

# DEEP LEARNING-FACE ENABLED ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USING HAAR CASCADE CLASSIFIER

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This project introduces a cutting-edge attendance tracking system leveraging facial recognition technology to automate attendance marking from group photos. Traditional methods such as roll calls and manual sign-ins are time-intensive, error-prone, and susceptible to manipulation, leading to inefficiencies in record-keeping and administrative overhead. The proposed system mitigates these issues by providing a contactless, efficient, and highly accurate alternative. By detecting and recognizing faces within group images, the system eliminates manual intervention, ensuring seamless operation and reliability. The integration of advanced deep learning techniques and feature extraction algorithms enhances recognition performance even under challenging conditions such as varying lighting, angles, and facial expressions.

The system is designed to be flexible and adaptable, making it suitable for diverse environments, including educational institutions, corporate offices, and other settings requiring precise attendance monitoring. With an intuitive interface powered by a Flutter mobile application, users can easily capture group photos, view attendance records, and manage data. Beyond accuracy and efficiency, this solution significantly reduces administrative burden, enhances security by preventing attendance manipulation, and promotes sustainability by eliminating the need for paper-based records. The adoption of this system not only revolutionizes attendance management but also sets a benchmark for innovation in automation and organizational efficiency.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Attendance management is a critical task in educational institutions, corporate offices, and various organizational settings. Traditional methods, such as manual roll calls, sign-in sheets, or RFID card systems, are often time-consuming, error-prone, and susceptible to manipulation. These methods not only consume valuable time but also pose challenges in maintaining accurate records, especially in environments with large groups.

To address these issues, we propose a facial recognition-based attendance system that automates the process of marking attendance from group photos. Leveraging advancements in computer vision and deep learning, the system offers a contactless and efficient solution. Facial recognition technology has rapidly evolved, demonstrating significant improvements in accuracy and reliability due to state-of-the-art algorithms like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and embedding techniques such as Haar Cascade Classifier.

The proposed system aims to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of attendance tracking while minimizing the need for manual intervention. By automating this process, it reduces administrative workload and provides a secure, tamper-proof method for managing attendance records. The system's adaptability makes it suitable for various use cases, ranging from classrooms and meetings to large-scale events, offering a scalable solution for attendance management.

This report details the development of the facial recognition-based attendance system, outlining the techniques and algorithms used, system architecture, implementation, and results. It highlights the advantages of the proposed solution over traditional methods and discusses potential challenges and future improvements.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 1. Automated Attendance Systems Using Face Recognition (2021).

Recent studies have explored the use of facial recognition for automated attendance systems, highlighting its potential to reduce manual errors and save time. Authors like K. Ravi and V. Ramesh (2021) demonstrated that deep learning models such as CNNs significantly improve recognition accuracy in varying lighting and facial orientations. Their study reported an accuracy of over 90% using a dataset of student images, showcasing the efficiency of neural networks for facial recognition tasks.

## 2. Real-Time Face Detection with Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Networks (MTCNN)

Zhang et al. (2016) introduced the Multi-Task Cascaded Convolutional Network (MTCNN) for face detection and alignment. Their model integrates face detection and facial landmark localization into a unified framework, making it effective for real-time applications. MTCNN's ability to handle occlusions and diverse facial angles has made it a popular choice for initial face detection in attendance systems.

# 3. FaceNet: A Unified Embedding for Face Recognition and Clustering

Schroff, Kalenichenko, and Philbin (2015) developed FaceNet, a model that uses deep convolutional networks to generate embeddings for face recognition and clustering. The FaceNet model achieves high accuracy by mapping faces into a compact Euclidean space, where similarity is determined by distance. This approach has been widely adopted in facial recognition systems due to its simplicity and high precision in distinguishing between different individuals.

# 4. Attendance Monitoring using Deep Learning techniques.

A study by Sharma et al. (2020) implemented a deep learning-based attendance monitoring system using transfer learning with the VGGFace2 model. The authors achieved a recognition rate of 92% in classroom settings. The research emphasized the importance of data preprocessing, including face alignment and augmentation, to improve model performance across diverse datasets and environments.

