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ABSTRACT

The Third Eye project represents a groundbreaking leap in leveraging cutting-edge technologies to enhance the daily lives of visually impaired individuals. At its core, the project amalgamates sophisticated hardware components, featuring the ESP-32 equipped with a 2-megapixel camera and a microphone. This hardware synergy forms the foundation for an intelligent and intuitive voice assistant named Nancy, designed to provide crucial audio feedback tailored to the unique needs of users with visual impairments.

Nancy's functionalities encompass a wide spectrum of essential information delivery, starting from basic updates on time, date, and day, crucial for users to maintain a sense of temporal orientation. However, the innovation doesn't stop there. The project incorporates advanced computer vision technologies, such as YOLO for object detection, OpenCV for face recognition, and OCR for text recognition. This amalgamation of powerful tools allows Nancy to not only narrate the physical surroundings but also recognize and describe objects and persons in the user's vicinity, significantly contributing to the user's situational awareness and understanding of their environment.

The implementation of YOLO for object detection ensures that Nancy can accurately identify and convey information about various objects, enabling users to interact with their surroundings more confidently. OpenCV's face recognition capabilities enhance the system's social aspect, providing users with the ability to recognize and distinguish individuals they encounter. Additionally, the integration of VOSK for speech-to-text conversion and PyAudio for speech output ensures seamless communication in multiple languages, with support for both English and Hindi, making Nancy a versatile and inclusive tool for a diverse user base.

The Third Eye project not only embraces state-of-the-art technologies but also intelligently combines them to create a comprehensive solution that addresses the daily challenges faced by visually impaired individuals. Nancy, the voice assistant at the heart of the project, stands as a testament to the potential of deep learning and computer vision to make a meaningful impact on the quality of life for those with visual impairments, fostering a more inclusive and accessible world.

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ESP 32 camera

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

The Third Eye project represents a groundbreaking initiative designed to address the considerable challenges faced by individuals with visual impairments in their daily lives. Visual impairment often leads to a dependence on others for assistance in navigating the environment, recognizing objects, and accessing information. To alleviate these challenges, the project harnesses the power of deep learning and computer vision technologies. These cutting-edge tools enable the creation of a system that can provide real-time information about the surrounding environment to visually impaired individuals, thereby enhancing their independence and overall experience.

At the core of the Third Eye project is the integration of advanced deep learning algorithms that can interpret visual data in real-time. Through the use of specialized cameras or wearable devices, the system captures information from the user's surroundings and processes it to identify objects, obstacles, and spatial cues. For example, the system can recognize common objects like doors, stairs, or chairs and convey this information to the user through auditory or haptic feedback. This real-time object recognition empowers visually impaired individuals to navigate through spaces with increased confidence and reduced reliance on external assistance.

One notable application of the Third Eye project is its ability to assist users in wayfinding. The system can analyze the immediate environment, identify landmarks, and provide navigational guidance. For instance, as a user walks down a street, the Third Eye may inform them about upcoming intersections, storefronts, or other points of interest. This functionality significantly improves the user's ability to independently explore unfamiliar places and engage with their surroundings in a more informed manner.

Furthermore, the Third Eye project is designed to facilitate interaction with digital interfaces. Through the integration of computer vision, users can point their device towards text, and the system can convert it into audible information through text-to-speech technology. This feature empowers visually impaired individuals to read signs, labels, and other textual information independently. By seamlessly blending deep learning, computer vision, and real-time feedback mechanisms, the Third Eye project is poised to make a meaningful impact on the lives of visually impaired individuals, providing them with enhanced autonomy and a richer experience in their daily activities.

1.1 Objectives

Hardware Setup for Image and Video Capture:

- Connect ESP-32 to the 2-megapixel camera module using appropriate GPIO pins for communication and power supply.
- Ensure the installation of necessary libraries and dependencies for camera interfacing and image/video processing. □ Leverage ESP-32's capabilities for efficient IoT projects and compatibility with cameras.

Voice Assistant (Nancy) Implementation:

- Integrate a microphone for audio input and a speaker for audio output with ESP-32's audio processing and synthesis capabilities.
- Implement voice recognition and synthesis tasks efficiently using the ESP-32's processing power.
 ☐ Incorporate audio feedback, object and person recognition, time, and date information.

Object and Person Recognition:

• Use YOLO (You Only Look Once) for object detection: ☐ Integrate OpenCV for face recognition to improve individual identification.

Speech and Text Processing:

- Integrate VOSK for accurate speech-to-text conversion.
- Use EasyOCR for Optical Character Recognition to extract text information from captured images.

Multilingual Functionality:

• Implement speech synthesis in both English and Hindi for a multilingual voice assistant.

User Interaction and Audio Output:

- Use PyAudio for generating high-quality speech output.
- Integrate PyAudio with ESP-32 to produce natural-sounding audio responses.
- Implement features like voice modulation and intonation adjustments for more human-like interactions.

1.2 Background and Literature Survey

In the contemporary era, individuals who are completely blind or visually impaired face significant challenges in leading a typical life that involves interacting with society. Frequently, such individuals find themselves isolated and restricted to specific environments designed for their needs, such as specialized schools. Despite the introduction of various technological solutions, none of them adequately addresses the daily challenges and societal integration of those with total blindness or visual impairment. Existing solutions tend to focus on specific forms of assistance, such as navigation, and often lack practicality and user-friendliness. Additionally, many technical innovations fail to align with the specific needs of blind users, leading to a lack of acceptance within this community.

