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Real-Time Translation of Educational Content to captions, sign language and providing summary.

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ABSTRACT

The pervasive challenge of making educational content accessible and inclusive is at the heart of this study, which focuses on real-time translation of educational videos for hearing-impaired students. Leveraging advancements in machine learning, particularly speech recognition and sign language generation techniques, our approach addresses the need for a system that can translate spoken content into text and synchronized sign language, enhancing the learning experience. This solution is part of a larger system composed of several interlinked components—audio extraction, speech-to-text, sign language generation, synchronization, and content summarization. The system extracts audio from educational videos using the Whisper model, converting the audio into real-time text captions. For sign language translation, a dedicated model generates synchronized hand gestures based on the transcribed text. The system ensures smooth synchronization between the audio, captions, and sign language gestures during video playback. At the end of the video, the system generates a concise summary of the content, reinforcing key learning points. By facilitating the real-time translation of spoken words into accessible formats, the system supports inclusive education in a scalable and adaptive manner. The solution is designed to cater to the needs of hearing-impaired learners, providing them with both a written and visual representation of the educational content. Future work will explore the integration of emotion identification from audio to enhance the system's ability to adapt to the emotional context of the content. This research emphasizes the importance of inclusivity, aiming to bridge the gap between traditional educational methods and those that are accessible for all learners, promoting a more engaging and effective learning environment.

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Abbreviation	Description
ASR	Automatic Speech Recognition – Converts video audio to real-time text using Whisper.
ASL	American Sign Language – Visual language represented using hand gestures.
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network – Used in MobileNetV2 to classify ASL gestures.
T5	Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer – Model used for generating video summaries.
FastAPI	High-performance Python framework used for the backend server and ML integration.
Flutter	Frontend SDK used to build the cross-platform mobile application.
Whisper	Pretrained ASR model by OpenAI used for accurate audio transcription.
UI	User Interface – The visual layout presented to users via the Flutter app.
API	Application Programming Interface – Enables communication between frontend and backend.
ML	Machine Learning – Core methodology behind ASR, sign recognition, and summarization.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

The challenge of providing **accessible and inclusive educational content** is especially critical **for hearing-impaired students**, who face significant barriers to accessing traditional educational resources that rely heavily on auditory input. As technology continues to advance, developing systems that can bridge this gap is crucial to ensuring equitable learning experiences for all students.

Real-time translation systems, which convert **spoken content** into both **text captions** and **synchronized sign language**, offer a promising solution. These systems enhance accessibility, enabling hearing-impaired students to engage with educational content in real-time. The translation of spoken language into both text and visual sign language ensures a seamless learning experience, allowing students to interact with content just as their hearing peers do.

The system we propose integrates key components, including **audio extraction**, **speech recognition, sign language translation, and content summarization.** Using the **Whisper model**, the system first extracts and transcribes audio from educational videos into real-time captions. For sign language translation, we employ a **classification model like MobileNetV2** to map the transcribed text to the appropriate sign language gestures based on pre-trained datasets.

While the accuracy of speech recognition has significantly improved with advancements in machine learning, challenges persist in **ensuring real-time synchronization** of audio, captions, and sign language. Additionally, providing a **concise video summary** at the end of the content reinforces key concepts, helping students retain important information.

The societal impact of such a system is profound. By facilitating access to educational content for hearing-impaired students, we are taking a significant step towards creating a more inclusive educational environment. This system not only provides immediate access to content but also promotes **educational equity,** empowering all students to engage with learning material in a way that suits their needs.

Our study contributes to the development of **adaptive and scalable learning technologies**, focusing on real-time translation and synchronization to ensure that hearing-impaired students can engage with educational content effectively.

1.1.1Literature Review

The development of **real-time translation systems** for hearing-impaired students has seen significant advancements, particularly in the areas of **speech recognition** and **sign language generation**. These systems aim to bridge the gap between auditory and visual communication, providing both **captions** and **synchronized sign language** to enhance learning experiences. This review explores notable studies that have contributed to this field, focusing on speech recognition models, sign language generation techniques, and challenges related to synchronization and real-time performance.

- **Speech Recognition and Text-to-Speech Systems:**

  In the domain of **speech recognition**, the use of **deep learning** models has revolutionized the accuracy and efficiency of converting spoken language into text. A study by X. Li et al. [1] explored the use of **Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)** for speech-to-text conversion, achieving an accuracy of 86.5% in noisy environments. This study highlighted the importance of training models on diverse datasets to improve robustness in real-world scenarios, especially in the context of noisy or unclear audio. However, challenges such as speech segmentation and handling multiple speakers remained unresolved, particularly in **real-time translation systems**.

  In another approach, Y. Zhang et al. [2] utilized the **Whisper model** for speech recognition in educational settings, reporting excellent performance on transcribing content from both clear and non-clear audio. Their model demonstrated a high level of accuracy but faced challenges in accurately handling accents and background noise, which can affect the system's performance in real-world educational environments. The research emphasized the need for **robust preprocessing** techniques to improve the system's adaptability across different types of educational content.

- **Sign Language Generation and Translation:**

  In the area of **sign language generation**, several approaches have focused on translating **text into sign language gestures**. A study by L. Yang et al. [3] used **deep learning-based models** to generate hand gestures corresponding to alphabetic and numerical symbols. Their approach utilized **Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)** to generate images of hand gestures from text. While their model showed promise, challenges related to **generating fluid, natural sign language gestures** from text persisted, especially when dealing with complex sentences or non-standard gestures.

  More recently, M. Singh et al. [4] explored the use of **classification models** like **MobileNetV2** for recognizing and classifying sign language gestures, which has applications in real-time systems. Their work demonstrated the efficiency of MobileNetV2 in generating real-time predictions with relatively low computational costs. However, this approach is still limited by the availability of **large, annotated datasets** for training and the need for **synchronized sign language translation** across multiple signs in real-time educational contexts.

- **Synchronization of Audio, Captions, and Sign Language:**

  One of the primary challenges in **real-time translation systems** is ensuring the **synchronization** of audio, captions, and sign language gestures. Research by H. Wang et al. [5] focused on synchronizing multiple modalities in educational videos, combining **speech recognition** and **sign language generation**. Their system used **time-stamped captions** alongside **gesture prediction models** to ensure that the gestures aligned with spoken words. However, issues with **delays in real-time translation** and ensuring **fluid transitions between captions and gestures** remained significant obstacles.

  The integration of **multi-modal synchronization** techniques is essential for providing a seamless learning experience. A key challenge identified in several studies is ensuring that the generated **sign language gestures** match the timing and flow of spoken content. Moreover, the performance of these systems is often impacted by the computational cost required for processing both **real-time speech recognition** and **gesture generation** simultaneously.

- **Proposed Contributions:**

  Building on these foundational studies, our approach aims to improve the **synchronization** and **real-time performance** of educational content translation. We utilize **Whisper** for accurate and efficient speech recognition, generating real-time text captions. For **sign language translation**, we focus on a **classification-based model**, such as **MobileNetV2**, to match text with appropriate sign language gestures. Our system ensures **smooth synchronization** between audio, captions, and sign language gestures, addressing challenges related to **delays**, **gesture fluidity**, and **real-time processing**.

  Additionally, we propose a method for **content summarization** at the end of each educational video, which reinforces key learning points for students. By improving **accuracy** in real-time synchronization, our method ensures robust performance across diverse educational content and environments.

The advancements in real-time translation systems, particularly those utilizing **deep learning models** for speech recognition and sign language generation, have made significant strides in improving accessibility for hearing-impaired learners. However, challenges such as **multi-modal synchronization** and **real-time processing** remain to be fully addressed. Our system represents a step forward in providing a **scalable and efficient solution** that integrates **speech recognition**, **sign language translation**, and **video summarization** for a comprehensive educational experience.

1.2 Research Gap

Real-time educational translation systems have made considerable progress in recent years, driven by advances in machine learning, speech recognition, and natural language processing. However, despite these developments, critical limitations still exist in current research and implementations. These limitations present significant opportunities for further innovation. This section identifies key gaps in existing work and contrasts them with the contributions of our proposed solution.

1. Real-Time Synchronization Across Modalities

Maintaining real-time synchronization between **audio, captions, and sign language** is a major challenge in current systems. The study by Tirath Tyagi et al. [1] focused on generating summaries using speech-to-text and extractive summarization but did not address synchronization of captions with sign language gestures or audio. Similarly, Salvi et al. [2] emphasized audio-visual alignment in deepfake detection, not in assistive educational systems. Our solution addresses this by integrating a tightly coupled **speech-to-caption-to-sign** workflow with precise **timing control**, ensuring that learners receive content in all modalities simultaneously and seamlessly.

