



REAL – TIME COMMUNICATION SYSTEM POWERED BY AI FOR SPECIALLY ABLED

A PROJECT REPORT

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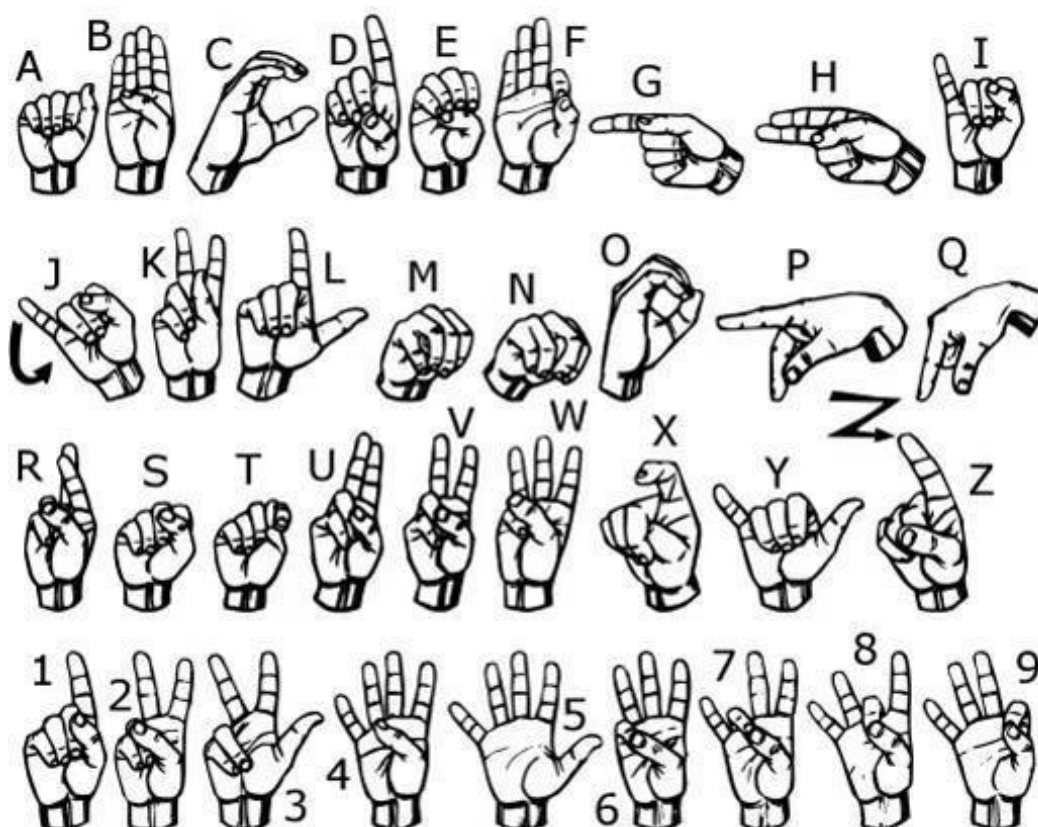
CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In our daily life, the communication between several different communities is fundamental and very much important to share information. Being able to communicate effectively is a vital life skill but for the people with speech and hearing disability, they find it difficult to convey their messages with others. The process of communication between two people can be done using various medium. Not everyone knows how to interpret a sign language when having a conversation with such community like of deaf and dumb person. One finds it difficult to communicate without an interpreter or some other sources. We need to convert the sign language so that it is understood by others and also help them to communicate without any barriers. One of the effective solutions of this difficulty is sign language recognition system. Using sign language different gestures of hand are used to express meaningful information. Language of sign is different in different parts of world. There are 135 sign languages prevalent throughout the world for communication. Each sign language is different from the other like American Sign Language used in America is different from the Indian Sign Language of India. Looking to the ease of understanding Indian Sign Language, we standardized to work on Indian Sign Language gestures. We need to convert the sign language so that it is understood by others and also help them to communicate without any barriers. Sign language recognition is still a challenging problem inspire of many research efforts during the last many years. One of the methods of hand gesture recognition is to use the hand gloves for human computer interaction. But this method is sophisticated as it requires user to wear glove and carry a load of cables connecting the device to a computer.

Therefore, to eliminate this complication and to make user interaction with computer easy and natural we proposed to work on sign recognition using bare hands i.e., no usage of any external wearable hardware. Mainly sign language recognition processes are highly depending on human based translation services. The involvement of human expertise is very difficult and expensive also for translation. Now our proposed automatic sign language recognition system leads to understand the meaning of different signs without any aid from the expert. In common, any sign language recognition system contains several modules like object tracking, skin segmentation, feature extraction, and recognition. The first two modules



PURPOSE

The motivation behind building such a system includes:

- Sign-to-text translation system or dialog systems which can be used in various public domains like in Government Departments, airports etc.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

EXISTING PROBLEM

As per the journal on Hand Gesture Recognition Using data acquisition and preprocessing” by Dr. Dasaraju Srinivasa Rao constructed a skin model to extract the hand out of an image and then apply binary threshold to the whole image. After obtaining the threshold image they calibrate it about the principal axis in order to centre the image about it. He input this image to a convolutional neural network model in order to train and predict the outputs. He trained the model over 7 hand gestures and using the model he produced an accuracy of around 95% for those 7 gestures. Problem resulted in this survey is that it does not consider gesture recognition in temporal space and unable to classify the images in the complex background.

Hand Gesture Recognition using Kinetic Camera:

As per the title, produced by Dr. Partha Talukdar published on Journal of Inst. Of Engineers India : Series – A October based on classifying the different gestures according to geometric based invariants which are obtained from image data after segmentation. Thus, unlike many other recognition methods, this method is not dependent on skin colour. The gestures are extracted from each frame of the video, with a static background. The first step is to segment and label the objects of interest and to extract geometric invariants from them. Change in the illumination , rotation and orientation , scaling problem is a the drawback encountered.

On the Other hand, G.Pushpak Bhattacharya published a model dealing with the applications of AI in Machine Learning encountered drawback mainly on edge detection and segmentation algorithms used here are not very efficient.

