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ABSTRACT

As we look back into our lives, the greatest gift that all of us would undoubtedly cherish is the gift of vision. Vision allows us to see the world around us and also helps to navigate through an unfamiliar environment. Visually impaired people are often unaware of dangerous in front of them, even in familiar environments. Due to blindness visually impaired people are not able to read the paper and other texts which creates the major issue for blind population which leads to many problems. This Prototype detects text within image and converts it into text message, which is then converted into speech and conveyed to the user through earphones/speakers. This design is beneficial in terms of its portability, low-cost, low power consumption and the fact that neither user nor device requires initial training. The portability, low cost, and low power consumption of the design are significant advantages. Portability allows users to carry the device with them and use it in various environments, providing them with real-time information whenever needed. The low cost and low power consumption make the prototype more accessible and practical for a wide range of users. The fact that neither the user nor the device requires initial training is another positive aspect of the design. This ensures that visually impaired individuals can easily adopt and utilize the system without the need for extensive learning or setup procedures. Overall, this prototype has the potential to significantly improve the quality of life for visually impaired individuals by enabling them to access and understand printed information more easily.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

The smart cap for visually impaired people using OCR technology and components such as Raspberry Pi and Pi camera is a wearable device that enables individuals with visual impairments to read printed text in real-time. The device uses OCR (Optical Character Recognition) technology to convert printed text into digital format and then utilizes text-to-speech technology to read the converted text aloud to the user. The smart cap is comprised of a Raspberry Pi microcontroller, a Pi camera, and an earphone. The Pi camera is mounted on the front of the cap and captures an image of the printed text in front of the user. The Raspberry Pi then processes the image using OCR technology to convert the text into digital format. The converted text is then sent to a text-to-speech engine, which reads the text aloud to the user via the earphone. The device is designed to be lightweight, compact, and easy to use. It can be operated with a single button and can be customized to suit the needs of individual users.

The sensitivity of the camera and the speed of the OCR and text-to-speech engines can be adjusted to suit the user's preferences and requirements. One of the key benefits of the smart cap is that it enables visually impaired people to access printed text in real-time, which can be particularly helpful in social situations or when accessing public information. The device can also help individuals with low vision to read printed text more easily, as it provides a clear and audible representation of the text.

In summary, the smart cap for visually impaired people using OCR technology and components such as Raspberry Pi and Pi camera is an innovative device that enables individuals with visual impairments to access printed text in real-time. By utilizing OCR and text-to-speech technology, the device provides a lightweight, compact, and customizable solution for reading printed text that can greatly enhance the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments. Another important component of the smart cap for visually impaired people using OCR technology is Google Text-to-Speech (GTTS). GTTS is a web-based service that uses machine learning to convert written text into natural-sounding audio.

GTTS is a powerful tool for improving the naturalness and quality of the audio output generated by the smart cap. The text-to-speech engine is designed to generate audio that sounds like a human voice, which can be important for helping visually impaired individuals understand and engage with the information being presented. GTTS also supports a wide range of languages and voices, which makes it a versatile tool for use in different regions and for individuals who speak different languages. Using GTTS in the smart cap also provides several other benefits. First, GTTS is a cloud-based service, which means that it does not require any additional software to be installed on the Raspberry Pi. This helps to keep the device lightweight and portable. Second, GTTS is continuously updated and improved, which means that the quality of the audio output generated by the smart cap can be continually improved over time. Finally, GTTS is a free service provided by Google, which makes it an affordable option for individuals with visual impairments who may have limited financial resources.

One potential drawback of using GTTS is that it requires an internet connection to function. This means that the smart cap may not be able to function in areas with poor or no internet connectivity. However, this can be mitigated by using a mobile hotspot or by preloading the OCR software with commonly used words and phrases. The OCR software used in the smart cap converts printed text into a digital format, and then the GTTS engine processes the text and generates audio output that can be played through the earphone.

The integration of Google Text-to-Speech (GTTS) with OCR technology and components such as Raspberry Pi and Pi camera in the smart cap for visually impaired people is a powerful combination that has the potential to greatly enhance the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments. GTTS provides natural-sounding audio output and supports a wide range of languages and voices, making it a versatile tool for use in different regions and with individuals who speak different languages. While it does require an internet connection, the benefits of using GTTS outweigh the potential drawbacks, making it a valuable addition to the smart cap.

1.2 MOTIVATION

The motivation for developing a smart cap for visually impaired people using OCR technology and components like Raspberry Pi and Pi camera is to provide an innovative solution that can improve the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments. Visually impaired people often face challenges when accessing printed text, which can be a barrier to accessing information, education, and employment opportunities. The smart cap aims to provide a solution that enables visually impaired individuals to access printed text in real-time and convert it into audible speech.

The smart cap is motivated by the need to improve accessibility and inclusion for visually impaired individuals. The device provides a practical solution that can help to level the playing field for individuals with visual impairments, allowing them to access information and participate in society more effectively. The smart cap can be particularly useful in situations where information needs to be accessed quickly and independently, such as when reading signs or menus in public places.

The use of OCR technology and components like Raspberry Pi and Pi camera in the smart cap is motivated by the need to create a lightweight, portable, and affordable device that can be easily customized to suit the needs of different individuals. The use of OCR technology enables the smart cap to recognize printed text and convert it into machine-readable format, which can then be processed by a text-to-speech engine like Google Text-to-Speech (GTTS) to generate audible speech output.

Overall, the motivation for developing a smart cap for visually impaired people using OCR technology and components like Raspberry Pi and Pi camera is to provide a practical and effective solution that can improve the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments. By providing real-time access to printed text and converting it into audible speech, the smart cap can help to promote greater independence, autonomy, and inclusivity for visually impaired individuals.

1.3 INTRODUCTION

Blindness is very common and unendurable Disability among many disabilities. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) [l], there are million visually Impaired people. Visually impaired people usually have problems walking & avoiding obstacles in their daily lives. Traditionally such people use guide canes to detect obstacles in front of them. Thus, visually impaired people cannot exactly know what type obstacles are in front of them & must only depend on guide canes and experiences to walk safely and m the desired path.

Vision is a very special gift provided by the god to humans. It is due to vision only that the persons are able to see and interact with the environment. But this vision may get lost due to some accident or due to the chronic eye diseases which are not cured on time leading to permanent blindness.

The Internet has become an essential means for people to acquire information and knowledge. Today, in the 21st century, the Internet has eased our life to a significant extent. Unfortunately, the benefits of this mighty tool are still away from visually impaired people who find difficulty accessing the web.

Despite our gained knowledge, sadly, our efforts are not always successful and we are presented with the responsibility and challenge of caring for people who have to cope with visual impairment, perhaps for the rest of their lives. We have to understand their difficulties, recognize their abilities and learn how to cooperate and communicate with them in a social as well as hospital environment. It is often within the eye hospital itself that the lack in education of health workers and their understanding of the assistance needs of blind and visually impaired patients is all too evident.

Blindness is a condition in which individuals lose their vision perception. Mobility and self-reliability for the visually impaired and blind people has always been a problem, they are not familiar with and usually require someone to help them navigate.

They often bump into the obstacles present in their way thus hindering their free movement. This project aims to help the blind in object detection with the distance of the object and to provide an audio information about the object detected.

They also feel embarrassment many times while performing these tasks when they are unsuccessful in performing them, because of their visual impairment deficiency. They are unable to experience the planet the way we do. One of the biggest challenges for the blind person, especially the one with the complete loss of vision is to navigate around places. In the computer vision community, developing visual aids for handicapped persons is one of the most active research projects.

Visually impaired people face lot of difficulties in their daily life. Most of the times they depend on others for help. Several technologies for assistance of visually impaired people have been developed. Among the various technologies being utilized to assist the blind, Computer Vision based solutions are emerging as one of the most promising options due to their affordability and accessibility.