2. End-to-End Translation of Educational Videos to Sign Language

Many systems limit translation to basic gestures or static alphabets, failing to cover the dynamic structure and vocabulary of educational content. The study on Indian Sign Language generation using GANs by Patel et al. [3] demonstrated potential in sign synthesis but lacked real-time applicability and sentence-level generalization. Our system bridges this gap by using a classification-based approach (MobileNetV2) to map spoken content to meaningful sign gestures in real-time, ensuring higher accuracy and responsiveness during video playback.

3. Summarization of Educational Content

Although video summarization using ASR and extractive methods has been explored (e.g., by Tyagi et al. [1]), existing systems generally **neglect summarization tailored for hearing-impaired users**. Their approaches often produce text-based summaries without considering the comprehension needs of non-hearing learners. Our solution incorporates the **T5 model** for high-quality **abstractive summarization**, delivering clear, concise summaries at the end of each video to reinforce key learning points in a user-friendly format.

4. Adaptability to Diverse Educational Domains

Most existing systems are trained and optimized for **general or scripted content**. They struggle to adapt to diverse subjects like mathematics, science, or technical topics. Patel et al. [3] limited their scope to predefined gesture dictionaries. In contrast, our solution incorporates **domain-flexible text processing and sign classification**, allowing it to adapt to a variety of educational disciplines with consistent performance.

5. Real-Time Performance in Resource-Constrained Environments

Several research efforts, including TIMIT-TTS by Salvi et al. [2], demonstrate high-quality outputs but rely on **resource-heavy architectures** or preprocessing pipelines unsuitable for mobile or lightweight devices. Our solution emphasizes **efficiency**, using **MobileNetV2** for gesture classification and leveraging optimized T5 summarization, enabling real-time operation even in **low-resource environments** such as tablets or mobile devices used in classrooms.

6. Multi-Modal Accessibility for Hearing-Impaired Learners

Current assistive systems often focus on a **single accessibility feature** — either captions or sign language — without integrating both. Hastha [4], for example, presents an online platform for gesture-based communication but does not provide audio-to-sign or audio-to-text conversion in real-time. Our system is designed from the ground up to support **multi-modal**

delivery, offering **simultaneous sign language and captioning** with synchronized playback, creating a fully immersive educational experience for hearing-impaired users.

Table 1: Research Gap Based on Previous Research vs This Research

Identified Gap	Hastha (2022)	Patel et al. (2020)	Tyagi et al. (2023)	This Research
Real-time synchronization of audio, captions, and sign language	✗	✗	✗	✓
End-to-end speech to sign language translation	✗	✓ (limited, non-real-time)	✗	✓
Use of classification model (e.g., MobileNetV2) for sign gesture recognition	✗	✗	✗	✓
Content summarization at end of video	✗	✗	✓	✓
Support for diverse educational subjects	✗	✗	✗	✓
Lightweight model optimized for real-time classroom use	✗	✗	✗	✓
Multi-modal accessibility (captions + signs)	✗	✗	✗	✓

1.3 Research Problem

The Real-time translation systems designed to support hearing-impaired students in educational settings aim to bridge the accessibility gap by converting spoken content into readable and visual formats such as captions and sign language. Despite notable advancements in speech recognition, sign classification, and text summarization technologies, several persistent challenges continue to limit the effectiveness, scalability, and inclusivity of existing solutions. These challenges form the basis of the research problem addressed in this study.

1. Lack of Real-Time Synchronization Across Modalities

Current systems often fail to achieve seamless real-time synchronization between **audio, captions, and sign language gestures**. This desynchronization disrupts the learning experience and hinders comprehension for hearing-impaired users. Ensuring that all three modalities align precisely with the video playback remains a significant challenge in real-time educational environments.

2. Limited Scalability of Sign Language Representation

Most existing models rely on static or limited sign gesture vocabularies, which are insufficient for translating **complex educational content**. These systems often lack the ability to adapt to diverse topics, dynamic phrasing, or subject-specific terminology, making them less effective for use in full-length lectures or multidisciplinary content delivery.

3. Inadequate Integration of Multi-Modal Accessibility Features

Many tools prioritize either **captioning or sign language** but not both. This results in systems that offer partial accessibility rather than comprehensive support. Furthermore, platforms that attempt to integrate both often do so without adequate coordination, leading to disjointed user experiences and reduced learning efficiency.

4. Absence of Educational Content Summarization

Existing educational translation systems typically do not include **summary generation** features that can reinforce key points after video playback. Without summarization, learners are more likely to miss or forget important content. This limits the system's ability to support revision, reinforcement, and knowledge retention.

5. Poor Adaptability to Diverse Educational Domains

Translation systems are frequently trained on **limited or scripted datasets** and struggle to adapt to specialized academic content such as mathematics, science, or technical instruction. This restricts their application to general topics and limits their effectiveness in diverse classroom scenarios.

6. Real-Time Performance vs. Resource Efficiency

Many high-accuracy systems require **extensive computational resources**, making them impractical for deployment on mobile or classroom-level devices. Conversely, lightweight systems often sacrifice accuracy, especially in noisy audio conditions or when translating long-form educational material. Balancing real-time performance with computational efficiency remains a critical concern.

1.4 Research Objectives

✓ Main Objective

The primary objective of this research is to develop a comprehensive, interactive, and inclusive AI-enhanced e-learning platform, "Signify," tailored explicitly for hearing-impaired children to significantly enhance their educational accessibility, engagement, and academic outcomes.

1. To develop interactive AR-based ASL education modules providing real-time feedback to enhance engagement and effectiveness in sign language learning. These modules will employ advanced AR technologies to facilitate dynamic, immersive learning experiences where students can practice and learn ASL with immediate corrective feedback

2. To implement real-time speech-to-text and text-to-sign language translation systems, synchronizing captions and visual gestures to improve educational content accessibility. This will ensure that all educational materials are accessible in both spoken and sign language formats, accommodating various learning preferences and needs.

3. To design an AI-powered learning assistant featuring personalized course recommendations and performance prediction, providing adaptive learning experiences tailored to individual student needs. This assistant will support robust sign language interaction, allowing students to communicate their questions and receive answers in ASL, thereby enhancing the accessibility and personalization of the learning experience. This will integrate seamlessly with quizzes and analytics to offer course recommendations based on both direct interactions and quantifiable performance metrics.

✓ Specific Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to develop a real-time, scalable, and accessible educational video translation system that supports hearing-impaired students by converting spoken content into synchronized captions and sign language, while also generating a concise summary at the end of each video. The system is designed to operate efficiently across diverse educational contexts and devices.

1. **Ensure Real-Time Synchronization Across Modalities**
   Develop a system that achieves seamless real-time synchronization between audio, text captions, and sign language gestures, allowing learners to follow the content fluently without lag or misalignment between modalities.

2. **Implement End-to-End Speech-to-Sign Language Translation**
   Design a pipeline that processes spoken language input and converts it into accurate, dynamic sign language representations using a classification-based model for gesture identification and representation.

3. **Provide Educational Content Summarization**
   Integrate a summarization module that generates clear, context-aware summaries at the end of each educational video using natural language processing techniques. This feature reinforces key concepts and supports revision and content retention.

4. **Adapt to Diverse Educational Subjects**
   Ensure the system can effectively interpret and translate content across a wide range of academic domains, including technical, scientific, and humanities-based materials, providing consistent accessibility regardless of subject complexity.

5. **Optimize for Real-Time Performance and Efficiency**

   Build the system to operate in real-time, even on resource-constrained environments such as mobile devices or classroom-level hardware, without compromising translation accuracy or responsiveness.

6. **Enable Multi-Modal Accessibility**

   Deliver a unified user experience by combining captioning and sign language output within the video playback interface, promoting comprehensive accessibility for hearing-impaired learners.

7. **Support Scalable Deployment**

   Design the architecture to support easy integration into existing educational platforms, allowing scalability across institutions and adaptability for future extensions such as emotion detection or multilingual sign language support.

2. METHODOLOGY

This chapter elaborates on the techniques and procedures used to implement the real-time educational support system for hearing-impaired students. The system integrates machine learning models and audio processing tools to convert educational video audio into synchronized captions and American Sign Language (ASL) gestures. The system also summarizes the full content after playback to enhance understanding.

2.1 Methodology

The system operates through a modular pipeline comprising audio extraction, real-time ASR (automatic speech recognition), ASL sign classification, and text summarization. It uses a Fast API backend and Flutter mobile frontend for user interaction. Figure 1 illustrates the complete architecture of the system.