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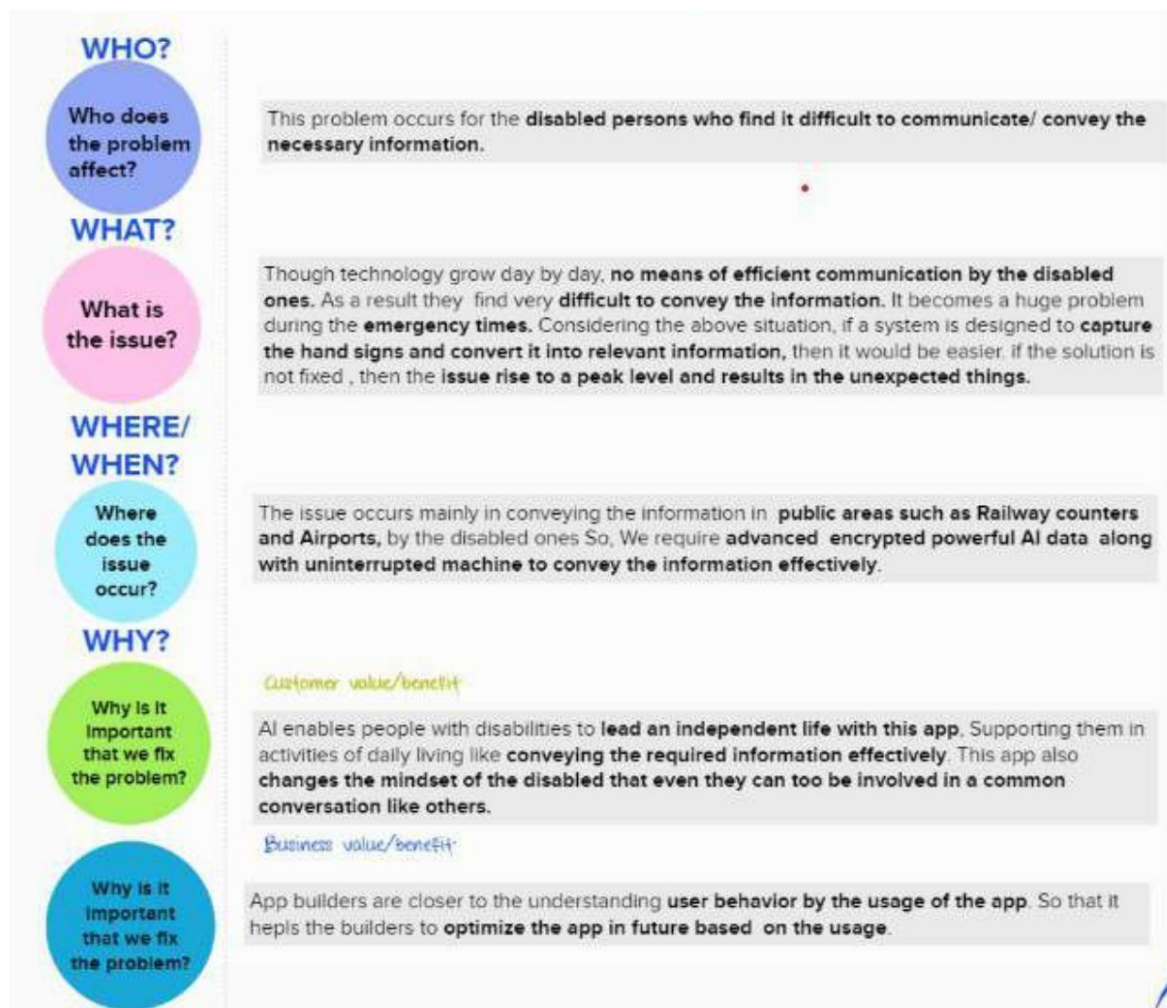
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PROBLEM STATEMENT DEFINITION

A problem statement is a concise description of an issue to be addressed or a condition to be improved upon. It identifies the gap between the current state and desired state of a process or product.

For the given project, the following set of questions are raised .

- WHO?
- WHAT?
- WHERE/WHEN
- WHY?



CHAPTER 3

IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

EMPATHY MAP CANVAS

An **empathy map** is a collaborative visualization used to articulate what we know about a particular type of user. Empathy maps should be used throughout any UX process to establish common ground among team members and to understand and prioritize user needs. In user-centered design, empathy maps are best used from the very **beginning of the design process**. It externalizes knowledge about users in order to

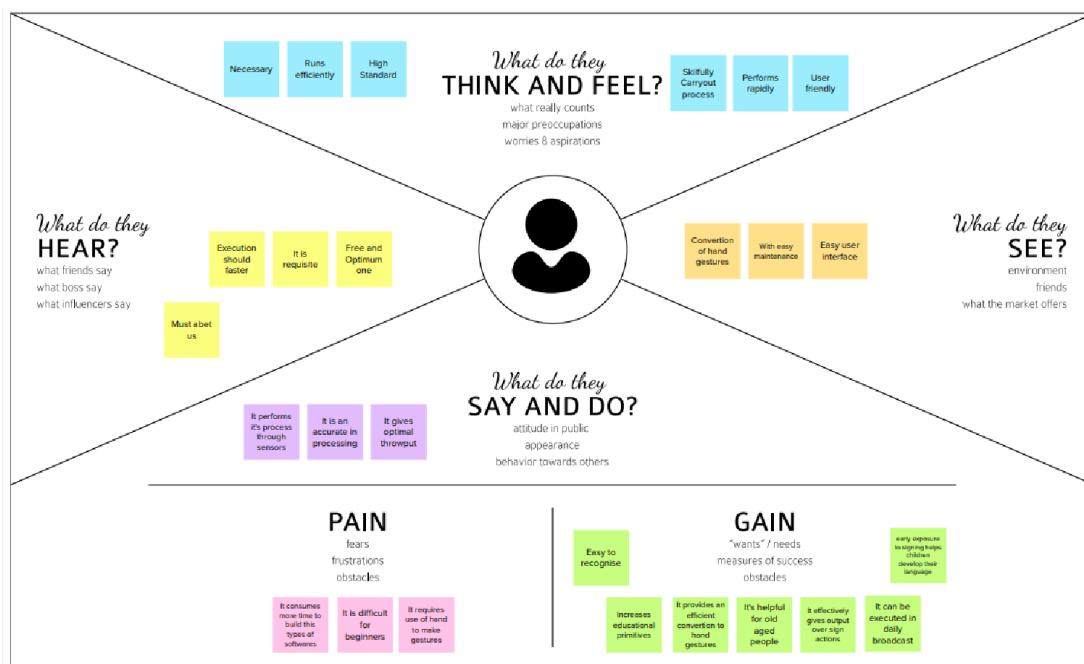
- Create a shared understanding of user needs,
- Aid in decision making.