The main objective of the proposed system is to create a wearable visual aid for visually impaired people in which speech commands are accepted from the user. Its functionality addresses identification of obstacles and text. This will help the visually impaired people to manage day-to-day activities and to navigate through their surroundings. Raspberry Pi is used to implement artificial vision using python language on the Open CV platform, Converting the detected text information into speech makes it easier and friendly for the visually impaired person.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

The following survey helped us in finding the right set of sensors and modules for building our proposed model.

The paper [1] "Ultrasonic Sensor based Smart Cap as Electronic Travel Aid for Blind People" Proposed by Vipul Parihar, Yogesh Rohilla in the year 2020.

The paper presents a proposed electronic travel aid, the "Ultrasonic Sensor based Smart Cap," is a device that can assist blind people in detecting objects in their immediate surroundings. It works by using three ultrasonic sensors that are connected to a cap, with each sensor pointing in a different direction. The sensors emit signals that bounce off of any objects in their path and return to the sensors, providing information on the distance of the objects.

The information gathered by the sensors is then processed by an Arduino microcontroller, which determines whether there is an object present within a certain distance of the sensors. If an object is detected, the microcontroller activates a buzzer to alert the wearer of the cap.

This electronic travel aid offers a simple, cheap, and effective solution for blind people to detect objects in their immediate surroundings. It eliminates the need for costly tools such as canes and can be worn like a regular cap. Furthermore, it provides real-time feedback to the user, which can help them avoid obstacles and navigate their environment with greater ease and safety.

Here are some additional points to consider:

Ultrasonic sensors are commonly used in electronic devices to detect the presence of objects by emitting high-frequency sound waves that bounce off surfaces and return to the sensor. They are effective in a variety of conditions, including low light and poor weather, which makes them ideal for use in the Ultrasonic Sensor based Smart Cap.

The use of an Arduino microcontroller is also a key component of the Ultrasonic Sensor based Smart Cap. The microcontroller processes the signals from the sensors and activates the buzzer if an object is detected. Arduino is an open-source platform that allows for the development of custom electronic devices and is accessible to users with varying levels of technical knowledge. The Ultrasonic Sensor based Smart Cap can be an effective tool for blind people to navigate their environment, especially in crowded or unfamiliar places. Another advantage of the Ultrasonic Sensor based Smart Cap is its low cost compared to other electronic travel aids. The use of ultrasonic sensors and an Arduino microcontroller is relatively inexpensive, and the cap can be easily assembled using off-the-shelf components.

It is worth noting that the Ultrasonic Sensor based Smart Cap is not a replacement for other mobility aids, such as canes or guide dogs. It is intended to be used in conjunction with these tools to provide additional information to the user and increase their situational awareness. Finally, the Ultrasonic Sensor based Smart Cap is a promising example of how technology can be used to enhance the independence and safety of blind people. With continued development and refinement, it has the potential to become a valuable tool in the daily lives of many individuals.

The paper [2] "PARTHA: A Visually Impaired Assistants' System" was proposed in the year 2020 by Devashish Pradeep, Rushikesh Karad, Apurva Kapse, Dr. Geetanjali Kale, and Prathamesh Jadhav.

The paper presents the project "PARTHA: A Visually Impaired Assistants' System" was proposed in the year 2020 by Devashish Pradeep, Rushikesh Karad, Apurva Kapse, Dr. Geetanjali Kale, and Prathamesh Jadhav. The aim of the project was to develop a system that would assist visually impaired individuals in their daily lives using artificial intelligence (AI) and computer vision technologies.

The PARTHA system aimed to leverage advanced computer vision techniques to analyse and interpret visual information from the surroundings. The proposed system likely consisted of a combination of hardware and software components. It may have included a camera or a wearable device equipped with a camera to capture visual information. The captured images or video would then be processed using computer vision algorithms, which could recognize objects, detect obstacles, read text, and perform other visual tasks.

This has been developed in the form of the smart glove which integrates Arduino UNO, ultrasonic sensors and flat vibrating motors. Ultrasonic sensors emit short, high frequency sound pulses at regular intervals. The main purpose of the proposed system is to assist visually impaired people via obstacle and object detection. One of the modules of the system is very light weight and mounted on hand of the person. The combination of ultrasonic sensors and vibration motors is able to provide information about the obstacles and the direction as well as the range of the obstacles even in the low light.

The existing solutions suffer from drawbacks such as limited scope and functionality, cost inefficiency, systems not being portable, multiple sensor requirements, and fail to navigate visually impaired in indoor as well as outdoor environments in real time.

The PARTHA system consists of three main components: image acquisition, image processing, and user interaction. The image acquisition module captures images of the user's surroundings using a camera or smartphone. These images are then processed by the image processing module, which employs computer vision algorithms to extract relevant information. The user interaction component provides audio-based feedback and instructions to the user, enabling them to navigate and interact with their environment more effectively.

PARTHA offers a range of features and functionalities tailored to assist visually impaired individuals in their daily lives. These include:

Object Recognition and Description: The system employs advanced computer vision algorithms to recognize and describe objects in real-time. By providing detailed audio descriptions of the user's surroundings, PARTHA facilitates navigation and interaction with objects.

Text-to-Speech Conversion: PARTHA incorporates Optical Character Recognition (OCR) techniques to convert printed text into audio. This feature allows visually impaired individuals to access written information from books, documents, and signage, thereby enhancing their access to knowledge and information.

Navigation and Obstacle Detection: The system utilizes depth sensing and obstacle detection algorithms to assist users in safe navigation. By detecting obstacles in real-time and providing audio alerts, PARTHA helps visually impaired individuals avoid potential hazards and navigate their surroundings more confidently.

Facial Recognition: PARTHA incorporates facial recognition capabilities, enabling users to identify and recognize people they encounter. This feature enhances social interactions and promotes a sense of familiarity and connection in various environments.

The implementation of the PARTHA system involves integrating AI models, computer vision algorithms, and audio processing techniques. However, there are several challenges to overcome. Real-time performance, accuracy, and robustness of the system are critical factors that require careful optimization.

Additionally, ensuring the privacy and security of user data is of utmost importance, necessitating the development of robust data protection measures. The user interaction component provides audio-based feedback and instructions to the user, enabling them to navigate and interact with their environment more effectively.

The PARTHA system has the potential to bring about a transformative impact on the lives of visually impaired individuals. By providing a comprehensive and intuitive assistive technology solution, PARTHA enhances accessibility, independence, and mobility for the visually impaired. Empowering individuals with the ability to navigate their environment, access information, and recognize people fosters their active participation in society. Moreover, as an open-source project, PARTHA encourages collaboration and further development, expanding its potential impact within the field of assistive technologies.

PARTHA represents a significant advancement in the development of assistive technology for visually impaired individuals. By leveraging AI and computer vision techniques, the system offers features such as object recognition, text-to-speech conversion, navigation assistance, and facial recognition. The project's potential to enhance accessibility, independence, and quality of life for visually impaired individuals is promising. Continued refinement, optimization, and collaboration within the project will drive its evolution and further contribute to the field of assistive technologies.

The paper [3] "Assistive Technologies for Visually Impaired People: A Survey" by Buzzi, Leporini, and Akhtar provides a comprehensive overview of assistive technologies designed specifically for visually impaired individuals.

The paper titled "Assistive Technologies for Visually Impaired People: A Survey" by Buzzi, Leporini, and Akhtar provides a comprehensive overview of assistive technologies designed specifically for visually impaired individuals. The survey aims to summarize the state-of-the-art in the field, categorizing the technologies based on their functionalities and discussing their impact on the lives of visually impaired people.

