New BioID PhotoVerify web service enables automated online identity proofing

Accurate, convenient, privacy-assured ID checks now possible anytime, anywhere

Nuremberg, Germany – 29.11.2017: BioID, a leader in multimodal biometrics as a service, has announced the release of a PhotoVerify API as part of the BioID Web Service (BWS). With this service, online providers can verify the legal identities of their customers and users without the need for a face-to-face proofing either in person or via live video session. As such, it is an ideal solution for applications where legal identity can be proofed in real-time, to on-board a new customer for online banking or insurance, as well as online shopping. Additionally, a new student can be enrolled for online learning or exams and identity documents can be renewed online.

The new API compares two live facial images against an image from a photo ID such as a passport or driver's license, making sure that (1) the live images are truly from a live person, not a photo or video, and (2) the live person matches the ID photo. Since no biometric templates or photos are stored and all data is deleted after the operation, it fulfills all requirements for an anonymous identity proofing service.

“Inconvenient registration and identification processes present a known barrier to adoption of a wide variety of online services, and anything companies can do to simplify these processes while remaining compliant with regulations serves to increase their user base,” said Ho Chang, BioID CEO. “With our new PhotoVerify API, we are happy to offer online services yet another strong tool for hassle-free identity management and authentication.”

Until recently, applications requiring verification of a person's legal identity have required appearing in person to present a photo ID. In some cases, this process is now carried out remotely via live video session, but this is still a costly and inconvenient process and often done by external service providers, adding further expense and complexity. Manual ID proofing is also subject to human error, because peoples’ appearances change from day to day and, for video-based processes, also due to poor-quality video streaming.

Advanced face recognition with built-in liveness detection now makes it possible to replace this manual process with faster, more convenient automated ID verification that is more economical and can be integrated into existing services with only a few lines of code.

The new API is available immediately through the BioID Web Service, please contact us at https://www.bioid.com/
BioID PhotoVerify enables highly accurate automated identity proofing without the need of “face-to-face” video sessions or meetings. © BioID GmbH

About BioID

BioID is the cloud biometrics company with advanced liveness detection, offering multimodal face, eye and voice recognition with highest levels of data privacy, reliability and security. Guided by the vision that anonymous biometric recognition empowers internet users to secure their online identities with privacy, BioID offers a reliable link between a real person and digital identities by verifying the user’s presence in a convenient and natural way – just the way you look or the way you sound. BioID’s patented liveness detection makes online “face-to-face” services possible without the need of a live video session, taking online services to the next level with a great customer journey and experience. Privately held with R&D based in Germany, BioID has offices in Switzerland and the US and its technology has been proven through many years of use at enterprises, banks and government organizations.

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