Industrial PPE Detection using Computer Vision

- ## Overview of the Project:

Our project revolves around Industrial PPE Detection using Computer Vision. The application aims to enhance workplace safety by utilizing advanced image processing techniques to monitor and ensure workers are equipped with necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The inputs comprise images or videos of workers in industrial settings, while the outputs involve real-time alerts for non-compliance, data storage for analysis, and a detailed list of detected PPE items.

Regarding the state of the art, our project aligns with existing advancements in the field. We highlighted the use of Deep Learning techniques like CNNs and object detection models such as Faster R-CNN and YOLO. Also, we have emphasized the need for tailored solutions for various industries, seamless integration with existing infrastructure, and the project's open-source nature, which promotes collaboration and development.

Our contributions to the project include planning to adapt the system for different industries, integrating it into existing infrastructures, utilizing open-source datasets, and employing YOLO models for multi-class PPE detection. Additionally, our plan involves training and testing models, rectifying limitations, and aiming for a highly accurate (over 95%) PPE identification system, demonstrating a clear understanding of the project's goals and complexities. Our Progress as follows:

1 Oct 2023 – 7 Oct 2023: imported Dataset and did box annotation, also discussed the work split up

8 Oct 2023 – 14 Oct 2023: Brainstormed ideas and did some research on the ideas that we got.

15 Oct 2023 – 21 Oct 2023: Trained and Tested the scratch model

23 Oct 2023 – 30 Oct 2023: Rectified the limitations of Progress 1 such as trying and make our model robust by adding more input datasets from different scenarios with box annotation to improve model efficiency.

31 Oct 2023 – 7 Nov 2023: With the updated model, we tested it with different dataset and with more classes and also tested the model performance on a construction scenario video.

8 Nov 2023 – 15 Nov 2023: Planned to implement model from scratch. Brainstormed ideas and did some research on the ideas that we got.

16 Nov 2023 – 21 Nov 2023: Implementation of YOLO model from scratch is still in progress.

22 Nov 2023 – 29 Nov 2023: Brainstormed many ideas further to improve model performance. Referred research papers to get even more clear thought about what can be done to better our results apart from the existing one.

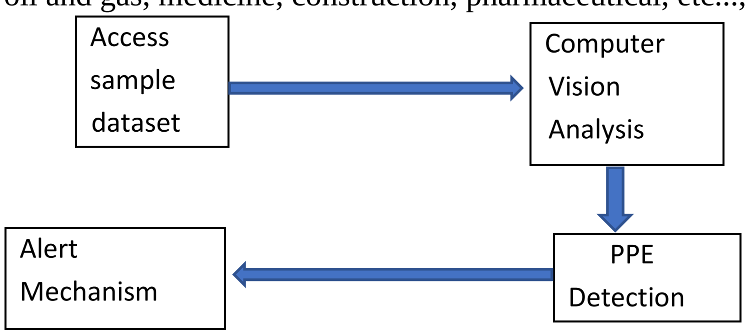
30 Nov 2023 – 06 Dec 2023: Optimized model with Real time sound- alerts, Real- time video analysis of PPE Prediction and also done median filtering before training to improve overall performance and we also tried other techniques like COOJA simulator for simulating Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) for giving message alerts to the respective person who didn't wear PPE and also worked in creating a open source slack app to push our application further. But due to time constrain we couldn't make best out of these.

07 Dec 2023 – 14 Dec 2023: Compiled all the works and prepared our documentation works.

1. The Application:

1.1. Description:

The Industrial PPE Detection System is an application that utilizes computer vision and image processing to improve safety and ensure compliance in environments. This system employs techniques, for analyzing images to monitor workers and ascertain if they are properly equipped with Personal Protective Equipment, including helmets, safety goggles, gloves, shoes, masks, and vests. This model resembles Multi Object Detection. It is vital in most industries like oil and gas, medicine, construction, pharmaceutical, etc...,



1.2. Benefits:

- *Improved Safety:* The key advantage that this system provides is improved safety at the workplace. It minimizes the possibility of any accidents or injuries due to which all workers can stay safe and secure. These injuries and illnesses may result from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical, or other workplace hazards.

- *Compliance Monitoring:* The system can aid the industries to comply with the implemented safety regulations and standards, hence reducing the risks associated with legal and financial punishments.
- *Efficiency:* Since PPE monitoring has become automated, industrial personnel no longer have to provide time-consuming human eyes for manual inspections, leaving these people to conduct other important activities.
- *Real-time Alerts:* Real-time alerts shall be sent to the industry authorities so that immediate follow-up is launched for the proper use of PPEs by the workers.
- *Data for Analysis:* Further, the system can generate data available for making decisions and revising safety protocols and resource allocation.
- *Workers:* Workers will be better protected and safer from workplace accidents and injuries.
- *Authorities and Supervisors:* They will have control, means of ensuring safety, and means for timely action in cases of noncompliance.
- *Regulatory Bodies:* This system may come in handy for regulatory bodies to enforce safety regulations and prevent any accidents occurring within industries.
- *Society:* In the long run, the project makes a positive contribution towards creating safer workplaces, reducing pressure on healthcare systems due to workplace injuries, and improving the quality of life in society.

2. State of art:

2.1. Have other solutions addressed this problem?

Deep learning techniques, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have been widely utilized in various solutions to detect and categorize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in real time. Object detection models such as Faster R-CNN, YOLO, and SSD have also been effectively employed for this purpose. Alongside these advancements, commercial PPE detection systems have emerged, utilizing computer vision technology. These systems seamlessly integrate with existing surveillance cameras and provide immediate notifications to authorities. The integration with the Internet of Things (IoT) has further boosted the capabilities of PPE detection systems, granting enhanced monitoring and data analysis capabilities. To provide the most accurate and efficient results, researchers have also created custom datasets containing images of workers with and without PPE. These datasets are crucial for training and evaluating the performance of these systems.