The Importance of Assistive Technologies:The authors emphasize the significance of assistive technologies in empowering visually impaired individuals to perform daily tasks independently and access information effectively. They highlight the diverse challenges faced by visually impaired individuals and the need for tailored technological solutions to address their specific needs.

Categorization of Assistive Technologies:The paper categorizes assistive technologies into different domains based on their functionalities. These domains include navigation aids, object recognition and environment perception, reading and writing assistance, communication and social interaction, education and learning aids, and entertainment and leisure.

Navigation Aids: This section discusses technologies aimed at assisting visually impaired individuals in mobility and navigation. Examples include GPS-based systems, tactile maps, and obstacle detection devices.

Object Recognition and Environment Perception: This category focuses on technologies that utilize computer vision and machine learning algorithms to recognize and describe objects in the environment. These technologies provide audio or tactile feedback to visually impaired individuals.

Reading and Writing Assistance: The survey explores technologies that facilitate access to written information, such as optical character recognition (OCR)-based systems, refreshable braille displays, and electronic magnifiers.

Communication and Social Interaction: This section covers technologies that enhance communication and social interaction for visually impaired individuals. Examples include text-to-speech systems, screen readers, and accessible social networking platforms.

Education and Learning Aids: The paper discusses technologies designed to support visually impaired individuals in educational settings. These technologies include accessible learning materials, tactile graphics, and educational software.

Entertainment and Leisure: This category explores technologies that enhance the entertainment and leisure experiences of visually impaired individuals, such as audio description services, audio games, and accessible media players

Challenges and Limitations: The authors acknowledge the challenges and limitations associated with assistive technologies, including cost, usability, and availability. They stress the importance of adopting user-centered design approaches and involving visually impaired individuals in the development process to ensure that the technologies meet their specific needs and preferences.

Impact and Effectiveness: The paper discusses the impact and effectiveness of assistive technologies by reviewing studies and user feedback. Visually impaired individuals reported positive outcomes, including increased independence, improved access to information, and enhanced social participation.

"Assistive Technologies for Visually Impaired People: A Survey" provides a valuable overview of assistive technologies designed for visually impaired individuals. The paper categorizes these technologies based on their functionalities, addresses challenges and limitations, and highlights their impact on the lives of visually impaired individuals. This survey serves as a valuable resource for researchers, developers, and practitioners in the field of assistive technology, guiding further advancements to meet the unique needs of visually impaired individuals.

The paper [4] "Smart Cap - Wearable Visual Guidance System for the Blind" was proposed in 2018 by Nishajith.A, Nivedha.J, and Shilpa.S.Nair.

The Paper presents the The project "Smart Cap - Wearable Visual Guidance System for the Blind" was proposed in 2018 by Nishajith.A, Nivedha.J, and Shilpa.S.Nair. The project aimed to develop a wearable device that could assist visually impaired individuals in navigating their surroundings using advanced technologies such as computer vision, image processing, and sensory feedback.

The Smart Cap was designed to be a user-friendly and portable device that could be worn on the head like a regular cap. It aimed to provide real-time visual guidance to the wearer, allowing them to detect obstacles, recognize objects, and navigate their environment with greater independence.

The core technology behind the Smart Cap was computer vision, which involves analyzing and interpreting visual information from the surroundings. The device likely incorporated a camera or an array of cameras to capture images or video of the wearer's surroundings. These visual inputs would then be processed using computer vision algorithms to extract meaningful information.

The processing of visual data would involve various tasks such as object detection, obstacle detection, and scene recognition. Object detection algorithms would help identify and locate specific objects in the environment, while obstacle detection algorithms would focus on detecting potential obstacles in the wearer's path. Scene recognition algorithms would help provide a broader understanding of the overall environment, including landmarks, navigation cues, and other contextual information.

Once the visual information was processed, the Smart Cap aimed to provide sensory feedback to the wearer. This feedback could be in the form of audio cues, tactile vibrations, or a combination of both. For example, the device could provide auditory alerts or spoken instructions to notify the wearer about obstacles or objects of interest. Tactile vibrations or haptic feedback could be used to convey directional information, indicating the wearer to turn left or right.

The Smart Cap also aimed to incorporate machine learning techniques to improve its performance over time. By continuously learning from user interactions and feedback, the device could adapt and refine its algorithms to better serve the needs of the wearer. This adaptive learning capability could contribute to increased accuracy in object detection, obstacle detection, and overall scene understanding.

In addition to its primary function of visual guidance, the Smart Cap might have included additional features to enhance the user experience. For instance, it could incorporate GPS capabilities to provide navigation assistance, voice recognition to enable voice commands, or connectivity options to interact with other smart devices or applications.

The proposed Smart Cap project had the potential to make a significant impact on the lives of visually impaired individuals. By providing real-time visual guidance and sensory feedback, the device aimed to increase mobility, improve safety, and enhance independence for users. However, it's important to note that since my knowledge cutoff is September 2021, I may not have access to specific details or updates regarding the current status or progress of the Smart Cap project beyond that timeframe.

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The paper presents the project "Smart Electronic Gadget for Visually Impaired People" was proposed in 2017 by L. Sarojini, I. Anburaj, and R. Aravind. The aim of the project was to develop a smart electronic device that could assist visually impaired individuals in their daily lives by providing them with enhanced functionality and accessibility.

The proposed gadget was designed to be portable and wearable, allowing visually impaired individuals to carry it with ease and use it whenever needed. The device likely incorporated a combination of hardware components and software algorithms to provide a range of features and functionalities.

One of the key aspects of the gadget was its ability to detect obstacles and provide navigation assistance. It may have included sensors such as ultrasonic sensors or infrared sensors to detect objects or obstacles in the wearer's path. These sensors would gather information about the surrounding environment, and the device would use algorithms to process this data and provide feedback to the user. This feedback could be in the form of auditory alerts or vibrations, helping the wearer navigate safely and avoid obstacles.

Additionally, the gadget may have included features to aid in recognizing and identifying objects. It could utilize computer vision techniques, such as image recognition algorithms, to analyze images or captured video and provide information about the objects present in the visual field. This could include identifying common objects, reading text from signs or documents, or recognizing faces of familiar individuals. The device could then provide audio descriptions or feedback to the user, enabling them to interact with their surroundings more effectively.

The proposed gadget might have also included features to assist with accessing information. It could incorporate text-to-speech capabilities, allowing the device to convert written text into audible speech, thereby enabling visually impaired individuals to read books, articles, or other printed materials. The device could have connectivity options, such as Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, to access online resources or connect to other devices for additional functionality.

Furthermore, the smart electronic gadget may have incorporated features to enhance communication. It could include speech recognition capabilities, allowing visually impaired individuals to interact with the device through voice commands or to communicate with others through voice-based interfaces. This could facilitate easier and more efficient communication, both in personal interactions and in accessing information or services.

The proposed project aimed to provide visually impaired individuals with a versatile and intelligent electronic gadget that could address various challenges they face in their daily lives. By combining sensors, computer vision, speech recognition, and other technologies, the device aimed to improve mobility, accessibility, and overall independence for users. However, it's important to note that since my knowledge cutoff is September 2021, I may not have access to specific details or updates regarding the current status or progress of the Smart Electronic Gadget project beyond that timeframe.

The paper [6] "An Assistive System for Visually Impaired using Raspberry Pi" by Isha S. Dubey and Ms. Arundhati Mehendale, published in Volume 8, Issue 05 in May 2019, explores the development of an assistive system for visually impaired individuals using the Raspberry Pi platform.

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The objective of the project was to leverage the capabilities of the Raspberry Pi, a credit-card-sized single-board computer, to create a portable and affordable solution that could enhance the daily lives of visually impaired individuals.