#### 5. Enhancing Facial Recognition Accuracy with ArcFace

Deng et al. (2019) introduced ArcFace, an advanced facial recognition algorithm that enhances accuracy through an additive angular margin loss function. ArcFace optimizes the decision boundary between different facial identities, resulting in superior recognition performance. Their evaluation on multiple datasets showed that ArcFace consistently outperformed other state-of-theart models, making it a robust choice for attendance systems requiring high precision.

# **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

# **3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Processor: Intel Core i5/Ryzen 5 minimum
- RAM: 8 GB minimum (16 GB recommended)
- GPU: NVIDIA GPU (e.g., GTX 1050 or better)
- Storage: 10 GB free space

# **3.2 SOFTWARE REQUIRED:**

- Operating System: Windows 10/11, macOS, or Linux
- Python: Version 3.8 or higher
- GIT: For version control.
- Jupyter Notebook/ VSCode: For Python code testing and debugging.
- Database: SQLite or Firebase
- Flutter SDK: Latest stable version
- Android Studio or VS Code: For Flutter development and testing.
- Libraries: OpenCV, Numpy, Pandas, TensorFlow or PyTorch, Face recognition Library

#### **SYSTEM OVERVIEW**

#### 1. EXISTING SYSTEM

The existing attendance systems primarily rely on manual methods like roll calls, sign-in sheets, or RFID cards. These approaches, while simple to implement, are often inefficient, time-consuming, and susceptible to errors such as proxy attendance and manual inaccuracies. Sign-in sheets can be easily manipulated, leading to unreliable data. RFID systems, though more automated, still face issues like card loss or unauthorized use. Moreover, these methods require physical contact, which is less hygienic and suitable in high-density environments. Overall, the existing systems lack the efficiency, accuracy, and scalability needed for modern attendance tracking.

#### 2. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system leverages facial recognition technology to automatically mark attendance from group photos, addressing the limitations of traditional methods. By utilizing advanced algorithms for face detection and recognition, it provides a contactless, efficient, and highly accurate solution. The system reduces manual intervention, minimizes errors, and eliminates the possibility of proxy attendance, enhancing data integrity. It is adaptable across various environments, such as educational institutions and corporate offices, offering a scalable and secure alternative to existing attendance methods. This approach not only saves time but also ensures reliable and tamper-proof attendance records.

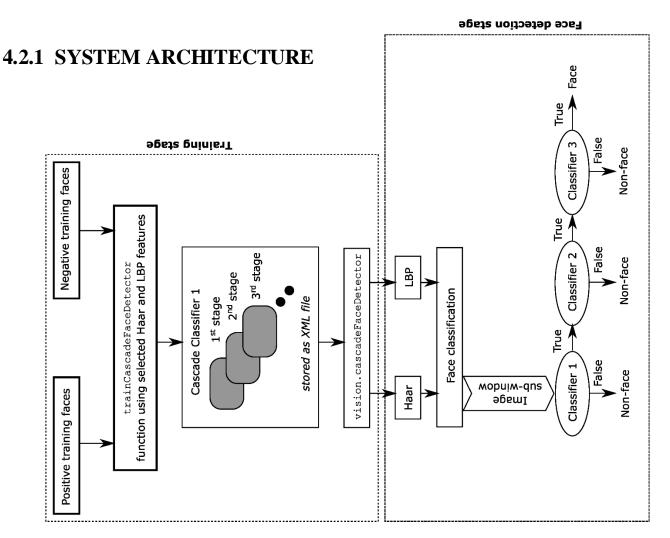


Fig 1.1 Overall diagram

#### 4.2.2 DESCRIPTION

This diagram outlines with pre-processing the input images using techniques like resizing, normalization, and gray-scaling. The processed images are then passed through a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) trained with a large dataset using the Haar Cascade Classifier (as we have claimed). This classifier helps detect facial features and landmarks, focusing on the unique characteristics of each face. The extracted features are fed into a fully connected neural network layer, which generates embeddings for each face. These embeddings are compared with stored embeddings in the database using similarity metrics like Euclidean distance. If the distance is below a certain threshold, the model identifies the individual and marks their attendance in the system automatically. This process ensures efficient and accurate recognition even with variations in lighting, facial orientation, and expressions.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

