GRAPHICAL PASSWORD AUTHENTICATION

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AIM AND INSPIRATION

- To build a user login interface with image as password
- Graphical image is broken down into grids of variable size which user must re-arrange correctly to access the application
- Lot of ongoing research in graphical image authentication systems since images can be easily remembered and passwords are difficult to crack
- Motivation to explore areas of image processing and cryptography related to security systems

EXISTING APPROACHES

- Two types of passwords used nowadays - recognition based and recall based
- In recall based, person is required to regenerate password stored at the time of registration. Thus, chances of someone replicating the same password.
- In recognition-based, a set of images consisting of a group of pass images is given to the user which he must select correctly chosen at the time of registration
- Useful in devices with good color display

METHOD AND WORKING

- At the time of registration, user specifies username, uploads image and specifies number of fragments
- Uploaded image is segmented into specified number of fragments. After segmentation, it is compressed and encrypted and stored into database
- At the time of authentication, fragments corresponding to username are displayed after jumbling them. User must reorder images correctly by drag and drop and then click Submit
- If images are correctly reordered, authentication is granted otherwise access is denied

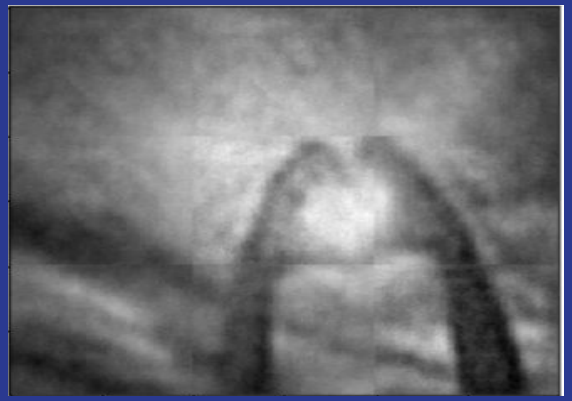
TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

- Cryptographic methods (DES algorithm) for encryption
- Deep learning for image compression
- Web Development
- Programming Languages used for the database: Python and sqlite

RESULTS

1. Image Compression (8:1) using single hidden layer

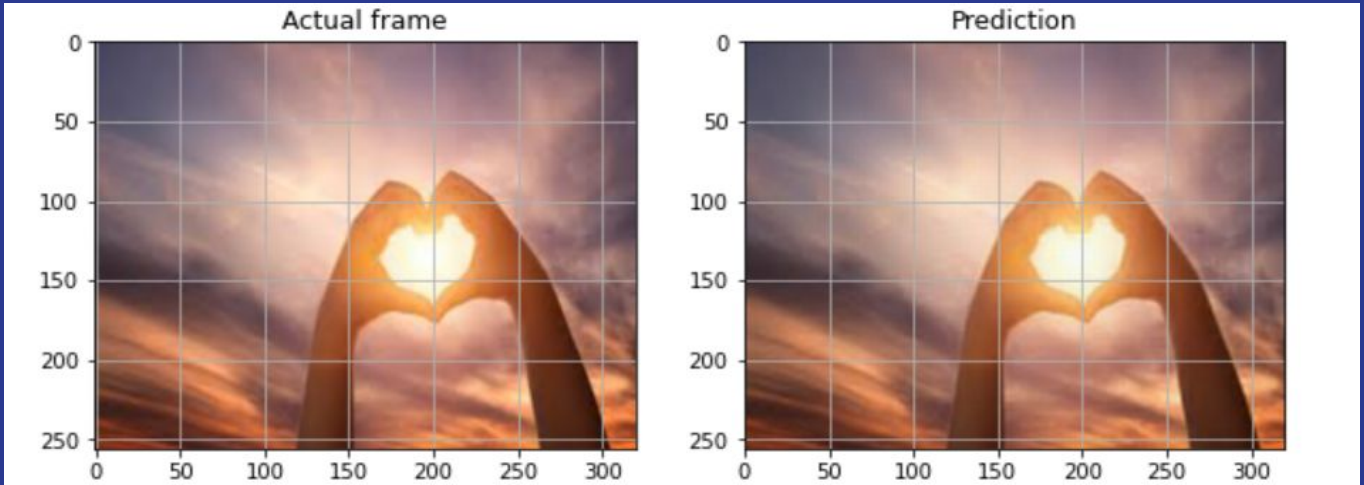
Before Compression



After Compression

RESULTS (contd.)