The system likely consisted of a combination of hardware components and software algorithms. The Raspberry Pi served as the central processing unit, providing the necessary computational power and connectivity options. It also offered a variety of input and output interfaces, allowing for the integration of sensors, cameras, and audio devices. The article likely discussed the specific hardware setup employed in the project.

It may have included components such as a camera module to capture visual information, ultrasonic sensors to detect obstacles, and audio devices for providing feedback to the visually impaired user.

The software aspect of the project was also crucial. The authors may have implemented computer vision algorithms to process the visual data captured by the camera module. These algorithms could have involved tasks such as object detection, facial recognition, and text recognition. By analyzing the visual information, the system aimed to provide relevant auditory or tactile feedback to the user, helping them understand their surroundings and interact with the environment more effectively.

The article might have detailed the development process, including the programming languages, libraries, and frameworks utilized to build the system. It may have discussed the challenges encountered during implementation and the strategies employed to overcome them.

Additionally, the authors may have conducted user studies or evaluations to assess the effectiveness and usability of the assistive system. They might have gathered feedback from visually impaired individuals to understand how the system improved their daily lives, and the limitations or areas for improvement that were identified.

The publication may have also discussed the limitations of the system and proposed potential future enhancements or expansions. For instance, it might have suggested incorporating additional sensors or integrating with other assistive technologies to further enhance the functionality and usability of the system.

Overall, the article likely provided a comprehensive overview of the development of an assistive system for visually impaired individuals using the Raspberry Pi. It demonstrated the potential of low-cost, accessible technologies to address the challenges faced by visually impaired individuals, ultimately aiming to improve their independence, mobility, and quality of life.

CHAPTER 3

PROPOSED SYSTEM

3.1 OBJECTIVE

The objective of the "Smart Cap for Visually Impaired People" is to convert images into audible speech, allowing visually impaired individuals to access visual information in their environment. The cap captures images using an embedded camera and processes them using image recognition and OCR algorithms. The text within the images is extracted using OCR technology. The extracted text is then converted into audible speech using a TTS engine. The spoken output is delivered to the wearer through integrated speakers or headphones. The objective is to provide real-time access to visual information, empowering visually impaired individuals to navigate and interact with their surroundings more independently.

3.2 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The primary expected output of the Smart Cap is the conversion of captured text into spoken words. This enables visually impaired individuals to access and understand the textual information present in their environment. By providing real-time auditory output, the Smart Cap assists visually impaired individuals in accessing important information, such as reading menus, identifying street signs, recognizing product labels, or accessing written documents. It empowers them to navigate their surroundings more independently and make informed decisions based on the textual content available.

CHAPTER 4

METHODOLOGY

The complete working of the proposed system can be divided into different modules which are as follows:

OCR: OCR, or Optical Character Recognition, is a technology that enables the extraction of text from images or scanned documents. It uses sophisticated algorithms to identify and interpret characters, words, and sentences. By analysing the visual patterns and shapes of the text, OCR software can convert the image-based text into editable and searchable digital text. OCR is widely used in various applications, including document digitization, data entry automation, text extraction from images, and accessibility tools for visually impaired individuals. It plays a crucial role in enabling the conversion of physical documents into digital formats, facilitating easier editing, searching, and analysis of textual content.

gTTS: gTTS, or Google Text-to-Speech, is a Python library that allows you to generate speech from text using Google's TTS API. It provides a simple way to convert written text into spoken audio. With gTTS, we can create audio files in various formats, such as MP3 or WAV, from any text input. The library offers customization options for language selection, speech speed, and output file settings. It is commonly used in applications that require text-to-speech functionality, such as voice assistants, audio book generators, and speech-enabled applications. gTTS simplifies the integration of text-to-speech capabilities into Python projects, enabling developers to add spoken output to their applications easily.

To perform image-to-speech conversion using OCR and gTTS on a Raspberry Pi with a camera, the following steps can be taken. First, capture an image using the Pi camera. Next, utilize an OCR library, such as Tesseract, to extract text from the image. The extracted text can then be passed to gTTS, which will convert the text into an audio file. The gTTS library provides options to customize the speech output, such as language selection and speech speed. Once the audio file is generated, it can be played back using a suitable audio player on the Raspberry Pi. This combined approach enables visually impaired individuals to have printed text read aloud to them, enhancing accessibility and convenience. The Raspberry Pi's computational power, camera module, and the OCR and gTTS libraries make it an ideal platform for implementing image-to-speech conversion functionality.

Flow chart:

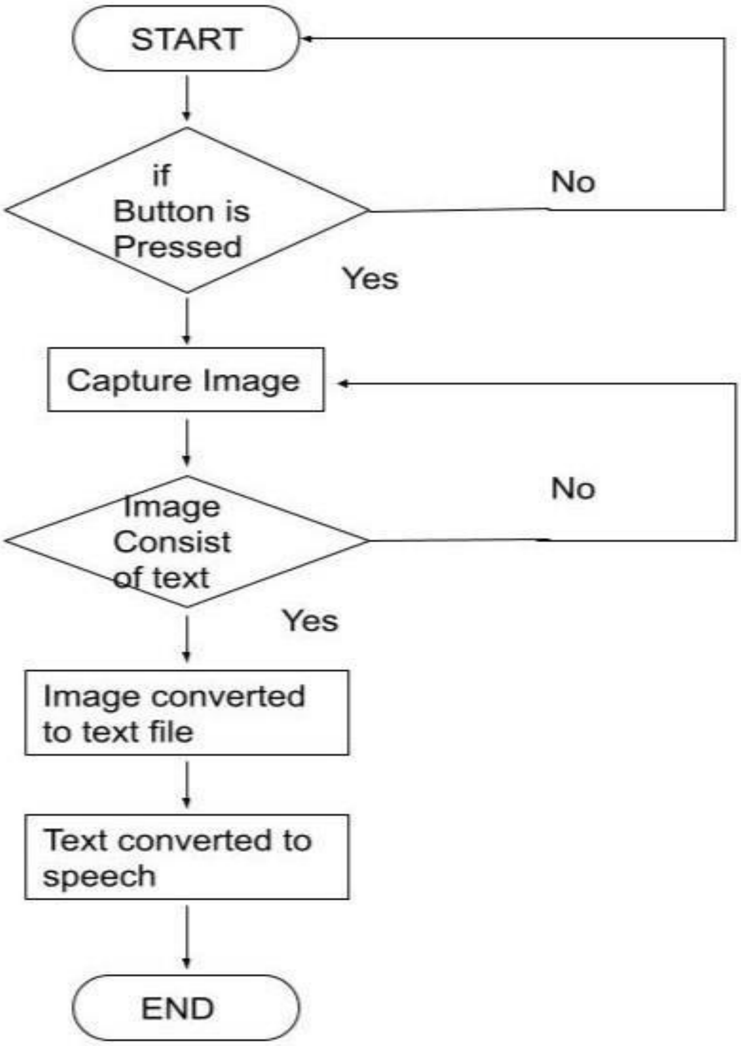

Fig 4.1 Flow chart of the model.

The above Fig 4.1 flow chart shows a process begins by pressing the button to capturing an image of the printed text using a camera integrated into the cap. The captured image is then processed using an OCR algorithm, such as Tesseract, which extracts the text from the image. This extracted text is passed to the gTTS library, which converts it into an audio file containing the spoken representation of the text. To initiate the conversion, a button on the cap is pressed, triggering the image capture and processing sequence. Once the audio file is generated, it is played back through speakers or headphones, allowing the visually impaired user to hear the contents of the printed text. The smart cap, equipped with the necessary hardware and software components, provides a portable and convenient solution for visually impaired individuals to access and comprehend printed information effectively.

Input module: we are used camera as the input module to capture the image.

