



**Copyright Assignment Agreement for an Individual Contributor  
ViSP Software**

**Between:**

**THE INSTITUT NATIONAL DE RECHERCHE EN INFORMATIQUE ET EN AUTOMATIQUE [National Institute for Research in Computing and Automation],**

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**And**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hereinafter individually and collectively referred to as “the Party” or “the Parties.”

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- That You wish to submit Contributions for the aforementioned software.

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Contributions that are intended to be entirely contained inside the designed third party contribution subtree of the ViSP source code distribution are not subject to this rights transfer contract.

### ARTICLE 3 – EFFECT AND DURATION:

The contract takes effect on the latest date of signing.

Exploitation rights on your Contributions are assigned to Inria for the duration of their corresponding copyright.

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- The right of using, for operating and making use of, whether personally or on behalf of a third party, remunerated or free of charge, the Contributions herein assigned, for the purposes of carrying out any form of processing, to whatever end.
- It is agreed that all of the rights considered above are assigned for the duration of copyright, for the whole world.

It is specified that You remain the holder of your moral right over said Contributions.

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5.1 You guarantee that You own copyrights over your Contributions and that You hold all of the copyrights necessary to assign said Contributions to Inria. You guarantee, in particular, that:

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Should any third---party's restrictions (including but not limited to related patents or copyrights) apply to your Contribution, such restrictions should then clearly be indicated when submitting your Contribution to Inria.

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6.2 Any dispute concerning the interpretation, validity or execution of this contract will be submitted, failing an out---of---court resolution, to the competent French court.

6.3 If one or several stipulations of this contract are held to be invalid or declared such in application of a law or regulation, or by reason of a final ruling by a competent court, the others will retain all of their force and scope.

**For Inria**

*[Name, capacity]*

**For You**

*[Name]*

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