Context** has an impact on the decision.
  - More likely to allow in a library than in a department store.

# Our Goals

- Support **notice and choice** in IoT.
- **Objective:** Selectively notify users without overwhelming them and help them configure available settings.
  - **Capture users' privacy preferences:**
    - Notification preferences (when, how often, how)
    - Data collection and sharing preferences

# Building a Privacy-Aware Infrastructure



## Internet of Things Resource Registry (IRR)

- Advertises privacy practices (including any privacy settings) and capabilities of IoT resources (e.g., apps, sensors, services)
- Multiple registries controlled by different entities



## Personalized Privacy Assistants (IoT Assistant)

- Discovers IoT resources, their capabilities, and privacy practices (including any privacy settings)
- Learns user preferences; supports selective user notification, and semi-automated configuration of settings

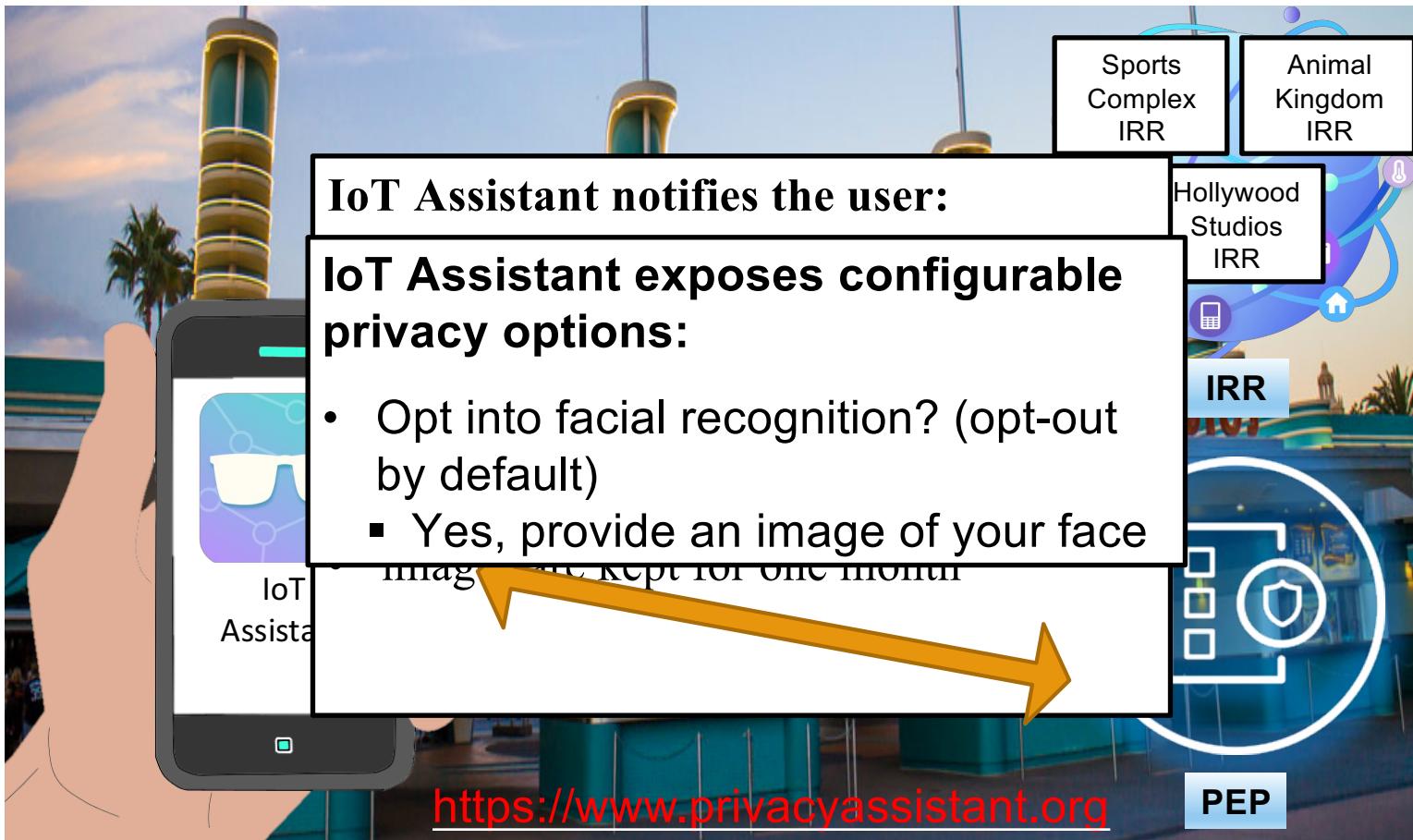


## Policy Enforcement Point (PEP)

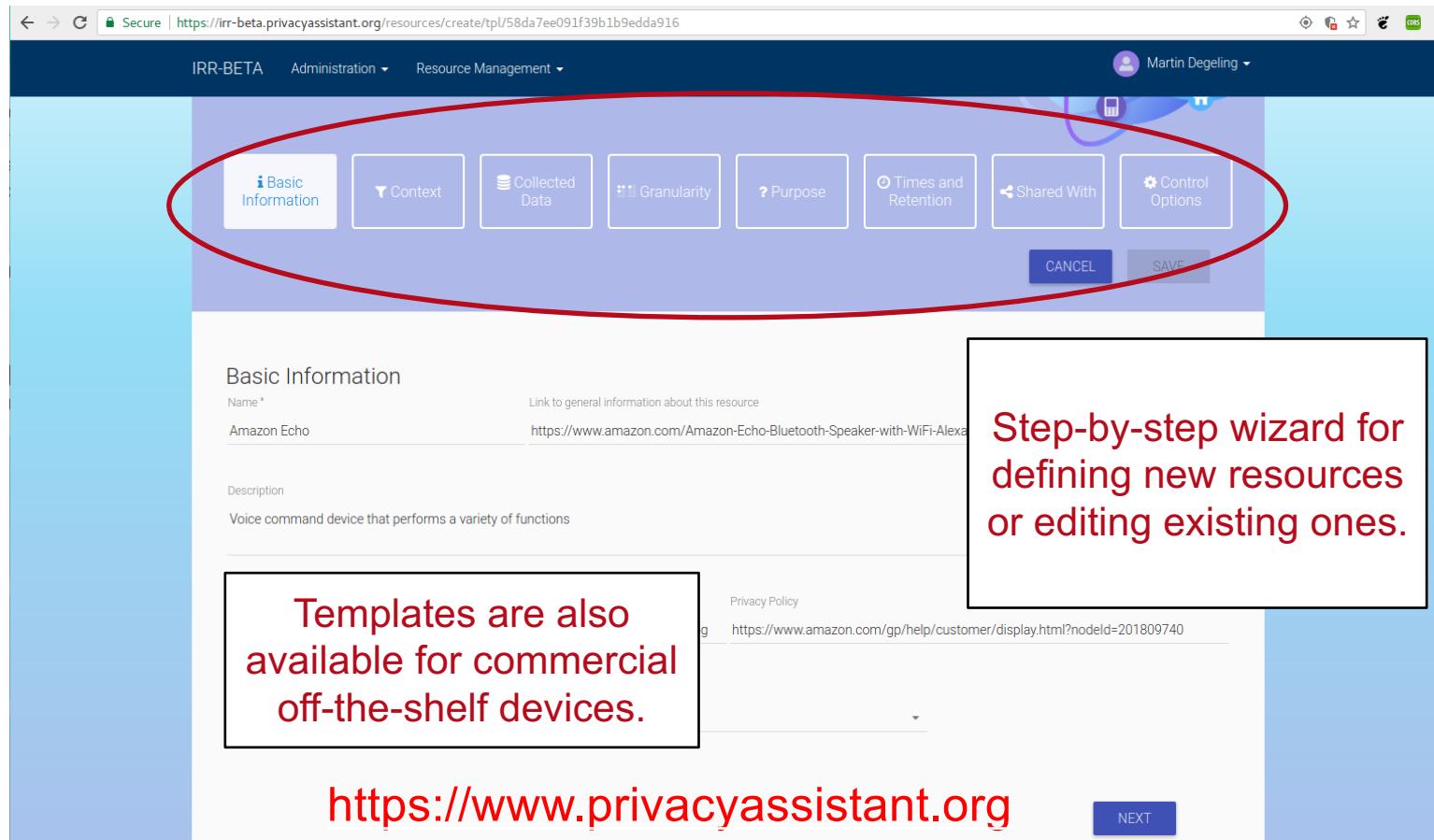
- Captures and stores user-specific privacy settings (e.g., opt in/out)
- Enforces users' privacy settings

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# Workflow Example: Theme Park