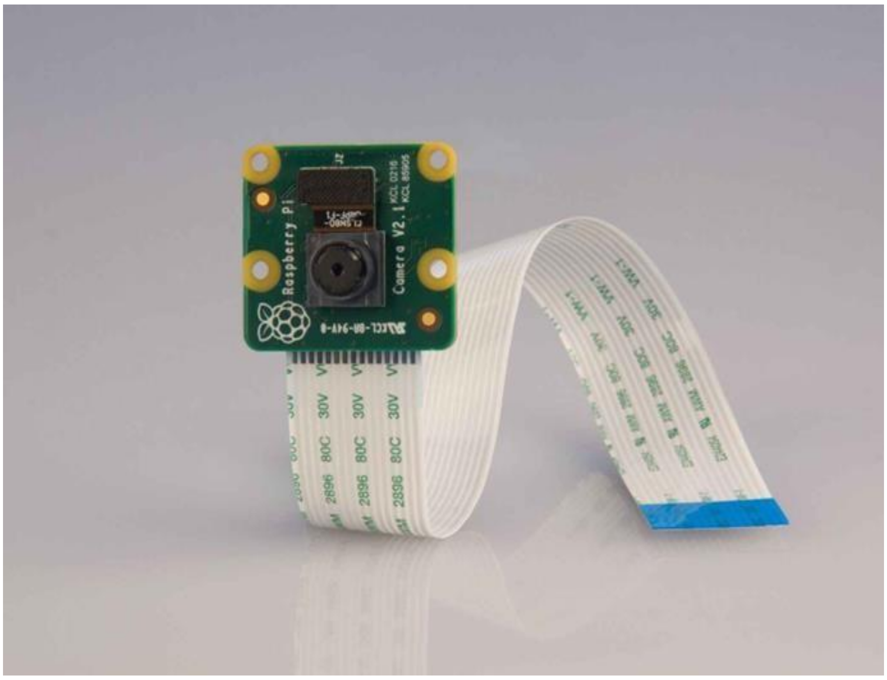

Fig 4.2 Camera Module.

The above Fig 4.2 is Camera Module of Raspberry Pi 3 B+, it is a popular single-board computer known for its versatility and wide range of applications. One of its key features is its compatibility with various camera modules, including the 8-megapixel camera module. This camera module is specifically designed for the Raspberry Pi and offers high-resolution imaging capabilities. It utilizes an 8-megapixel sensor, which allows for detailed and sharp images. The camera module connects to the Raspberry Pi via a dedicated CSI (Camera Serial Interface) port, ensuring a reliable and efficient data transfer. It supports both still image capture and video recording, making it suitable for various projects such as surveillance systems, robotics, and computer vision applications. The camera module can be easily controlled and accessed using programming languages like Python, allowing developers to integrate it seamlessly into their projects. With its compact size and affordable price, the Raspberry Pi 3 B+ with the 8-megapixel camera module provides an accessible solution for capturing high-quality images and videos in a wide range of applications.

Pi Camera module is a camera which can be used to take pictures and high-definition video. Raspberry Pi Board has CSI (Camera Serial Interface) interface to which we can attach Pi Camera module directly. This Pi Camera module can attach to the Raspberry Pi's CSI port using 15-pin ribbon cable.

<u>Output module</u>: We are used Earphone as the output module to get voice from the device.

Fig 4.3 Earphone

The above Fig 4.3 shows Wired earphones consist of two earbuds that are connected to each other through a cable. The cable terminates in a standard audio jack, usually a 3.5mm or 2.5mm plug, which can be inserted into the audio output port of the device. The earbuds of wired earphones are equipped with small speakers, also known as drivers, which convert electrical signals into sound waves. The cable of wired earphones is typically made of durable materials like rubber or fabric to ensure longevity and prevent tangling. Some wired earphones feature in-line controls and a built-in microphone, allowing users to adjust volume, play/pause audio, skip tracks, and answer calls without needing to access the connected device. Wired earphones do not require batteries or charging, as they draw power directly from the audio source.The sound quality of wired earphones can vary depending on the brand, model, and price range. Higher-end models often feature better drivers and advanced audio technologies, providing clearer and more accurate sound reproduction. Wired earphones offer a more stable and reliable connection compared to wireless alternatives, as they are not subject to interference or signal loss. They are compatible with a wide range of devices, including smartphones, tablets, computers, gaming consoles, and music players, as long as the device has a corresponding audio jack. Wired earphones are generally lightweight and portable, making them easy to carry in pockets or bags. Some wired earphones come with additional accessories like different-sized ear tips or ear hooks to provide a comfortable and secure fit for different users.

<u>Switching Modules</u>: Switches are used in the system in order to overcome the emergency. Manual Switch 1 is used in case of an emergency situation in which the person needs help. By clicking this his/her location will be automatically delivered to the saved contacts so that necessary action may be taken. This is the manual alert system. On the other hand, Manual switch, 2 is used to disassociate the system in case of incorrect initiation of the message.
we are using button as the switching module to on/start the camera.

Fig 4.4 Switching Module

The above Fig 4.4 is a switching module, like Buttons are physical or virtual devices used to activate or control a function or action. They are often small, circular or square-shaped objects that can be pushed, clicked, or pressed. Buttons are commonly found on electronic devices such as smartphones, computers, televisions, and remote controls. They may also be used in the context of clothing or fashion, such as buttons on a shirt or coat. Buttons can be made of a variety of materials including plastic, metal, or glass and may have symbols or text on them to indicate their function or purpose. Some examples of common buttons include power buttons, volume buttons, play/pause buttons, and navigation buttons. Buttons are widely used in various applications, such as consumer electronics, appliances, automotive systems, and industrial control panels. They serve as input devices to initiate specific actions or functions, such as turning on/off devices, selecting options, or triggering events.

4.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

Fig 4.1.1 System Architecture

The system has a simple architecture that transforms the visual information captured using a camera to voice information using Raspberry Pi. The input device like mic, push button and camera module. This camera module take input from user while output devices like speaker gives the audio output to the user.

4.1.1 Software Requirements:

Software requirement specification is a document that captures complete description about how the system is expected to perform. It is usually signed off at the end of requirements engineering face.

- Operating System: Raspbian OS.
- Windows Operating system 2007 or above.
- os- Used to interact with the operating system.
- pytesseract- Used to extract text from images or documents.

- gTTS- Python library that allows you to convert text to speech using Google Text-to-Speech API.
- Python Language 3.6 or above.

4.1.2 Hardware Requirements:

Hardware specification means the minimum technical specifications and configuration that must be met by the hardware in order to ensure the correct operation of the software, as set out in the documentation.

- Raspberry pi Kit
- Pi camera
- Earphone/Speaker
- Power Supply(5v)
- Button

➢ Hardware implementation:

To implement a hardware solution for visually impaired people using the hardware components, we can create a system that assists with object recognition and provides audio feedback.

1) Raspberry Pi Kit: The Raspberry Pi serves as the central processing unit for the system. Connect the necessary peripherals to the Raspberry Pi, such as the Pi camera, earphones/speaker, and button.
2) Pi Camera: Connect the Pi camera module to the Raspberry Pi. This camera will be used to capture images of the surroundings and provide visual input for object recognition.
3) Earphone/Speaker: Connect earphones or a speaker to the Raspberry Pi. This will be used to provide audio feedback and instructions to the visually impaired user.
4) Power Supply: Connect a 5V power supply to the Raspberry Pi to provide the necessary power for the system. Make sure the power supply is compatible with the Raspberry Pi's requirements.
5) Button: Connect a button to the Raspberry Pi as an input mechanism for triggering the object recognition and feedback process. The visually impaired user can press this button to initiate the system's functionality.