One such approach is "Innovative Solutions for Totally Blind People Inclusion", in this project they present innovative solutions to support social inclusion of totally blind people. We propose to use dedicated harness and mobile devices (e.g. smartphones) to support Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL). Moreover, we will present innovations in computer-vision algorithms, multi-sensor data fusion, situational awareness, ontology and risk assessment as well as innovations in resilient personal telecommunication.

In addition to this another such solution is "Smart Guide for Blind People", here they made a functional model of an intelligent guide for individuals with visual impairment has been successfully developed, executed, and validated. This prototype device assists the mobility of blind individuals by alerting them to nearby obstacles, enhancing their ability to navigate through daily activities. The guidance is delivered through audio instructions via a headset and is tailored to real-time circumstances, catering to both indoor and outdoor settings. The system underwent successful testing under various standard conditions in collaboration with the Emirates Blind Care Association in Sharjah, UAE.

Another similar project is "Wearable Smart System for Visually Impaired People", here they incorporated the system with a microcontroller board, diverse sensors, cellular communication, GPS modules, and a solar panel. It utilizes sensors to monitor the user's path and issues alerts for impending obstacles. Alerts are delivered through both a buzzer sound and wrist vibrations, accommodating users with hearing impairments or in noisy environments. Furthermore, the system notifies nearby individuals when the user stumbles or requires assistance. These alerts, along with the system's location, are sent as text messages to registered mobile phones of family members and caregivers. Registered phones can also retrieve the system's location and activate real-time tracking of the visually impaired person. Through prototype testing, the system's functionality and effectiveness were confirmed. With more features than comparable systems, this proposed solution is anticipated to be a valuable tool for enhancing the quality of life for visually impaired individuals. Another alternative is "Smartphone-Based Cognitive Assistance of Blind People in Room Recognition and Awareness", which utilises the Current assistive technologies for outdoor navigation and localization, such as white canes, smartphones, and GPS, address these aspects. However, there has been limited focus on aiding blind individuals in assessing indoor environments, recognizing room types, identifying occupants, communicating with specific individuals, and understanding social dynamics like age, gender, and the number of people present. This research aims to offer cognitive support to blind individuals by predicting room types and assisting in locating a desired person for communication based on their understanding of the surrounding environment and social context. The proposed solution utilizes a microphone and speaker for identifying room types and a camera for comprehending the ambient environment and social indicators. Information is then relayed to the blind person through haptic feedback. Various evaluation metrics, including people's movements, ambient sounds, orientation, and position, were analyzed in the study.

1.3 Organization of the Report

The remaining chapters of the project report are described as follows:

- Chapter 2 contains the proposed system, methodology, hardware and software details.
- Chapter 3 gives the cost involved in the implementation of the project.
- Chapter 4 discusses the results obtained after the project was implemented.
- Chapter 5 concludes the report.
- Chapter 6 consists of codes.
- Chapter 7 gives references.

CHAPTER 2

THIRD EYE FOR THE BLIND

This Chapter describes the proposed system, working methodology, software and hardware details.

2.1 Proposed System

The proposed system for our project leverages the efficiency and accuracy of pre-trained models, specifically focusing on object detection, text recognition, and face recognition. Utilizing these pre-trained models streamlines the development process and enhances the overall performance of our project. One notable example is the integration of a state-of-the-art object detection library, chosen for its exceptional performance and high frames per second (FPS) capability. This strategic selection not only simplifies the implementation but also ensures real-time responsiveness.

Moreover, the incorporation of pre-trained models for text recognition brings a robust solution to text extraction tasks, reducing the complexity of our system while maintaining a high level of accuracy. Additionally, the integration of face recognition models enhances the security and user authentication aspects of our project, providing a reliable and efficient means of identity verification.

By adopting pre-trained models, we benefit from the wealth of knowledge embedded in these models, allowing us to focus on the specific requirements of our project without compromising on performance. This approach not only accelerates development but also facilitates scalability and adaptability to future advancements in the field of computer vision and machine learning. Overall, the proposed system is poised to deliver a sophisticated and efficient solution, capitalizing on the strengths of pre-trained models to meet the objectives of our project effectively.



Fig1: Architecture of the Project

2.2 Working Methodology

A Multifaceted System for Human-Computer Interaction: Voice Recognition, Object Detection, Text Recognition, Face Recognition, and More

Our implemented system orchestrates a symphony of technologies to create a seamless and intelligent user experience. At the heart lies the Vosk package, a powerful voice recognition engine that converts spoken commands into text with remarkable accuracy. This serves as the primary interface, enabling users to interact with the system naturally and effortlessly.