2.2. What are you doing differently from the current state of the art, if anything?

1.Perfect for Any Industry: We will tailor our system to meet the unique needs of different industries, considering the specific PPE requirements of each sector.

2.Ready for Any Scale: Design solution to be easily adaptable to large, intricate industrial environments with multiple workers and cameras.

3.Seamless Integration with Current Infrastructure: By seamlessly integrating with existing industry infrastructure, our PPE detection system will attract more potential users.

4.Contribute to the Community: We will make our project open source, promoting collaboration and advancement within research and industry circles.

2.3. If this is an established problem, provide at least two previously published papers and/or GitHub repositories addressing this problem

Published research papers:

1. https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9556246
2. https://doi.org/10.1093/jcde/qwad019 https://www.mdpi.com/20711050/15/18/13990
3. YOLOv3: An Incremental Improvement" by Joseph Redmon and Ali Farhadi: https://github.com/AlexeyAB/darknet
4. Faster R-CNN: Towards Real-Time Object Detection with Region Proposal Networks" by Shaoqing Ren et al: https://github.com/rbgirshick/py-faster-rcnn

3.Inputs and Outputs:

3.1. What are the inputs and outputs for the problem?

Inputs: Image of workers working in a factory from the sample dataset.

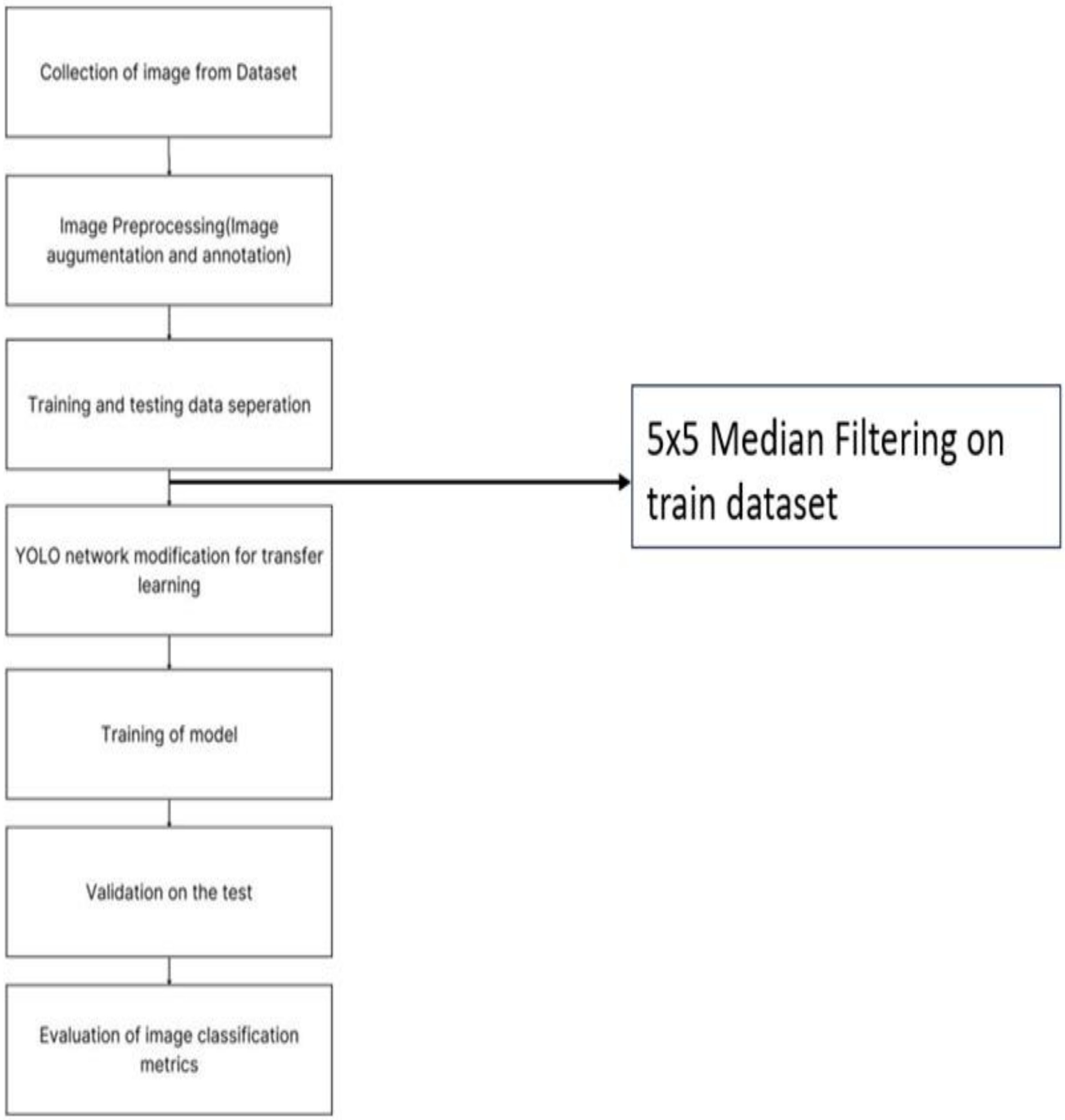
Intermediate Outputs:

1. PPE Detection: After identifying and categorizing objects in each frame, our system continues to scan for specific PPE items worn by individuals in the scene. This includes items like helmets, safety goggles, gloves, and vests. The resulting output is a comprehensive list of all PPE items detected...