By integrating these components and implementing the necessary software, you can create a system that captures images using the Pi camera, processes them for text recognition, and provides audio feedback through the connected earphones or speaker. The button serves as a user input to activate the system's functionality. This hardware setup, combined with appropriate software implementation, can assist visually impaired individuals by providing auditory information about the detected text or character, helping them to understand the concept or information in the real-time environment more effectively.

Operation of Smart cap device, the following steps can be followed:

Step 1: Press the button

User have to press the button whenever he wants to read the test so it helps to capture the image and continue the process.

Step 2: Capture Image

When the button is pressed, use the Pi camera to capture an image of the environment.

Step 3: Text/Character Recognition

In this step the captured image is processed using OCR techniques. Utilize libraries like pytesseract to identify text or characters in the image.

Step 4: Audio Feedback

Convert the identified text or character into audio feedback. For example, using text-to-speech libraries or pre-recorded audio files, provide spoken descriptions about the text detected in the scene.

Step 5: Output to Earphones/Speaker:

Play the audio feedback through the connected earphones or speaker so that the visually impaired person can hear and understand the environment.

Step 6: Repeat the process if user needed.

Continuously repeat the process so that the system can provide real-time feedback as the user moves or encounters new texts/characters.

To assist visually impaired individuals, a hardware system can be implemented using a Raspberry Pi kit along with a Pi camera, earphone/speaker, power supply, and button. The user starts by pressing the button, which triggers the system. The Pi camera captures an image of the surroundings when the button is pressed. This image is then processed using OCR techniques, such as pytesseract, to identify text or characters within the image. The identified text or characters are converted into audio feedback using text-to-speech libraries or pre-recorded audio files. The audio feedback is played through the connected earphones or speaker, providing spoken descriptions to the user. This process can be repeated as needed, allowing real-time feedback as the user encounters new texts or characters in their environment. Overall, this hardware setup enables visually impaired individuals to receive auditory information about their surroundings, aiding in navigation and reading tasks.

4.2 Block Diagram:

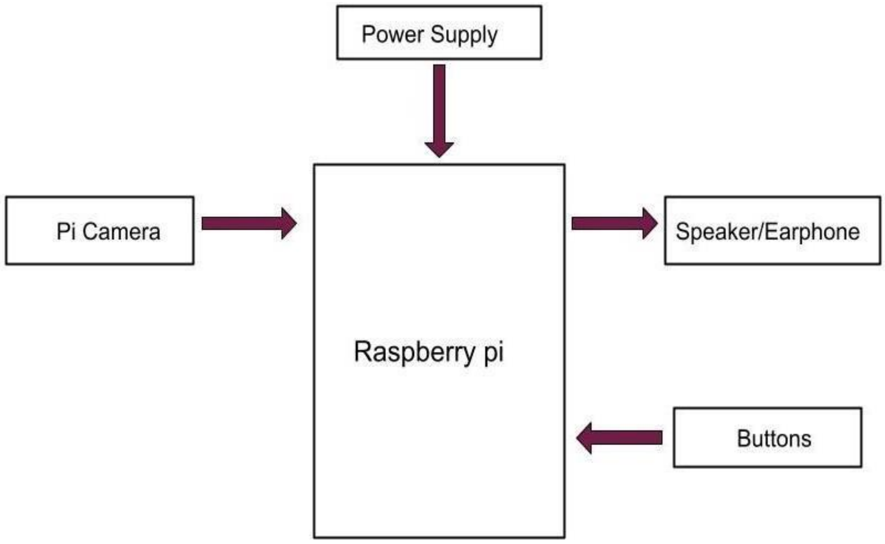

Fig 4.2.1 Block diagram

The above block diagram represents the systematic flow of the hardware implementation designed to assist visually impaired individuals. The block diagram includes power supply, pi camera, Raspberry pi, Buttons, Speakers/Earphones.

The process begins when the user triggers the system by pressing the button. This input mechanism serves as the user's interaction point and initiates the functionality of the hardware setup. Upon receiving the button press, the Raspberry Pi, acting as the central processing unit, is activated.

The Pi camera, connected to the Raspberry Pi, captures images of the environment upon activation. It serves as the eyes of the system, capturing visual information that will be used for text/character recognition. The camera enables the system to perceive the surrounding world as images, enabling subsequent analysis and interpretation.

The captured images are then processed for text/character recognition. This processing step involves utilizing OCR techniques, such as libraries like pytesseract. OCR algorithms analyse the images to identify and extract text or characters present in the scene. This recognition capability is crucial for converting visual information into a format that can be understood and interpreted further. The identified text or characters are subsequently converted into audio feedback, facilitating auditory perception for visually impaired individuals.

Text-to-speech libraries or pre-recorded audio files are employed to transform the recognized text into spoken descriptions or information. This audio feedback serves as a means of conveying the visual information to the user through the sense of hearing.

To deliver the audio feedback, earphones or a speaker are connected to the Raspberry Pi. The audio output device plays the converted audio feedback, allowing visually impaired individuals to perceive and understand the environment through spoken descriptions. This auditory channel provides crucial information about the surroundings, enabling users to navigate and interact with their environment more effectively.

The power supply ensures that the Raspberry Pi and all connected components receive a stable power source. This uninterrupted power flow is essential for the reliable and continuous operation of the hardware setup. A 5V power supply is typically used to meet the power requirements of the Raspberry Pi and the connected peripherals.

In summary, this hardware implementation offers a comprehensive system for visually impaired individuals. The user interaction starts with pressing the button, activating the Raspberry Pi and initiating the image capture by the Pi camera. The captured images are then processed for text/character recognition, which is subsequently converted into audio feedback. This feedback is played through the earphones or speaker, providing spoken descriptions of the surroundings. The power supply ensures a consistent power source for all components. Altogether, this setup empowers visually impaired individuals by providing them with real-time audio information about their environment, enhancing accessibility, and promoting greater independence.

CHAPTER 5

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Raspberry pi:

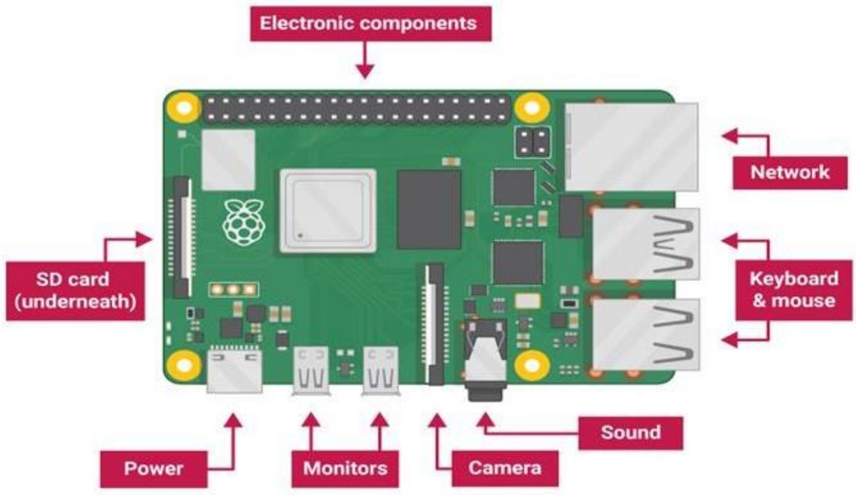

Fig 5.1 Raspberry pi

The Raspberry Pi is a popular and versatile single-board computer that offers a wide range of functionalities for various projects and applications. It is designed to be affordable, compact, and energy-efficient, making it accessible to a broad user base, including hobbyists, educators, and professionals.

The Raspberry Pi board features several ports and connectors that allow to connect peripherals, expand functionality, and interact with the physical world. Understanding these ports and their capabilities is crucial for utilizing the full potential of the Raspberry Pi.