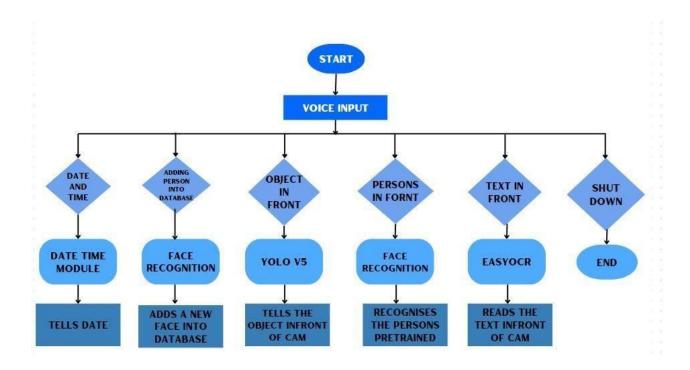


Fig2: Flowchart of the project

• Command Processing and Deep Learning Integration:

The integration of Vosk and YOLO in the Third Eye project represents a seamless and efficient marriage of cutting-edge voice recognition and deep learning technologies. When a user utters the command, "What are the objects in front of me?" Vosk, the robust speech-to-text conversion tool, flawlessly captures and interprets the user's voice, marking the initiation of the next stage in the process. This initial step is crucial in ensuring that the user's spoken command is accurately transcribed and understood, laying the foundation for a smooth interaction with the system.

Upon successful voice interpretation by Vosk, the baton is smoothly passed to the YOLO (You Only Look Once) deep learning model, renowned for its prowess in real-time object detection. This transition showcases the well-thought-out architecture of the Third Eye project, where each component seamlessly complements the other. YOLO swiftly analyzes the image captured by the device, providing a comprehensive list of detected objects, along with their precise locations and classifications. This real-time analysis is executed with remarkable speed, ensuring that the user receives prompt and accurate feedback about their immediate surroundings.

The marriage of Vosk and YOLO enables the system to go beyond mere object identification. It empowers the Third Eye project to furnish users with detailed information about the detected objects, enriching their understanding of the environment. Whether it's identifying common items, reading signs, or describing intricate details, this integration elevates the system's utility by not only recognizing the presence of objects but also providing context and meaningful insights to the user. This sophisticated interplay of voice recognition and deep learning stands as a testament to the project's commitment to creating a user-centric, intelligent, and empowering solution for individuals with visual impairments.

Text Recognition: Deciphering the Written Word:

The integration of the EasyOCR package within the Third Eye project represents a pivotal advancement in text recognition, further enriching the capabilities of the system. When users inquire about the text in front of them, EasyOCR plays a critical role by seamlessly and accurately extracting textual information from images captured by the ESP-32 camera. This functionality enables visually impaired individuals to access and comprehend printed text in their surroundings, thereby promoting a greater level of independence and inclusivity.

EasyOCR's meticulous approach to text extraction ensures a high degree of accuracy, even in diverse and dynamic environments. Whether it's reading signs, labels, or documents, the system provides users with instant access to information that may otherwise be challenging to obtain. By breaking down language barriers, EasyOCR contributes significantly to a more accessible experience, allowing users to understand and interact with their environment more effectively.

The empowerment that comes with EasyOCR's text recognition feature is particularly noteworthy in educational and professional settings. Visually impaired individuals can quickly access information from textbooks, documents, or presentations, facilitating a smoother learning and working experience. This not only enhances their productivity but also fosters a sense of confidence and autonomy, reinforcing the project's overarching goal of improving the quality of life for users with visual impairments.

In conclusion, the incorporation of the EasyOCR package within the Third Eye project serves as a key element in the project's commitment to addressing the specific needs of visually impaired individuals. By offering an efficient and accurate solution to text recognition, EasyOCR plays a crucial role in breaking down communication barriers and empowering users to navigate a text-dependent world more independently. As technology continues to evolve, further refinements and advancements in text recognition capabilities hold the potential to elevate the impact of assistive

technologies like Third Eye, making them indispensable tools for individuals with visual impairments.

• Face Recognition: Identifying the Familiar and Unfamiliar:

The Third Eye project demonstrates a remarkable advancement in its capabilities by extending beyond traditional object and text recognition. A noteworthy feature involves facial recognition, where the system responds to user inquiries such as "Who are the persons in front of me?" This functionality is powered by a dedicated Python package that takes charge of comparing the detected faces with a pre-defined database. By doing so, the system can identify individuals known to the system, providing a personalized interaction for the user. The integration of facial recognition not only adds a layer of sophistication to the system but also enhances the overall user experience by adding a personal touch to social interactions.

When the system identifies a match with a known face, it goes beyond simply acknowledging the presence of a person. Instead, it announces the individual's name, creating a more immersive and informative experience for the user. This personalized response contributes to a sense of familiarity and connection, fostering a more inclusive and human-centric interaction. This feature is particularly valuable in social situations, enabling visually impaired individuals to independently recognize and interact with friends, family, or acquaintances, thereby enriching their social experiences.

On the flip side, if the facial recognition module fails to identify a detected face within its database, the system promptly alerts the user about the presence of an unknown individual. This real-time notification serves a dual purpose – it enhances the user's security by making them aware of unfamiliar faces and contributes to situational awareness. By providing instant feedback about the presence of an unidentified person, the system empowers visually impaired users to make informed decisions about their interactions and surroundings, ultimately bolstering their confidence and safety.

In summary, the incorporation of facial recognition capabilities in the Third Eye project elevates the system's functionalities beyond the realms of object and text recognition. This addition not only facilitates personalized interactions by announcing the names of recognized individuals but also enhances security and situational awareness by promptly alerting users to the presence of unfamiliar faces. The integration of facial recognition technology not only demonstrates the

project's commitment to comprehensive support for visually impaired individuals but also underscores the potential for technology to significantly impact social interactions and personal safety in their daily lives.

