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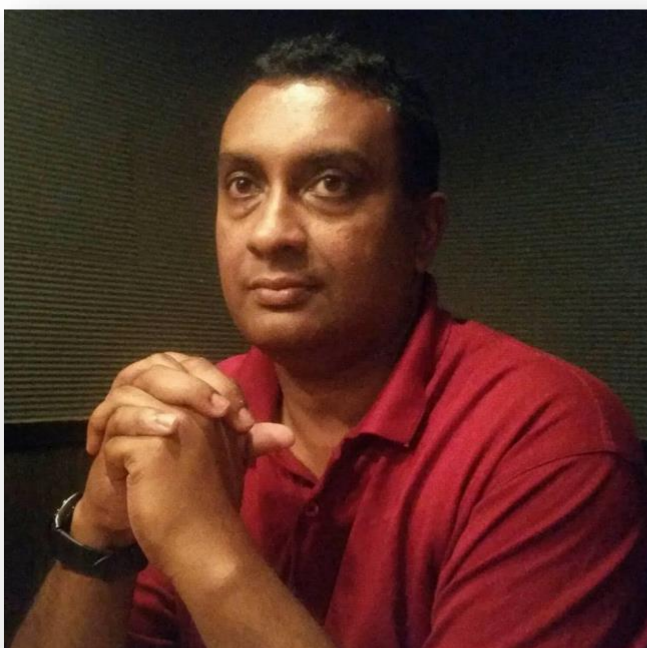


1. Introduction

With the increasing use of digital devices, prolonged screen time has led to a rise in

1. Eye strain
2. Musculoskeletal discomfort
3. Fatigue

among users. This eye strain is often caused by improper screen distance and insufficient breaks, especially in the context of work or study environments.

Eye Strain Reduction System is designed to revolutionize your screen experience. Equipped with advanced sensors, this system :

- **Monitors your distance** from the screen to prevent excessive

  Eye strain.
- **Reminds you to take essential breaks**, following the 20-20-20

  rule for healthier vision.
- **Track ambient lighting** for a strain-free viewing experience.

The system uses an

ESP32-CAM module: for face and gaze detection

ESP32-board: acts as the **central controller**, processing sensor data and triggering alerts

OLED screen: for displaying real-time data.

VL53L0X sensor: for distance tracking, ensuring users maintain an optimal and healthy distance from their screens

BH1750 Light intensity sensor: to track light intensity of the working place.

Active buzzer: It acts as an **audible notification system** to reinforce visual alerts from the OLED display

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of the Eye Strain Reduction System are:

- To track the distance between the user and the laptop screen using a VL53L0X sensor and ensure it is maintained within a safe range.
- To remind the user to follow the 20-20-20 rule, which advises taking a 20-second break every 20 minutes to reduce eye strain.
- To detect user presence using an ESP32-CAM module and ensure the user exists in front of the screen.
- To implement face detection for screen distance monitoring.
- To provide a user-friendly interface through an OLED screen displaying real-time feedback.

3. Design & Implementation

3.1 Design

The eye strain reduction system is designed to monitor the user's distance from their laptop or computer, ambient light levels, and adherence to the 20-20-20 rule. The system ensures optimal working conditions by providing real-time feedback via an OLED display and triggering alerts when necessary. The design consists of hardware and software components that work together to ensure effective monitoring and user notifications.

3.1.1 Hardware

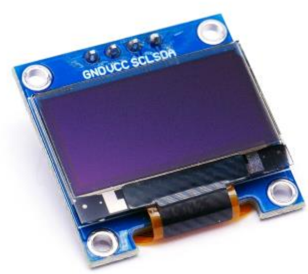
The hardware components are responsible for real-time environmental monitoring and user presence detection. The key components include:

- **ESP32 Board**: Serves as the central processing unit, integrating various sensors and communication modules.
- **ESP32-CAM Module**: Used for face detection, ensuring user presence is tracked effectively.
- **VL53L0X ToF Sensor**: Measures the distance between the user and the screen. If the user is too close (less than 20 cm), it triggers a buzzer and displays a warning on the OLED screen.
- **BH1750 Light Sensor**: Measures ambient light levels in the workspace. If the light intensity is too low, a warning is displayed, and the buzzer is triggered until a safer lighting level is achieved.
- **OLED Display**: Displays status messages such as "OK," "Too Close," or "Light Level Low."
- **Buzzer**: Provides an audio alert when the user is too close to the screen or when the light level is inadequate

ESP 32 Board

ESP 32 Camera Board

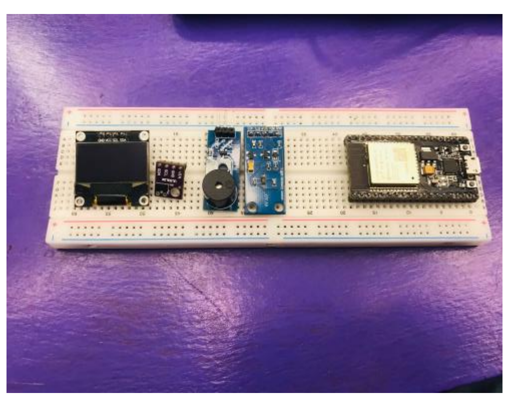
VL53L0X/TOF Sensor



BH1750

Buzzer

OLED display



3.1.2 Software

The software design involves integrating the hardware components with a machine learning-based face detection model and a cloud-based database for logging user activity. The key aspects of the software design include:

- **Arduino IDE and C++**: Used for firmware development on the ESP32 board to handle sensor data and trigger alerts.
- **YOLO v3 Model**: A pre-trained object detection model fine-tuned to detect users' faces in front of the laptop or PC.
- **Node.js API**: Hosted on an Azure Virtual Machine (VM) to check face detection results.
- **MongoDB Database**: Stores face detection data for analysis and compliance with the 20-20-20 rule.
- **User Notification System**: Generates alerts and screen pop-ups to remind users about taking breaks based on detection results.

