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**List of Abbreviations**

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| **Abbreviation** | **Text** |
| BD | Big Data |
| CC | Cloud Computing |
| IoT | Internet of Things |
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# Introduction

Εδώ θα μπεί πρώτα το κομμάτι 2 του Ethical Form…

Έπειτα θα πρέπει αφού εισάγουμε τον αναγνώστη στο θέμα και τη σημαντικότητα της εργασίας να αναφέρουμε τον σκοπό και τους στόχους της εργασίας (κομμάτι 1 του Ethical Form)…

## Current Study Overview

## Scientific Contribution

## 1.3 Outline

Εδώ θα μπεί το κομμάτι 3 του Ethical Form….

Αυτά αρχικά για να αρχίσουμε να δομούμε παράλληλα και το Introduction section το οποίο θα ολοκληρώσουμε στο τέλος…

# 2. Related Work

The internet of things is a very sophisticated network of devices that are capable to connect with each other and provide a very useful service. These devices, can either gather useful information via sensors, interact with the world through various actuators or do both. Throughout the years Drones evolved significantly and became an essential part of the fascinating internet of things and have provided a wide range of services through various applications. It is no secret that drones will control the low aerial space in years to come. With the increasing number of drones into the low aerial space traffic management has become challenging, also due to very sensitive data transfer via drones security concerns have raised that need to be accessed.

Labib, N.S., Brust, M.R., Danoy, G. and Bouvry, P. (2021). The Rise of Drones in Internet of Things: A Survey on the Evolution, Prospects and Challenges of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. *IEEE Access*, 9, pp.115466–115487.

The Internet of drones (IoD) is the layered network architecture that drones utilize to coordinate navigate to the lower aerial space. It is conducted into layers:

Lin, C., He, D., Kumar, N., Choo, K.-K.R., Vinel, A. and Huang, X. (2018). Security and Privacy for the Internet of Drones: Challenges and Solutions. *IEEE Communications Magazine*, 56(1), pp.64–69.

In recent years, UAV applications for civil and military purposes have been increased significantly. This is because drones are very cost efficient to maintain and can provide very useful information with a bird-eye-view and deliver packages in hard-to-reach locations. Some fields that drones are used are courier services, search and rescue operations, security surveillance etc. Artificial intelligence and more specifically machine learning has a very solid contribution into the development of more complex and utilitarian applications. Therefore, this broad range of applications have caused security threats that need to be managed. Drones handle very sensitive data with a form of audio video or image through communication channels such as WIFI which is not the most secure protocol for data transfer. The biggest security concerns are spoofing, false data injection, jamming etc. The most common way to counterattack these threats is via data encryption during transform.

Shafique, A., Mehmood, A. and Elhadef, M. (2021). Survey of Security Protocols and Vulnerabilities in Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. *IEEE Access*, 9, pp.46927–46948.

The number of drones that are been used for a variety of applications is increasing rapidly day by day. The latter has raised security safety, and privacy concerns. Drones are not always designed with safety in mind and that can lead to unpleasant events such as physical accidents for example (Drones falling and injuring civilians). Furthermore, research have shown that drones can be vulnerable to spoofing, malware infection, data interference and injection, Wi-Fi jamming etc. Additionally, a big issue is the possibility of violation of personal space, drones can reach places and record video or take photos of people without their consent. Based on data that was collected by the Canadian Public safety such incidents have caused a lot of trouble and had led to blackmailing and other unpleasant events. The concerns that were mentioned above can be counter-attacked through data encryption, multi-factor authentication protocols, anti-malware software, and strict legislations according to flight protocols for UAVs from governments.

Yaacoub, J.-P. and Salman, O. (2020). Security Analysis of Drones Systems: Attacks, Limitations, and Recommendations. *Internet of Things*, [online] p.100218. Available at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7206421/.

Πρώτο Task για 8/12/2021 ή εως 11/12/2021

Από μία παράγραφο για το κάθε ένα από τα 5 papers πάνω στο θέμα σας, η οποία θα προκύψει από την περίληψη και τα συμπεράσματα του καθενός.

# Applications of drones and potential

## Drones in agriculture

Agriculture is a sector that UAVs have been used extensively. One area that drones are utilized in agriculture is on monitoring and assessing crops with remote sensing. Furthermore, drones are also used for precision distribution of agricultural chemicals and biological control agents. Additionally, they can be used to monitor the health of animals and retrieve samples remotely.