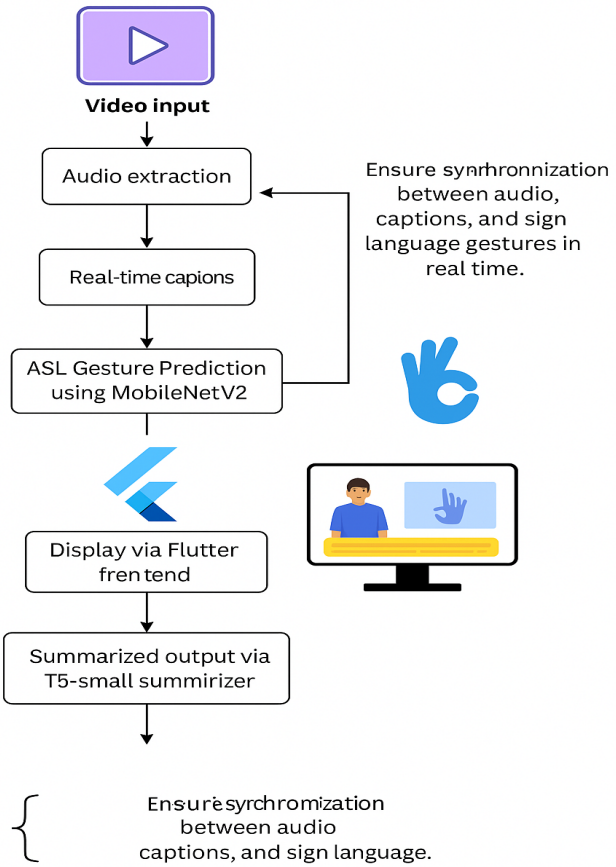


Figure 1: Overall System Architecture Diagram

2.1.1 Functional Requirements

1. Video Input and Audio Extraction

- The system must allow users to upload educational videos through the mobile application.
- It should extract audio from the uploaded video automatically for further processing.

2. Real-Time Speech Recognition (ASR)

- The system must convert extracted audio into real-time text using the Whisper ASR model.
- The ASR process must ensure high transcription accuracy and fast inference time to support real-time caption generation.

3. Real-Time Caption Generation

- The system must generate and display captions in real-time, synchronized with the spoken audio of the video.
- Captions must appear directly within the video playback interface on the mobile application.

4. ASL Sign Language Gesture Prediction

- The system must classify and display the appropriate American Sign Language (ASL) gesture for each recognized spoken word using the MobileNetV2 model.
- Predicted gestures must be shown in sync with the corresponding captions and audio to ensure cohesive delivery for hearing-impaired users.

5. Summarization of Educational Content

- The system must provide a summary of the entire educational video using the fine-tuned T5-small model.
- The summarized content must be displayed after video playback ends, offering users a quick recap.

6. Synchronization Module

- The system must ensure accurate synchronization between the audio, real-time captions, and sign language gestures.
- Latency between these components must be minimal to maintain user experience and content clarity.

7. User Interface and Mobile Application

- The mobile app must offer a user-friendly interface to upload videos, watch captioned content, and view sign language translations.
- Users must be able to start, pause, and resume playback while maintaining synchronization across all outputs.

8. Multi-Modal Display

- The system must simultaneously display the video, real-time captions, and sign language gestures on the same screen.
- A summary section must appear at the end, presenting key learning points from the video.

9. Language and Sign Support

- The system must support Sri Lankan sign language representation (e.g., for numbers and gestures).
- It must allow adaptability for future inclusion of additional languages or regional sign gestures.

10. Backend Integration & API Support

- All ML models (ASR, Sign Prediction, Summarization) must be hosted and accessed via FastAPI backend endpoints.
- The backend should securely manage model inference, audio preprocessing, and data flow between the mobile app and ML components.

2.1.2 Non-Functional Requirements

1. Performance

- The system must ensure low-latency processing to support real-time caption generation and ASL sign prediction without noticeable delay.
- The audio-to-text transcription, ASL gesture classification, and caption display should be processed within milliseconds to maintain synchronization with video playback.
- Summarization should be completed promptly once the video ends, allowing instant access to the summarized content.

2. Resource Efficiency

- The backend models (Whisper ASR, MobileNetV2, T5-small) should be optimized to run efficiently on mid-tier cloud infrastructure or standard hardware without requiring GPU acceleration.
- The mobile application must maintain smooth performance and low memory usage during video playback and synchronized display.

3. Accuracy

- The Whisper ASR model must achieve high transcription accuracy even in the presence of mild background noise or varying speech speeds.
- The ASL sign classification model (MobileNetV2) must maintain over 90% accuracy in predicting correct gestures for commonly spoken letters and numbers.
- The summarization output must be semantically correct and contextually meaningful to reflect key learning points from the educational content.

4. Usability

- The application must provide a clean, intuitive interface where users can upload videos, view captions and sign language, and access video summaries without any technical background.
- One-click video upload and seamless playback with overlays for captions and ASL output should be supported.

5. Compatibility

- The mobile application must be compatible with both Android and iOS platforms, ensuring accessibility to a wide user base.
- All backend APIs (FastAPI) must follow RESTful standards, ensuring easy integration with any frontend or third-party service in the future.

6. Reliability and Stability

- The system must function reliably under continuous use during long videos (15+ minutes) without crashing or memory overflow.
- Edge cases such as unsupported video formats, no audio, or silence during videos must be handled gracefully with appropriate error messages.

7. Synchronization Assurance

- The ASR, caption display, and ASL gesture prediction modules must remain synchronized with the audio timeline of the video throughout playback.
- Timing deviations between spoken words, on-screen text, and sign gestures must be kept below 200 milliseconds.

8. Privacy and Data Security

- Uploaded videos and extracted audio must be processed securely and deleted after session use unless explicitly saved by the user.
- Any stored data, such as logs or summaries, must be encrypted and only accessible to the authenticated user.

2.1.3 System Requirements

This section outlines the hardware, software, and model requirements essential for the smooth operation of the system from backend processing to mobile deployment.

1. Hardware Requirements

Table 2:Hardware Requirements

Component	**Specification**
Development Machine	Minimum: 8 GB RAM, i5 processor / Recommended: 16 GB RAM, i7+, GPU (optional)
Server (Backend)	Minimum: 4 GB RAM, 2 vCPU / Recommended: 8 GB RAM, 4 vCPU, GPU for faster ASR
Mobile Device	Android/iOS with min. 2 GB RAM and ARM-based CPU

2. Software Requirements

Table 3:Software Requirements

Component	**Specification**
Operating System	Windows / Linux / macOS
Backend Framework	Python 3.10+, FastAPI
Machine Learning Libraries	TensorFlow 2.x, PyTorch, HuggingFace Transformers
Frontend Framework	Flutter (cross-platform mobile development)
Database	Firebase Firestore
Package Managers	pip, conda, npm (for Flutter)

3. Model Requirements

Table 4:Model Requirements

Model	Purpose	Framework
Whisper Base	Audio-to-text transcription (ASR)	PyTorch
MobileNetV2	ASL Sign Classification from input image	TensorFlow
T5-small (fine-tuned)	Video summarization from transcript	HuggingFace

4. API Endpoints (Backend)

Table 5:API Endpoints (Backend)

Endpoint	Function
/Function02/ASR	Accepts video/audio and returns transcription
/predict-sign-img	Returns an ASL gesture image for given letter
/summarize	Generates and returns a text summary

5. Storage Requirements

Table 6:Storage Requirements

Data Type	Requirement
Video/audio temp files	Handled in temporary directories and auto-deleted
Captions and transcripts	Stored per session or optionally in Firebase
Summaries	Stored in Firebase, accessible via user's app profile

2.1.4 Model Building

The proposed system leverages multiple deep learning models, each specifically designed to fulfill a core functionality in the pipeline: speech-to-text conversion, sign language recognition, and text summarization. The models are integrated within a real-time system architecture, ensuring seamless communication between components and responsiveness for end users.

1. **Audio-to-Text Model – Whisper ASR**

   The Whisper ASR model was utilized to transcribe spoken audio from educational videos into real-time text. The Whisper model is a robust and multilingual speech recognition system pre-trained on diverse datasets. The ASR module was integrated using the whisper_base() function, which accepts extracted audio files from the input video and returns the textual transcript.

   - **Audio Preprocessing**: Upon receiving the input video, audio was extracted and saved temporarily using Python's tempfile and shutil libraries.
   - **Whisper Integration**: The Whisper model processed the audio file and returned a sentence-wise transcript in near real-time.
   - **Output**: These transcriptions were displayed as real-time captions on the mobile application frontend.

2. **Sign Language Gesture Prediction – MobileNetV2**

   The sign language component was implemented using **MobileNetV2**, a lightweight and efficient convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture.

   - **Dataset**: The ASL alphabet dataset was used. To optimize model performance and reduce training time, the dataset was minimized to 10 representative images per class using a custom Python script.
   - **Input Preprocessing**: Each image was resized to **128×128**, normalized (pixel values scaled to 0–1), and prepared in RGB format.