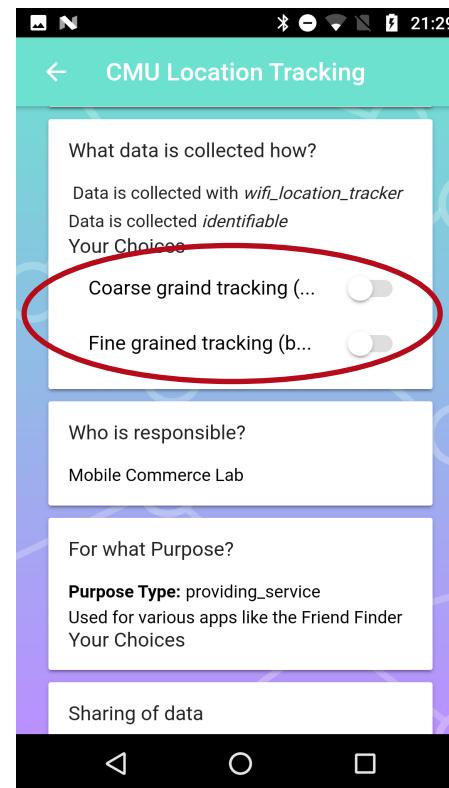
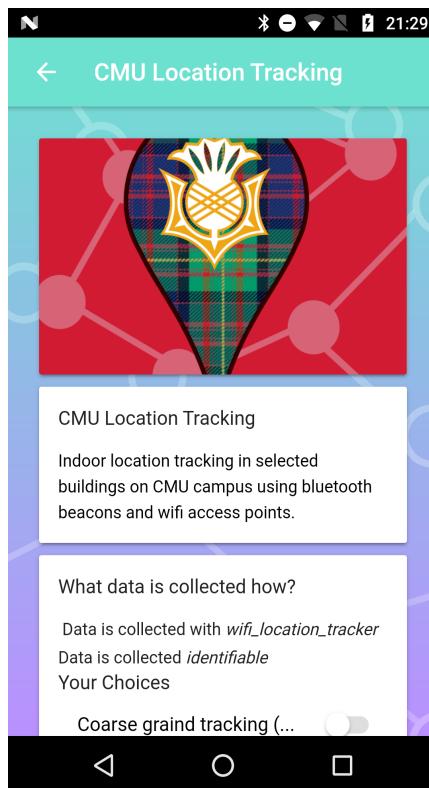


# Registering an IRR Resource



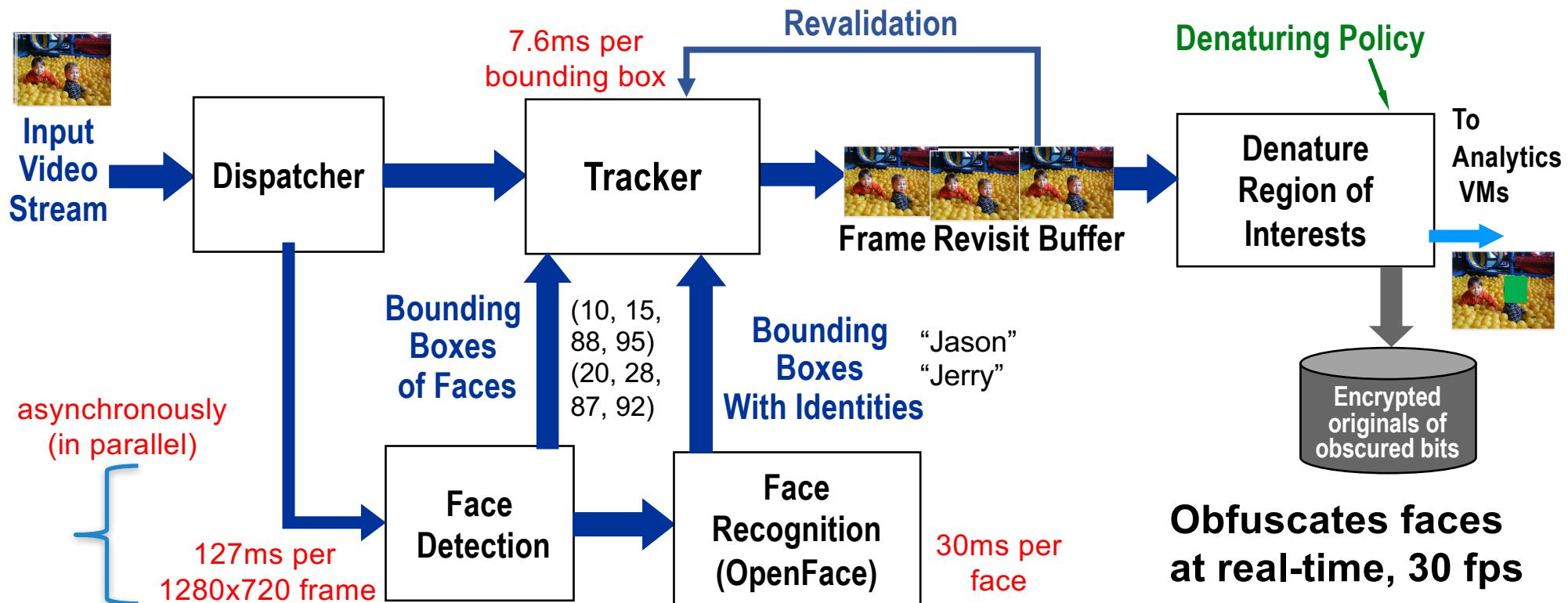
The screenshot shows a web-based interface for registering an IRR resource. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'IRR-BETA', 'Administration', 'Resource Management', and a user profile for 'Martin Degeling'. Below the navigation bar is a horizontal row of eight buttons, each with an icon and a label: 'Basic Information' (highlighted with a red oval), 'Context', 'Collected Data', 'Granularity', 'Purpose', 'Times and Retention', 'Shared With', and 'Control Options'. To the right of these buttons are 'CANCEL' and 'SAVE' buttons. The main content area is titled 'Basic Information' and contains fields for 'Name' (Amazon Echo) and 'Description' (Voice command device that performs a variety of functions). A red box on the right side of the page contains the text: 'Step-by-step wizard for defining new resources or editing existing ones.' Another red box on the left side contains the text: 'Templates are also available for commercial off-the-shelf devices.' At the bottom of the page is a red URL: <https://www.privacyassistant.org> and a 'NEXT' button.

