Facial recognition will transform airport security

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Facial recognition technology that now figures in autos, while improving personal security and convenience for customers, has made its way to airports, where its potential can be very significant.

Facial recognition works by collecting a person’s face attributes, which are stored as a digital identity, and then checking if this “digital identity” matches a previously stored digital identity. Facial recognition systems can be used to verify a person’s identity, as well as to detect people who have been flagged as security risks.

The TSA has been using facial recognition technology as an “enhanced screening” for more than a decade. In 2015, the agency started using the technology for security purposes, including the calculation of airport security risk for passengers.

As an example, the Facial Recognition Unit of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is testing facial recognition systems to identify passengers at security checkpoints and to detect people who have been flagged as security risks.

Once a person is identified, the system can confirm their identity and flag them for additional screening. The system can also alert security personnel to potential security threats.

Facial recognition technology can be very effective in reducing the need for traditional forms of identification, such as passports or driver’s licenses. It can also be used to reduce the number of false positives in security screenings, which can help prevent the inconvenience of false alarms.

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Conclusion

Facial recognition technology has the potential to significantly improve airport security and convenience. However, it is important to continue to develop and refine the technology to ensure it is effective and secure.

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