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Real Time Communication System Powered By AI For Specially Abled:

Empathy Map Canvas

Gain insight and understanding on solving customer problems.



IDEATION & BRAINSTORMING

Brainstorming combines a relaxed, informal approach to problem solving with lateral thinking. It encourages people to come up with thoughts and ideas that can, at first, seem a bit crazy. Some of these ideas can be crafted into original, creative solutions to a problem, while others can spark even more ideas. This helps to get people unstuck by "jolting" them out of their normal ways of thinking.

For the given Project, different ideas and methods were

suggested in order to come up with a solution for the existing problem.

Conducting a brainstorm

Brainstorming is a technique for generating ideas. It's a process where a group of people work together to come up with as many ideas as possible. The goal is to generate a large number of ideas, even if some are silly or impractical. The ideas are then evaluated and refined into a final solution.

Before you collaborate

Before you collaborate, it's important to set the stage for a successful brainstorming session. This includes creating a safe and supportive environment, encouraging participation from all team members, and focusing on the problem at hand.

Choose your best 'How Might We' questions

Choosing the right 'How Might We' questions is crucial for a successful brainstorming session. These questions should be open-ended, challenging, and focused on the problem at hand.

Brainstorm solo

Brainstorming solo allows you to generate ideas on your own. This can be a useful technique for generating a large number of ideas quickly.

Brainstorm as a group

Brainstorming as a group allows you to generate ideas together. This can be a useful technique for generating a large number of ideas quickly.

Decide your focus

Deciding your focus is important for a successful brainstorming session. This involves identifying the most important aspects of the problem and focusing on those aspects.

After you collaborate

After you collaborate, it's important to evaluate the ideas generated. This involves identifying the most promising ideas and refining them into a final solution.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

The main objective of the project is to contribute to the field of automatic sign language recognition. Our focus is mainly on the recognition of the real time sign language gestures. This work focused on deep learning approach to numbers, alphabets and most often used words. Through this work we want to ease the interaction for people with speech and hearing disabilities and also other objective is to convert sign language into text.

Problem statement:

- To provide an Efficient communication app which translates the hand signs into text and voice mode for deaf and dumb people.

Idea / Solution description:

- Convolution Neural Networks are to be used to take hand sign as an input to extract edges, corners.
- Dataset is used for training CNN. One dataset for hand detection and the other for gesture detection.
- Voice assistant is implemented that take input as speech patterns and convert the text into voice

Novelty / Uniqueness:

We have number of symbols to be trained for our project and many of them look similar to each other like the gesture for symbol 'V' and digit '2'. To produce better accuracies, we keep the background of hand a stable single colour, so that we don't need to segment it on basis of skin colour.

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Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction:

- AI enables people with disabilities to lead an independent life with this app.
- Supporting them in activities of daily living .
- It changes the mind set of the disabled, that even they can to be involved in a common conversation like others.

Business Model (Revenue Model):

- Faster and efficient , the concerned text or voice as output is produced, the more it leads to optimize the app with new advancements.
- The productivity is gained and at the same time, leads to improved speed of business.

Scalability of the Solution:

- A convolutional neural network can be scaled in three dimensions: depth, width, resolution.
- Depth of the network corresponds to the number of layers in a network.
- Width is associated with the number of neurons in a layer.
- Resolution is the image resolution that is being passed to CNN. Increasing the depth, by stacking more convolutional layers, allows the network to learn more complex features.

PROBLEM SOLUTION FIT

The Problem-Solution Fit simply means that we have found a problem with the customer and the solution we realized for it actually solves the customer's problem.

For the given project, the following situations are taken into consideration and at last proposed the innovative ideas in order to provide solution to the problem.

Project Design Phase - I - Solution Fit

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Define CS, fit into CC	1. CUSTOMER SEGMENT(S) My customer is normal person who tries to understand sign language.	6. CUSTOMER The customer recognizes the sign language which cannot be done in suddenly.	5. AVAILABLE SOLUTIONS The normal person can predict the sign language with some practices.	Explore AS, differen
	2. JOBS-TO-BE-DONE / PROBLEMS The expression of abled person is not understandable for normal persons.	9. PROBLEM ROOT CAUSE Problem causes is when abled person starts conversation to normal person which cannot be understood by them because of unpracticed nature.	7. BEHAVIOUR When customer says some things the abled person can't get that thing properly.	

3. TRIGGERS Problem is customer cannot understand the sign language.	10. YOUR SOLUTION Use the MINIST Dataset to recognize handwritten digits convolutional neural network model created using pytorch, opencv library to solve the problem.	8. CHANNELS of BEHAVIOUR 8.1 ONLINE While using this platform the customer feels little bit difficult to understand the sign language.
4. EMOTIONS: BEFORE / AFTER Normal person cannot understand sign language.		8.2 OFFLINE While in this mode the customer feels somewhat easier than the online mode.

CHAPTER 4

REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Here , Desktop along with Camera is presented as black box.
- Deaf/Dumb is the person, who will show different signs based on the type of information being conveyed.
- Normal Person is the passive user of the desktop.

The System requirements that are required are specified below,

- Deaf/Dumb person should be able to perform a sign that represents digit/number.
- Deaf/Dumb person should be able to perform a sign that represents a character.
- Deaf/Dumb person should be able to perform a sign , where group of characters Forms a word.
- Deaf/Dumb person should be able to perform a sign, where group of words forms a sentence.
- Especially Deaf person should be able to see the translation of sign to text format.
- Dumb person should be able to understand the conversion of text into voice mode.
- Normal user should be able to understand the corresponding information conveyed by disabled through sign language.

NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Some of the non -functional requirements are mentioned as shown below.

- **SPEED:**

Speed determines how fast an application responds to commands. For example, it can be considered the amount of time , the concerned application gets opened once clicked.

- **COMPATIBILITY:**

Highly compatible systems typically function well when other applications are running on a device. Compatibility also allows people who have different operating systems to use the same applications.

- **CAPACITY:**

The capacity of a system refers to the amount of storage it offers. When using some applications, users can adjust and save settings based on their preferences.

- **RELIABILITY:**

Technology that is highly reliable functions with the same or similar efficiency after extensive use

CHAPTER 5

PROJECT DESIGN

DATA FLOW DIAGRAM

A data flow diagram (DFD) maps out the flow of information for any process or it uses defined symbols like rectangles, circles and arrows, plus short text labels, to show data inputs, outputs, storage points and the routes between each destination.

DFD for the given project is presented as shown below,

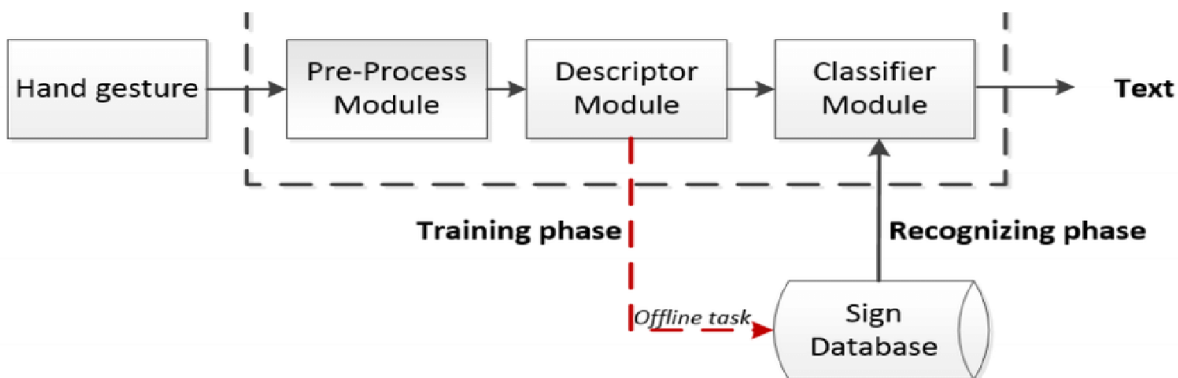
**Project Design Phase-II
Data Flow Diagram & User Stories**

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Data Flow Diagrams:

- The user interacts with the UI (User Interface) to upload the image as input
- The uploaded image is analyzed by the model which is integrated
- Once the model analyses the uploaded image, the prediction is showcased on the UI

Example:



SOLUTION & TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE

Solution architecture (SA) is an architectural description of a specific solution. The solution architecture **helps ensure that a new system will fit the existing enterprise environment.**

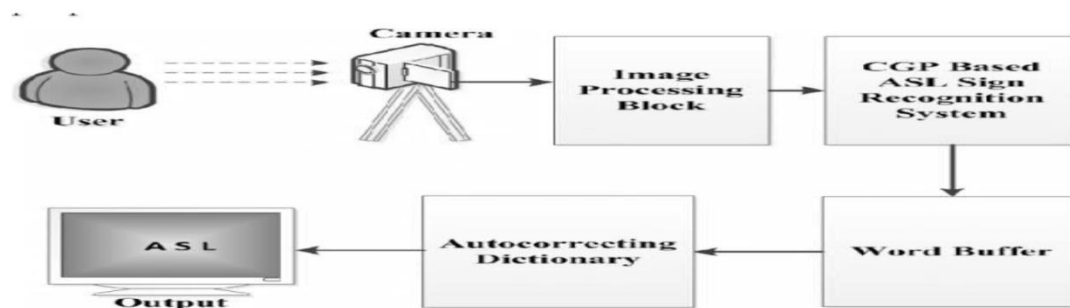
Project Design Phase-I Solution Architecture

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Solution Architecture:

- Break the image into small image tiles — Similar to sliding window, we can pass sliding window over the entire large image and each result is saved as separate, as a segment of large image as tiny picture tile.
- Feeding each tiny tile into the smaller size neural network — we rarely initialize the parameters with the same values and if not so, then we mark that tile as interesting.
- Save the results from each small tile into a new array — we would not like to misplace the index of the original file.
- We place the results in a grid of the same arrangement as an original image.
- Input: Raw pixel values are provided as input.
- Fully connected layer: Score class is focused, and a maximum score of the input digits is found.

Solution Architecture Diagram:



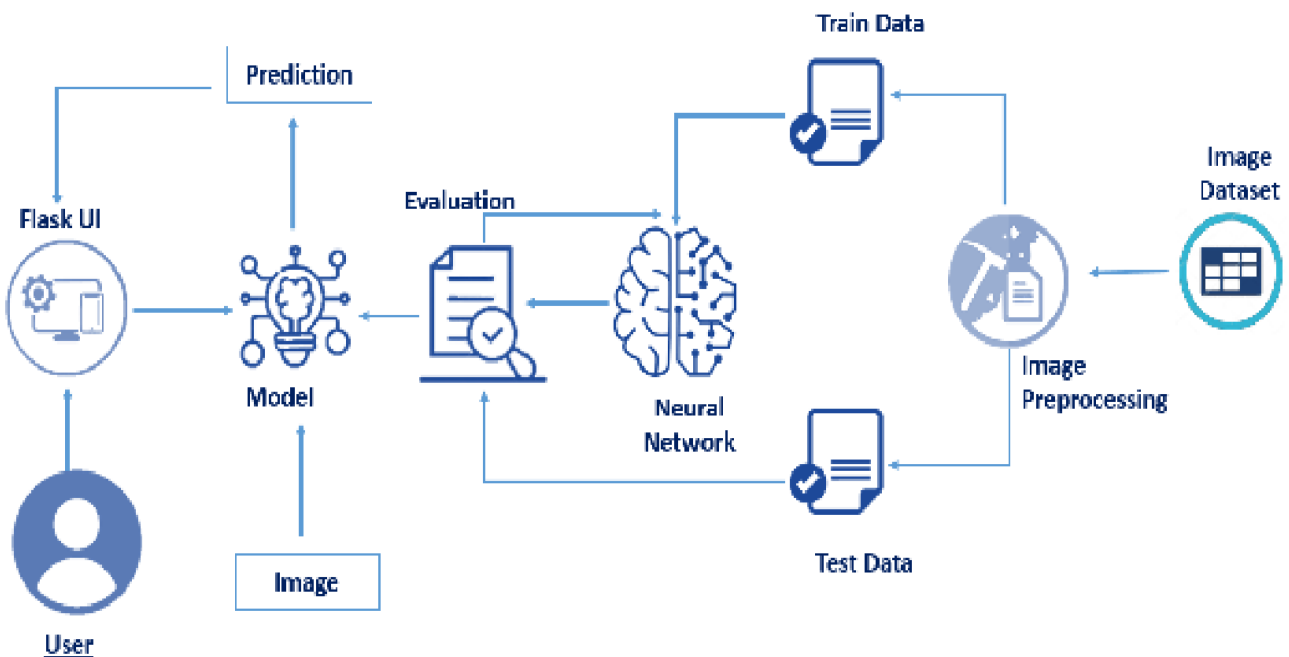
Technical Architecture (TA) involves development of technical blueprint with regard to the arrangement, interaction and interdependence of all elements so that system –relevant requirements are met.