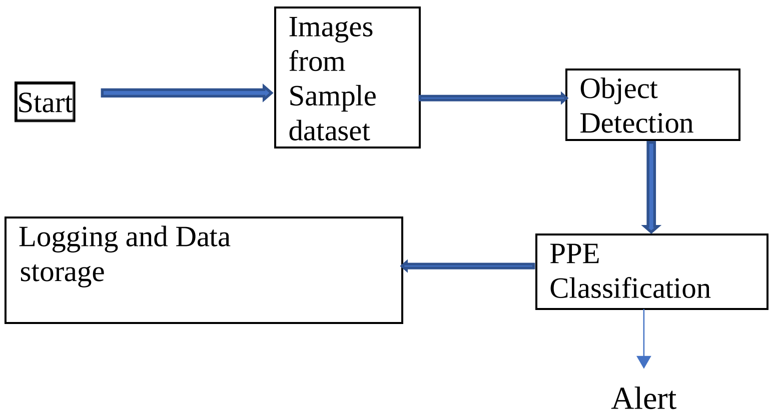
Outputs:

1. Alerts: Once the system detects a worker without proper PPE, it generates alerts that can be immediately sent to industry authorities or supervisors via email, SMS, or on-site alarms. This timely warning system serves as the final output of the system.

2. Logging and Data Storage: Effortlessly track and store PPE compliance with the ability to log crucial data for in-depth analysis and organized record-keeping. The recorded data may consist of time stamps, camera IDs, and detailed information on individuals and their PPE adherence.



3.2. Application Flow Chart:



- ## Approach:

In our project proposal, we have primarily mentioned the use of computer vision algorithms, specifically the YOLO (You Only Look Once) model for PPE detection. Here is how we addressed the Approach section:

1. **Algorithms Used:**

The primary algorithm utilized in this project is the YOLO (You Only Look Once) model. YOLO is a real-time object detection system that operates by dividing the input image into a grid and predicting bounding boxes and class probabilities for each grid cell. This algorithm was chosen due to its efficiency in detecting multiple objects in real time, aligning with the project's objective of detecting various PPE items worn by workers in industrial settings.

2. **Implementation:**

The YOLO model was implemented using the Ultralytics YOLO repository (https://github.com/ultralytics/ultralytics). The implementation involved training the model on annotated images of workers wearing different PPE items. The training process included configuring network parameters, data preprocessing, model training, and validation to achieve accurate PPE detection.

3. **Pros and Cons:**

The YOLO algorithm's strengths lie in its ability to provide real-time inference while maintaining accuracy in object detection. However, it may struggle with detecting small objects or in scenarios with heavy object occlusion due to its single-stage architecture.

4. **Own-coded Aspects:**

The aspects of the algorithm coded independently include:

- Customizing the dataset annotations for PPE items (e.g., gloves, helmets, goggles) to suit specific industrial scenarios.
- Preprocessing the image using median filter
- Analyzing video frames sequentially and incorporating an alert mechanism to notify whenever no-PPE class is identified.

These self-coded aspects significantly contribute to the project by fine-tuning the model to precisely identify and classify various PPE items.

5. **Online Resource Usage:**

The core YOLO algorithm and its implementation were obtained from the Ultralytics YOLO repository (https://github.com/ultralytics/ultralytics). The repository provided the pre-trained model architecture, training scripts, and inference utilities. Proper citations to the repository were included throughout the project documentation and code comments to acknowledge the usage of this resource.

By clearly delineating the utilization of the YOLO model from online resources and articulating the self-coded contributions in the project, you demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the chosen algorithm's strengths, limitations, and its implementation relevance to the Industrial PPE Detection system.

- Experimental Protocol:

1. **Data Sets Used:**

Source: Utilized existing datasets from Roboflow specifically curated for PPE detection in industrial settings.
Relevance: These datasets contain a diverse range of images and videos depicting workers in various industrial scenarios, wearing different types of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like helmets, safety goggles, gloves, shoes. Annotations were manually performed to detail specific PPE items in each image/frame, crucial for training and validating the model.

1.1. What data will your project require?

To successfully train detection and classification models for PPE recognition, a comprehensive dataset of images or videos is required from an industrial setting with workers present. This collection must encompass a range of scenarios, lighting conditions, and PPE types such as helmets, safety goggles, gloves, and vests. Additionally, it is crucial to annotate each image or frame in the dataset with precise details of the specific PPE items worn by individuals. These meticulous annotations will ensure the accurate training of our models.

1.2. Will you be using your own data set, or will you use an existing dataset?

We will be using the Existing dataset.

1.3. How do you plan to acquire such data?

We will be using the existing dataset from https://universe.roboflow.com/trialforobjectdetection/ppe-v1.1/browse?queryText=&pageSize=50&startingIndex=0&browseQuery=true

1.4. What is the scale of the data?

The amount of data necessary for our project is heavily influenced by the complexity of our model and the variety of industrial scenarios we wish to tackle. In general, a greater and more diverse dataset can greatly improve the overall performance of our model. While the required scale may vary, building a strong and reliable system could potentially require the following:

Thousands to Tens of Thousands of Images: A dataset of moderate size may consist of thousands to tens of thousands of images, but a larger dataset would be preferable for achieving high accuracy and adaptability across a multitude of scenarios.

Diverse Scenarios: Our dataset must encompass a broad range of scenarios, accounting for various types of personal protective equipment, lighting conditions, and worker positions.

Balanced Classes: A well-rounded distribution of images for each class (such as helmets and safety goggles) is crucial to the success of our project.

So, we have provided the dataset link above this question.

2. Evaluation of Success:

Qualitative/Quantitative Evaluation: Success was assessed through a combination of qualitative and quantitative measures.

Quantitative Metrics: Utilized image classification metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F-score to quantitatively measure the model's performance.

Qualitative Assessment: Evaluated the model's effectiveness in real-time scenarios by observing its ability to detect PPE accurately in live video feeds from industrial setups. Also ensured the sound alerts whenever PPE not detected. Done Median filtering as a Preprocessing step to control the noise in the dataset.