Remote sensing via a camera is an old invention and its first application dates way back in the mid-1800s. In World War 2 soldiers captures infrared photos from hot aired balloons and airplanes and utilized them to detect camouflaged military equipment and facilities. Nowadays, infrared photos that are captured from drones are used to assess agricultural development process and ensure its integrity. Therefore, by measuring the reflectance between visible and near infrared light, vegetation health and growth potential can be assessed and that can be very useful to farmers.

In agriculture, the conditions under the data are collected are essential. Light reflects differently depending on the type of surface. Therefore, several different types of drones are used with different kind of sensors for different purposes. The two main types of sensors that are used in agriculture drones are passive and active sensors. Active sensors have the ability to emit energy and detect the reflection of that emitted energy, on the other hand passive sensors can only measure the emitted or reflected energy from a scene. Passive sensors are more cost-efficient than active sensors, but they do not work well when ambient conditions have a strong presence in the scene. Meanwhile, active sensors are heavier and less cost-efficient, but they are capable of producing reliable data on variated ambient conditions.

Some examples of existing applications are:

* **Seedling emergence assessment.** There is a need for constant observation of crops during the first stages of crop development. This is because if something goes wrong in the early stages of the development process due to environmental factors, farmers have the ability to replant and potentially save a damaged set of crops. The latter is achieved through emergent mapping and measurement of seedlings. Drones can collect very high-resolution images and provide information on whether germination is unsuccessful in a specific area.
* **Crop damage assessment.** During the crop developmentprocess, it is very likely to have damages. Damages can be caused by unwanted weather conditions, insects, etc. Drones can calculate the area and the size of the damage and provide very useful information.
* **Water management.** One of the biggest challenges in agriculture is water management. One common way that farmers use to manage water supply is soil moisture sensors. This is not the most efficient way to manage this issue because results can be extracted from these sensors only when severe damage on crops have already taken place. Drones can have a very important role into gathering useful information that can be used to manage faster and more efficiently water distribution.
* **Livestock applications**. Recently agriculture have seen an increase usage of livestock drone applications. This because drones are a very cost efficient and at the same time can provide high quality video. Livestock monitoring can provide services such: observing animals behaviors or infrastructure that is responsible to keep animals in one place like fences and gates. Also, thermal sensors in drones are used to detect if animal have fever and therefore aid into preventing diseases via early diagnosis (Merwe et al., 2020).

## Drones in health care

Another sector that drones are used is health care. Below ways that drones are in health care are analyzed.

* **Medical transportation.** In many cases across the globe medical transportation is a problem due to geographical issues. The latter can be overcome because drones can move in an incredibly high speed of 40-60 miles per hour and cover great distance in very short time. Therefore, drones have been used for all short of medical transportations Mexico has many regions that are tough to reach, recently a company named Aidronix in Mexico began the development of an innovative application that its goal is to distribute medical supplies such as medications, vaccines antibiotics etc. to rural regions of Mexico(Wulfovich, Rivas and Matabuena, 2018). Moreover, blood is very important and often lifesaving, but many times there is shortage, especially in African countries. The most common way to deliver blood in most African countries is via an ambulance or car. Because Africa does not have a good road network blood deliverance is often delayed. In 2016, San Francisco Bay–based Zipline began a drone delivery operation in Rwanda, that increased the speed and deliverance of blood. More specifically, between 2016 and 2019 over 4000 missions have completed, that delivered 7000 units of blood, 1/3 of these missions were lifesaving situations (Ling, G. & Draghic, N. ,2019).
* **Emerging cardiac care.** In the USA, cardiac arrests that happen outside the hospital are one of the most common mortality reasons. This type of drone application is emerging and currently under development. It is likely that drones can be automatically deployed and transfer AED (automated external defibrillators) with the help of GIS systems. The latter can save valuable time, aid significantly in a potentially crucial situation, and save a human life. Various studies showed that AED transformation was able to reach faster its destination than traditional ways (Zègre-Hemsey et al., 2018).

# 4. Proposed Idea…

Drone applications have a vast range of applications on numerous fields some of which are mentioned above. The field that intrigued and inspired me to propose and implement an application is the field of law enforcement. So far, we have seen many applications of drones related to law enforcement, but many countries have not implemented them yet. The latter is mainly because strict legislations and level of complexity I will analyzed and present these reasons in detail below. My proposed idea and implementation are divided into key areas of which I will analyze and present separately.