Image Compression using the UNET architecture



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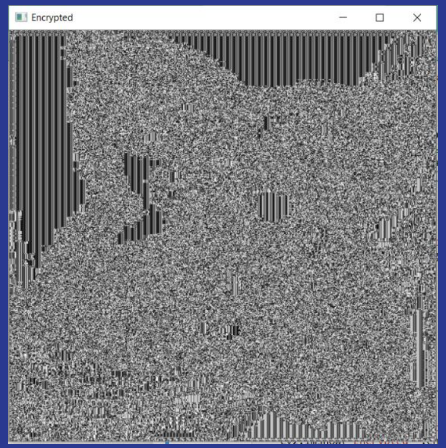
2. Image Encryption and Decryption

Original Image



Encrypted Image

Decrypted Image

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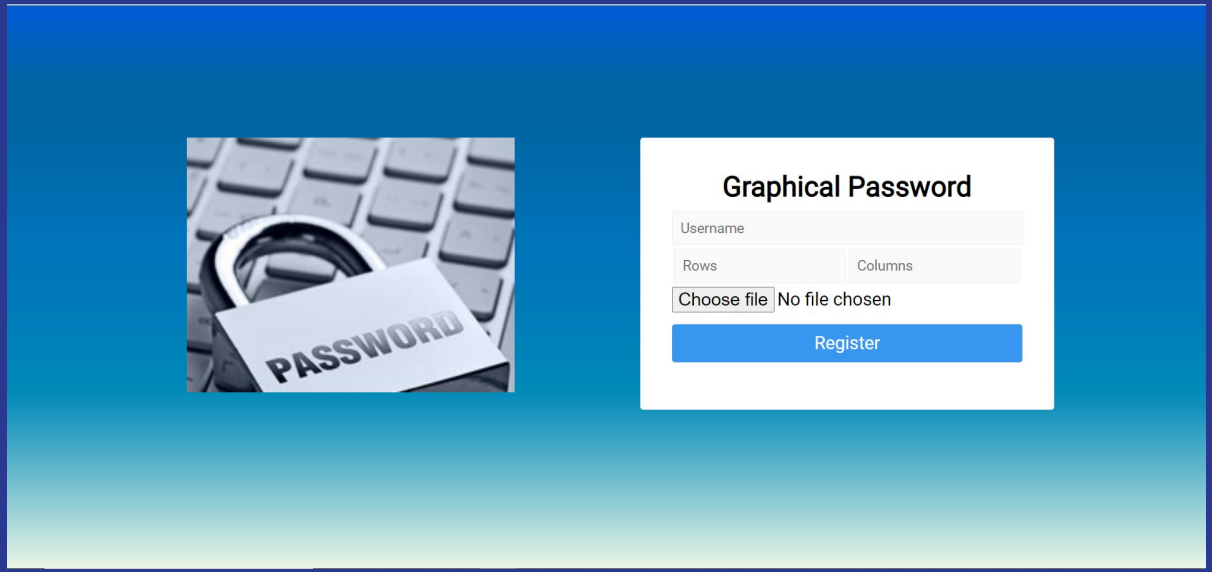
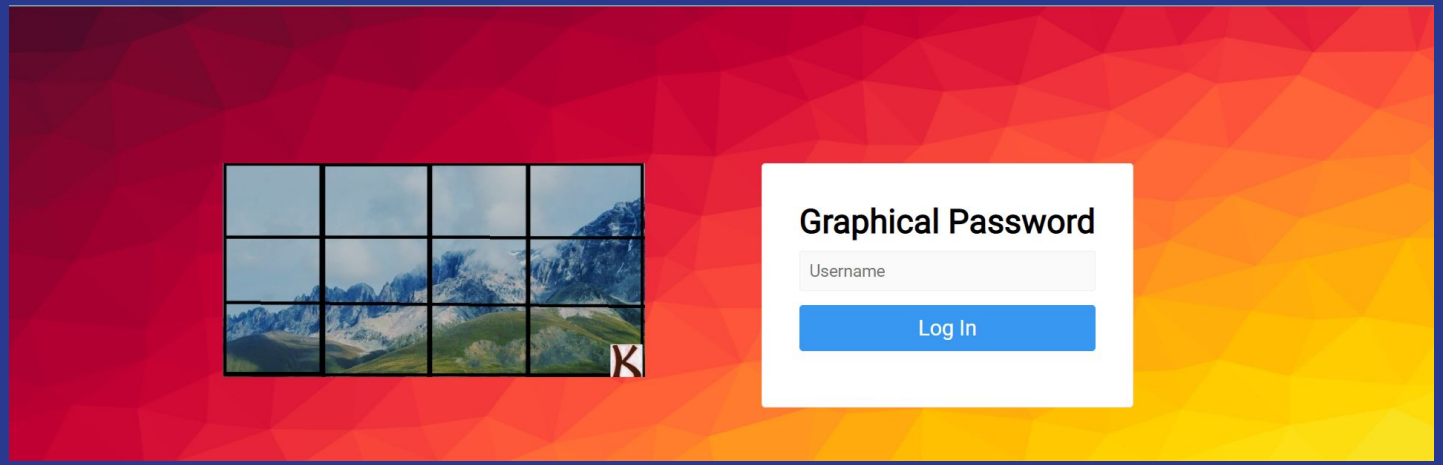
3. Web Page