**Project Design Phase-II
Technology Stack (Architecture & Stack)**

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Technical Architecture:

- We are building a Flask Application which needs HTML pages stored in the templates folder and a python script app.py for server side scripting.
- The model is built in the notebook sign recognition system.ipynb
- We need the model which is saved and the saved model in this content is mnistCNN.h5
- The static folder will contain js and css files.
- The templates mainly used here are main.html and index6.html for showcasing the UI.



USER STORIES

The step by step process involved in the usage of the app is mentioned in the tabular format as shown below.

User Type	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Acceptance criteria	Priority	Release
Customer (Desktop user)	Registration	USN-1	Not Required	I can access my account / dashboard	High	Sprint-1
	Login	USN-2	Not Required		High	Sprint-1
	Dashboard	USN-3	Not Required			
Customer (Desktop user)	Main page	USN-4	As a User, I can enter the web page once clicked, which provides be the Guidelines to use the app	I can enter the web page once clicked	Medium	Sprint-1
Customer (Desktop user)	Guidelines	USN-5	As a User , I can give a read through the guidelines to understand the functioning of the app.	I can give a read through the guidelines.	Medium	Sprint-1
Customer (Desktop user)	Convert Sign	USN-6	As a User, I can click the button <u>Convert sign</u> , which directs me towards the Main screen	I can click the button Convert sign and directed me to main screen.	Medium	Sprint-2
Customer (Desktop user)	Camera(Hand movement detection)	USN-7	As a User, I can show my hand sign towards the camera which converts them into text manner.	I can show my hand sign towards the camera accurately.	High	Sprint-2
Customer (Desktop user)	Voice mode	USN-8	Once the text is obtained, As a User I can click on the voice mode which provides the text in the form of speech.	I can click on the voice mode which provides the text in the form of speech.	High	Sprint-2
Customer Care Executive	Provide the necessary functionalities required to use the app.		As an Executive, I can provide the Specifications of Camera required, and other factors that are required for smooth functioning of the app.	I can provide the Specifications of Camera required, and other factors	Low	Sprint-1
Customer Care Executive	Check the performance of the app		As an Executive, I can check the usage and queries obtained from the end users.	I can check the usage and queries obtained from the end users.	Medium	Sprint-1
Administrator	Receive queries based on the usage		As an Admin, I can <u>take the queries from the customer care and perform the testing phase again , loading the other signs in the dataset</u> , in order to make the customers to use the app effectively.	I can take the queries from the customer care and perform necessary phases again.	High	Sprint-2

CHAPTER 6

PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

SPRINT PLANNING & ESTIMATION

The purpose of sprint planning is to define what can be delivered in the sprint and how that work will be achieved. Sprint planning is done in collaboration with the whole scrum team.

Project Planning Phase
Project Planning Template (Product Backlog, Sprint Planning, Stories, Story points)

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Product Backlog, Sprint Schedule, and Estimation