### Why haven’t we see existing many applications on law enforcement implemented yet?

Although many existing implementations related to the field of law enforcement have already been developed and tested, they have not been integrated into the system and that is because of two main reasons.

The first one is because of very strict legislation regarding UAVs. A UAV has very identical legislation to a regular aircraft. The latter means that there must be an infrastructure that has to be followed for every application and that included a ground control unit, well-trained personnel, and a very robust infrastructure of networking. These requirements are not easy to have in every law enforcement unit because of cost inefficiency and sometimes complicated bureaucracy. Also, the fact that police drones are dealing with civilian data raises privacy concerns that are hard to deal with and perplexes bureaucracy issues even more. Finally, considering the fact that these drones will fly in the low aerial space of civilian regions safety concerns are becoming an extra issue (for example a drone falls off the sky and injures a civilian).

The second reason is technical challenges. More specifically, drones especially inexpensive drones have a short flight duration and that is because most of them use lithium batteries that do not meet the requirements of the desired power consumption. Considering the latter and given the fact that police patrols often last many hours, a time issue arises. Furthermore, police drones have mostly been used for surveillance. A surveillance operation requires a pilot to operate the drone and an officer that is occupied with the surveillance part of the given purpose. It makes sense to try to automate some of the tasks to reduce the number of personnel required for surveillance. However, if for example, a pilot is replaced with an automated flight system security concerns will arise because a drone will fly differently in different weather conditions and that can lead to unwanted accidents.

### Idea

Many times, law enforcement units patrol specific regions to detect criminals that already exist in the database of police departments. The latter often requires long hours of patrolling and investigation that can be time-consuming, cost-inefficient, and sometimes produce no results. So, it makes sense to try to automate and enhance the procedure of criminal detection by any means. In my opinion, drones can strongly contribute to this area through various methods. Some very high-quality drones have integrated ultra-high-resolution cameras that have the ability to record or live stream video directly to a server. The latter can become extremely beneficial and strongly contribute to criminal detection if it is integrated with artificial intelligence.

Artificial Intelligence is a field of computer science that has seen rapid development in recent years and has strongly contributed to the solution of difficult and multiplex problems in the real world. In recent years one area of artificial intelligence that has seen a massive improvement is computer vision.(mia phgh na ekshgei). Computer vision is the field of computer science whose purpose is to obtain data consisted of images or videos and apply machine learning or deep learning algorithms to extract useful information that will aid various fields. For example, many smartphones today use computer vision to unlock the screen of the phone. The latter is achieved after the image processing and recognition of the owner’s face are completed with the front camera. Computer vision has been used for many other reasons such as object detection object tracking etc.

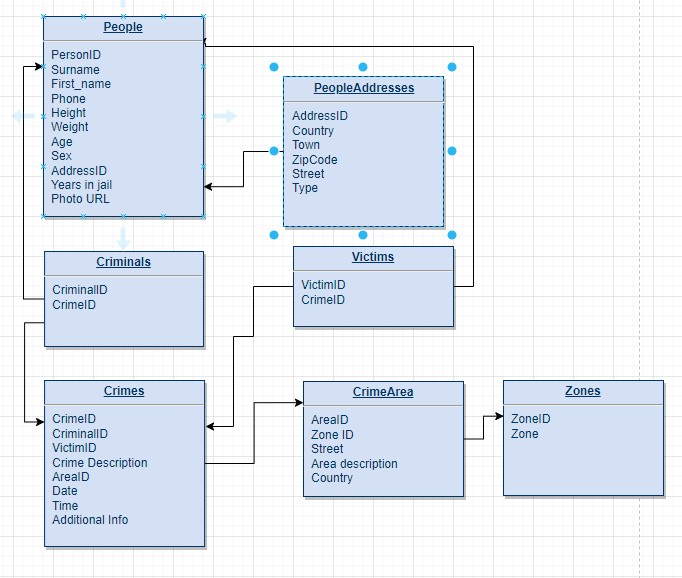
The general idea is to use these drones with super useful cameras and automatically detect the faces of criminals that have already been inserted into the databases of law enforcement units. The application aims to function in real-time, so it has to be as light as possible. This is not a simple task, it requires a very robust software architecture to reduce the processing power that is necessary to achieve these results, I will analyze this architecture in detail in the next chapter. Also, the drones must be directly operated from the ground control unit so there is a need for an input system to control the drone which I will also present in the following chapters. Furthermore, to identify the faces of specific criminals there is a need to create an artificial intelligence model that is essential to perform face recognition. In order to achieve the latter in the next chapters, I will explain the data preprocessing techniques as well as the training methods for the model. Additionally, given the fact that the datasets of criminals are huge, separate datasets will be created for every zone to reduce the processing power and provide efficient results. Finally, a database schema will be proposed that implements a strong infrastructure that aims to improve the data retrieval speed.

