# Real-Time Number Plate Detection System

A comprehensive overview of our real-time vehicle number plate detection system.



## Introduction

This document details the design, development, and implementation of a real-time vehicle number plate detection system using computer vision and deep learning. It identifies and reads license plates from live video, storing them in a local database. Suitable for traffic surveillance, parking management, and security checkpoints.

## **Project Objectives**

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#### **Real-time Detection**

Detect license plates from video streams.

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#### **Text Extraction**

Extract readable text using OCR.



#### **Data Storage**

Store plate numbers and timestamps in a database.



### **Efficiency**

Develop an accurate, lightweight, and efficient system.

# **Tools & Technologies**













# **System Architecture**

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#### **Video Stream**

Captured from webcam using OpenCV.

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#### **Detection Module**

YOLOv5 detects license plate locations.

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### **Cropping Module**

Detected plates are cropped from the image.

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#### **OCR Module**

EasyOCR extracts alphanumeric text.

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### **Database Logging**

SQLite stores plate number and timestamp.

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### **Display Output**

Annotated frame shown with bounding boxes and text.

## **Implementation & Results**

#### **Implementation**

Step-by-step setup including package installation, model loading, database creation, and real-time detection loop using OpenCV and EasyOCR.

#### Results

- Successfully detected and read plates in real-time.
- Satisfactory accuracy for frontal/near-frontal plates.
- Stored logs allowed easy review of captured data.



## **Applications**



### **Smart Parking**

Entry/exit tracking for parking systems.



#### **Toll Booths**

Automation of toll collection.



### **Traffic Enforcement**

Law enforcement and surveillance.



## **Gate Security**

Enhanced security at private premises.

## **Future Work**

- Integration with cloud database for centralized tracking.
- Night vision compatibility using IR imaging enhancements.
- GUI dashboard using Flask or Streamlit.
- Alert system for blacklisted vehicle detection.

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         ultralytics import YOLO
       rt cv2
       ort easyocr
    ort pytesseract
 Load YOLOv5 model (equivalent to yolov5s)
del = YOLO("yolov5s.pt")
 OCR setups
 ader = easyocr.Reader(['en'])
  Start webcam
              cv2.VideoCapture(0)
    le True:
       ret, frame = cap.read()
         if not ret:
       results = model.predict(source=frame, conf=0.5, verbose=False)
        for r in results:
                     for box in r.boxes:
                                   cls_id = int(box.cls[0])
                                   label = model.names[cls_id]
                                   if label in ['car', 'truck', 'bus', 'motorbike']:
                                                 continue
                                   x1, y1, x2, y2 = map(int, box.xyxy[0])
                                   roi = frame[y1:y2, x1:x2]
                                   # OCR using EasyOCR
                                   result_easy = reader.readtext(roi)
                                   easy_text = result_easy[0][1] if result_easy else "No Text"
                                   # OCR using pytesseract
                                   pytess_text = pytesseract.image_to_string(roi, config='--psm 7')
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## Conclusion

This project demonstrates an effective, real-time solution for automatic number plate recognition using deep learning and computer vision. Its modular design and lightweight components make it a practical base for deployment in smart traffic and surveillance applications.

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