Use the below template to create product backlog and sprint schedule

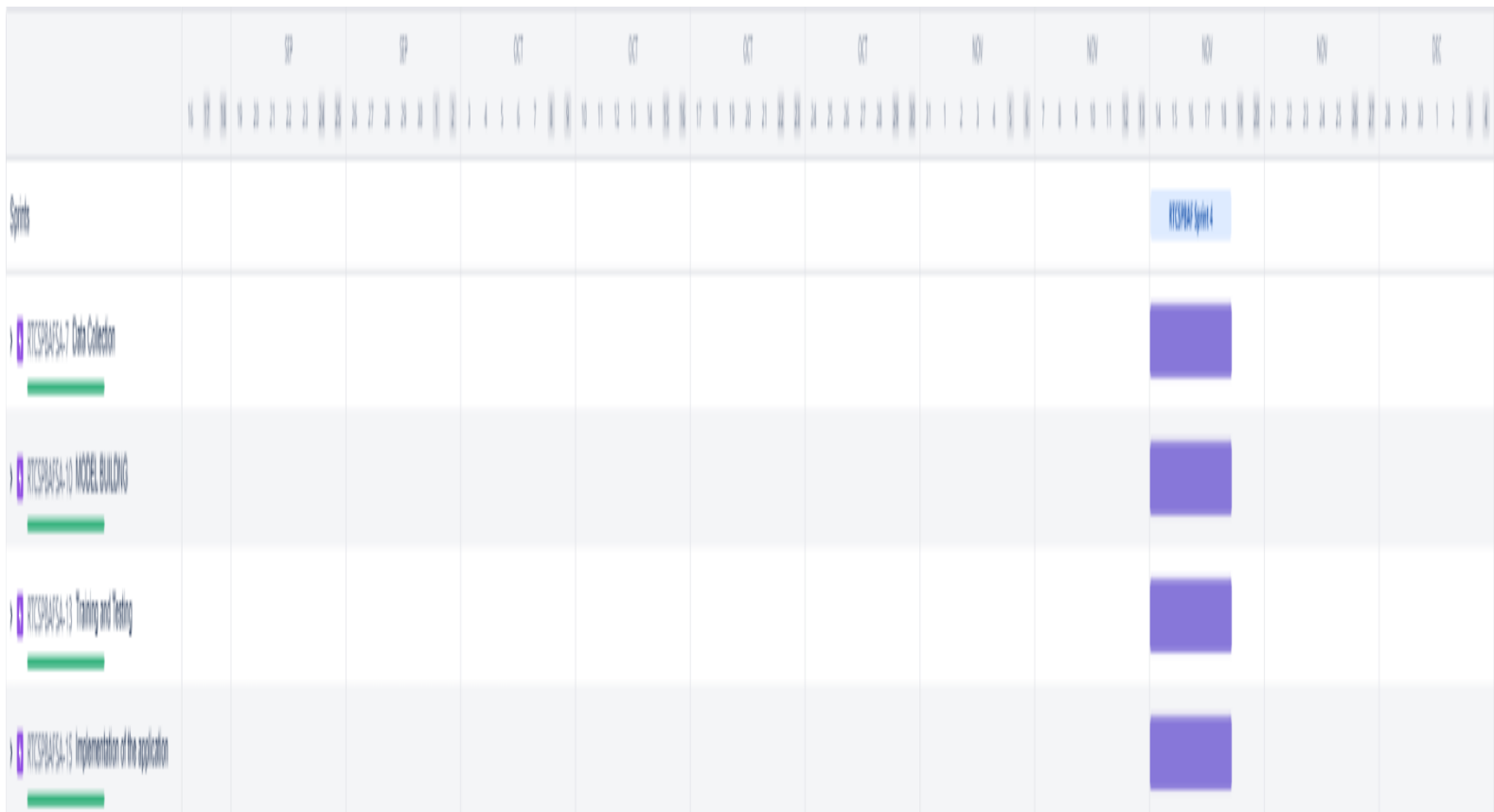
Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Data Collection	USN-1	Collect Dataset.	9	High	R RAGHUL RAJ D JAYAKUMAR K GAJAPATHI N SHYAM GANESH
Sprint-1		USN-2	Image preprocessing	8	Medium	D JAYAKUMAR N SHYAM GANESH
Sprint-2	Model Building	USN-3	Import the required libraries, add the necessary layers and compile the model	10	High	D JAYAKUMAR K GAJAPATHI N SHYAM GANESH
Sprint-2		USN-4	Training the image classification model using CNN	7	Medium	R RAGHUL RAJ N SHYAM GANESH K GAJAPATHI
Sprint-3	Training and Testing	USN-5	Training the model and testing the model's performance	9	High	D JAYAKUMAR N SHYAM GANESH
Sprint-4	Implementation of the application	USN-6	Converting the input sign language images into English alphabets	8	Medium	K GAJAPATHI N SHYAM GANESH

SPRINT DELIVERY SCHEDUL

The estimated time of delivery required for each sprint is mentioned clearly in the following tabular column

REPORTS FROM JIRA

JIRA Software is part of a family of products designed to help teams of all types manage work. It can be accepted as an task scheduler which describes the To-do, In-Progress and Done tasks.



CHAPTER 7

CODING & SOLUTIONING

FEATURE 1

Machine Learning cannot be extensively used for feature extraction because its algorithm cannot handle high dimensional data and also it is one of the big challenges in object detection, image classification, etc. Deep Learning inspired from how biological neural network have been playing a key role in the field of machine learning. As we are aware of the fact that images are high dimensional vectors. It would take a huge number of parameters to characterize the network, if we take flatten image feature vector 1-D. To address this problem (of taking long vector), CNN are proposed to reduce the number of parameters and adapting the network architecture specifically to vision tasks. CNN works well on tasks. Convolution Neural Network basically includes set of layers each having their own functionalities. CNN works by extracting features from images. There is no need for manual feature extraction. Features are trained while the network trains on the set of images.

CNNs key components includes:

Convolutional layer:

Consist of grouped neuron in a rectangular grid. It is the application of Filter to an input that results in an activation. Repeated activation of it results into a feature map, which indicating the locations and strength of a detected features in an input that is image.

Activation function:

Decides whether a neuron should fire an output or not and it is also used to increase the non-linearity into the output of the neuron.

Pooling layers :

Are present after a single or a set of convolution layers. Its function is to down sample the detection of features in feature map.

Fully connected layer:

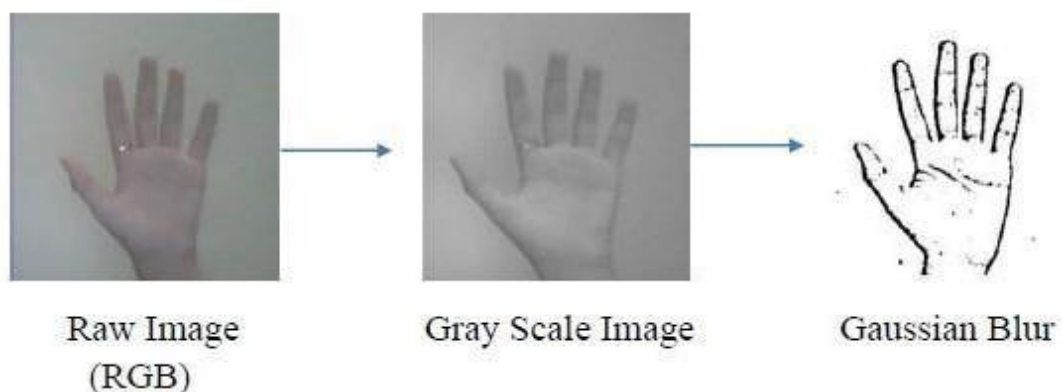
Dense layer which is the final learning phase where classification takes place.

Every node of it is connected to every nodes of previous layer.