### Application architecture

The application consists of four essential parts the database schema, the artificial intelligence algorithm, the training method, and the input system.

### Database

#### Database schema

The database that is used for this application is MySQL. The database schema has in total 7 tables which are: people, people addresses, criminals, victims, zones, crimes, crime area, and zones. Below I will analyze the table fields and the relationships between the fields.

To understand better database schema below a brief description of each table and each fields:

Crimes: Crimes is a table that records a crime that has been committed and stores the necessary information.

Crimes fields:

* CrimeID: This field is the primary key of the table and uniquely identifies each record.
* CriminalID: This field Is foreign key to Criminals table.
* VictimID: This field Is foreign key to victims table, and it uniquely identifies each victim.
* CrimeDescription: This field describes the crime and is not null.
* AreaID: This field is a foreign key to table CrimeArea it can take null values.
* Date: This field stores the date that the crime was committed.
* Time: This field stores the time that the crime was committed.
* AdditionalInfo: This is an optional field, and it stores any additional information related to the crime.

CrimeArea: CrimeArea is the table that stores all the information needed for the location of the crime.

CrimeArea fields:

* AreaID: This is the primary key of the table and it is also a foreign key to the table Crimes.
* ZoneID: This field is a foreign key to table Zones.
* Street: This field stores the street where the crime was committed.
* AreaDescriprion: This field describes the area that the crime was committed.
* Country: is the field that stores the country that the crime was committed (All the data in this dataset have the same value “Greece”).

Zones:

This table stores the zone in which the crime was committed. Each zone refers to specific regions within a country.

Zones fields:

* ZoneId: This field is the primary key of the table.
* Zone: This field stores the regions in which each zone is stored. An example value is: “Epirus, Thrace, Makedonia, Thessaly.”

Criminals:

This is the table that stores the information needed to identify a criminal.

Criminals fields:

* CriminalId: This field is the primary key of the table, it is also a foreign key in table People.
* CrimeID: This field is a foreign key to table Crimes and it basically stores the which were committed by this criminal.

Victims:

This is the table that stores the information needed to identify a victims

Victims fields:

* VictimsId: This is the primary key of the table, it is also a foreign key in table People.
* CrimeID: This field is a foreign key to table Crimes and it basically stores the which were committed by this criminal.

People:

This table stores all the necessary information about both criminals and victims.

People fields:

PersonID: This field stores is the primary key of the table, it is also a foreign key in tables criminals and victims.

* Surname: This field stores the person’s surname.
* First\_name: This field stores the person’s first name.
* Phone: This field stores the person’s phone, it is not a mandatory field.
* Height: This field stores the person’s height, it is not a mandatory field.
* Weight: This field stores the person’s height, it is not a mandatory field.
* Age: This field stores the person’s age it is, not a mandatory field.
* Sex: This field stores the person’s gender it, is not a mandatory field.
* AddressId: This field is a foreign key to the table people address.
* Years in jail: This field refers only to records where the person is a criminal if the person is a victim most likely will be filled with “-”. It stores the total years if any a criminal has spent in prison.
* Photo URL: The photo URL is the field that holds the value of the image path that is stored in the server. The photo that is stored in the URL is showing a clear photo of the criminal or victim. This phot is used in the graphical user interface when a criminal is recognized.

People addresses:

This table stores the criminal’s and victim’s address details.

People addresses fields:

* AddressId: This is the primary key for the table
* Country: This field stores the person’s country of origin.
* ZipCode: This field stores the person’s zip code of residence.
* Street: This field stores the person’s street of residence.
* Type: This field stores the type of person’s residence. (For example. A person can have both work and a permanent address).

#### Database relations

To make the database more effective relationships have been created between tables, below a brief description of the database relations.

People table: This table has three relations

# 5. Experimental Results (Testing/Evaluation)

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# 6. Conclusion

# 7. Future Work and Directions

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