• Beyond Perception: Enriching the User Experience:

The Third Eye project's utility extends beyond the realms of visual and auditory perception, incorporating a seamlessly integrated feature that enhances the user experience through simple yet crucial functionalities. One notable aspect of this multifaceted system is its ability to effortlessly provide users with real-time information about the current time and date. Leveraging the datetime module in Python, users can simply ask the system for this essential information, and in response, the intelligent voice assistant, Nancy, promptly delivers the accurate and up-to-date details. This functionality not only adds a layer of convenience to users' daily lives but also ensures that they can maintain a sense of temporal orientation, a fundamental aspect for effective navigation and planning.

This innovative integration of the datetime module showcases the project's commitment to enhancing the user experience by seamlessly blending technology into natural conversational interactions. By enabling users to inquire about the time and date in a conversational manner, the system breaks down barriers and promotes a more intuitive and inclusive interaction model. This simplicity in retrieving essential information aligns with the overarching goal of the Third Eye project to empower visually impaired individuals, making everyday tasks more accessible and fostering a sense of independence.

Moreover, the integration of real-time information retrieval adds a layer of dynamism to the system's capabilities. This feature positions the Third Eye project not only as a tool for passive perception but as an active and responsive companion that adapts to users' evolving needs. As the project continues to evolve, exploring additional functionalities and refining existing features, it holds the potential to redefine the landscape of assistive technologies for the visually impaired, setting new standards for user-friendly and context-aware systems.

Synergy of Pre-Trained Models for Optimized Efficiency:

The integration of diverse modules within the Third Eye project exemplifies the power of collaboration, showcasing how a synergy of hardware and software components can create a cohesive and efficient system. The project's success lies in the strategic combination of cutting-edge technologies, such as the ESP-32 with a 2-megapixel camera, YOLO for object detection, OpenCV for face recognition, and OCR for text recognition. This collaborative approach ensures that the system addresses the complex needs of visually impaired individuals comprehensively. By bringing together these different elements, the Third Eye project not only enhances the overall user experience but also maximizes the capabilities of each technology to create a holistic solution.

The use of pre-trained models for object detection, text recognition, and face recognition plays a pivotal role in the exceptional efficiency and accuracy achieved by the Third Eye system. Leveraging these pre-existing models allows the project to capitalize on the wealth of knowledge encoded in these models through extensive training on diverse datasets. This not only reduces the development time but also ensures that the system benefits from the collective expertise of the broader machine learning and computer vision communities. The efficiency gains from pre-trained models translate into prompt and reliable responses to user inquiries, contributing to the system's overall effectiveness. The collaborative integration of these models, fine-tuned to meet the specific needs of the visually impaired, fosters a sense of trust among users, as they can rely on the system to accurately interpret and relay information about their surroundings.

Furthermore, this collaborative approach reflects a forward-looking perspective on the advancement of assistive technologies. By building upon existing models and technologies, the Third Eye project demonstrates a commitment to staying at the forefront of innovation. This not only enhances the project's scalability and adaptability but also positions it for future developments in machine learning and computer vision. The collaborative integration of these diverse modules not only enhances the daily lives of visually impaired individuals but also sets a precedent for the development of inclusive and intelligent systems that leverage the collective knowledge of the global tech community.

Tailored Solutions for Diverse Needs:

The design philosophy of the Third Eye project revolves around the strategic utilization of specialized packages for each distinct task, fostering a highly adaptable and robust system that caters to the diverse needs of visually impaired users. The deliberate choice to employ task-specific packages ensures that the system can address a broad spectrum of functionalities with precision and efficiency. By leveraging specialized tools such as YOLO for object detection, OpenCV for face recognition, and OCR for text recognition, the system tailors its approach to different interaction scenarios. This modular and task-specific approach enhances the overall user experience by providing a seamless and intuitive interaction, whether the user is navigating their environment, engaging with others, or accessing essential information.

In the realm of object detection, the Third Eye project's decision to integrate YOLO plays a pivotal role in ensuring accurate and real-time identification of various objects in the user's surroundings. YOLO's efficiency in handling object recognition contributes to the system's adaptability, allowing visually impaired users to confidently navigate and interact with their environment. The specialized nature of YOLO for this task ensures that the system excels in providing detailed and contextually relevant information about objects, empowering users with a heightened awareness of their surroundings.

The system's commitment to personalized experiences extends to its approach in recognizing faces through the integration of OpenCV. By employing OpenCV's advanced face recognition capabilities, the Third Eye project enhances the social aspect of the user's interactions. Visually impaired individuals can not only navigate physical spaces but also engage with others more meaningfully, recognizing and distinguishing between individuals in their vicinity. This personalized touch fosters a sense of connection and independence, enriching the overall user experience and showcasing the versatility and adaptability of the Third Eye system in addressing the diverse needs of visually impaired users.

• A Glimpse into the Future:

This multi-faceted system marks a transformative leap in the landscape of human-computer interaction, ushering in a future where technology becomes an intuitive extension of our daily lives. At its core, the integration of voice recognition technology serves as a pivotal element, allowing users to communicate with the system naturally and effortlessly. By understanding and responding to spoken commands, the system breaks down barriers, providing an interface that is not only efficient but also inclusive. This shift towards voice-driven interaction represents a departure from traditional input methods, offering a more accessible and user-friendly approach that aligns with the diverse needs of individuals, including those with physical limitations or varying degrees of technological proficiency.