Dataset Generation:

For this project we tried to make our own dataset for the ASL language but due to lack of resources we were unable to do so. Then we find out the already existing datasets that matched our requirements. All we could find were the datasets in the form of RGB values. Hence, we decided to transform it into our required form.

By using batch mode transformation/data augmentation we try to convert it into Gray scale Image as shown below:



CNN architecture sum

It is one of the most important part for our network i.e. in defining our required architecture. A brief explanation of CNN is provided below along with a figure of our model architecture summary:

- Starts with an input image.
- Applies many different filters to obtain a feature map.
- Applies a RELU function to increase non-linearity.
- Applies pooling layer to each future map.
- Flattening the pooled images into one long vector.
- Inputs the vector into fully connected ANN.
- Dropout is also used to mitigate the overfitting.
- Final fully connected layer provides the voting of the classes.
- Trains through forward propagation and back propagation for many epochs

```
Model: "sequential"
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Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 126, 126, 32)	320
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 63, 63, 32)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 61, 61, 32)	9248
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 30, 30, 32)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 28800)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	3686528
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 96)	12384
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 96)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 64)	6208
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 27)	1755
Total params: 3,716,443		
Trainable params: 3,716,443		
Non-trainable params: 0		

Training our network:

After successfully completing all the steps of constructing our network. Now the next step is to train our network. To train the model effectively we have set epochs and other necessary required configurations to train it effectively.

Saving model:

The metadata file (or model.json) in a Common Data Model folder describes the data in the folder, metadata and location, as well as how the file was generated and by which data producer. Metadata summarizes basic information about data, which can make finding and working with particular instances of data easier. JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a popular data format used for representing structured data. So, keeping in the mind regarding usability of data model we have saved our model as json file.

Gesture Classification:

Our approach uses two layers of algorithm to predict the final symbol of the user.

Algorithm Layer 1:

- Apply gaussian blur filter and threshold to the frame taken with Open CV to go the processed image after feature extraction.
- This processed image is passed to the CNN model for prediction and if a letter is detected for more than 50 frames then the letter is printed and taken into consideration for forming the word.
- Space between the words is considered using the blank symbol.

Algorithm Layer 2:

- We detect various sets of symbols which show similar results on getting detected.
- We then classify between those sets using classifiers made for those sets only.

Activation Layer :

We have used ReLu (Rectified Linear Unit) in each of the layers (convolutional as well as fully connected neurons). ReLu calculates $\max(x, 0)$ for each input pixel. This adds nonlinearity to the formula and helps to learn more complicated features. It helps in removing the vanishing gradient problem and speeding up the training by reducing the computation time.

Pooling Layer :

We apply Max pooling to the input image with a pool size of (2, 2) with relu activation function. This reduces the amount of parameters thus lessening the computation cost and reduces overfitting.

Dropout Layer:

The problem of overfitting, where after training, the weights of the network are so tuned to the training examples they are given that the network doesn't perform well when given new examples. This layer "drops out" a random set of activations in that layer by setting them to zero. The network should be able to provide the right classification or output for a specific example even if some of the activations are dropped out.

Considering the above features , the following main application code is generated.

APP.py

```
from flask import Flask, Response, render_template
from camera import Video

app = Flask(__name__)
@app.route('/')
def index():
    return render_template('index.html')

    def gen(camera):
        while True:
            frame = camera.get_frame()
            yield(b'--frame\r\n'
                b'Content-Type: image/jpeg\r\n\r\n' + frame +
                b'\r\n\r\n')

    @app.route('/video_feed')
    def video_feed():
        video = Video()
        return Response(gen(video), mimetype='multipart/x-mixed-replace;
boundary = frame')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run()
```

CAMERA.py

```
import cv2
import numpy as np
from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import image

class Video(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.video = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
        self.roi_start = (50, 150)
        self.roi_end = (250, 350)
        #self.model = load_model('asl_model.h5') # Execute
Local Trained Model
        self.model = load_model('IBM_Communication_Model.h5') # Execute
IBM Trained Model
        self.index=['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
        self.y = None
    def __del__(self):
        k = cv2.waitKey(1)
```

```

        self.video.release()
def get_frame(self):
    ret, frame = self.video.read()
    frame = cv2.resize(frame, (640, 480))
    copy = frame.copy()
    copy = copy[150:150+200, 50:50+200]
    # Prediction Start
    cv2.imwrite('image.jpg', copy)
    copy_img = image.load_img('image.jpg', target_size=(64, 64))
    x = image.img_to_array(copy_img)
    x = np.expand_dims(x, axis=0)
    pred = np.argmax(self.model.predict(x), axis=1)
    self.y = pred[0]
    cv2.putText(frame, 'The Predicted Alphabet is:
'+str(self.index[self.y]), (100, 50), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1, (0, 0, 0),
3)

    ret, jpg = cv2.imencode('.jpg', frame)
    return jpg.tobytes()

```

MAIN.py

```

import cv2

video = cv2.VideoCapture(0)

while True:
    ret, frame = video.read()
    cv2.imshow("Frame", frame)
    k = cv2.waitKey(1)
    if k == ord('q'):
        break