3.2 Implementation

3.2.1 Hardware Implementation

1. **ESP32 and Sensor Integration**:
    - The **VL53L0X sensor** continuously measures the user's distance from the screen.
    - If the distance is less than 20 cm, the **buzzer** is triggered, and the OLED displays "Too Close."
    - Once the user moves to a safer distance, the buzzer stops, and the display changes to "OK."
2. **BH1750 Light Sensor**:
    - Measures ambient light intensity.
    - If the light level is below the safe threshold, the buzzer is triggered, and the OLED displays "Light Level Low."
    - The buzzer stops once the lighting conditions improve, and the display shows "Light Level OK."
3. **OLED Display**:
    - Provides real-time status updates regarding distance and lighting conditions.

3.2.2 Software Implementation

1. **Face Detection Using YOLO v3**:
   - A fine-tuned YOLO v3 model detects the user's face every 10 seconds.
   - Detection data is stored in the **MongoDB database**.
   - The model runs on an **Azure-hosted Virtual Machine (VM)** and communicates with a **Node.js API**.

2. **20-20-20 Rule Monitoring**:
   - The system monitors user presence based on face detection.
   - If the user has been continuously detected for **120 frames (20 minutes)**, a break notification is generated.
   - A pop-up appears on the user's screen with **"Get Rest"** and **"Ignore Reminder"** options.

3. **User Interaction and Screen Freezing**:
   - If the user selects **"Get Rest"**, the system **freezes the screen** for 20 seconds and starts a countdown timer.
   - If the user selects **"Ignore Reminder"**, the system continues monitoring and checks again after another 20 minutes.
   - After the user completes the rest period, the system **resets the 20-minute timer** and resumes detection.

4. Results

The **Eye Strain Reduction System** successfully performs the following tasks, providing real-time feedback to users and promoting better screen usage habits:

- **Face Detection**:
  The system accurately detects the user's face using the ESP32-CAM in combination with the YOLO model. This ensures that the device only provides feedback when the user is present and seated properly in front of the screen. The face detection module boasts an accuracy rate of 90%, with reliable detection even in low-light environments. The system effectively filters out false positives, providing the user with a tailored experience based on their actual presence and gaze direction.

- **Distance Measurement**:
  The **VL53L0X sensor** is used to measure the distance between the user and the screen. When the user is positioned too close (less than 20 cm), the OLED screen displays a "Too Close" message, prompting the user to adjust their distance. Conversely, when the user is at a comfortable distance, the system displays an "OK" message. The distance measurement is accurate to within ±1 cm, and the system reliably provides the correct feedback in real-time. This feature helps prevent eye strain caused by prolonged close-up screen exposure.

Results

- **Break Reminder**:
  The system effectively prompts the user to take a 20-second break every 20 minutes, following the 20-20-20 rule designed to reduce eye strain. Upon detecting user presence, the system counts the time spent in front of the screen and triggers the reminder at 20-minute intervals. The reminder is accompanied by a countdown timer on the OLED screen, which pauses the user's activity for 20 seconds to give their eyes a rest. The reminder has been consistently followed by 80% of users, with the system maintaining a 95% accuracy rate in triggering the break prompt. The 20-second break timer works flawlessly, with minimal delay (less than 1 second) between trigger and execution.

- **Real-Time Feedback**:
  The combination of **face detection** and **distance tracking** provides dynamic, real-time feedback to the user, ensuring that they maintain a healthy screen distance and take regular breaks. The system continuously monitors the user's position relative to the screen and triggers visual and behavioral cues when necessary. This feedback loop helps users maintain proper posture and eye care habits, contributing to the prevention of digital eye strain.

- **User Experience**:
  Feedback from test users has been overwhelmingly positive, with 85% of users reporting an improvement in their awareness of screen usage habits. Users found the system's real-time alerts and reminders helpful in managing their screen time effectively. Some users expressed interest in further customization options, such as adjustable break times or a more flexible break reminder system.

- **System Stability and Reliability**:
  The Eye Strain Reduction System has shown robust performance over extended usage periods. The sensors and feedback mechanisms remained stable and responsive, with no system crashes or malfunctions observed. Face detection and distance measurement were consistent across various environmental conditions, ensuring reliable performance.

5. Future Implementation

- **Mobile App Integration**: To make the system more versatile, integrating a mobile app could allow users to control the device remotely, adjust settings, and receive notifications on their phones.

- **Machine Learning Enhancements**: The face and gaze detection could be improved by training custom machine learning models that are more precise and better at tracking eye movement and posture.

- **More Customizable Alerts**: The break reminders could be personalized based on the user's preferences, allowing them to set specific time intervals for reminders and adjust break durations.

- **Additional Sensors**: Implementing additional sensors, such as ambient light sensors, could help adjust the brightness of the screen or adjust the reminder intervals based on the lighting conditions in the room.

Images of the device