3. Computing Resources:

Hardware: Utilized CPU and GPU for processing tasks. The GPU was particularly instrumental in accelerating training times for deep learning models.

Software & Libraries: Leveraged OpenCV, NumPy, ultralytics, OS, PyGame, Ipython for data preprocessing, model development, and evaluation.

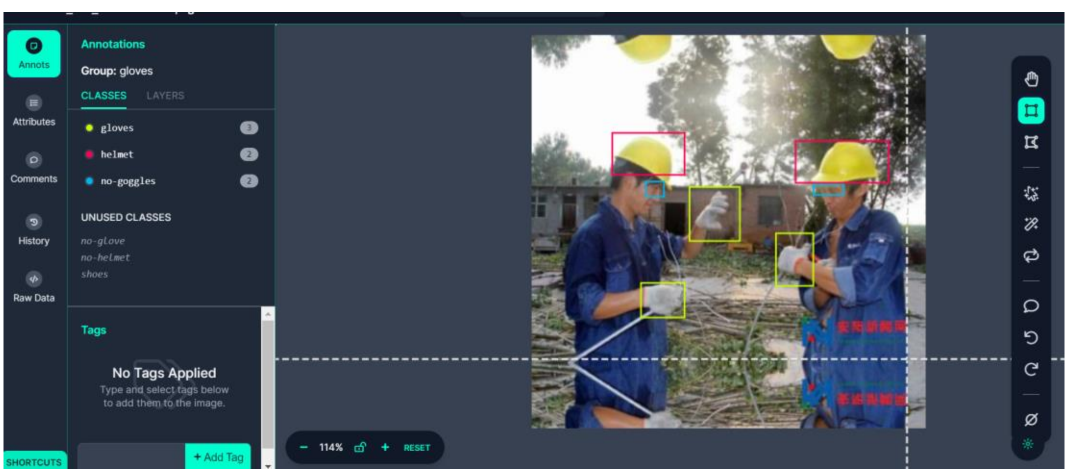
Storage: Adequate hard drive space for storing datasets, models, and intermediate outputs generated during training and testing phases.

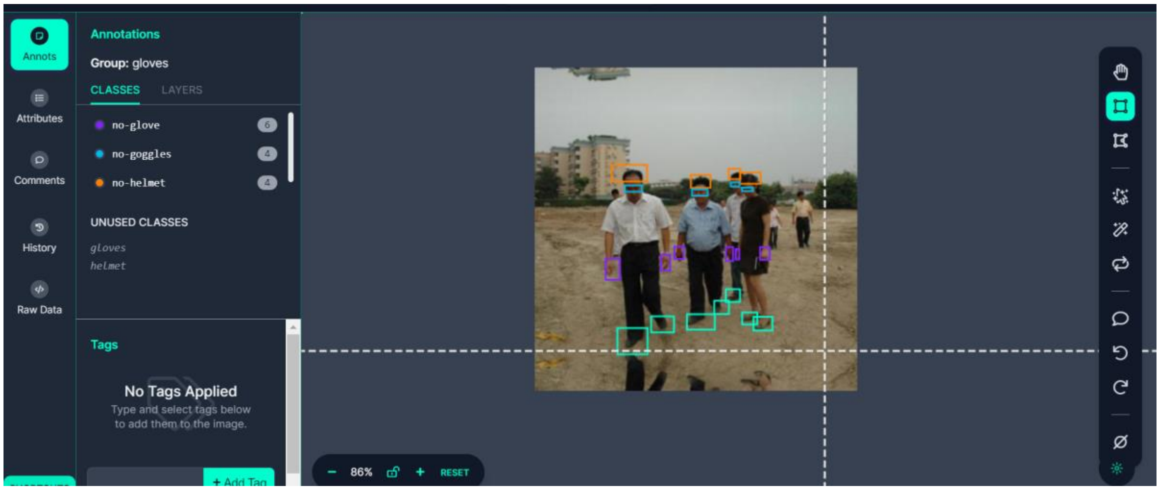
Man-Hours: Estimated around 15 hours per person per week for dataset preparation, model training, optimization, and testing phases.

4. Approach Summary:

The approach encompassed leveraging diverse datasets from reputable sources, ensuring annotations for precise PPE identification. Evaluation involved a comprehensive analysis using both quantitative metrics and real-time qualitative assessment in industrial scenarios. Utilization of CPU, GPU, and specific software libraries facilitated efficient processing, model development, and storage management throughout the project lifecycle.

- Results:



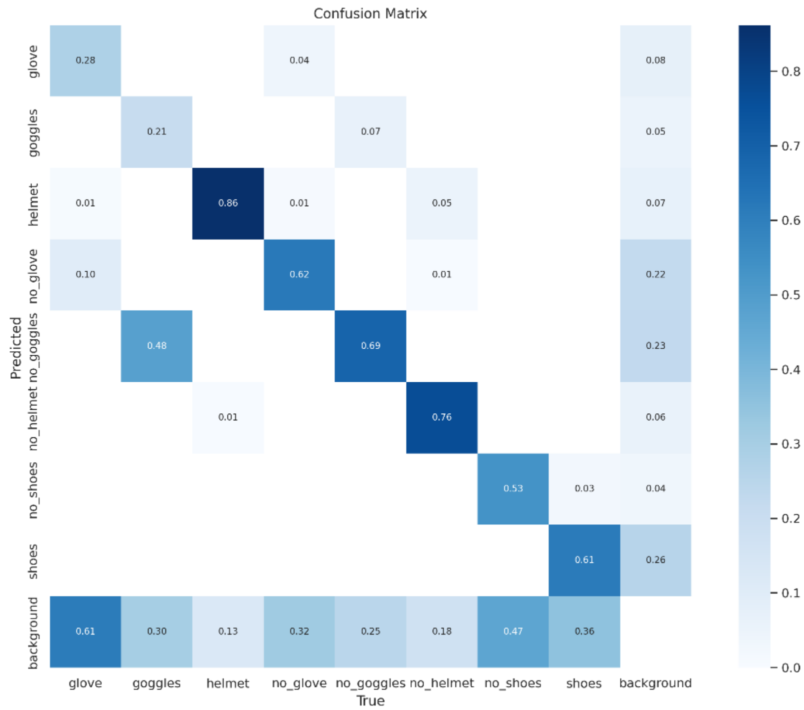


Some samples of Box annotations for the updated datasets

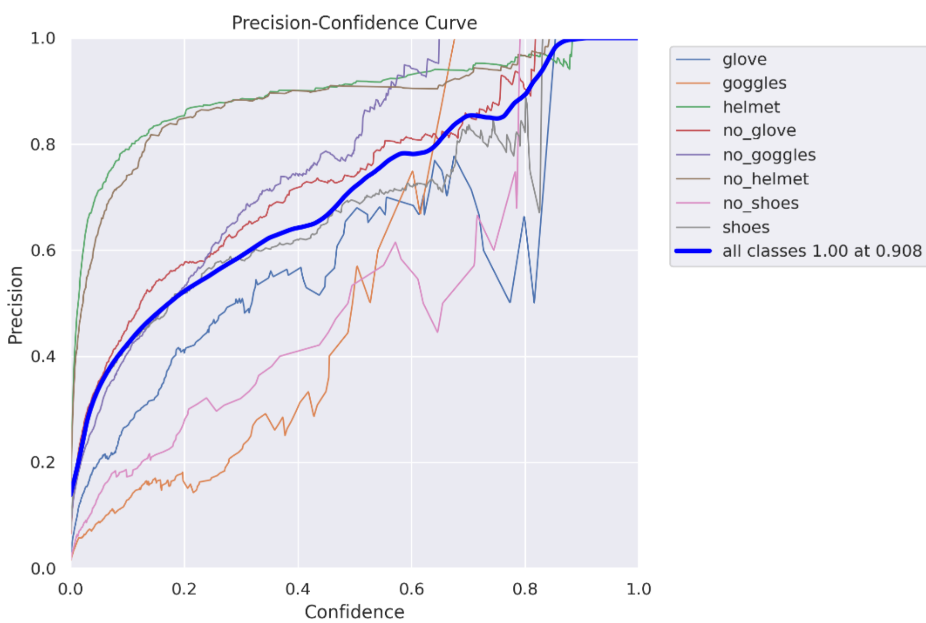
Sample Image before Median filtering

Sample Image after Median Filtering

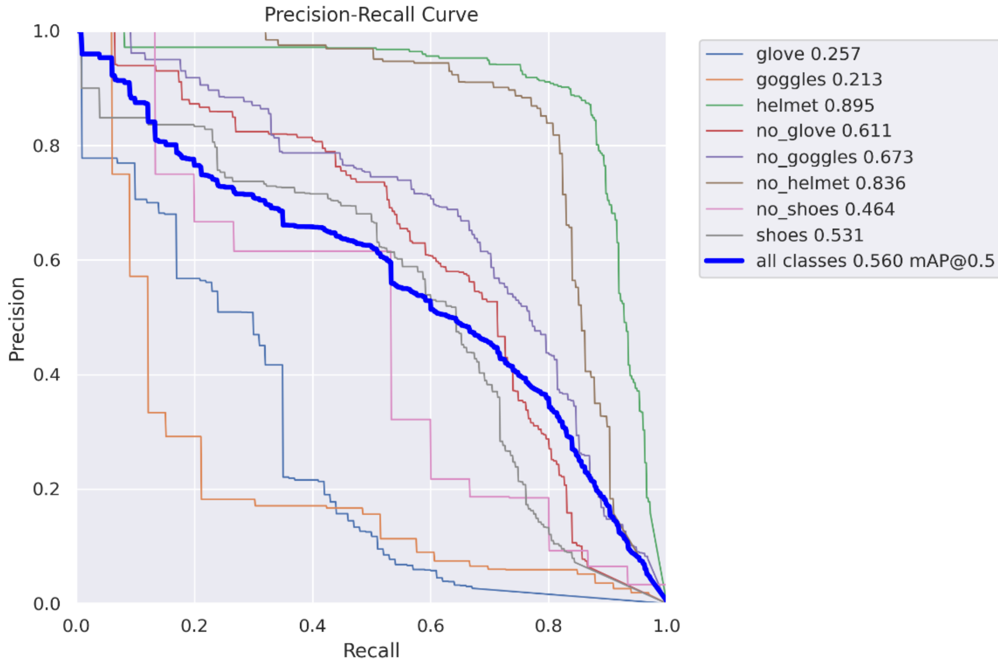
<u>Few of Tested Images by our YOLOv8 model</u>