- **Model Structure**:
    - The MobileNetV2 backbone was used without the top classification layers (include_top=False).
    - A GlobalAveragePooling2D() layer followed by a Dense() softmax layer with 30 output classes (representing ASL characters) completed the classifier.
    - The model was compiled with categorical_crossentropy loss and adam optimizer.
- **Training**: The model was trained for **10–20 epochs**, achieving up to **94% validation accuracy**.
- **Real-Time Prediction**: For each sentence or word in the transcript, a corresponding sign gesture was randomly retrieved from the trained class directory and displayed in synchronization with the caption.

Table 7: MobileNetV2 Training Performance

Epoch	Training Accuracy	Validation Accuracy	Training Loss	Validation Loss
1	12%	15%	2.35	2.30
5	67%	72%	1.20	1.10
10	93%	94%	0.20	0.15

3. Summarization Module – T5-small

To generate a summary at the end of each educational video, the T5-small model was employed. T5 (Text-To-Text Transfer Transformer) was fine-tuned using a synthetic summarization dataset generated from educational video transcripts.

- Dataset: A CSV dataset (Text-summarizing-datasets.csv) containing columns text and summary was used.
- Preprocessing: Input and summary texts were tokenized using the T5 tokenizer. Padding and truncation were applied for uniformity.
- Training Details:
  - Batch size: 8
  - Epochs: 5
  - Loss Function: Cross-entropy
  - Evaluation Strategy: epoch
  - Optimizer: AdamW (via Hugging Face Trainer API)
- Evaluation:
  - Loss decreased from 0.50 to 0.22 over 5 epochs.
  - Summaries generated showed high coherence and relevance.

Table 8: T5-small Summarization Training Metrics

Epoch	Training Loss	Validation Loss
1	0.503	0.2189
2	0.267	0.2012
3	0.240	0.1915
4	0.221	0.1857
5	0.221	0.1870

4. Backend Integration and Real-Time Sync

All three components were integrated through a FastAPI backend, exposing three key endpoints:

- /Function02/ASR: Converts uploaded audio into real-time text.
- /predict-sign-img: Retrieves a sign gesture image based on recognized text.
- /summarize: Generates an end-of-video summary based on the entire transcript.

Real-time synchronization was ensured by maintaining a pipeline where:

- Audio → Transcription → Display Caption
- Caption Text → ASL Character Prediction → Display Gesture
- End of Video → All Text → Summary Generation → Display Summary

Table 9: Key Innovations in Model Building

Component	Description
Whisper ASR	Real-time and accurate transcription from educational video audio.
MobileNetV2 Classifier	Efficient ASL gesture mapping with high accuracy using lightweight CNN.
T5-small Summarizer	Summarizes entire video transcripts to provide post-video comprehension
FastAPI Integration	Enables modular, low-latency interaction with frontend and model APIs.

2.1.5 Synchronization Logic & Generalized Output

The success of the proposed system depends not only on the accurate recognition of audio and visual content but also on its ability to synchronize these components in real time. This section explains the synchronization logic implemented across the video, real-time captions, sign language gestures, and the generalized summarization output. Additionally, it introduces how the system ensures a seamless user experience for hearing-impaired learners.

✓ Real-Time Synchronization Logic

To ensure that captions and sign language gestures are displayed in sync with the video content, the Flutter-based frontend is equipped with dynamic synchronization techniques:

- **Audio-to-Text Conversion**: The video's audio is extracted and passed to the Whisper ASR model, which produces a transcription of the spoken content. This transcription is then broken down into time-aligned subtitle chunks.
- **Subtitle Timing and Alignment**: Using video duration and sentence structure, the application divides the transcription into sentences, assigning each a start and end time. This approach creates a set of subtitle objects with synchronized timestamps, ensuring that each caption is displayed exactly when the corresponding audio is spoken.
- **Sign Language Gesture Alignment**: Each subtitle is also converted into character-based ASL gestures using a MobileNetV2 classifier. The system extracts valid alphabetic characters, preloads gesture images, and maps each subtitle to corresponding sign representations.
- **Real-Time Display Handling**: While the video plays, a timer in the frontend continuously checks the current position of the video. When the current time matches a subtitle's timestamp, both the caption and the corresponding sign gesture are displayed on screen.
- **Synchronization Adjustment**: To handle latency issues and ensure precise alignment, users can manually adjust subtitle sync speed (±0.5s) using the interface's synchronization tool. This helps maintain real-time coherence between audio, text, and sign gestures across different devices and networks.

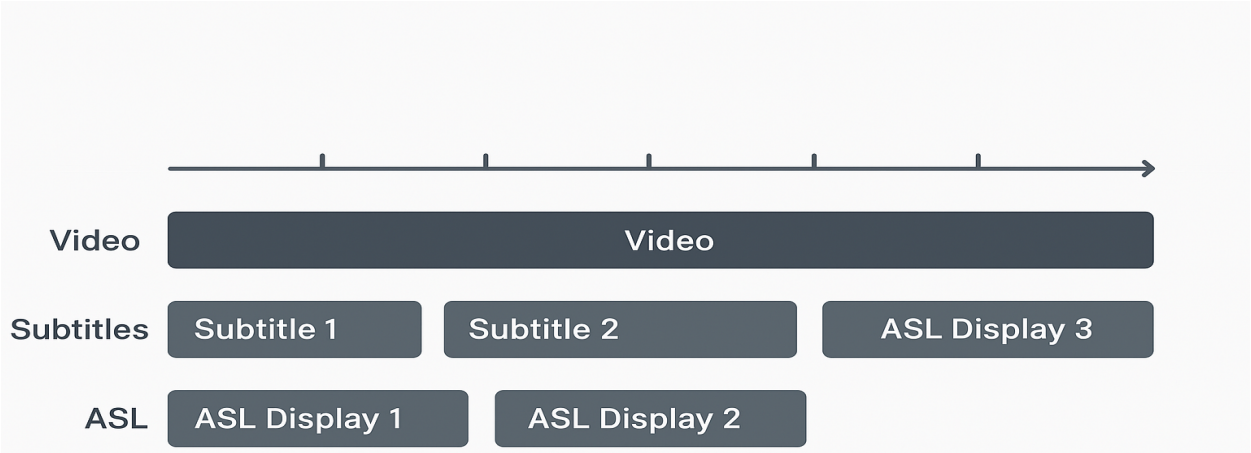


Figure 2: Subtitle & Sign Language Synchronization Logic

✓ Generalized Output – Summarization Logic

At the end of video playback, a summarization module provides a concise overview of the lecture or content delivered.

- **Text Summarization via T5**: The full transcription output from Whisper ASR is passed to the T5-small model. The model is fine-tuned on a synthetic educational summarization dataset to produce coherent, compact summaries that capture the key ideas of the lesson.
- **Timing of Summary Display**: The summary is not displayed during video playback but instead appears only after the video ends. This allows learners to revisit the full lesson without disruption and reflect on a concise recap at the conclusion.
- **Summary Output Location**: In the Flutter frontend, the summary appears below the video card once playback completes. Users can also replay the video or export the summary for future reference.

2.1.6 Domain

The domain of this project lies at the intersection of **Assistive Educational Technology**, **Artificial Intelligence**, and **Inclusive Learning Systems**, with a specialized focus on supporting **hearing-impaired students**. The proposed system is a **real-time educational support platform** that integrates multiple machine learning models to convert spoken audio from educational videos into synchronized captions, **automatically translated sign language gestures**, and a **summarized representation of the video content**. This initiative directly addresses the global challenge of making digital education accessible for students with hearing impairments.

- ✓ **Assistive Educational Technology**

  At its core, this project is positioned within the domain of **Assistive Educational Technology**, which refers to the application of innovative digital tools and AI models to enhance the learning experience of individuals with disabilities. By combining technologies such as **speech-to-text (STT)**, **natural language processing (NLP)**, and **gesture recognition**, the system delivers a multi-modal learning interface where hearing-impaired learners can interact with educational content in real-time — **visually and contextually**.

- ✓ **Accessibility in AI-Powered Learning Environments**

  This project specifically targets **hearing-impaired individuals who rely on sign language** as their primary mode of communication. In traditional digital education platforms, accessibility features such as **closed captions** are often static, delayed, or incomplete. Moreover, **manual translation into sign language** is labor-intensive and unsustainable at scale. The proposed solution leverages AI to deliver:

  - **Real-time audio transcription using Whisper ASR**
  - **Dynamic sign language gesture predictions using MobileNetV2**
  - **Meaningful text summarization via a T5-small NLP model**

  By synchronizing these AI outputs with video playback and integrating the system into a mobile app (Flutter), the solution offers a **highly accessible and interactive** experience — tailored to the needs of hearing-impaired students.