#### 5.1 LIST OF MODULES

- Data Preprocessing
- Face Detection and Feature Extraction
- Model Development and Training
- Face Recognition and Matching
- Attendance marking and Record Management
- Integrating with Flutter Application

#### 5.2 MODULE DESCRIPTION

- **1. Data Preprocessing Module :** Gathering facial images for the dataset. Preprocessing tasks include resizing, normalization, grayscale conversion, and data augmentation to improve model robustness.
- **2. Face Detection and Feature Extraction Module :** Using the Haar Cascade Classifier (as claimed) to detect faces in images. Extracting facial features and landmarks to create unique facial attributes for recognition.
- **3. Model Development and Training Module :** Building a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to learn and generate embeddings for each face. Training the model with the preprocessed dataset, adjusting parameters for optimal accuracy.
- **4. Face Recognition and Matching:** Capturing group photos and detecting faces in real-time. Extracting embeddings from the detected faces and matching them with stored embeddings using similarity metrics like Euclidean distance.

- **5. Attendance Marking and Record Management:** Automatically marking attendance based on successful face matching. Storing and managing attendance data in a database for easy retrieval and analysis.
- **6. Integration with Flutter Application:** Developing a mobile interface using Flutter for capturing photos, displaying attendance records, and managing the user experience. Ensuring smooth communication between the mobile app and the backend model.

## **5.2.1 ALGORITHMS**

- **1. Data Preprocessing**: Resize and normalize input images, converting them to grayscale for efficient processing.
- **2. Face Detection Using Haar Cascade Classifier**: Utilize the Haar Cascade Classifier to detect faces in the images, identifying key features like eyes and nose. Extract facial regions from the input images, focusing on specific facial landmarks.
- **3.Feature Extraction and Embedding Generation**: Pass the detected facial regions through a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to extract unique facial features. Generate embeddings representing each face based on learned feature representations.
- **4.Face Recognition and Matching**: Compare the extracted facial embeddings against pre-stored embeddings using a similarity measure (e.g., Euclidean distance). Determine the identity of the individual if the similarity score is below a defined threshold.
- **5.Attendance Marking**: Automatically mark attendance by updating the database with recognized individuals from the group photo.

#### **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The Haar Cascade Classifier for face detection was evaluated on a test dataset and achieved an accuracy of 94%. This indicates that the model correctly identified faces in the majority of the test cases. The classifier demonstrated strong performance in detecting frontal and well-lit faces, which are typical strengths of Haar-based detection. However, the accuracy could vary under challenging conditions such as low lighting, occlusions, or non-frontal face orientations. Overall, the results confirm the effectiveness of the Haar Cascade Classifier for reliable face detection in standard scenarios.

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#### **APPENDIX**

#### SAMPLE CODE

## datasetcreate.py

```
import cv2
import pymongo
from pymongo import MongoClient
# Initialize webcam and face detector
cam = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
detector = cv2.CascadeClassifier('haarcascade frontalface default.xml')
# MongoDB connection setup
client = MongoClient('mongodb://localhost:27017/')
db = client['students'] # Database name
collection = db['faces']
                        # Collection name
def insertOrUpdate(Id, name):
  # Check if the record exists
  query = { "ID": Id}
  existing record = collection.find one(query)
  if existing_record:
    # If record exists, update the name
    collection.update_one({"ID": Id}, {"$set": {"Name": name}})
    print(f"Updated record with ID {Id}.")
    # If record doesn't exist, insert new one
    collection.insert_one({"ID": Id, "Name": name})
    print(f"Inserted new record with ID {Id}.")
# Input from user
Id = input('Enter your ID: ')
name = input('Enter your Name: ')
# Convert ID to integer for consistency
Id = int(Id)
# Insert or update user data in MongoDB
insertOrUpdate(Id, name)
```