video.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()

```

FEATURE 2

Implementation:

- Whenever the count of a letter detected exceeds a specific value and no other letter is close to it by a threshold, we print the letter and add it to the current string.
- Otherwise, we clear the current dictionary which has the count of detections of present symbol to avoid the probability of a wrong letter getting predicted.
- Whenever the count of a blank (plain background) detected exceeds a specific value and if the current buffer is empty no spaces are detected.
- In other case it predicts the end of word by printing a space and the current gets appended to the sentence below.

Autocorrective Feature:

A python library Hunspell_suggest is used to suggest correct alternatives for each (incorrect) input word and we display a set of words matching the current word in which the user can select a word to append it to the current sentence. This helps in reducing mistakes committed in spellings and assists in predicting complex words.

Training and Testing:

We convert our input images (RGB) into grayscale and apply gaussian blur to remove unnecessary noise. Then we have applied adaptive threshold to extract our hand from the background and resize our images to 128 x 128. We feed the input images after pre-processing to our model for training and testing after applying all the operations mentioned above. The prediction layer estimates how likely the image will fall under one of the classes. So, the output is normalized between 0 and 1 and such that the sum of each values in each class equals to 1. We have achieved this using SoftMax function..

User Interface:

UI stands for user interface and is the point of communication between human and the computer. The function of our UI is to provide users with an intuitive interaction and support that manages to provide a solution for the desired task. We have provided user input control's which are the interactive component of interface. It basically includes space for input gesture, various other spaces for character, word, sentence and buttons for audio output, backspace, reset and also for the suggestions to be picked up from the screen. We are providing both text and audio output on the same platform which makes a user to understand the input gestures more effectively.

As you can see the UI window below. At the top there is a title shown and exactly below it there is a space provided for gestures to displayed. And the on the right-hand side of it three buttons are given with the distinctive functionality which are as follow i.e., pressing the audio button one can have an audio output; backspace button to correct the wrong word being predicted; reset button to have a blank screen for new gestures to be classified. After that downside in the UI screen there are spaces given for result to be obtained i.e., for character, word, sentence. And below it few more spaces are provided for the suggestions to presented before a use to help me picking up the correct word in order to communicate effectively.

CHAPTER 8

TESTING

TEST CASES

Main page	USN-4	As a User, I can enter the web page once clicked, which provides be the Guidelines to use the app	I can enter the web page once clicked
Guidelines	USN-5	As a User , I can give a read through the guidelines to understand the functioning of the app.	I can give a read through the guidelines.
Convert Sign	USN-6	As a User, I can click the button <u>Convert sign</u> , which directs me towards the Main screen	I can click the button Convert sign and directed me to main screen.
Camera(Hand movement detection)	USN-7	As a User, I can show my hand sign towards the camera which converts them into text manner.	I can show my hand sign towards the camera accurately.
Voice mode	USN-8	Once the text is obtained, As a User I can click on the voice mode which provides the text in the form of speech.	I can click on the voice mode which provides the text in the form of speech.
Provide the necessary functionalities required to use the app.		As an Executive, I can provide the Specifcations of Camera required, and other factors that are required for smooth functioning of the app.	I can provide the Specifcations of Camera required, and other factors
Check the performance of the app		As an Executive, I can check the usage and queries obtained from the end users.	I can check the usage and queries obtained from the end users.
Receve queries based on the usage		As an Admin, I can <u>take the queries from the customer care and perform the testing phase again , loading the other signs in the dataset</u> , in order to make the customers to use the app effectively.	I can take the queries from the customer care and perform necessary phases again.

For the given project , the following test cases involved are,

PERFORMANCE METRICS

Evaluating the performance of a CNN model is one of the important steps while building an effective CNN model. To evaluate the performance or quality of the model, different metrics are used, and these metrics are known as performance metrics or evaluation metrics. These performance metrics help us understand how well our model has performed for the given data. In this way, we can improve the model's performance by tuning the hyper-parameters. Each CNN model aims to generalize well on unseen/new data, and performance metrics help determine how well the model generalizes on the new dataset.

In a classification problem, the category or classes of data is identified based on training data. The model learns from the given dataset and then classifies the new data into classes or groups based on the training. It predicts class labels as the output, such as *Yes or No*, *0 or 1*, *Spam or Not Spam*, etc. To evaluate the performance of a classification model, different metrics are used, and some of them are as follows:

- **Accuracy**
- **Confusion Matrix**
- **Precision**
- **Recall**
- **F-Score**
- **AUC(Area Under the Curve)-ROC**

CHAPTER 10

ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

ADVANTAGES :

- **REAL TIME FUNCTIONING**

The output of the sign language will be displayed in the text form in real time. This makes the system more efficient and hence communication of the hearing and speech impaired people more easy. The images captured through web cam are compared and the result of comparison is displayed at the same time. Thus this feature of the system makes communication very simple and delay free.

- **PORTABLE**

When this entire project is implemented on Raspberry Pie computer, which is very small yet powerful computer, the entire system becomes portable and can be taken anywhere. This feature facilitates the user to take the system anywhere and everywhere and overcomes the barrier of restricting him/herself to communicate without a desktop or laptop.

- **NO NEED OF CALIBRATION.**

DISADVANTAGES:

- Sign language requires the use of hands to make gestures. This can be a problem for people who do not have full use of their hands. Even seemingly manageable disabilities such as Parkinson's or arthritis can be a major problem for people who must communicate using sign language.
- Cost and is difficult to be used commercially

CHAPTER 11

CONCLUSION

Communication between deaf-mute and a normal person have always been a challenging task. The goal of our project is to reduce the barrier between them. We have made our effort by contributing to the field of Indian Sign Language recognition. In this project, we developed a CNN-based human hand gesture recognition system. The salient feature of our system is that there is no need to build a model for every gesture using hand features such as fingertips and contours. Here in this project, we have constructed a CNN classifier which is capable of recognizing sign language gestures. The proposed system has shown satisfactory results on the transitive gestures.

In this report, a functional real time vision-based sign language recognition for deaf and dumb people have been developed. We achieved final accuracy of 98.0% on our dataset. We are able to improve our prediction after implementing two layers of algorithms, we have also verified our result for the similar looking gesture which were more prone to misclassification. This way we are able to detect almost all the symbols provided that they are shown properly, there is no noise in the background and lighting is adequate

CHAPTER 12

FUTURE SCOPE

We are planning to achieve higher accuracy even in case of complex backgrounds by trying out various background subtraction algorithms. We are also thinking of improving the pre-processing to predict gestures in low light conditions with a higher accuracy.

CHAPTER 13

APPENDIX

SOURCE CODE:

Home.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>Login 1</title>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css" />
  </head>
  <body>
    <div class="login-card" action="app.py">
      <h1>IBM-PROJECT #PNT2022TMID39415</h1>
      <h2>REAL TIME COMMUNICATION SYSTEM POWERED</h2>
      <h3>BY AI FOR SPECIALLY ALED</h3>
      <form class="login-form">
        <button type="submit">Start Prediction</button>
      </form>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```

GITHUB LINK:

<https://www.github.com/IBM-EPBL/IBM-Project-4126-1658720249>

PROJECT DEMO LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZ4cMZRhzA6vU7oxv1LN2O4od3hWWeVnU>