New app takes you out of the picture
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You can obtain the free code here: [github.com/jasonmayes/Real-Time-Person-Removal](https://github.com/jasonmayes/Real-Time-Person-Removal)

If you want to see what you look like—or should we say what you don't look like—try the app out for yourself right now with a live demonstration. Be sure to wait a few moments for the app to completely load before starting: [disappearing-people.glitch.me/](https://disappearing-people.glitch.me/)

For those concerned about being spied upon by their own built-in webcams, pasting a piece of tape over the tiny camera lens is a simple fix. But Disappearing People, if a bit more sophisticated, should work just as well.

Disappearing People has obvious entertainment potential, too. Budding filmmakers will find endless opportunities for sight gags, gravity-defying scenes and spooky GIFS with an app that takes the actor out of the picture.

Cinemaphiles may recall early efforts by Hollywood to explore the notion of altering reality with video streaming. In 1994's "Speed," Keanu Reeves plays a police officer tasked with driving a bus that a madman rigged with explosives set to detonate if the speed dropped below 50 mph. After detecting a hidden video camera installed by the madman, played by Dennis Hopper, Reeves surreptitiously splices the tape of seated passengers into a loop and plays it while they escape undetected by Hopper.

In the largely panned "Hudson Hawk," (voted worst movie of 1991), Bruce Willis and Danny Aiello reprogram a museum security camera to play an earlier tape while they steal a sculpture by Leonardo DaVinci.

Keanu, Bruce and Danny would have been spared much grief if they had access to Disappearing People.

Coincidentally, a remake of the sci-fi horror movie
inspired by the 19th century H.G. Wells novel "The Invisible Man" is slated to open in theaters February 28th.

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