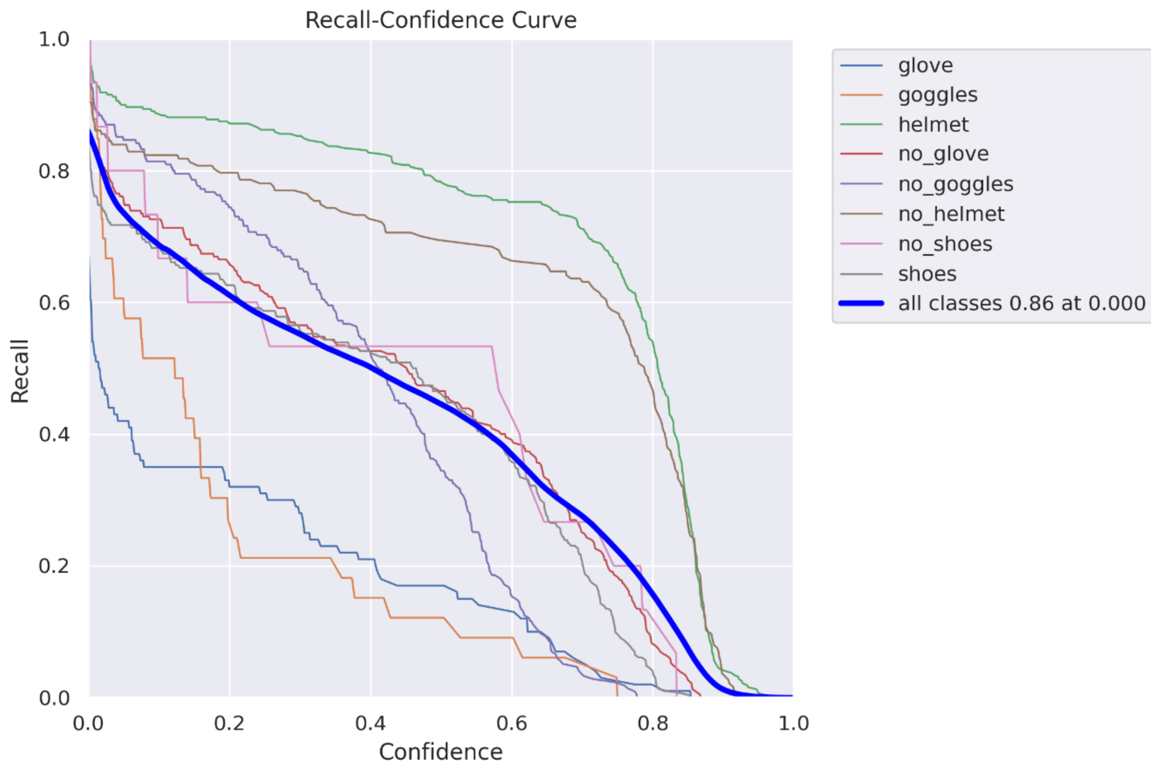
Confusion Matrix



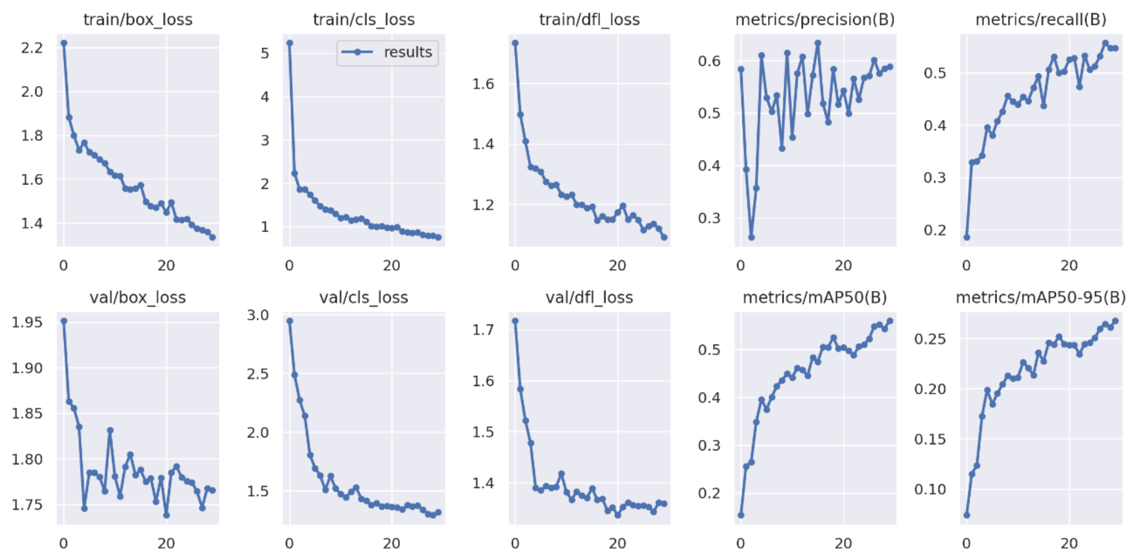
Precision-Confidence plot



Precision-Recall plot



Recall-Confidence plot



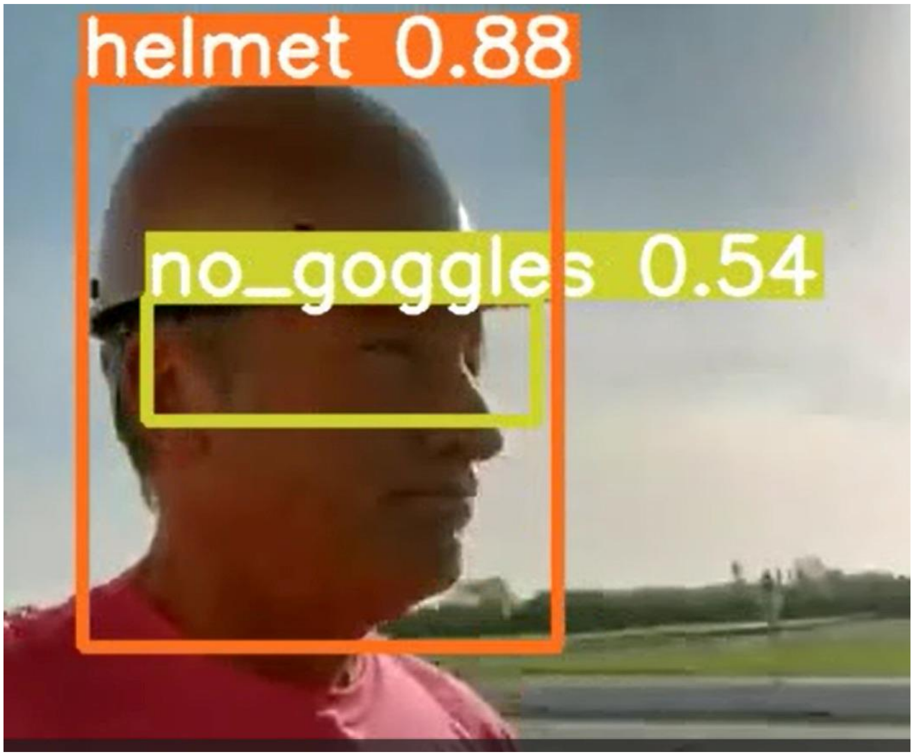
Performance metrics of our model

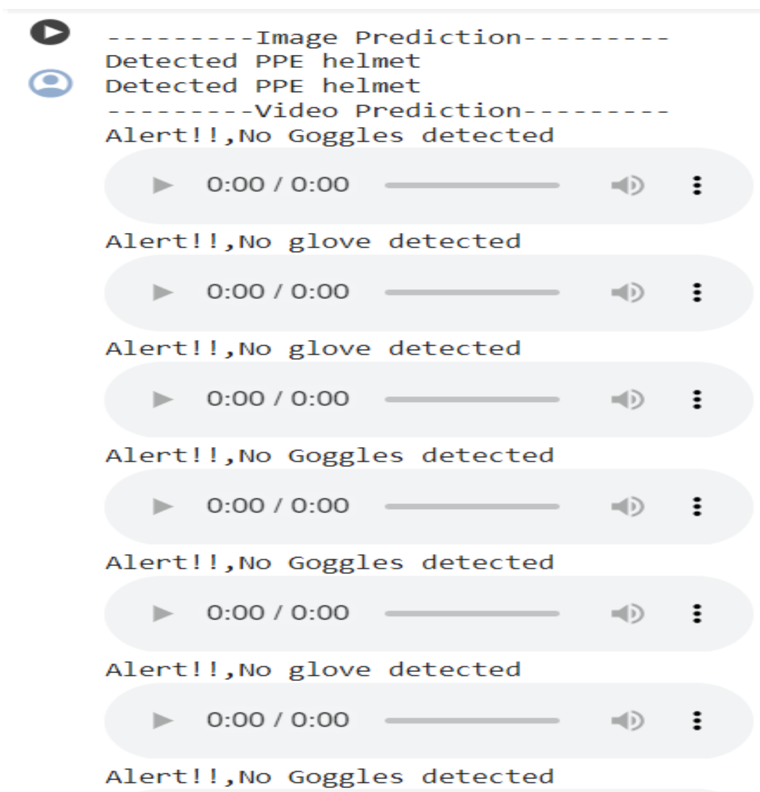
<u>Screenshots of Video Analysis by making use of our trained model</u>


shoes 0.86
shoes 0.70


helmet 0.88
no_goggles 0.70
no_glove


helmet 0.83
helmet 0.88
no_glove 0.50





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---------Image Prediction---------
Detected PPE helmet
Detected PPE helmet
---------Video Prediction---------
Alert!!,No Goggles detected
0:00 / 0:00
Alert!!,No glove detected
0:00 / 0:00
Alert!!,No glove detected
0:00 / 0:00
Alert!!,No Goggles detected
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Alert!!,No Goggles detected
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<u>Sound Alert Warnings When no PPE Detected</u>

- Analysis:

1. **Advantages:**
   - *Real-Time Detection*: The algorithm's ability to perform real-time detection in live video feeds from industrial setups is a significant advantage. This ensures immediate response and intervention in case of PPE non-compliance.

   - *Sound Alerts*: Integrating sound alerts upon PPE non-detection adds an extra layer of safety and immediate notification. This feature enhances the system's responsiveness and aids in timely corrective actions.

   - *Preprocessing Techniques*: Implementing median filtering as a preprocessing step to control noise in the dataset is an advantage. It improves the robustness of the algorithm by minimizing the impact of unwanted data fluctuations, enhancing the accuracy of PPE detection.

