TWO FACTOR LOCK FOR VISUALLY DISABLED

Capstone Project Proposal

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Mentor Consent Form

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Project Overview

Visually impaired people face limitations to carry out movements and their daily activities without assistance. So this project aims to build a two-factor secure lock that can be used independently by visually disabled people without any assistance. This 2-factor lock would first use face detection and then hand gestures to unlock the door. The image data from the camera will be fed to face recognition code and processing will be executed. This module will consist of a database of allowed faces with a blind person being the master with the ability to enter the gesture sequence. If the person is a master user then the system will generate a prompt along with an activation sound to enter the hand gestures. The hand gesture module will be able to recognize the hands of the person in front and a deep learning model will be trained to recognize gestures in sequence. Once the hand gestures match, a trigger signal will be sent to the latch module. The latch module upon receiving the trigger signal will open the latch and it closes automatically when the person enters the facility.

Problem Statement

The conventional lock and key method cannot be used by a visually disabled person. Also, there exist other automated systems like the fingerprint scanner, retina scan but all of these are not very useful for such people. These all solutions mentioned above cannot be used independently by visually disabled people, they need someone's support to use them. Also these systems are not very secure so a locking system is needed which is both secure and convenient to use.

Need Analysis

Visually impaired people face a lot of problems in their day to day activities. They face limitations to carry out movements and their daily activities without assistance. Thus special considerations are required to make the systems utilizable for them. There is no such secure lock that exists for blind people. The current locking system available in the market cannot be used by visually disabled person on their own. Also these locking system are also not very safe. We are trying to build a lock which can be used independently by them and has two factor authentication i.e. face recognition and hand gesture. This lock ensures safety which is one of the biggest concerns faced by them and also convenience.

- Accessibility: Ensure that the authentication method is accessible for visually disabled individuals by providing alternative methods such as audio instructions or tactile feedback.
- **Usability**: The authentication method should be easy to use and navigate, regardless of the user's level of visual impairment. Consider user testing and feedback to refine the user experience.
- **Compatibility**: Ensure that the authentication method is compatible with a range of devices and platforms, to accommodate a variety of assistive technologies and operating systems.
- **Support:** Provide adequate support and documentation for visually disabled individuals, including instructions for setting up and troubleshooting the authentication method.

Literature Survey

Theory Associated With Problem Area

A report by the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) stated that there are approximately 285 million people around the world who are visually impaired. Visually impaired people face limitations to carry out movements and their daily activities without assistance. Moreover, almost 90% of them have to depend on others to ensure their safety. Thus special considerations are required to make the systems utilizable for them. There is no such secure lock that exists for blind people. So this project aims to build a two-factor secure lock that can be used independently by visually disabled people without any assistance. They can check and control who is at the door. This helps them to move freely in the house without any fear that someone can enter without their knowledge or permission.

Existing Systems and Solutions

The literature survey showed that a limited number of studies were conducted focusing on assistive systems for visually impaired users, and even fewer automatic door authentication systems exist for the visually impaired. The existing systems do not address all the needs of the visually impaired but have certain features that we seek to inculcate in our research, like face recognition, voice command control, and gesture control. Some of the existing devices and systems are the Swing Door Lock [1], a flexible door handle that has numbers on a circular Numpad, and with the help of upward or downward movements of the handle, the number combination set by the user can be entered. Another device in place is the YALE ENTR Smart Door Lock [2], which features a keyless lock that can be unlocked using a smartphone or a Bluetooth-enabled device, fingerprint reader, or touchpad reader.

Research Findings for Existing Literature

Table 1: Research findings for existing literature

S. No	Author	Paper Title	Tools/ Technology	Findings	Citation
1	Nitesh Saxena and James H. Watt	Authentication Technologies for the Blind or Visually Impaired.	Computer Vision	Usable Security research aimed at disabled user population becomes extremely challenging is that disabled human subjects are not easily accessible to perform usability studies.	[3]
2	Khan et. al.	Secure biometric template generation for multi-factor authentication	Image Processing, Biometric sensors.	It involves using a secure sketch-based approach to generate a binary template from the original biometric data. The binary template is then hashed using a secret key to create a secure and encrypted version.	[4]
3	Yugashini et. al.	Design and Implementation of Automated Door Accessing System with Face Recognition	Computer Vision, GSM module	Facial recognition gives good results and is highly secure as the face is matched with database, alerting users via SMS.	[5]