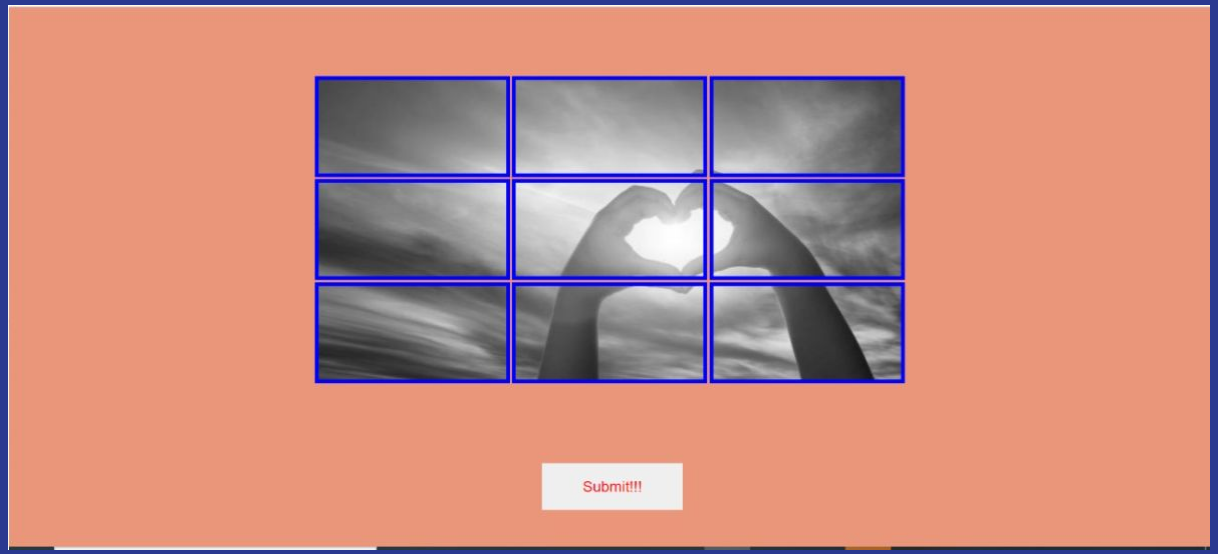
RESULTS (contd.)

Login Page



RESULTS (contd.)

Authentication Page



CHALLENGES FACED

- Images had a large size when stored as BLOBs and needed to be compressed
- Image compression using a single hidden layer gave blurred images
- Encryption and decryption of image using DES took time so size was reduced and then again resized after decryption.

FUTURE WORK

- To develop efficient crypto-compression methods and various combinations of CE, EC and JCE could be analyzed
- The image compression and encryption modules could be optimized so that the overall application could be used with improved processing time
- Current system is still immature. Much more research and user studies are needed to achieve higher levels of usefulness

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