2. **Limitations:**
   - *Algorithm Accuracy*: Despite the preprocessing steps and real-time capabilities, the algorithm might still face challenges in accurately identifying certain PPE items under various lighting conditions, occlusions, or unusual poses. This could lead to occasional false positives or false negatives.

   - *Complex Environments*: In intricate industrial setups with cluttered backgrounds or scenarios where multiple workers overlap, the algorithm might struggle to precisely identify everyone's PPE due to occlusions or object confusions.

3. **Analysis of the Results:**

3.1. Median Filter Analysis:

- **Reduction in Standard Deviation:**
  - *Before:* 50.39 (high variability/noise)
  - *After:* 48.53 (reduced variability after filtering)
  - *Impact:* The reduced standard deviation indicates that the pixel intensities across the dataset became less spread out after applying median filtering. This suggests a decrease in noise or outliers.
- **Change in Average Pixel Intensity:**
  - *Before*: 90.23 (original average intensity)

- *After:* 89.92 (negligible lower average intensity after filtering)
- *Impact:* Such a minor change in average pixel intensity is unlikely to substantially impact the visual quality of the images. It's within a range that doesn't usually cause noticeable alterations in image clarity, brightness, or contrast. While average pixel intensity is a metric of interest, its slight decrease might not significantly impact other crucial performance metrics such as precision, recall, mAP, etc., which hold more weight in evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE detection model.

