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Art Crop System

Multi-AI consensus cropping with 4-tier fallback intelligence. 2M+ images processed, 8 detail crops per artwork.

Python · OpenCV · rembg · Multi-AI Vision

2M+ Images Processed

THE PROBLEM

Manual Cropping Can’t Keep Up

15 Minutes Per Image

Each photo needs careful cropping to remove walls, frames, shadows, reflections. At scale, it’s a full-time job.

Detail Shots Essential

E-commerce buyers need corner crops, signature closeups, condition shots. Nobody does this consistently by hand.

AI Models Hallucinate

Single-model cropping fails on complex frames, glass reflections, unusual compositions. Error rates above 20%.

Cost of Errors

Bad crops = bad listings = lost sales. One poorly cropped image costs more than the API call to fix it.

WHY IT MATTERS

Art Dealers Process Thousands Monthly

2M+

Images processed through the pipeline to date

15 min

Manual crop time per image—150 hrs for 600 pieces

>95%

Accuracy with multi-AI consensus approach

Art dealers processing hundreds monthly face a choice: hire editors at $30/hr or automate. This system processes an entire inventory in the time it takes to crop three images by hand.

THE APPROACH

Escalate Intelligence, Minimize Cost

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Tier 1: rembg

Fast background removal handles ~70% of clean photos

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Tier 2: Multi-AI

4 vision models vote on boundaries when Tier 1 fails

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Tier 3: OpenCV

Classical edge detection as fallback for AI disagreements

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Tier 4: QA Gate

Quality validation flags uncertain results for review

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Detail Generation

8 standardized crops + signature detection per artwork

Why spend $0.05 on GPT-4 Vision when rembg solves it for free? Escalate intelligence only when the problem demands it.

THE SOLUTION

Four Tiers of Intelligence, One Perfect Crop

4-Tier Pipeline	rembg ⟶ AI consensus ⟶ CV ⟶ QA
Multi-AI Consensus	GPT-4V, Claude, Gemini, Grok vote
8 Detail Crops	Corners, signature, condition shots
Batch Processing	Process full inventory folders
Cost Optimization	Escalate only when needed

TECH STACK

TIER 1

rembg (instant, free)

TIER 2

4 AI vision models

TIER 3

OpenCV edge detection

OUTPUT

8 detail crops per artwork

ACCURACY

>95% with all tiers

THE RESULTS

Industrial-Scale Image Intelligence

2M+

Total images processed through the pipeline

>95%

Boundary detection accuracy (tiered approach)

70%

Resolved at Tier 1—no AI cost required

8

Standardized detail crops per artwork

The tiered approach saves 70% of AI API costs by solving easy problems at lowest cost when needed

KEY TAKEAWAY

The Art Crop System embodies a core principle: use the cheapest tool that works, and escalate intelligence only when the problem demands it.

Computer Vision

OpenCV + rembg + AI vision

Cost Optimization

Tiered processing saves 70% on API

Scale Engineering

2M+ images through production pipe