The advanced image processing capabilities embedded in the system contribute to a visually enriched user experience, reflecting the potential for technology to interpret and respond to the visual cues in our surroundings. The utilization of pre-trained deep learning models further amplifies the system's intelligence, enabling it to recognize patterns, anticipate user preferences, and adapt dynamically to changing contexts. This fusion of image processing and deep learning introduces a new dimension to human-computer interaction, one that transcends conventional interfaces by harnessing the power of artificial intelligence to understand and cater to the nuanced needs and preferences of users.

Looking ahead, the envisioned future of user interfaces promises a seamless integration of technology into the fabric of our lives. This future is characterized by systems that not only respond to explicit commands but also proactively anticipate user needs, creating an environment where technology becomes a personalized and anticipatory assistant. As we continue to witness the convergence of voice recognition, advanced image processing, and deep learning, the potential applications are vast, ranging from smart homes that adapt to our daily routines to intelligent personal assistants that enhance productivity and accessibility. The trajectory set by this multifaceted system underscores the transformative journey towards a more interconnected and responsive technological landscape.

2.3 Standards

Various standards used in this project are:

While the provided abstract doesn't explicitly mention specific standards, it's common for technology projects, especially those involving hardware and software components, to adhere to certain standards to ensure interoperability, reliability, and compliance. Here are some potential standards that could be relevant to the Third Eye project:

1. Accessibility Standards:

□ Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG): These guidelines provide recommendations for making web content more accessible, which may be relevant if the project involves any web-based interfaces or applications.

2. Hardware Standards:

- USB Human Interface Device (HID) Standard: If the project involves hardware interfaces, adherence to HID standards can ensure compatibility with various operating systems.
- Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) standards: If the project incorporates Bluetooth technology for communication, adherence to BLE standards is essential for interoperability.

3. Computer Vision Standards:

OpenCV: While not a standard in the traditional sense, OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision Library) provides a widely used and accepted set of programming functions for computer vision tasks.

4. Speech Recognition Standards:

Speech Application Programming Interface (SAPI): If the project involves speech recognition, adherence to SAPI standards may be relevant for compatibility with Windows-based systems.

5. Language Standards:

□ **Unicode Standard:** If the project supports multiple languages, using Unicode ensures proper representation of characters and text in various languages.

6. Communication Standards:

- Wi-Fi Standards (e.g., IEEE 802.11): If the project involves wireless communication, adherence to Wi-Fi standards ensures compatibility with standard networking equipment.
- Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Standards: If the project incorporates voice communication, adherence to VoIP standards may be relevant for interoperability.

7. Privacy and Security Standards:

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): If the project involves handling personal data, compliance with GDPR standards is crucial for user privacy.
- ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security Management): This standard addresses information security and could be relevant for ensuring the security of user data. It's important to note that the specific standards applicable to the Third Eye project would depend on the detailed specifications and functionalities of the hardware and software components involved. Additionally, the project team may choose to adhere to industry best practices and standards relevant to their specific technology stack and use case.

2.4 System Details

2.4.1 Hardware Components Used:

1. ESP32 Camera:



Fig3: ESP32 Camera

The ESP32 camera is a versatile and powerful component that integrates a microcontroller and a camera module into a single development board. Developed by Espressif Systems, the ESP32 camera module combines the capabilities of the ESP32 microcontroller with a 2-megapixel camera,

making it well-suited for a wide range of applications, including image and video processing, computer vision, and IoT (Internet of Things) projects. The ESP32 microcontroller is based on the Tensilica Xtensa LX6 architecture and features dual-core processing, providing ample computing power for various tasks. Additionally, the ESP32 comes equipped with built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, enhancing its connectivity options and making it suitable for applications requiring wireless communication.

The camera component of the ESP32 camera module features a 2-megapixel sensor, allowing for the capture of high-resolution images and videos. It supports various image processing functions, such as color correction, white balance, and exposure control, providing flexibility for different imaging scenarios. The integration of the ESP32 and the camera module on a single board simplifies development and facilitates the creation of projects that involve both microcontroller tasks and visual data processing. This makes the ESP32 camera an attractive choice for developers and hobbyists seeking a compact and feature-rich solution for applications that involve image and video capture in conjunction with IoT functionalities.

2. Battery:



Fig4: Battery

A 3.7-volt, 400mAh battery is a common power source used in various electronic devices, particularly in applications where a compact and lightweight energy solution is required. The voltage specification of 3.7 volts is typical for lithium-polymer (LiPo) batteries, which are widely

employed due to their high energy density and rechargeable nature. The 400mAh capacity indicates the amount of charge the battery can store, measured in milliampere-hours. In practical terms, this means the battery can deliver a current of 400 milliamperes for one hour or 40 milliamperes for ten hours. The 3.7-volt rating is suitable for powering many low-power electronic components and microcontrollers, making it a popular choice for portable devices, wearables, and IoT applications.