4	Shah et. al.	Biometric Voice	Signal	The system	[6]
		Recognition in	processing	successfully	
		Security System		recognizes the user's	
				voice, by feature	
				extraction and	
				comparing it with that	
				stored in the database,	
				instructing Arduino to	
				open the	
				door, and rejects all	
				the other impostor's	
				voices.	
5	Daniella Briotto	Understanding	Computer	It showed that	[7]
	Faustino and	Authentication	Vision,Image	majority consider	[.]
	Audrey Girouard	Method Use on	Processing	fingerprints to be the	
	Audiey Gilouald	Mobile Devices		most secure and most	
		by People with		accessible user	
		Vision		authentication	
		Impairment		methods.Survey	
				showed that blind	
				people considered	
				patterns the least	
				accessible methods.	

- Nitesh Saxena and James H. Watt [3] have majorly found from their research that one main reason Usable Security research aimed at disabled user population becomes extremely challenging is that disabled human subjects are not easily accessible to perform usability studies.
- Khan *et. al.* [4] have used a secure sketch-based approach to generate a binary template from the original biometric data. The binary template is then hashed using a secret key to create a secure and encrypted version.

- Yugashini *et. al.* [5] found that facial recognition gives good results and is highly secure as the face is matched with database, alerting users via SMS.
- Shah *et. al.* [6] have developed a system that successfully recognizes the user's voice, by feature extraction and comparing it with that stored in the database, instructing Arduino to open the door, and rejects all the other impostor's voices.
- Daniella Briotto Faustino and Audrey Girouard [7] have conducted a survey that showed that majority consider fingerprints to be the most secure and most accessible user authentication methods. Survey showed that blind people considered patterns the least accessible methods.

Problem Identified

Table 2: Problem Identified

Exciting Approaches	Limitations	References
Improved accuracy in face	It is difficult to achieve very	[8] and [9]
recognition	high accuracy with most	
	existing algorithms, owing to	
	hardware limitations.Cost is	
	more.	
Cost structure	The current research is mostly	Many open pieces of research
	funded by R&D departments of	
	big startups/companies, where	
	the priority is not to cut down	
	prices, making it expensive.	
Speed and efficiency	Decreasing false positives, as	[2]
	well as acting as fast as	
	possible. This isn't possible	
	with the equipment being used	
	currently.	

Objectives

The proposed system seeks to meet the following proposed objectives:

- To study about the problems and the needs associated with visually impaired people.
- To develop a 2-factor authentication lock using 2 modules face recognition and hand gesture recognition which will independently run on raspberry pi.
- To apply an algorithm to minimize the effect of background on face recognition and hand gesture recognition.

Methodology

The following methodology will be followed while working on the proposed system:

- 1. A proximity sensor will be used to detect the presence of a person in front of the lock. It will trigger a sound on the buzzer and activate the camera module.
- 2. A Face recognition module will be developed. The image data from the camera will be fed to face recognition code which will be deployed on either a raspberry pi or on AWS where the processing will be executed. This module will consist of a database of allowed faces with the blind person being the master user with the ability to enter the gesture lock. The master would be able to maintain a record of known faces on the database. Local storage or AWS s3 bucket shall be used. Depending on the person in front of the camera ,the following possibilities will be incorporated:-
- If the person is the master user then the system will generate a prompt along with an activation sound to enter the hand gesture sequence as saved by the master.
- If the person has his/her face registered into the system, the module will identify the person and give a speech output recognizing the person.
- If the person falls into neither category, the sound module will generate a normal alarm.
- 3. A hand gesture recognition module will be developed. The module will store a passkey corresponding to the sequence of hand gestures as demonstrated by the master user. The passkey can be changed at will only by the master user. This module will consist of the following features:-