# IoT Assistant Discovering IRR Resources



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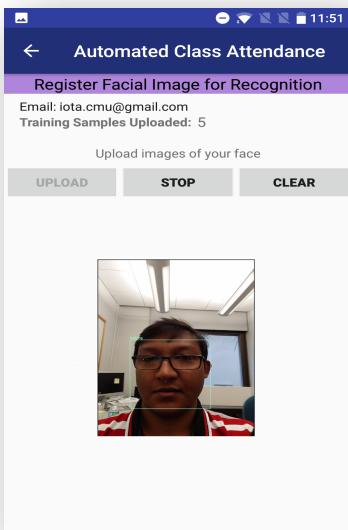
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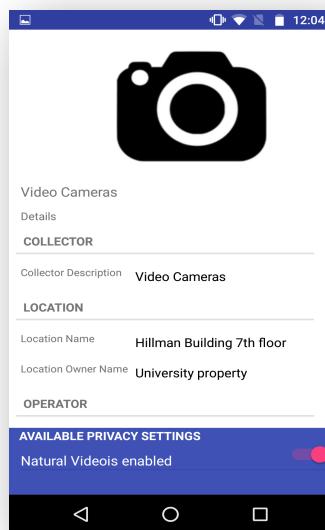
J. Wang, B. Amos, A. Das, P. Pillai, N. Sadeh, M. Satyanarayanan, "A Scalable and Privacy-Aware IoT Service for Live Video Analytics", ACM MMSys 2017 (**Best Paper Award**)

# Automated Attendance Tracker

## Train Facial Features



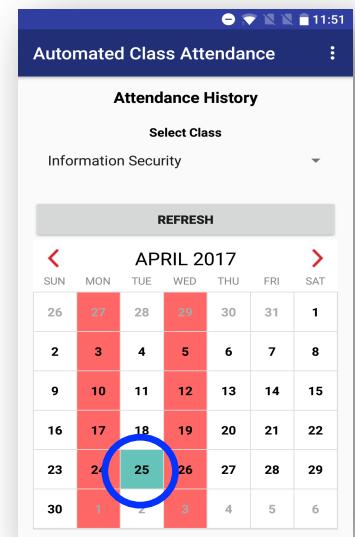
## Control Opt-in



## Live Video Stream



## Monitor Class Attendance



- Planning to pilot this system in classrooms at CMU.

# Conclusion

- The use of computer vision is expanding with the rise of IoT cameras.
- Our studies show that:
  - Users want to be **notified** about how their data is being used
  - Users want to **choose** (control) how their data is being used
- We are working on an **infrastructure** that supports **notice and choice**, and captures users' **privacy preferences** in IoT settings.

# For more information:

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Demonstration



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