The compact size and moderate capacity of a 400mAh battery make it ideal for projects with limited space or weight constraints, where a balance between energy storage and form factor is crucial. It is frequently used in scenarios where devices need to be lightweight and portable while still providing sufficient power to sustain their operation. The 3.7-volt, 400mAh battery's characteristics are well-suited for powering small-scale electronics, ensuring a reliable and long-lasting power supply for a variety of applications, including those in the realm of IoT, embedded systems, and portable gadgets.

3. Sun Glasses:



Fig5: Sun Glasses

We used a normal light weight sun glasses in our project which is used to fit all our components

4. Charger:



Fig6: Charger

To charge a 3.7-volt, 400mAh battery, a suitable charger is necessary to ensure a safe and efficient charging process. Given that the battery is likely a lithium-polymer (LiPo) or lithium-ion (Li-ion) type, it's crucial to use a charger specifically designed for these chemistries to prevent overcharging, overheating, and other potential safety hazards.

The charger should have the ability to provide a constant voltage and a limited current during the charging cycle. Commonly, LiPo and Li-ion batteries are charged using a constant current, constant voltage (CC-CV) charging algorithm. In the CC phase, the charger delivers a constant current to the battery until it reaches a predetermined voltage, usually around 4.2 volts for a 3.7-volt battery. Once this voltage is reached, the charger switches to the CV phase, where it maintains a constant voltage while allowing the current to gradually decrease until the battery is fully charged.

5. Switch:



Fig 7: Switch

A power switch is often used to turn the device on or off. It controls the overall power supply to the system, allowing users to conserve energy when the device is not in use.

2.4.2 Software Details

ESP32-CAM with Embedded C:

The ESP32-CAM stands out as a versatile development board built around the ESP32 system-on-chip (SoC), a powerful and multifunctional microcontroller. Equipped with an integrated camera module, the ESP32-CAM is particularly popular for projects that involve image and video processing. This compact yet feature-rich board integrates the capabilities of the ESP32 SoC with the convenience of a camera, offering a comprehensive solution for applications ranging from surveillance systems to IoT projects with visual data requirements. The ESP32-CAM's integration of both processing power and imaging capabilities makes it a go-to choice for developers and hobbyists seeking to implement projects that involve capturing, analyzing, and manipulating visual information.

When it comes to programming the ESP32-CAM, developers commonly employ C or C++, utilizing tools such as the Arduino IDE or other compatible environments. This allows for flexible and efficient code development, taking advantage of the ESP32's capabilities while maintaining compatibility with well-established programming languages. In the context of ESP32 programming,

embedded C specifically refers to writing code in the C programming language tailored for microcontrollers or embedded systems. To harness the full potential of the ESP32, developers often leverage the Espressif IoT Development Framework (ESP-IDF), a robust platform that provides a comprehensive set of tools, libraries, and documentation for ESP32 development in C.

The ESP-IDF offers a rich ecosystem that streamlines the process of developing applications for the ESP32-CAM. It includes components for handling Wi-Fi connectivity, Bluetooth communication, and other essential functionalities. The utilization of embedded C and the ESP-IDF in ESP32 programming ensures that developers have the necessary tools and resources to tap into the advanced features of the ESP32 SoC, enabling them to create sophisticated and high-performance applications. Whether it's implementing complex image processing algorithms or developing innovative IoT solutions, the combination of the ESP32-CAM hardware and embedded C programming provides a robust foundation for pushing the boundaries of embedded system development.

PyCharm 3.10.1:

Python programming, offering a comprehensive suite of tools to streamline the development process. Developed by JetBrains, a renowned software development company, PyCharm is designed to enhance the efficiency of Python developers by providing an intuitive and feature-rich platform. The IDE encompasses a range of essential features, including advanced code completion, syntax highlighting, and real-time debugging capabilities. These features collectively contribute to a seamless coding experience, enabling developers to write, edit, and debug their Python code with precision and ease.

The version number 3.10.1 signifies a specific release iteration of PyCharm, highlighting the software's commitment to continuous improvement and refinement. Newer versions often incorporate bug fixes to address issues identified in earlier releases, performance enhancements to optimize the IDE's responsiveness, and the introduction of new features to stay aligned with the evolving needs of the Python development community. The versioning system employed by PyCharm allows developers to stay up-to-date with the latest improvements and ensures that they have access to the most stable and feature-complete iterations of the IDE. Regular updates like version 3.10.1 underline JetBrains' dedication to providing a cutting-edge Python development environment.

In practical terms, PyCharm serves as more than just a code editor. It functions as a comprehensive project management tool, facilitating the organization and navigation of Python projects with ease. Its intelligent integration of version control systems and support for various frameworks make it a versatile choice for developers working on diverse Python applications. As PyCharm continues to evolve, developers can expect a user-friendly and powerful environment that aligns with the dynamic landscape of Python development, fostering enhanced productivity and code quality.

Live Video Transmission (YouTube and RPA)

The live transmission capability of the ESP32 refers to its ability to transmit data in real-time, often wirelessly, to another device or server. The ESP32 is a versatile microcontroller with built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, making it suitable for applications that require live data transmission, such as IoT (Internet of Things) projects, sensor networks, and remote monitoring systems.

The live transmission functionality of the ESP32 is typically harnessed through its communication protocols, including Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. For live data streaming over Wi-Fi, the ESP32 can be programmed to connect to a local network or act as an access point, enabling communication with other devices or servers. This is particularly useful for scenarios where real-time sensor data, video feeds, or other information needs to be transmitted to a central location for monitoring or analysis.