- The module will be able to recognize the hands of the person in front and apply background reduction on the images captured. Series of image processing techniques like erosion, dilation, and thresholding will be applied for this purpose.
- A deep learning model will be trained to recognize the gesture in the input image.
 The model will recognize gestures in a sequence.
- The system will maintain a stack of the gestures entered and convert it into a
 passkey. If the passkey matches with the accepted key, a trigger signal is sent to
 the latch module.
- 4. The latch module upon receiving the trigger signal will open the latch for 10s when the person can enter the facility and the latch will close automatically after that.
- 5. The device will also allow storing face images of some known faces to the master user. The face images will be stored in a database hosted on cloud services and facial recognition techniques will be used accordingly.
- 6. A graphical user interface (GUI) will be developed to execute the set, reset and register facilities provided by the lock.
- 7. The following framework will be followed during the development procedure of the proposed system:
- Front End A GUI needs to be developed as mentioned above.
- Backend Python will be used for this purpose as it has proven to be very dynamic for developing applications in a short period using a plethora of open source libraries that come with it.
- Database Since most of the processing is proposed to be done on the cloud servers,
 AWS S3 Bucket will be useful and fast. Moreover, it also uses a NoSQL database which is a cheap and fast storage method nowadays.
- Model Building Python provides two of the most versatile libraries, namely Tensorflow
 and Keras, for developing deep learning models. Therefore it proves to be the best
 language for developing hand gesture recognition and facial recognition modules.

Deployment – Naturally the models developed will be deployed on AWS using the EC2 instances services. EC2 provides a variety of tools that a developer can play around with that includes using network protocols and Linux operating system services.

Project Outcomes & Individual Roles

The major outcome of our project will be a two-factor lock which will be first of all easy and convenient to use for visually disabled people. Secondly, it will be safe to use because safety is one of the biggest concerns of these people. We will ensure a well authenticated secure locking system which will use two modules-face recognition and hand gesture recognition.

Table 4: Individual Roles

S.No	Task	Individuals involved
1.	Circuit Design	Nitish Kumar, Khushi Goel
2.	Raspberry Pi Code	Ayush Nagpure, Khushi Goel
3.	Face Detection Module	Nimit Gupta, Nitish Kumar
4.	Hand gesture Module	Asmi Lakhani, Nitish Kumar
5.	Latch Module	Asmi Lakhani, Nimit Gupta
6.	Voice Triggering	Ayush Nagpure
7.	Integration b/w hardware and web services	Ayush Nagpure, Nimit Gupta
8.	Documentation	Khushi Goel, Asmi Lakhani

Work Plan

The following plan will be followed to complete the project:

Table 3: Work plan

Sr. No	Activity	Month		eb Apr		Ma	y-J	un		Jul-	-Auş	g	S	ер-О	oct		N	lov-I	Dec	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Project planning and	Plan																		
	study of hardware, software requirements	Actual																		
2	Face recognition	Plan																		
	module development	Actual																		
3	Gesture module	Plan																		
	development	Actual																		
4	Design Optimisatio	Plan																		
	n and Modificatio ns	Actual																		
5	Circuit design	Plan																		
	and raspber ry pi coding	Actual																		
6	Integration between	Plan																		
	hardware and web services	Actual																		
7	Testing and	Plan																		
	Modificati on	Actual																		
8	Final Report	Plan																		
		Actual																		

Course Subjects

The following course subject's knowledge will be used in the development of the proposed system:

Subject code	Subject name	Description
UCS503	Software engineering	The methodology of agile will
		be used throughout the
		process of making the
		software for this project. As
		taught in this subject, all the
		well-suited diagrams and other
		different kinds of methods will
		be implemented like SDLC,
		scrum, UML diagrams, etc.
		Different kinds of testing
		strategies will be implemented
		which we learned in the
		practical implementation
		throughout this course.
UCS310	Database Management	All the logical and physical
	Systems	database designs will be
		implemented as taught during
		this subject. Analysis of
		database design using E-R
		data model will be used as
		implemented during the
		project for this course. All the
		conceptual and practical
		knowledge regarding the
		database management
		gathered during this course
		will be implemented in this
		project.

UML501 and UCS411	Machine Learning and AI	By virtue of these two
		concepts, different ML models
		will be used to perform hand
		gesture and face recognition
		as it is a subfield of AI which
		aims to teach computers the
		ability to do tasks with data,
		without explicit programming.
		The concept of training ML
		models to perform
		computational tasks is used
		here during the development
		of the device. All the
		conceptual and practical
		knowledge regarding the ML
		and AI gathered during this
		course will be implemented in
		this project.

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