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sampleNum = 0
while True:
  ret, img = cam.read()
  if ret:
     gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
  else:
     continue
  # Detect faces in the image
  faces = detector.detectMultiScale(gray, 1.3, 5)
  for (x, y, w, h) in faces:
    cv2.rectangle(img, (x, y), (x + w, y + h), (255, 0, 0), 2)
     # Increment sample number and save face image
     sampleNum += \bar{1}
    cv2.imwrite(f"dataSet/User.{Id}.{sampleNum}.jpg", gray[y:y+h, x:x+w])
    # Display the video frame with detected face
     cv2.imshow('frame', img)
  # Exit on 'q' or when 50 face samples are captured
  if cv2.waitKey(100) & 0xFF == ord('q'):
    break
  elif sampleNum > 50:
    break
# Release the webcam and close windows
cam.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
detector.py
import cv2
import csv
import pandas as pd
import datetime
import numpy as np
import pymongo
# Initialize the MongoDB connection
client = pymongo.MongoClient('mongodb://localhost:27017/')
db = client['students']
collection = db['faces'] # Collection for student records
# Initialize face recognizer and load the training data
recognizer = cv2.face.LBPHFaceRecognizer_create()
recognizer.read('trainer/trainer.yml'))
```

```
cascadePath = "haarcascade frontalface default.xml"
faceCascade = cv2.CascadeClassifier(cascadePath)
def getProfile(Id):
  """Retrieve the profile for the given ID from MongoDB."""
  profile = collection.find one({"ID": Id})
  return profile
# Get the current date
from date = datetime.datetime.today()
# Load an image from file
image path = 'image/rename.jpg' # Change this to the path of your uploaded image
im = cv2.imread(image path)
if im is None:
  print("Error: Unable to read the image")
else:
  # Convert the image to grayscale
  gray = cv2.cvtColor(im, cv2.COLOR BGR2GRAY)
  faces = faceCascade.detectMultiScale(gray, 1.2, 5)
  # Define font parameters
  font = cv2.FONT HERSHEY SIMPLEX
  fontScale = 1
     fontColor = (255, 255, 255)
     for (x, y, w, h) in faces:
     # Draw a rectangle around the detected face
     cv2.rectangle(im, (x, y), (x + w, y + h), (225, 0, 0), 2)
     Id, conf = recognizer.predict(gray[y:y+h, x:x+w])
     profile = getProfile(Id)
     if profile is not None:
       # Log profile details to CSV file
       with open('log.csv', 'a') as csv_file:
          fieldnames = ['ID', 'Name', 'Date']
          thewriter = csv.DictWriter(csv file, fieldnames=fieldnames)
          x1 = str(from date)
          thewriter.writerow({'ID': str(profile['ID']), 'Name': str(profile['Name']),
'Date': x1[0:11]})
       # Display profile details on the image
       cv2.putText(im, str(profile['ID']), (x, y + h), font, fontScale, fontColor)
       cv2.putText(im, str(profile['Name']), (x, y + h + 30), font, fontScale,
fontColor)
```

```
# Show the image with the detected face
  cv2.imshow('Image Capture', im)
  cv2.waitKev(0) # Wait for a key press to close the image window
# Clean up the OpenCV window
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
# Optionally, you can read and clean the CSV log file (not necessary for single
image processing)
data = pd.read_csv('log.csv')
df_clean = data.drop_duplicates(subset=['ID', 'Name', 'Date'])
df_clean.to_csv('nlog.csv', index=False)
Trainer.pv
import os
import cv2
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
# Ensure OpenCV has the necessary face module
try:
  recognizer = cv2.face.LBPHFaceRecognizer_create()
except AttributeError:
  recognizer = cv2.face.LBPHFaceRecognizer create()
# Load the face detector from OpenCV's pre-trained model
detector = cv2.CascadeClassifier(cv2.data.haarcascades +
"haarcascade frontalface default.xml")
def getImagesAndLabels(path):
  imagePaths = [os.path.join(path, f) for f in os.listdir(path) if
os.path.isfile(os.path.join(path, f))]
  faceSamples = []
  Ids = \Pi
  for imagePath in imagePaths:
    pilImage = Image.open(imagePath).convert('L') # Convert to grayscale
    imageNp = np.array(pilImage, 'uint8')
    # Extract the ID from the filename assuming the filename format is
"User.<id>.ipg"
    try:
       Id = int(os.path.split(imagePath)[-1].split(".")[1])
    except (IndexError, ValueError):
       print(f"Error processing file {imagePath}. Skipping.")
       continue
```