1) **GPIO (General-Purpose Input/Output) Pins:**

   The GPIO pins are one of the most powerful and flexible features of the Raspberry Pi. These pins allow you to interface with external components, including sensors, actuators, LEDs, and more. The Raspberry Pi typically has a 40-pin GPIO header, providing digital and analog input/output capabilities.

   GPIO pins can be programmed and controlled using various programming languages, making them ideal for prototyping, electronics projects, and physical computing applications. By connecting sensors and actuators to these pins, you can gather data from the environment and control devices accordingly.

2) USB Ports:

The Raspberry Pi typically includes multiple USB ports, enabling you to connect a wide range of USB devices. USB ports are commonly used for connecting keyboards, mice, USB storage devices, webcams, Wi-Fi adapters, and other peripherals.

USB devices are supported by the Raspberry Pi's operating system and can be easily configured and accessed. They provide a convenient and standardized method for expanding the capabilities of the Raspberry Pi, allowing you to interact with various input devices and connect external storage or communication devices.

3) HDMI Port:

The HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) port on the Raspberry Pi allows you to connect the board to a monitor, TV, or other display devices. This port supports high-definition video and audio transmission, enabling you to use the Raspberry Pi as a media center, digital signage solution, or desktop computer.

By connecting the Raspberry Pi to a display via HDMI, you can interact with the graphical user interface (GUI), play videos, view images, and run applications that require visual output. It provides a seamless and high-quality display experience.

4) Ethernet Port:

The Ethernet port on the Raspberry Pi allows you to establish a wired network connection. By connecting an Ethernet cable from your router or network switch to the Raspberry Pi, you can access the internet, communicate with other devices on the network, and transfer data with high reliability and stability.

The Ethernet port provides a fast and reliable networking option, making it suitable for applications that require consistent and low-latency network connectivity. It is particularly useful for tasks such as web browsing, remote access, file sharing, and server applications.

5) Audio/Video Jack:

The 3.5mm audio/video jack on the Raspberry Pi allows you to connect headphones, speakers, or composite video devices. This port provides audio output for playing sound and also supports composite video output, which can be useful for connecting the Raspberry Pi to older displays or TVs that do not have HDMI input.

By connecting headphones or speakers, you can play audio from the Raspberry Pi, such as music, system sounds, or audio output from applications. The composite video output allows you to display the Raspberry Pi's screen on older TVs or monitors that lack an HDMI input, enabling backward compatibility.

6) **Camera Serial Interface (CSI):**

The CSI port on the Raspberry Pi is a specialized interface designed for connecting a camera module, such as the official Raspberry Pi Camera or compatible camera modules. This port allows you to capture high-quality images and videos directly from the Raspberry Pi.

By attaching a camera module to the CSI port, you can utilize the Raspberry Pi for photography, computer vision projects, video surveillance, and more. The camera interface is optimized for high-speed data transfer.

5.2 Raspberry pi communication set-up:

1) **USB CABLE**

Fig 5.2.1 USB cable

The Raspberry pi can be powered and programmed using a USB cable. The cable can be connected to a computer or a USB power source. The fig 5.2.1 shows USB cable used to connect raspberry pi.

The Raspberry pi board can be connected to a computer or other devices using a USB cable. The cable you need is a standard USB Type-A to USB Type-B cable, also known as a USB 2.0 cable.

2) **JUMPER WIRES**

Jumper wires are electrical wires used to create a temporary electrical connection between two points on a breadboard, circuit board, or other electronic component. Jumper wires are typically made of stranded copper wire with insulation coating, which makes them flexible and easy to manipulate. the Fig 5.2.2 shows the wires used for connection to raspberry pi.

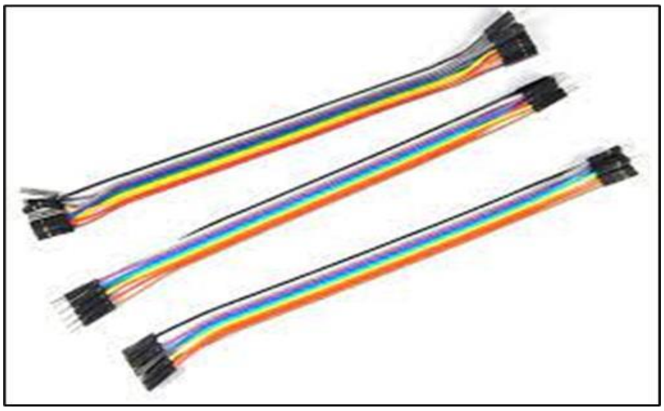

Fig 5.2.2 Jumper wires

There are several types of jumper wires available, including:

1. Male-to-Male Jumper Wires: These have male headers on both ends, which are used to connect two female sockets or pins.

2. Female-to-Female Jumper Wires: These have female sockets on both ends, which are used to connect two male pins or headers.

3. Male-to-Female Jumper Wires: These have a male header on one end and a female socket on the other end, and are used to connect male pins or headers to female sockets or pins.

4. Alligator Clip Jumper Wires: These have alligator clips on both ends, which are used to connect to components with exposed leads.

5. Banana Plug Jumper Wires: These have banana plugs on both ends, which are used to connect to components with banana jack sockets.

Jumper wires come in various lengths, colors, and gauges, and are an essential component of prototyping and testing electronic circuits.

5.3 Power Supply to Raspberry pi

Fig 5.3 Power supply to Raspberry pi**.**

The above Fig 5.3 shows the Power supply connection to raspberry pi.

power supply requirements for the Raspberry Pi

1) Power Requirements:
   - The Raspberry Pi 3 B+ typically requires a 5V DC (Direct Current) power supply.
   - The recommended minimum power rating for the power supply is 2.5A (Amperes). However, if you plan to connect power-hungry USB devices, a higher-rated power supply might be needed.

2) Micro USB Connector:
   - The Raspberry Pi 3 B+ uses a micro USB connector for power input.
   - The micro USB port is located on the board, usually labeled "PWR IN" or "Power."
   - Ensure that the power supply you use has a suitable micro USB cable to connect to the Raspberry Pi 3 B+.

3) Power Source:
   - The Raspberry Pi 3 B+ can be powered from various sources, including:
   - USB power adapters: You can use USB chargers with a minimum rating of 2.5A.
   - Power banks: Portable power banks designed for charging smartphones or other devices can also power the Raspberry Pi.

- DC power supply: If you have a 5V DC power supply with a suitable connector, it can be used to power the Raspberry Pi.

4) Power Stability:
   - It is crucial to provide a stable power supply to the Raspberry Pi 3 B+.
   - Ensure that the power supply provides a steady 5V output without significant voltage drops or spikes.

5) Power Indicator:
   - The Raspberry Pi 3 B+ has a power LED indicator that illuminates when the board is receiving power.
   - When the power supply is connected and providing sufficient power, the LED should turn on.

5.4 Interfacing Buttons to Raspberry pi

Fig 5.4 Button to raspberry pi connection.

The above Fig 5.4 shows the general overview to interface buttons with a Raspberry Pi:

1) Choose the Button:
   - Select the type of button to use, such as a momentary push button or a toggle switch. Ensure it meets your project requirements.

2) Connect the Button:

- Connect one terminal of the button to a GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output) pin on the Raspberry Pi.
- Connect the other terminal of the button to the ground (GND) pin on the Raspberry Pi.

3) Write the Code:
   - Begin by importing the necessary libraries for GPIO control. In Python, user can use the RPi.GPIO library.
   - Set up the GPIO pin as an input, specifying the pin number and the pull-up or pull-down resistor configuration.
   - Create a loop that continuously reads the GPIO pin state. When the button is pressed, the GPIO pin will change state, allowing user to trigger an action or event in the code.

