

# Indian Overseas Bank Voice Authentication System

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## Overview

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This project implements a robust, **voice authentication** system designed to deliver secure, accessible, and efficient user verification without the need for passwords or physical tokens. Users simply speak a dynamically generated verification code into any microphone-equipped device, and the system processes the input in real-time using:

- CNN-Based Speaker Recognition: A Convolutional Neural Network model trained on MFCC features to identify speaker-specific voice patterns.
- MFCC Extraction & Preprocessing: Automatic trimming, normalization, and bandpass filtering ensure consistent feature quality across diverse audio sources.
- Ensemble Verification: Combines CNN predictions with average cosine similarity scores and Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) distances for resilient decision-making, even in noisy environments.

**Key Benefits:**

- Passwordless & User-Friendly: Eliminates the need for memorized credentials or typing, reducing friction and risk.

- Scalable & Lightweight: Operates on minimal infrastructure, making it suitable for web, mobile, and IoT deployments.
- Adaptive: Retrains the CNN model automatically upon each new registration, continuously improving accuracy as the user database grows.
- Secure: Dynamic verification codes combined with multi-metric validation (an ensemble of CNN prediction confidence, average cosine similarity, and DTW distance) mitigate replay attacks and spoofing.
- Extensible: Easily integrates with additional modalities (e.g., face recognition) and third-party systems (e.g., banking APIs).

## Technologies Used

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- Python 3.11+: Core programming language
- Flask: RESTful API framework
- MongoDB (PyMongo): Database for storing voice feature embeddings
- TensorFlow/Keras: CNN model development and inference
- Librosa: Audio processing and MFCC extraction
- pydub & FFmpeg: WebM-to-WAV conversion
- fastdtw: Efficient DTW calculations
- scikit-learn: Cosine similarity and data utilities
- Flask-Cors: Cross-origin support for frontend

## How It Works

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1. Request Verification Code
  - User submits user\_id to /api/verification-code. A six-digit code is generated and stored in session.
2. Speak & Verify Code
  - Frontend records user speaking the code into a WebM file.

- Backend converts WebM to WAV, extracts and normalizes MFCC features.
3. Registration (`api/register`)
    - Captures 10 MFCC samples per new user; stores in MongoDB which makes our model to train itself in a good manner to provide accurate authentication.
    - Retrains CNN on all users' data for improved accuracy.
  4. Authentication (`api/verify`)
    - Extracts MFCC from incoming audio clip.
    - Loads/retrains CNN model, predicts "user\_id" and confidence score.
    - Computes average cosine similarity and average DTW distance against stored samples.
    - Applies weighted ensemble: CNN (50%), Cosine (25%), DTW (25%).
    - Returns success if overall score  $\geq 0.75$ .
  5. Prerequisites
    - MongoDB server running locally (mongodb://localhost:27017/)
    - FFmpeg installed and configured in .env
    - Python packages (see requirements)

## Installation

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1. Clone the repository:
  - `git clone https://github.com/KILLERxNARUTO/truesight.git`
  - `cd truesight`
2. Create and activate a virtual environment:
  - `python -m venv venv`
  - `source venv/bin/activate` # Mac/Linux
  - `venv\Scripts\activate` # Windows
3. Install dependencies:
  - `pip install -r requirements.txt`
  - Copy .env and set paths:
4. `FFMPEG_PATH=/usr/bin/ffmpeg`

## Running the Project

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1. Start MongoDB:
  - `mongod --dbpath /path/to/db`
2. Launch Flask API:
  - `python app.py`
3. Expose via Ngrok:
  - `ngrok http 5000`
4. Open frontend at Ngrok URL.

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## Run Ngrok to access frontend

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1. Install Ngrok:
  - Download Ngrok from <https://ngrok.com/download> and extract the executable for your platform.
  - Add the Ngrok folder to your system PATH to enable command-line usage.
2. Start Ngrok:
  - Open CMD (Windows) or Terminal (Mac/Linux) and navigate to your project directory.
  - Run:
    - `ngrok http 5000`
    - Ngrok will display Forwarding URLs (HTTP and HTTPS) that tunnel to your local server.
3. Update Flask Code to Use Ngrok URL:
  - In `app.py`, update the CORS origins list to include your Ngrok HTTPS URL:  

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CORS(app, supports_credentials=True, origins=[  
    "http://localhost:5000",  
    "https://<your-ngrok-url>"])
```

- Replace any hardcoded API endpoint or frontend URLs in your code with `https://<your-ngrok-url>` for public access.
4. Update Frontend to Use Ngrok URL:
- In your HTML frontend (in `login.html`, `register.html` and `dashboard.html`), search for any hardcoded backend URLs and replace them with your generated Ngrok HTTPS URL (e.g., `https://<your-ngrok-url>`).
5. Test the Ngrok Connection:
- Open `https://<your-ngrok-url>` in a browser or API client to verify that your Flask app is reachable from the internet.

## Troubleshooting

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- WebM conversion errors: Check FFmpeg paths in `.env`.
- Model load failures: Ensure `MODEL_PATH` points to a valid `.keras` file.
- Authentication accuracy: Noise may degrade MFCC quality; encourage quiet input due to minimal data access.
- Database errors: Verify MongoDB is running and URI is correct.

## Notes

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- Sessions store temporary verification codes; clear upon logout.
- CNN retraining occurs after each new registration to adapt to new users.
- MFCC features are zero-padded/resized to uniform shape (100×40).
- Ensure that you add the pre-trained model in a right location to use that for authentication.