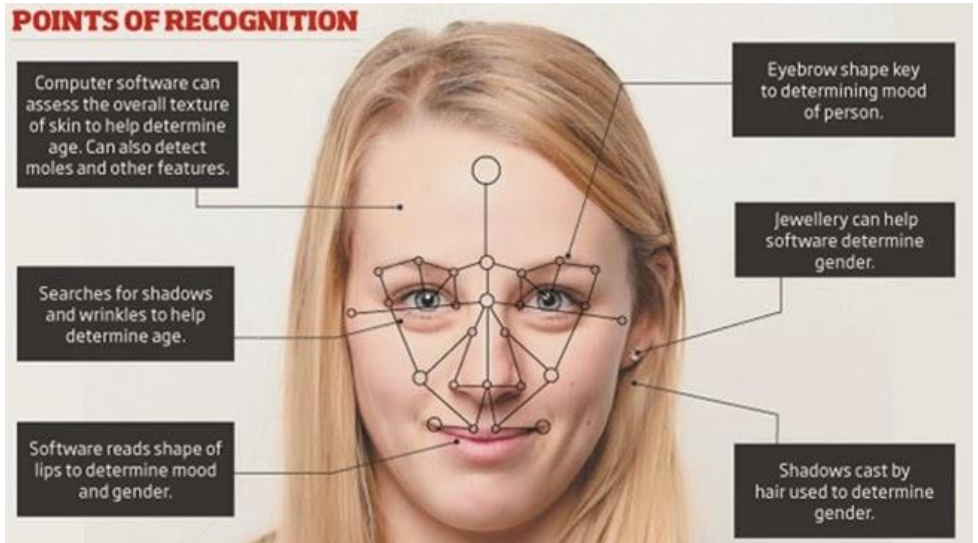


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10.15 am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at URC

Peter Cooley will give a presentation on  
Facial Recognition



As the above image shows, the technology has now moved far beyond simply matching the image of a person's face with a database of faces held and shared by various organisations. The latest software is very good at computing the person's gender, approximate age and mood at the time the image was captured.

Naturally, this raises serious questions about privacy, especially if the image was captured in a public place. If the technology is being used for fighting crime then it is very well regulated in this country. The police require the permission of a magistrate and must specify the person sought and their reasons for the search.

The commercial exploitation of such software is a very different matter that members may wish to debate later in the meeting. Peter will concentrate on the scientific aspects and hand over the discussion when he has gone through his PowerPoint presentation

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