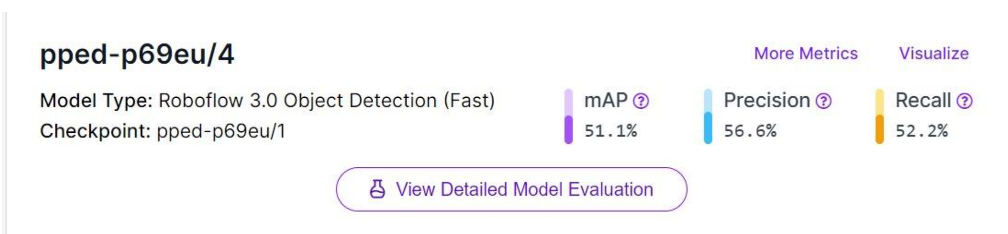
➢ **Enhancement in Image Quality:**

While the specific impact might not be quantifiable in absolute terms, the reduction in standard deviation implies a more consistent and cleaner dataset after filtering. This contributes to improved image quality for training the PPE detection model.

➢ **Improved Model Performance:**

The cleaner dataset resulting from median filtering provides the model with clearer, less noisy inputs for training. This, in turn, can lead to improved model accuracy and generalization when detecting PPE items in real-world scenarios.

3.2. <u>Accuracy Metrics analysis From Existing State of Art: Existing State of art Results for our dataset:-</u>



Our improved Model Results with same dataset:-

Class	Images	Instances	Box(P	R	mAP50
all	108	1329	0.589	0.549	0.561
glove	108	100	0.493	0.263	0.26
goggles	108	33	0.226	0.212	0.213
helmet	108	319	0.886	0.849	0.895
no_glove	108	230	0.644	0.565	0.614
no_goggles	108	215	0.675	0.651	0.673
no_helmet	108	187	0.883	0.766	0.836
no_shoes	108	15	0.324	0.533	0.465
shoes	108	230	0.578	0.554	0.531

- **mAP50(Mean Average Precision) Improvement**:

The increase in mAP from 51.1% to 56.1% denotes a substantial enhancement in the model's overall performance in detecting multiple PPE classes. This 5% improvement signifies a more accurate and reliable detection across various PPE items.

- **Precision Enhancement:**

  The rise in precision from 56.6% to 58.9% showcases a notable refinement in the model's ability to accurately identify true positive instances while minimizing false positives. This demonstrates a heightened level of confidence in the model's predictions.

- **Recall Enhancement:**

The elevation in recall from 52.2% to 54.9% signifies an improved capability of the model to capture a higher proportion of actual positive instances within the dataset. This reflects a more comprehensive coverage of PPE items, enhancing safety compliance detection.

- **Balanced Performance:**

The simultaneous improvement in both precision and recall values indicates a balanced enhancement in the model's performance. It achieves higher accuracy in positive predictions (precision) while also capturing a larger proportion of actual positives (recall).

- **Real-World Implications:**

These improvements directly translate into more accurate and reliable PPE detection in real-world scenarios. A higher mAP, precision, and recall mean better safety measures, reduced false alarms, and increased identification of non-compliance instances, ensuring improved workplace safety and compliance monitoring.

- **Generalization and Robustness:**

The enhanced model's performance across multiple classes of PPE items signifies its ability to generalize well across diverse industrial settings and scenarios. This robustness contributes to a more adaptable and reliable PPE detection system.

- **Incremental Improvement:**

The documented improvements from the existing model to the enhanced version not only demonstrate progress but also validate the effectiveness of the implemented modifications or enhancements in refining the model's performance.

3.3. Video Analysis:

- **Accuracy and Consistency:**

  High accuracy in consistently detecting and categorizing PPE items (helmets, goggles, gloves, etc.) across frames in the video feed.

- **Real-time Performance:**

  Efficiently processes video frames in real-time, ensuring swift and immediate detection of PPE compliance or non-compliance among workers.

- **Robustness to Variations:**

  Demonstrates resilience to variations in lighting conditions, worker positions, and diverse industrial scenarios, showcasing consistent and reliable detection across different settings.

- **Multi-Class Detection:**

  Successfully identifies multiple classes of PPE items simultaneously, showcasing the model's ability to handle complex detection tasks with various items present in the scene.

- **Alert System:**

  Provides timely and accurate alerts or notifications (such as sound alerts) whenever PPE non-compliance is detected, enabling quick corrective actions.

- **Integration and Scalability:**

  Seamless integration with existing surveillance systems or infrastructure, making it scalable and adaptable to different industrial setups without compromising accuracy or performance.

- **Generalization and Adaptability:**

  Shows adaptability to different industrial environments and scenarios, demonstrating generalization beyond specific conditions in the training dataset.

- **Minimal False Positives/Negatives:**

Demonstrates minimal instances of false positives (incorrectly identifying non-PPE items as PPE) or false negatives (missing actual PPE items), ensuring high precision and recall.

- **User-Friendly Interface or Output:**

  Presents output in an easily interpretable format, providing clear visual or textual feedback on PPE compliance for authorities or supervisors.

- **Scalable Performance:**

  Proves capable of maintaining performance efficiency even when dealing with large volumes of video data or in complex industrial environments.

By effectively presenting the advantages, limitations, and results analysis, it showcases a thorough understanding of the algorithm's performance and areas for potential enhancement. This allows for informed decisions regarding further refinements or improvements in the system.

• Discussions and lessons Learned:

From this project, We have gained substantial insights into the realm of computer vision and its practical applications in ensuring workplace safety through PPE detection. The primary lesson learned revolves around the efficacy of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and object detection models like YOLO in accurately identifying and categorizing PPE items in real-time scenarios. This experience has honed our skills in image annotation, model training, and the complexities involved in handling diverse datasets.

In the future, these lessons hold immense potential across various domains. The proficiency gained in developing PPE detection systems can be extrapolated to diverse industries like manufacturing, healthcare, construction, and more. Understanding the nuances of integrating computer vision systems with existing infrastructure opens doors to enhancing workplace safety across multiple sectors. Additionally, the open-source nature of this project fosters collaboration and community-driven innovation in the realm of safety protocols and AI-driven surveillance.

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