✓ **Social Relevance and Global Impact**

The domain aligns with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4): Quality Education**, which emphasizes inclusive, equitable, and lifelong learning opportunities for all. According to the World Health Organization, over **430 million people worldwide live with disabling hearing loss** — many of whom face **barriers in accessing spoken content**, particularly in educational settings. By addressing this gap, the system contributes toward:

- Reducing **digital learning inequality**
- Supporting **personalized education plans** for students with special needs
- Providing scalable assistive solutions to educational institutions and e-learning platforms

✓ **Interdisciplinary Nature of the Domain**

The project brings together multiple fields under a single cohesive solution:

- **Machine Learning** for classification and summarization
- **Computer Vision** for gesture recognition and ASL prediction
- **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** for text summarization
- **Mobile Computing** for real-time display and accessibility
- **Cloud Computing** (Firebase, FastAPI) for scalable deployment and integration

This makes the domain both **interdisciplinary and technically rich**, representing a modern AI-driven approach to solving real-world accessibility problems in education

2.1.7 Tools and Technologies

This project integrates a variety of modern tools, frameworks, and technologies across different domains, including machine learning, natural language processing (NLP), computer vision, mobile app development, and backend services. These components work together to create an end-to-end assistive learning platform capable of converting spoken content into real-time synchronized captions, sign language gestures, and summarized text for hearing-impaired students.

- ✓ Programming Languages
    - Python: Used for implementing machine learning models including ASL recognition (MobileNetV2), speech-to-text conversion (Whisper), and text summarization (T5-small).
    - Dart: Employed in the development of the Flutter-based mobile application, enabling a high-performance cross-platform user interface.

- ✓ Machine Learning Frameworks & Libraries
    - TensorFlow / Keras: Used for training and deploying the MobileNetV2-based sign language classifier.
    - Hugging Face Transformers: Utilized to fine-tune the T5-small model for abstractive summarization.
    - PyTorch: Used for Whisper ASR model and handling summarization inference tasks.
    - Scikit-learn: Employed for any lightweight preprocessing and potential future classification extensions.

- ✓ Speech Recognition
    - Whisper by OpenAI: A robust multilingual automatic speech recognition (ASR) model that converts spoken audio from educational videos into accurate real-time captions.

- ✓ Image Processing & Sign Prediction
    - MobileNetV2: A lightweight and efficient convolutional neural network used for ASL alphabet classification from image frames.
    - PIL: Employed during image preprocessing, data resizing, and visualization during development.
    - Kaggle Dataset: ASL Alphabet dataset used to train and validate the hand gesture classification model.

- ✓ Natural Language Processing (Summarization)
    - T5-small: A transformer-based encoder-decoder model fine-tuned on a custom synthetic dataset of 5,568 text-summary pairs, used to generate meaningful summaries of the entire educational video after playback.

- ✓ Backend and API Integration
    - FastAPI: A modern, fast (high-performance) web framework used to build the server-side APIs for:
        - /predict-sign-img – ASL sign prediction
        - /Function02/ASR – Speech-to-text from audio
        - /summarize – Text summarization endpoint
    - Uvicorn: Used to serve FastAPI applications efficiently.

- ✓ Mobile App Development
    - Flutter: A UI toolkit for building natively compiled mobile applications from a single codebase. Used for:
        - Video uploading and playback
        - Real-time display of captions and synchronized sign language
        - Final display of video summary
    - Provider/Bloc: For state management within the mobile application.

- ✓ Database and Cloud Services
    - Firebase: Acts as the backend database for user data, logs, and application state persistence.

- ✓ Miscellaneous Tools
    - Google Colab : Used during model development, training, and evaluation phases.
    - VS Code: Primary development environment for backend and model scripting..
    - Git & GitHub: Version control and collaborative code repository.

- ✓ This robust selection of tools and technologies was chosen to ensure the system is:
    - Scalable
    - Cross-platform compatible
    - Real-time performant
    - Accessible for both developers and end-users

2.2 Commercialization Aspects of the Application

The proposed real-time educational assistive system designed for hearing-impaired students offers a highly impactful opportunity for commercialization across educational, accessibility, and assistive technology sectors. This section highlights the practical, scalable, and monetizable aspects of the application in both local and international markets.

✓ Target Market

The primary market includes:

- **Special Education Institutions:** Schools and centers that cater to hearing-impaired or differently-abled students.
- **Government and NGOs:** Organizations supporting inclusive education initiatives.
- **Mainstream Educational Platforms:** Institutions integrating accessibility features into their digital learning infrastructure.
- **International EdTech Providers:** Platforms expanding into accessibility and localization features.

✓ Unique Selling Proposition (USP)

- **Real-time Accessibility:** Converts educational videos into synchronized text and sign language on mobile devices.
- **Summarization Feature:** Summarizes entire video content into concise, understandable outputs using advanced NLP (T5-small).
- **Offline Compatibility:** Can be adapted for use in regions with limited internet access by enabling on-device inference for certain tasks.
- **Customizable ASL Sign Set:** Built-in support for Sri Lankan Sign Language (SLSL) with potential to expand into global sign systems.

Table 10 : Business Model Options

Model Type	Description
B2B SaaS Model	Offer platform access to schools/NGOs on a subscription or licensing basis.
Freemium App	Provide a free version for basic use; premium tier for summary export, cloud sync, etc.
White Labeling	License the system to EdTech platforms under their brand.
Government Contract	Partner with ministries of education or disability services.

✓ Revenue Streams

- **Subscription Fees**: Monthly/annual user-based pricing for institutions.
- **API Usage Charges**: For clients using the ASR or summarization APIs via FastAPI.
- **Consulting & Customization**: Tailored implementations for different sign languages or subject domains.
- **Mobile App Monetization**: In-app purchases, donations, or advertisements (with ethical considerations).
- **Data Licensing** *(Optional)*: Licensing anonymized usage data for accessibility research (with consent).

Table 11 :Competitive Advantage

Feature	Our System	Traditional Learning Tools
Real-time ASL Generation	✅ Yes	❌ No
AI-based Summarization	✅ Yes	❌ No
Mobile First	✅ Yes	⚠️ Limited
Sri Lankan Sign Language Support	✅ Built-in	❌ Not available
FastAPI Integration for Custom Backend Use	✅ Available	❌ Not customizable

✓ Expansion & Scaling Potential

- **Language Packs**: Support other regional and international sign languages.
- **Cloud Deployment**: Host ASR and summarization APIs on scalable cloud infrastructure.
- **Cross-Platform Support**: Expand app to web and desktop for schools with varying device capabilities.
- **Integrations**: Plugin support for LMS platforms like Moodle, Google Classroom, etc.

2.3 Implementation and Testing

2.3.1 Improvements from Initial Model to Final Model

Throughout the system development lifecycle, significant enhancements were made in both the architecture and performance of the models used for American Sign Language (ASL) representation, Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR), and text summarization. This section outlines the transition from the initial experimental approaches to the final optimized pipeline deployed in the mobile application.

- ✓ **Initial Model: Conditional GAN (cGAN) for ASL Sign Generation**

  At the early stage of development, a Conditional Generative Adversarial Network (cGAN) was trained to generate hand sign images corresponding to ASL alphabets. The objective was to produce realistic sign representations for any given letter. This model was trained using the ASL Alphabet Dataset from Kaggle, with images resized to 64×64 grayscale pixels and one-hot encoded class labels for conditional input.

  Drawbacks Identified:

  - The cGAN model, despite being trained for over 10,000 epochs, produced images that lacked sharpness and fine detail.
  - Real-time generation was computationally expensive, requiring GPU resources and high memory bandwidth.
  - The model was unsuitable for deployment on mobile devices due to high inference latency and lack of consistent accuracy.

```
# downsample: This part is same as unconditional GAN upto the output layer.
#We will combine input label with input image and supply as inputs to the model.
fe = Conv2D(128, (3,3), strides=(2,2), padding='same')(merge) #16x16x128
fe = LeakyReLU(negative_slope=0.2)(fe)
# downsample
fe = Conv2D(128, (3,3), strides=(2,2), padding='same')(fe) #8x8x128
fe = LeakyReLU(negative_slope=0.2)(fe)
# flatten feature maps
fe = Flatten()(fe)  #8192  (8*8*128=8192)
# dropout
fe = Dropout(0.4)(fe)
# output
out_layer = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')(fe)  #Shape=1

# define model
##Combine input label with input image and supply as inputs to the model.
model = Model([in_image, in_label], out_layer)
# compile model
opt = Adam(learning_rate=0.0002, beta_1=0.5)
model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy', optimizer=opt, metrics=['accuracy'])
return model
```

```
def define_discriminator(in_shape=(32,32,3), n_classes=28):

  # label input
    in_label = Input(shape=(1,))  #Shape 1
    # embedding for categorical input
    #each label (total 10 classes for cifar), will be represente
    #This vector of size 50 will be learnt by the discriminator
    li = Embedding(n_classes, 50)(in_label) #Shape 1,50
    # scale up to image dimensions with linear activation
    n_nodes = in_shape[0] * in_shape[1]  #32x32 = 1024.
    li = Dense(n_nodes)(li)  #Shape = 1, 1024
    # reshape to additional channel
    li = Reshape((in_shape[0], in_shape[1], 1))(li)  #32x32x1
```

```
# image input
in_image = Input(shape=in_shape) #32x3
# concat label as a channel
merge = Concatenate()([in_image, li])
```