In addition to Wi-Fi, the ESP32's Bluetooth capabilities can also be leveraged for live data transmission, especially in scenarios involving short-range communication with other Bluetooth-enabled devices. This is beneficial for applications like wearable devices, health monitors, or interactive projects where real-time communication between devices is crucial.

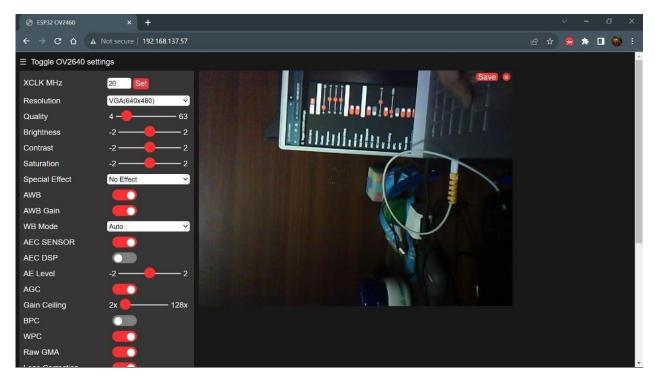


Fig 8: Live Transmission of ESP32 Camera

Developers can implement live transmission functionality using various communication protocols and libraries available for the ESP32. For example, the use of MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport) or HTTP protocols can enable efficient and reliable data exchange over Wi-Fi. Real-time data can include sensor readings, camera feeds, or any information relevant to the specific application.

CHAPTER 3 COST ANALYSIS

3.1 List of components and their cost

The costs of the various components used in this project are given below in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 List of components and their costs

COMPONENT	COST
ESP-32 Camera	₹ 500
Micro Processor	₹ 10000
Battery	₹ 500
TWS	₹ 1000
Sun Glasses	₹ 500
Charger	₹ 300
Switch	₹ 200
TOTAL	₹ 13000

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Results:

The Third Eye project demonstrates impressive results in providing enhanced functionality and support for visually impaired individuals through its innovative hardware and software components. The incorporation of the ESP-32 with a 2-megapixel camera and a microphone serves as a robust foundation for the project, enabling the implementation of various cutting-edge technologies.

Nancy, the intelligent voice assistant, successfully delivers crucial audio feedback tailored to the unique needs of users with visual impairments. The basic functionalities, such as time, date, and day updates, contribute to the users' temporal orientation. The utilization of YOLO for object detection ensures accurate identification of various objects in the surroundings, significantly enhancing users' ability to interact with their environment confidently.

The advanced computer vision technologies, including OpenCV for face recognition and OCR for text recognition, add a layer of complexity to Nancy's capabilities. The ability to recognize and describe objects, persons, and text in the user's vicinity significantly contributes to the users' situational awareness and understanding of their surroundings.

The integration of VOSK for speech-to-text conversion and PyAudio for speech output results in seamless communication, supporting multiple languages, including English and Hindi.

This language versatility makes Nancy an inclusive tool suitable for a diverse user base.

Discussions:

The Third Eye project represents a significant leap in leveraging cutting-edge technologies to address the daily challenges faced by visually impaired individuals. The amalgamation of sophisticated hardware components and advanced software tools creates a comprehensive solution that goes beyond basic functionalities.

The use of YOLO for object detection and OpenCV for face recognition showcases the project's commitment to providing users with detailed information about their physical

surroundings. The ability to recognize and describe objects and persons not only enhances the users' situational awareness but also fosters a sense of independence by allowing them to navigate and interact with their environment more effectively.

The inclusion of OCR for text recognition further expands the project's capabilities, enabling users to access information from printed text in their surroundings. This feature is particularly valuable in scenarios where users need to read signs, labels, or other written information.

The support for multiple languages, including English and Hindi, through VOSK and PyAudio, reflects the project's commitment to inclusivity. This ensures that a diverse user base can benefit from the Third Eye project, promoting accessibility on a global scale.

In conclusion, the Third Eye project not only embraces state-of-the-art technologies but intelligently combines them to create a solution that positively impacts the quality of life for visually impaired individuals. Nancy, as the core voice assistant, stands as a testament to the potential of deep learning and computer vision in creating a more inclusive and accessible world. Further research and development in this area could lead to even more advanced solutions, opening up new possibilities for improving the lives of individuals with visual impairments.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The Third Eye project stands as a testament to the seamless integration of hardware components with cutting-edge technologies in deep learning and computer vision, offering a comprehensive solution to empower visually impaired individuals. At its core, this innovative system is designed to bridge the gap between the visually impaired and their surroundings, leveraging advanced technological tools to enhance their independence and accessibility.

Central to the success of the Third Eye project is the inclusion of a sophisticated voice assistant named Nancy. Nancy proves to be a valuable companion by providing real-time information about the surrounding environment. Through a combination of advanced algorithms and machine learning, Nancy excels at recognizing objects and persons, significantly contributing to the user's awareness and understanding of their surroundings.

One of the standout features of Nancy is its multilingual support, addressing the diverse needs of users from different linguistic backgrounds. This inclusivity not only broadens the reach of the assistive technology but also ensures that individuals with visual impairments, regardless of their language, can benefit from the capabilities of the Third Eye project.

