

Chinese University Uses Facial Recognition

A university in China has a new method of checking for absent students. The Communications University of China takes photos of students' faces as they enter class. The photographs are then automatically checked against the school's database to determine which students are absent. Proponents of the attendance system say the technology saves time for both teachers and students. Earlier this year, a Beijing university installed facial recognition at the entrance to female dormitories.

Vocabulary

facial recognition - a technology that identifies people by the features of their faces

database: information in a computer

proponent: a person who supports or agrees

Comprehension Questions

1. What is the report mainly about?
2. How does the technology work?
3. Why are some people in favour of this system?

Discussion Questions

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