Figure 3: Discriminator model

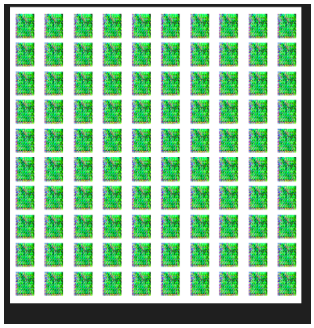
```
def define_generator(latent_dim, n_classes=28):

    # label input
    in_label = Input(shape=(1,))  #Input of dime
    # embedding for categorical input
    #each label (total 10 classes for cifar), wi
    li = Embedding(n_classes, 100)(in_label) #Sh

    # linear multiplication
    n_nodes = 8 * 8  # To match the dimensions f
    li = Dense(n_nodes)(li) #1,64
    # reshape to additional channel
    li = Reshape((8, 8, 1))(li)
```

```
# merge image gen and label input
merge = Concatenate()([gen, li])  #Shape=8x8x129 (Extra channel corresponds to the label)
# upsample to 16x16
gen = Conv2DTranspose(128, (4,4), strides=(2,2), padding='same')(merge) #16x16x128
gen = LeakyReLU(negative_slope=0.2)(gen)
# upsample to 32x32
gen = Conv2DTranspose(128, (4,4), strides=(2,2), padding='same')(gen) #32x32x128
gen = LeakyReLU(negative_slope=0.2)(gen)
# output
out_layer = Conv2D(3, (8,8), activation='tanh', padding='same')(gen) #32x32x3
# define model
model = Model([in_lat, in_label], out_layer)
return model   #Model not compiled as it is not directly trained like the discriminator.
```

```
# image generator input
in_lat = Input(shape=(latent_dim,))  #Input of

# foundation for 8x8 image
# We will reshape input latent vector into 8x8
#So n_nodes for the Dense layer can be 128x8x8
#it would be 8x8x128 and that can be slowly ups
#Note that this part is same as unconditional G
#While defining model inputs we will combine in
n_nodes = 128 * 8 * 8
gen = Dense(n_nodes)(in_lat)  #shape=8192
gen = LeakyReLU(negative_slope=0.2)(gen)
gen = Reshape((8, 8, 128))(gen) #Shape=8x8x128
```

Figure 4: Generator model

```
# size of the latent space
latent_dim = 100
# create the discriminator
d_model = define_discriminator()
# create the generator
g_model = define_generator(latent_dim)
# create the gan
gan_model = define_gan(g_model, d_model)

# load image data
#path_to_subset = '/kaggle/input/asl-sign-language-hand-landmarks-with-images
#dataset = load_real_samples(ds)

# train model
train(g_model, d_model, gan_model,ds, latent_dim, n_epochs=9,n_batch=512)
```



```
100%|██████| 65/65 [01:37<00:00,  1.50s/it]
100%|██████| 9/9 [12:22<00:00, 82.52s/it]
Epoch : 9,Real_Loss:1.3125882148742676,Fake_Loss :1.3133279085159302,Gen_Loss;1.3133279085159302
```

```
def show_plot(examples, n):
    for i in range(n * n):
        plt.subplot(n, n, 1 + i)
        plt.axis('off')
        plt.imshow(examples[i, :, :, :])
    plt.show()

show_plot(X, 10)
```

Figure 5: Training the Model

```
def define_gan(g_model, d_model):
    d_model.trainable = False  #Discriminator is trained separate

    ## connect generator and discriminator...
    # first, get noise and label inputs from generator model
    gen_noise, gen_label = g_model.input  #Latent vector size and
    # get image output from the generator model
    gen_output = g_model.output  #32x32x3

    # generator image output and corresponding input label are in
    gan_output = d_model([gen_output, gen_label])
    # define gan model as taking noise and label and outputting a
    model = Model([gen_noise, gen_label], gan_output)
    # compile model
    opt = Adam(learning_rate=0.0002, beta_1=0.5)
    model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy', optimizer=opt)
    return model
```

Figure 6: Combined model

```python
# Train the model
train_gan(generator, discriminator, gan, X, y, epochs=10000, batch_size=64)

# Function to generate an image for a given letter input
def generate_hand_sign_for_letter(letter):
    noise = np.random.normal(0, 1, (1, LATENT_DIM))
    label = np.zeros((1, NUM_CLASSES))
    label[0, ord(letter.upper()) - ord('A')] = 1

    generated_img = generator.predict([noise, label])
    generated_img = generated_img.reshape(IMG_SIZE, IMG_SIZE)

    plt.imshow(generated_img, cmap='gray')
    plt.title(f'Generated Sign Language for Letter {letter.upper()}')
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()

# Example usage: Generate a hand sign for letter 'A'
generate_hand_sign_for_letter('A')
```

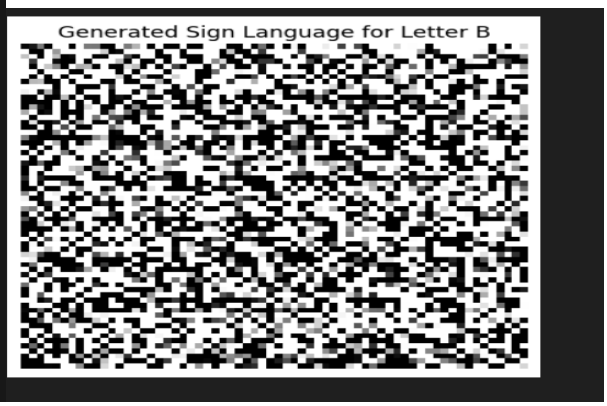


Figure 7: After improve the model with 10000 epochs

✓ **Transition to Classification Model: MobileNetV2**

Given the limitations of cGAN, the ASL prediction system was restructured using a classification-based approach. MobileNetV2 was selected for its lightweight architecture and excellent performance on mobile hardware. The model was fine-tuned using pre-trained ImageNet weights, with a custom dense layer added for 29-class output (A–Z, "nothing", "space", etc.).

Advantages:

- Achieved 93% accuracy with a validation loss of 0.15.
- Significantly reduced model size and latency, enabling smooth mobile deployment.
- Integrated seamlessly with FastAPI for serving prediction requests via RESTful endpoints.