The integration of state-of-the-art technologies further elevates the functionality of the system. The inclusion of You Only Look Once (YOLO), an object detection system, enhances the accuracy and efficiency of identifying objects in the environment. OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision) brings additional robustness to the system, providing a powerful library of computer vision functions that contribute to real-time image processing and analysis.

Voice recognition capabilities are enhanced through the integration of VOSK, a versatile and efficient speech recognition system. This integration allows users to interact with the system naturally, receiving information and issuing commands through spoken language. The combination of advanced computer vision and seamless voice interaction makes the Third Eye project a well-rounded and user-friendly assistive technology solution.

Moreover, Optical Character Recognition (OCR) adds another layer of functionality to the system, enabling the recognition and interpretation of text in the user's environment. This feature proves invaluable for tasks such as reading signs, labels, or any written information, thereby empowering visually impaired individuals with increased autonomy in various scenarios.

In conclusion, the Third Eye project represents a promising advancement in assistive technology for the visually impaired. By combining hardware components with sophisticated technologies in deep learning, computer vision, and natural language processing, this innovative system, with its voice assistant Nancy, provides a comprehensive and empowering solution. The integration of YOLO, OpenCV, VOSK, and OCR collectively contributes to the effectiveness and versatility of the Third Eye project, offering visually impaired individuals a tool that enhances their awareness, independence, and overall quality of life.

The foundation laid by the current iteration of the Third Eye project opens up promising avenues for future enhancements and expansions. One key area slated for improvement is Enhanced Object Recognition. By integrating more sophisticated object recognition models, the project aims to not only improve accuracy but also expand the range of recognized objects. This evolution will empower visually impaired users with a more comprehensive understanding of their surroundings, contributing to a heightened sense of independence and autonomy.

Another pivotal focus for future development lies in Navigation and Spatial Awareness. The goal is to incorporate cutting-edge technologies that facilitate both indoor and outdoor navigation. This enhancement will enable users to navigate through complex environments with greater ease and confidence. By leveraging advanced navigation solutions, the Third Eye project seeks to provide a seamless and reliable way for visually impaired individuals to move through diverse spaces, fostering a sense of inclusivity and accessibility.

To broaden its impact and cater to a more diverse user base, the project aims to Expand Language Support. The addition of support for additional languages acknowledges the global nature of visual impairment and ensures that the Third Eye technology can be utilized by individuals from different linguistic backgrounds. This inclusivity aligns with the overarching goal of enhancing the quality of life for visually impaired individuals on a global scale.

In the realm of User Interface Enhancement, the project envisions the development of a user-friendly interface. This interface will not only streamline interactions with the Third Eye system but also facilitate easy customization. The ability to adapt the interface according to individual preferences ensures that users can tailor the technology to suit their specific needs, fostering a more personalized and user-centric experience.

Recognizing the increasing prevalence and utility of wearable devices, the Third Eye project explores Collaboration with Wearable Devices. By integrating Third Eye with wearable technology, such as smart glasses or other portable devices, the project aims to enhance the portability and convenience of the system for users. This collaboration opens up new possibilities for seamless integration into daily life, further empowering visually impaired individuals in various contexts.

In conclusion, the Third Eye project, with its current capabilities and ambitious roadmap for the future, stands as a testament to the transformative potential of technology in addressing real-life challenges. By continuously pushing the boundaries of innovation, the project not only improves the lives of visually impaired individuals today but also lays the groundwork for a more inclusive and technologically advanced future.

CHAPTER 6

APPENDIX

app.py

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              import pyaudio
import pyttsx3
import cv2
import face_recognition
              from datetime import datetime, date
from num2words import num2words
import detect # yolov5 module
from urllib.request import urlopen
              esp32_url = "http://192.168.22."+esp32_port_num+"/capture
print(esp32_url)
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              voices = engine.getProperty('voices')
engine.setProperty('rate', 130)
                    curimg = cv2.imread(f'{path}/{cl}')
images.append(curimg)
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now = datetime.now()
hour = int(now.strftime("%I"))/1
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engine.say("Language is set to English")
engine.runAndWait()
elif (res['text'].find('read') != -1 or res['text'].find('text') != -1 or text!==1 or res['text'].find('पত')!=-1 or res['text'].find('पठ
     img - cv:.intdact.ing, cv:.intle_ro_ctocknist;)
os.chdir(r"F:\files\ECS PROJECT - Hindi + english\main_file")
cv2.imwrite("image123.png", img)
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imgS = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BBR2R6B)
os.chdir(r"F:\files\ECS PROJECT - Hindi + english\main_file")
cv2.imwrite("image123.png", img)
```

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print("IN who cls """)
elif (res['text'].find('objects') != -1 or res['text'].find('objects') != -1 or test3==1 or res['text'].find('वस्तु') != -1 or res['text'].find('aस्तु')
         img_resp = urlopen(esp32_url)
         success, img = cap1.read()
success, img = cap1.read()
     if (flag_espon == True):
   img = cv2.rotate(img, cv2.ROTATE_90_CLOCKWISE)
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success, img = cap1.read()
success, img = cap1.read()
imgS = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_B6R2R68)
os.chdir(r"F:\files\ECS PROJECT - Hindi + english\main_file")
cv2.imwrite("image123.png", img)
person_name = None
print(res['text'].split(' '))
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add_face.py

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