

John Ryan Discusses Privacy and Security Issues Associated with Facial Recognition Software

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Hinshaw partner John Ryan was quoted in *TechRepublic* on the topic of privacy and security issues associated with the burgeoning use of facial recognition software. According to a research report, the global facial recognition market size is forecast to reach \$12.67 billion by 2028, up from \$5.01 billion in 2021.

Ryan noted that people who use facial recognition technology place themselves at risk of identity theft because faces are key to a person's identity. As a result, companies using facial recognition technology are targets for hackers.

While companies using facial recognition technology usually enact storage and destruction policies to protect data, Ryan said governments at the state and federal levels are concerned about the risk. He noted that some states, such as Illinois, have already enacted biotechnology privacy laws to regulate the use of facial recognition technology, with legislation also pending at the federal level.

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