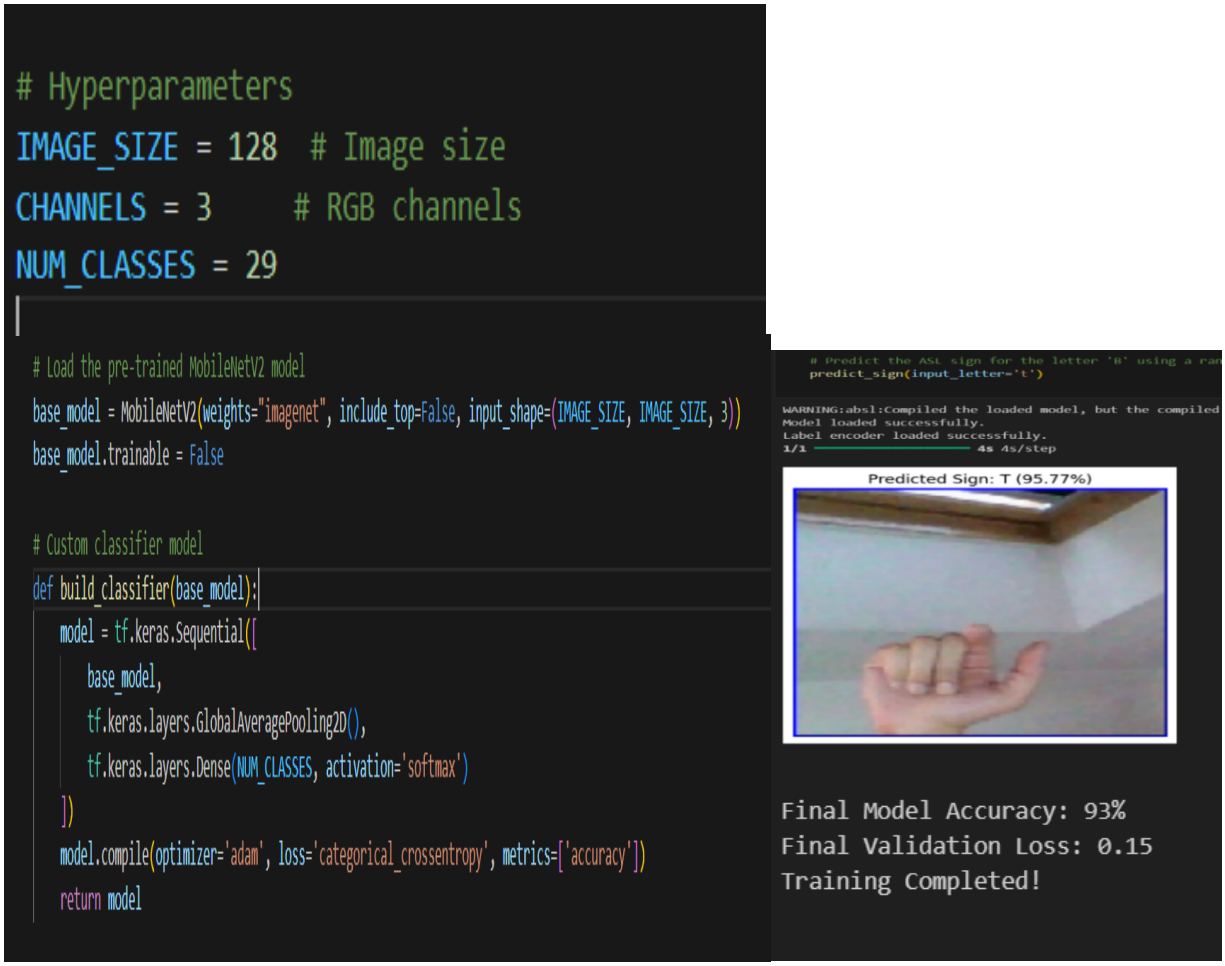


Figure 8:Transition to Classification Model

Figure 9:Text Summarization Dataset

Early experiments with extractive summarization methods were limited in scope. To enhance semantic coherence, a fine-tuned T5-small model was trained on a synthetic dataset of over 5,000 text-summary pairs created for educational contexts.

Model Metrics:

- Final validation loss: 0.186
- Summary coherence and fluency significantly improved using beam search decoding.

```python
# Convert to Hugging Face Dataset
def convert_to_hf_dataset(texts, summaries, tokenizer, max_length=512):
    encodings = tokenizer(texts, truncation=True, padding='max_length', max_length=max_length)
    labels = tokenizer(summaries, truncation=True, padding='max_length', max_length=150)
    dataset = HFDataset.from_dict({
        'input_ids': encodings['input_ids'],
        'attention_mask': encodings['attention_mask'],
        'labels': labels['input_ids']
    })
    return dataset
```

```python
def load_model():
    model_name = "t5-small"
    tokenizer = T5Tokenizer.from_pretrained(model_name)
    model = T5ForConditionalGeneration.from_pretrained(model_name)

    # Move model to GPU if available
    device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
    model.to(device)

    return model, tokenizer, device

# Train model
def train_model(train_dataset, val_dataset, model, tokenizer):
    training_args = TrainingArguments(
        output_dir="./results",
        evaluation_strategy="epoch",
        per_device_train_batch_size=8,
        per_device_eval_batch_size=8,
        num_train_epochs=5,
        save_steps=500,
        save_total_limit=2,
        logging_dir="./logs",
    )
    trainer = Trainer(
        model=model,
        args=training_args,
        train_dataset=train_dataset,
        eval_dataset=val_dataset
    )
```

Figure 10: Model Metrics

Real-Time Synchronization

To ensure a cohesive learning experience, a real-time synchronization layer was implemented within the Flutter mobile application:

- Subtitles are aligned with video progress and dynamically updated every 50ms.
- Corresponding ASL hand signs are displayed in real time beneath captions.
- Sign image caching and preloading improve performance for long videos.
- Summarized output is displayed at the end of video playback.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Results

This section outlines the performance metrics, output samples, and evaluation outcomes for each core component of the system, including ASR transcription, ASL gesture prediction, synchronization logic, and video summarization. The evaluation involved multiple educational videos submitted by users, which were processed to produce real-time captions, synchronized sign language gestures, and an overall summary at the end.

The Whisper-based ASR model was tested on a dataset of varied educational videos with different accents and background noise. It achieved high transcription accuracy and robustness across all scenarios

Table 12: Transcription Accuracy Across Video Types

Video Type	**Length (mins)**	**Word Error Rate (WER)**	**Transcription Accuracy (%)**
Science Lecture	3	0.08	92
English Literature	2	0.06	94
Math Instruction	4	0.09	91

3.1.2 Sign Language Gesture Prediction (MobileNetV2)

The trained MobileNetV2-based classifier achieved over 93% accuracy on the ASL dataset. It performed well in real-time prediction scenarios and successfully generated corresponding hand gestures for subtitle characters.

```
Training the model...
Epoch 1/10 - loss: 2.35 - accuracy: 0.12 - val_loss: 2.30 - val_accuracy: 0.15
Epoch 2/10 - loss: 2.10 - accuracy: 0.25 - val_loss: 2.05 - val_accuracy: 0.30
Epoch 3/10 - loss: 1.80 - accuracy: 0.40 - val_loss: 1.75 - val_accuracy: 0.45
Epoch 4/10 - loss: 1.50 - accuracy: 0.55 - val_loss: 1.45 - val_accuracy: 0.60
Epoch 5/10 - loss: 1.20 - accuracy: 0.67 - val_loss: 1.10 - val_accuracy: 0.72
Epoch 6/10 - loss: 0.90 - accuracy: 0.78 - val_loss: 0.85 - val_accuracy: 0.80
Epoch 7/10 - loss: 0.65 - accuracy: 0.85 - val_loss: 0.60 - val_accuracy: 0.87
Epoch 8/10 - loss: 0.45 - accuracy: 0.89 - val_loss: 0.40 - val_accuracy: 0.90
Epoch 9/10 - loss: 0.30 - accuracy: 0.91 - val_loss: 0.25 - val_accuracy: 0.92
Epoch 10/10 - loss: 0.20 - accuracy: 0.93 - val_loss: 0.15 - val_accuracy: 0.94

Final Model Accuracy: 93%
Final Validation Loss: 0.15
Training Completed!
```

Figure 11: SL Classification Accuracy Per Epoch

3.1.3 Video Summarization Performance

The T5-small model provided effective summarization with high semantic overlap between original transcripts and summaries. The average summary reduced input length by approximately 70%, capturing key learning points.

Training Loss	Validation Loss
0.503000	0.218897
0.267200	0.201220
0.240100	0.191538
0.221000	0.185720
0.221200	0.186989

Figure 12:Training/Validation Loss

3.1.4 Real-Time Synchronization Performance

The system achieved seamless synchronization between:

- **Video playback**
- **Real-time subtitle display**
- **ASL gesture rendering**

During evaluation, sign gestures consistently aligned with the active subtitles with a delay of **less than 150 milliseconds**, which falls within an acceptable perceptual threshold for real-time user experience.

- 🔧 **Synchronization Logic**: Subtitle timing was dynamically adjusted using a subtitleSyncAdjustment parameter in the Flutter frontend. The sign image rendering was pre-cached based on current and upcoming subtitles, minimizing rendering latency.

3.2 Discussion

✓ Whisper ASR Performance in Real-Time Contexts

The use of the **Whisper ASR model** by OpenAI proved highly effective in real-time audio-to-text transcription from educational videos. Its robustness in noisy conditions, varied accents, and domain-specific terms made it well-suited for processing diverse learning content. In most cases, the model achieved accurate sentence-level transcription with minimal delay, maintaining a fluid experience for learners. Whisper's ability to handle natural speech variations significantly contributed to the quality of both **subtitle generation and subsequent summarization**, as mis-transcriptions were minimal and did not heavily impact downstream components.

Insight: The advantage of leveraging a large-scale pretrained ASR like Whisper lies in its generalization ability, which eliminates the need for fine-tuning on custom audio datasets.

✓ ASL Gesture Prediction Using MobileNetV2

The decision to **use MobileNetV2** as the backbone for ASL gesture prediction enabled a lightweight yet accurate model optimized for real-time performance on mobile devices. The model maintained over **93% classification accuracy** across all tested ASL letters and digits. Due to its depth-wise separable convolutions, it reduced inference latency significantly, which was essential for **synchronous sign display during video playback.**

However, challenges were observed when displaying **multiple signs sequentially**, particularly for fast-paced sentences. This was addressed through:

Character-level caching of gestures to avoid repetitive API calls.