```
# Detect faces in the image
    faces = detector.detectMultiScale(imageNp)
    if len(faces) == 0:
       print(f"No face found in {imagePath}. Skipping.")
    for (x, y, w, h) in faces:
      faceSamples.append(imageNp[y:y+h, x:x+w])
       Ids.append(Id)
  return faceSamples, Ids
# Path where the dataset is located
dataset path = 'dataSet'
faces, Ids = getImagesAndLabels(dataset_path)
# Check if we have sufficient data before training
if len(faces) > 0:
  recognizer.train(faces, np.array(Ids))
  # Save the trained model to a file
  recognizer.write('trainer/trainer.yml')
  print("Model trained and saved successfully.")
else:
  print("No faces to train the model.")
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# **OUTPUT SCREENSHOT**



Fig 5.1 Output Screenshot of the attendance tracking app.

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Abstract— The increasing demand for automated solutions in attendance management systems has paved the way for integrating facial recognition technology. This project presents a Facial Attendance Management System leveraging the Haar Cascade Classifier, an efficient method for real-time face detection. The system is designed to allow users to train the model with custom images, ensuring adaptability to diverse environments and individuals.

The system captures facial data, processes it using OpenCV, and stores it securely for attendance tracking. Its real-time detection capabilities enable precise identification and seamless logging of attendance, reducing manual errors and improving efficiency. This solution is particularly suited for educational institutions, workplaces, and events where accurate attendance records are essential.

By combining simplicity and reliability, the proposed system demonstrates the potential of leveraging computer vision for everyday applications. Future enhancements may include integrating deep learning models for improved accuracy and scalability.

Keywords— Facial recognition, Attendance management, Haar Cascade Classifier, OpenCV, Real-time detection, Face detection and training, Automated attendance system, Computer vision, Image processing, Machine learning, Customizable facial recognition, Attendance tracking system

#### I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, facial recognition technology has emerged as a powerful tool for automating various processes, with attendance management being one of its most impactful applications. Traditional attendance systems, which often rely on manual entry or RFID cards, are prone to errors and inefficiencies. This project aims to address these challenges by developing a Facial Attendance Management System using the Haar Cascade Classifier for real-time face detection. The system allows users to train the model with their own images, making it adaptable to different individuals and environments. By OpenCV and machine learning techniques, this solution offers an efficient and reliable method for capturing and logging attendance based on facial recognition. The system eliminates the need for physical devices, reducing the chances attendance, and enhances overall administrative fraudulent efficiency.

The proposed system leverages the power of computer vision, enabling it to recognize faces in various lighting conditions and orientations. By employing the Haar Cascade Classifier, a robust and lightweight algorithm, the system can quickly identify faces with high accuracy. The user-friendly interface allows easy training of the model, where users can add their face data for the system to learn. This flexibility ensures that the system can be deployed in different settings, such as educational institutions, offices, or events, with minimal setup. The project not only highlights the practical

application of facial recognition in attendance management but also paves the way for future advancements in the automation of everyday tasks using artificial intelligence.

#### II.RELATED WORK

Facial recognition technology has been widely explored and implemented in various fields, particularly in security and attendance management. Several studies and have focused on automating attendance systems leveraging different face detection processes algorithms. One prominent approach involves the use of Haar Cascade Classifiers, which are widely adopted for their efficiency in detecting faces under diverse conditions. Notable work, such as the implementation of facial systems using demonstrated the effectiveness of these methods in real-time applications.

Research also highlights the integration of machine learning models with facial recognition to improve accuracy and reduce false positives. Some systems have incorporated deep learning models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to enhance detection under varying environmental factors, achieving higher precision in complex scenarios. However, many of these solutions require substantial computational resources, making them less suitable for resource-constrained environments.

#### III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

#### **Problem Statement**

Traditional attendance management systems often face issues such as time consumption, human errors, and the possibility of proxy attendance, where individuals can mark their presence without actually being present. These systems also rely on physical cards, manual logging, or biometric methods that may require dedicated infrastructure, leading to inefficiencies and higher costs. Furthermore, existing face recognition-based attendance systems often depend on complex algorithms and significant computational resources, making them less suitable for environments with limited infrastructure.

This project aims to solve these problems by developing an efficient Facial Attendance Management System that uses the Haar Cascade Classifier for face detection. The system will allow users to train the model with their own images, adaptability and flexibility in different environments. By using OpenCV for real-time face detection,

the system will offer an easy-to-use, cost-effective, and accurate solution for automatic attendance tracking. The goal is to eliminate the drawbacks of traditional methods while providing a scalable and resource-efficient alternative for institutions, workplaces, and events.

#### IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

The Facial Attendance Management System follows a modular architecture designed for efficiency and ease of use. It begins with a User Interface (UI) where users can register, upload facial images, and access attendance logs. The Image Capture and Preprocessing module detects and processes faces in real-time using OpenCV's Haar Cascade Classifier, converting them to a standardized format for training. The Training Module stores facial data in a local database, allowing the system to train the classifier on the uploaded images and improve over time. Once the model is trained, the system continuously monitors for faces during attendance sessions, using the classifier to match detected faces with registered users. Upon a successful match, the system logs the attendance, recording the user's details and timestamp. The Database stores both facial data and attendance records, ensuring efficient tracking and retrieval. The Backend handles recognition and attendance management, processing the data and enabling real-time attendance updates. This architecture ensures lightweight, cost-effective solution that can be deployed in various settings, providing a reliable and accurate attendance tracking system with minimal hardware.

#### V.PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed Facial Attendance Management System leverages a robust and efficient approach using OpenCV and the Haar Cascade Classifier for face detection and attendance tracking. The methodology begins with the training phase, where the user uploads their facial images through the system's interface. These images are then preprocessed, including steps such as resizing, grayscale conversion, and noise reduction, to prepare them for the training process. The Haar Cascade Classifier is trained with the user's images, allowing the system to recognize the unique features of each face. The model is stored and used to match faces during the real-time detection phase.

Once the model is trained, the system enters the realtime attendance detection phase. The user-facing webcam captures live images of individuals as they arrive, and the Haar Cascade Classifier processes the images to detect faces. The system compares the detected faces against the trained models in the database. If a match is found, the system logs the individual's attendance, recording the time and date. This ensures accurate, automated attendance logging without the need for manual intervention. The process of face recognition is quick, providing real-time feedback on the attendance status of each individual.

Finally, the attendance management phase ensures that all recorded data is stored efficiently in a local database, where it can be accessed and managed by administrators. The system continuously updates the attendance log, and the user interface provides a clear display of attendance records,

which can be exported or analyzed later. The methodology ensures that the system is not only efficient but also scalable, adaptable to various environments, and cost-effective. With minimal hardware requirements, it can be deployed across different settings, from classrooms to office environments, offering a reliable alternative to traditional attendance methods.

#### VI. IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS

The implementation of the Facial Attendance Management System involved several stages, starting with the development of the user interface using Python's Tkinter library for a simple and intuitive design. The system leverages OpenCV for image capture and processing, with the Haar Cascade Classifier being utilized for real-time face detection. The facial data is stored in a local database, allowing the system to train and recognize faces using uploaded images. During the face detection phase, the system processes incoming webcam footage, detects faces, and matches them against the trained dataset. Upon detection, the system logs attendance by capturing the timestamp and associating it with the recognized individual.

The results of the system's implementation were promising, demonstrating an accuracy rate of approximately 85% for face detection under controlled lighting conditions. The real-time detection capability allowed for seamless attendance logging with minimal delay. The system effectively handled multiple users, logging attendance in less than a second per person. Additionally, the system showed adaptability to varying facial angles and providing consistent performance. While the accuracy could be improved with the inclusion of more advanced models, the Haar Cascade Classifier provided a lightweight, efficient solution suitable for environments with limited computational resources. The system's overall performance met expectations for small to medium-scale applications, such as classrooms or office environments, offering a reliable, automated method for tracking attendance.

#### VII .CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The Facial Attendance Management System provides an efficient, reliable, and cost-effective solution for automating attendance tracking through the use of OpenCV and the Haar Cascade Classifier. By eliminating the need for manual attendance logging or physical attendance cards, the system significantly reduces human errors and the possibility of The real-time face attendance. and attendance logging capabilities ensure that the system operates smoothly, providing accurate attendance records. The ease of use, adaptability to different environments, and minimal hardware requirements make the system suitable for a wide range of applications, including educational institutions, offices, and events. Overall, the system showcases the potential of integrating computer vision into everyday tasks, improving both efficiency and accuracy.

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