

The OU-MB Dataset Release Agreement

Introduction

The OU-MB dataset is meant to aid research efforts in the general area of developing, testing and evaluating algorithms for multimodal biometric recognition. The D3 Center, The University of Osaka (OU) has copyright in the collection of all the biometrics data and serves as a distributor of the OU-MB dataset. The OU-MB dataset is provided exclusively to academic research institutions for non-commercial academic research purposes.

Release of the Database

To advance the state-of-the-art in continuous authentication, this database could be downloaded as a zip file with password protection and the password will be issued on a case-by-case basis. To receive the password, the requestor must sign this document and send it to the database administrator by mail, e-mail, or FAX. In addition to other possible remedies, failure to observe these restrictions may result in access being denied for the database.

Consent

The researcher(s) agree to the following restrictions on the OU-MB dataset provided for academic use only:

1. **Redistribution:** Without prior written approval from the database administrator, the OU-MB dataset, in whole or in part, will not be further distributed, published, copied, or disseminated in any way or form whatsoever, whether for profit or not.
2. **Modification and Commercial Use:** The OU-MB dataset, in whole or in part, may not be modified or used for commercial purposes.
3. **Derivative Works and Technology Transfer:**

For the purposes of this agreement, any trained models, statistical data, embeddings, intermediate products, or other outputs generated using the OU-MB dataset shall be regarded as "Derivative Works."

The researcher(s) and their affiliated institution shall use the OU-MB dataset and any Derivative Works solely for non-commercial academic research purposes. Collaborative research involving private companies or other commercial entities is not permitted.

Except as expressly permitted below for trained models, the researcher(s) and their affiliated institution shall not transfer, distribute, lend, sublicense, disclose, or otherwise provide the OU-MB dataset or any Derivative Works to any third party. This includes technology transfer to private companies or external organizations.

Publication of Derivative Works in academic papers, conference presentations, or other scholarly publications for non-commercial academic research purposes is permitted, provided that appropriate measures are taken to prevent the disclosure of personal information or the reconstruction/identification of individual subjects.

Exception: The public release of trained models is permitted solely for non-commercial academic research purposes under an academic-use-only license, provided that the released models do not enable the reconstruction or identification of the original data or individual subjects.

4. **Requests for the OU-MB dataset:** All requests for the OU-MB dataset will be forwarded to the database administrator. Because the OU-MB dataset contains personal identification codes under the Japanese Act on the Protection of Personal Information (APPI), strict control of data access and usage is required to protect the privacy and rights of the participants. Prior to the provision of the dataset, the recipient institution must obtain approval from its institutional ethics review committee, institutional review board (IRB), or an equivalent authorized body. A copy of the approval document must be submitted to the database administrator in PDF format before access to the dataset will be granted.

If ethics review approval is not available at the recipient institution, this agreement must instead be signed and officially approved by the Dean of the recipient faculty/school or an equivalent senior institutional authority.

The database administrator reserves the right to reject requests that do not provide sufficient institutional authorization or ethical approval documentation.

5. **Publication Requirements:** The researcher(s) shall not publish, reproduce, or distribute any original biometric samples from the dataset, including but not limited to original images, cropped images, video frames, audio recordings, or other identifiable biometric data, in papers, presentations, supplementary materials, websites, or any other publicly accessible documents.

If the inclusion of such data is considered essential for scientific purposes, prior written approval must be obtained from the database administrators before publication. Any approved biometric samples must be irreversibly anonymized (e.g., by mosaic blurring or equivalent techniques) to ensure that the identity of the subjects cannot be recognized.

Any publication or public disclosure that may enable the identification of the original subjects or otherwise compromise their privacy is strictly prohibited.

In the event of a violation of these requirements, the database administrators reserve the right to request the correction, withdrawal, or retraction of the relevant publication and may revoke the user's permission to access the dataset.

6. **Citation/Reference:** All documents and papers that report on research that uses the OU-MB dataset will acknowledge the use of the database by including an appropriate citation to the following

OU-MB dataset:

C. Xu, X. Li, A. Shehata, M. A. Alsherfawi Aljazeera, Y. Yagi, "OU-MB: The OU Multimodal Biometric Database and Its Performance Evaluation," IEEE Transactions on Biometrics, Behavior, and Identity Science (T-BIOM) 2026.

7. **Publications to The University of Osaka:** A copy of all reports and papers that are for public or general release that use the database should be forwarded immediately upon release or publication to the database administrator.

8. **Indemnification:** Researcher agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the D3 Center, The University of Osaka 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 such injury or damage (real or alleged) and shall pay all damages, claims, judgments or expenses resulting from researcher's use of the database.

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