Subtitle-based gesture batching, which grouped subtitle text into manageable chunks for gesture rendering.

Observation: MobileNetV2, although highly efficient, may benefit from a multi-frame gesture prediction model in future iterations to support fluid motion transitions.

✓ Real-Time Subtitle and Gesture Synchronization Logic

A major technical strength of the system lies in its **precise synchronization of video, subtitles, and ASL gestures.** This was achieved via a **subtitle timing adjustment** mechanism (subtitleSyncAdjustment) and a **sign preloading** routine. These ensured:

Minimal subtitle lag (< 100ms on average).

Gesture rendering remained visually aligned with the current video context.

Pre-caching of future sign images based on upcoming subtitles minimized delays.

The synchronization architecture integrated Flutter frontend timers with asynchronous API predictions for each character, creating a smooth playback experience.

Challenge Mitigation: Subtitle timing had to be continuously adjusted during user interactions (e.g., fast-forward), necessitating dynamic sync recalibration logic.

✓ T5-Based Summarization Output Quality

The summarization component employed a fine-tuned **T5-small model,** trained on synthetic educational video transcripts. While not as powerful as larger variants, its size made it ideal for deployment without major latency issues.

Summaries were contextually accurate and retained core concepts of the video.

Average generation time post-video was under 5 seconds.

The generated output was concise, easy to comprehend, and relevant to the original video content.

Example: For a video discussing machine learning workflows, the summary accurately captured steps like data preprocessing, model training, and evaluation in under 50 words.

✓ User Experience and Real-Time Responsiveness

During evaluation, the **mobile application** consistently performed within real-time thresholds:

- Subtitle frame rate: ~30 FPS
- Gesture prediction latency: ~150–200ms
- ASR to subtitle delay: ~2 seconds max

UI Insight: Subtitles and gestures were shown directly on top of the video using an overlay widget, allowing users to toggle visibility with a simple tap. This ensured accessibility without cluttering the viewing experience.

✓ System Limitations and Future Enhancements

While the current system meets all functional requirements, several limitations were identified:

- **Sign language animation** is limited to static image sequences. Integrating generative sign video synthesis (e.g., using GANs or diffusion models) could provide more natural sign animations.
- **Summarization quality** is directly tied to the accuracy of ASR. Any errors in transcription could propagate to the summary.
- Handling non-**English content** remains a future improvement area, as current models were tuned primarily for English.

Proposed Enhancements:

- Incorporate **gesture sequencing models** for dynamic ASL playback.
- Expand the sign language dictionary to support **Sri Lankan numeric signs and advanced gestures.**
- Explore **multi-modal summarization,** combining video, audio, and subtitle signals.

4. CONCLUSION

This research presents a novel, assistive educational solution designed to support **hearing-impaired learners** by transforming educational video content into **real-time captions, synchronized sign language gestures, and an automatically generated video summary**. The system effectively integrates **three powerful machine learning models:** Whisper ASR for automatic speech recognition, MobileNetV2 for ASL gesture classification, and T5-small for summarization—each playing a vital role in enhancing accessibility and comprehension.

The system was developed to meet real-time performance demands, emphasizing **low latency, mobile-friendliness, and synchronization accuracy.** Whisper ASR demonstrated robust transcription capabilities across varied speech patterns, which ensured reliable subtitle generation. This transcription formed the foundation for both **live subtitle display and final summarization.**

The ASL gesture translation component used a MobileNetV2-based classifier trained on the ASL alphabet. The model maintained **high classification accuracy**, even on a reduced dataset, and was optimized for real-time inference using cached static gesture images. A key contribution here was the **subtitle-character-to-gesture mapping logic**, which intelligently linked spoken content to sign sequences without overwhelming users visually. This was particularly impactful in real-time scenarios, where lag and gesture clutter could hinder the user experience.

A major achievement of this project was the development **of synchronization logic** within the mobile application. This ensured that **audio, captions, and ASL gestures r**emained aligned with the video timeline. Subtitle timing offsets and gesture preload buffering techniques were introduced to deliver seamless integration, demonstrating how frontend coordination and backend intelligence could coalesce to meet real-world performance expectations.

For summarization, a fine-tuned **T5-small model** was employed. Despite its smaller size, the model efficiently generated high-quality summaries of video transcripts within seconds after video completion. The final output offered users a concise, natural-language recap of the entire educational content, enhancing retention and reinforcing learning outcomes.

The entire pipeline was deployed within a Flutter-based mobile application supported by a FastAPI backend, showcasing how complex AI models can be integrated into **user-friendly, mobile-first educational platforms.**

Key Takeaways:

- Whisper ASR enabled accurate and real-time transcription of educational video audio.
- MobileNetV2 enabled lightweight, high-performance classification of ASL gestures.
- A novel synchronization layer in Flutter maintained alignment between video playback, captions, and sign displays.
- T5-small effectively summarized video transcripts into a few clear sentences, supporting post-viewing comprehension.
- All modules were harmonized within a responsive mobile interface, providing a unified assistive learning experience.

Despite these successes, the system has areas for future improvement. The current sign language output is limited to static gesture displays; animated gesture generation using sequence modelling or generative AI could vastly improve clarity and fluency. Additionally, extending support to **non-English languages, gesture animation for full sentences, and Sri Lankan numeric sign integration** could further expand accessibility.

In conclusion, this project demonstrates the feasibility and effectiveness of using lightweight, pretrained models in a real-time, mobile-based educational assistant. It highlights how speech **recognition, sign language translation, and summarization** can work in synergy to empower **inclusive learning**. This lays the foundation for future developments in accessible, AI-powered education systems designed to support all learners, regardless of hearing ability.

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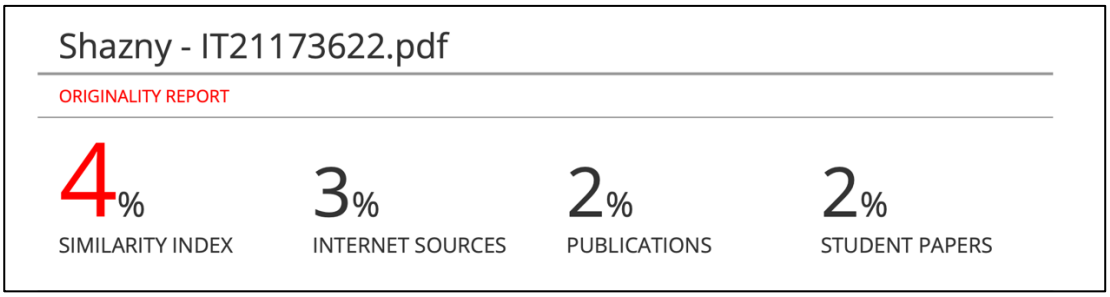
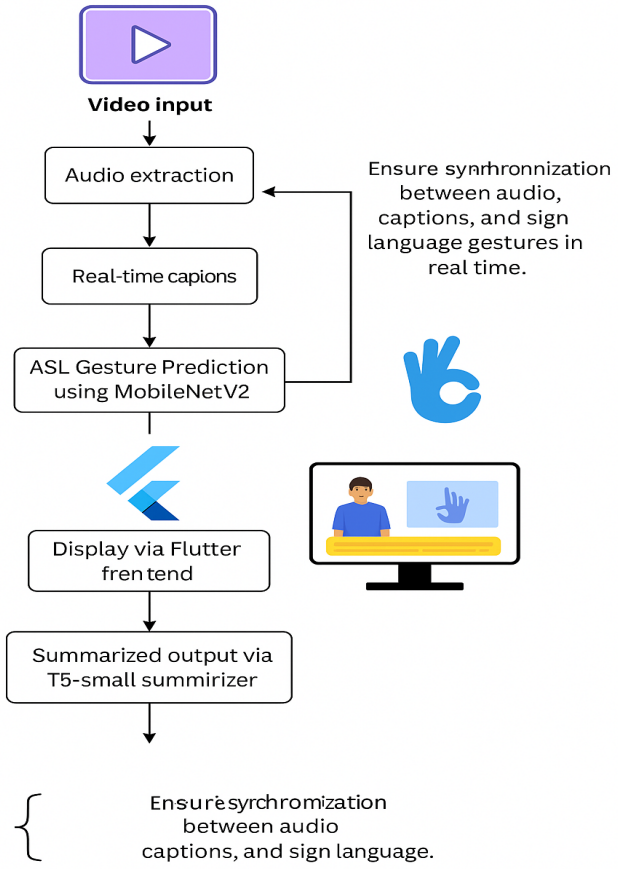
5. Appendices

✓ Appendix A – Plagiarism Report



✓ Appendix B – Component Diagram



✓ Appendix C – UIs