5.5 Interfacing Camera to Raspberry pi

Fig 5.5 Camera to Raspberry pi

The above Fig 5.5 Interfacing a camera with a Raspberry Pi allows you to capture images and videos, opening up a wide range of possibilities for projects involving computer vision, surveillance, photography, and more.

interface a camera with a Raspberry Pi:

1) Choose a Compatible Camera:
   - Raspberry Pi supports various camera modules, including the official Raspberry Pi Camera Module and other compatible third-party cameras.

- Select a camera module that suits your requirements in terms of resolution, image quality, and features.
- Ensure that the camera module is compatible with specific Raspberry Pi model.

2) Enable Camera Interface:
   - By default, the camera interface (called the "Camera Serial Interface" or CSI) is disabled on the Raspberry Pi.
   - To enable the camera interface, access the Raspberry Pi Configuration settings using the command sudo raspi-config.
   - Navigate to the "Interfacing Options" menu and enable the camera interface.
   - Reboot the Raspberry Pi to apply the changes.

3) Connect the Camera:
   - Carefully connect the camera module's ribbon cable to the CSI connector on the Raspberry Pi.
   - Make sure the cable is inserted correctly, with the contacts facing the HDMI port.
   - Secure the cable in place by gently pressing down the connector's locking tab.

4) Test the Camera:
   - After connecting the camera module, you can test it using the raspistill or raspivid command-line utilities.
   - Open a terminal and enter the command raspistill -v -o test.jpg.
   - This command captures a still image and saves it as "test.jpg" in the current directory.
   - If the camera is functioning correctly, it should see a preview window briefly, followed by the captured image.

5) Develop Camera Applications:
   - use programming languages like Python to interact with the camera module and develop custom applications.
   - Various libraries and frameworks are available for camera integration, such as the Picamera library for Python.

- Refer to the documentation and examples provided by the camera module manufacturer or official Raspberry Pi resources for specific code samples and tutorials.

5.6 Interfacing Headphones/Speaker to Raspberry pi.

Fig 5.6 Interfacing Headphones/Speaker to Raspberry pi.

The above Fig 5.6 shows Interfacing Headphones/Speaker to Raspberry pi. General overview of how to interface headphones or speakers with a Raspberry Pi:

1) Identify the Audio Output:
   - Determine the audio output options available on your Raspberry Pi model. The most common audio output options are the 3.5mm audio jack and HDMI.

2) 3.5mm Audio Jack:
   - If Raspberry Pi has a 3.5mm audio jack, user can directly connect headphones or speakers to it.
   - Simply plug the 3.5mm audio connector from users headphones or speakers into the audio jack on the Raspberry Pi.

3) HDMI Audio Output:
   - To use HDMI as the audio output, connect the Raspberry Pi to an HDMI-enabled display or audio receiver that has built-in speakers or a headphone output.
   - The audio will be automatically routed through the HDMI connection, and user can connect headphones or speakers to the audio output of the display or audio receiver.
4) USB Audio Adapter (optional)
   - If Raspberry Pi doesn't have a 3.5mm audio jack or HDMI output, than use a USB audio adapter.
   - Plug the USB audio adapter into one of the USB ports on the Raspberry Pi.
   - Connect headphones or speakers to the audio output of the USB audio adapter.

5) Configure Audio Output:
   - Depending on Raspberry Pi operating system and configuration, need to adjust the audio settings to ensure the correct output.
   - Open the audio settings on the Raspberry Pi and select the appropriate audio output device (e.g., 3.5mm jack, HDMI, or USB audio adapter).
   - Make sure the volume level is adjusted properly to avoid any distortion or damage to the headphones or speakers.

6) Test the Audio:
   - Play an audio file or use a multimedia application to test the audio output.
   - Ensure that the sound is coming through the connected headphones or speakers and that the volume level is appropriate.

It's important to note that the specific steps may vary depending on the Raspberry Pi model, operating system, and audio configuration settings. Make sure to refer to the documentation and guides provided with your Raspberry Pi and audio devices for detailed instructions on connecting and configuring audio output.

5.7 VNC SERVER CONNECTION

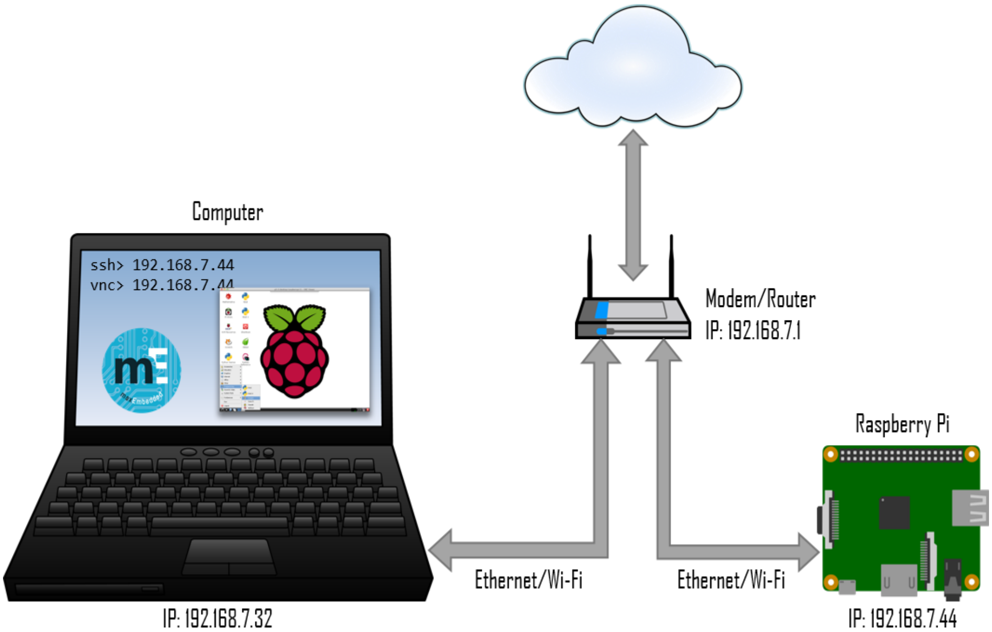

Fig 5.7.1 VNC Server connection over the IP.

The above Fig 5.7.1 shows the VNC Server connection over the IP. VNC (Virtual Network Computing) is a remote desktop protocol that allows to access and control a computer remotely over a network. VNC employs a client-server communication protocol that transmits graphical screen updates from the VNC Server to the VNC Viewer. This protocol reduces the amount of data transferred over the network by sending only the changes made to the screen rather than transmitting the entire desktop with each update.

VNC offers various features to enhance the remote desktop experience. These include options for scaling and resizing the remote desktop display to fit the local screen, clipboard sharing between the local and remote systems for easy data transfer, and the ability to customize keyboard and mouse input behaviour to match the user's preferences.

To establish a VNC Server connection over the IP (Internet Protocol), need to follow these general steps:

1. Set up the VNC Server:

- Install a VNC Server software on the computer you want to access remotely.
- Configure the VNC Server settings, such as security options, authentication, and access permissions.

2. Configure Network and Firewall Settings:
    - Ensure that both the VNC Server computer and the client computer are connected to the same network or have network connectivity.

3. Connect to the VNC Server:
    - Install a VNC Viewer software on the client computer
    - Launch the VNC Viewer application.
    - Enter the IP address of the VNC Server computer that you noted down earlier.
    - If necessary, specify the port number (default is 5900) if the VNC Server is using a different port.
    - Click on the "Connect" or "Connect to" button to establish the connection.

4. Authenticate and Control the VNC Server:
    - If the VNC Server requires authentication, enter the appropriate credentials (username and password) when prompted by the VNC Viewer.
    - Once authenticated, Client should gain remote control of the VNC Server's desktop.
    - Client can interact with the VNC Server computer as if you were physically present, accessing files, running applications, and performing tasks remotely.

The exact steps may vary depending on the specific VNC software and operating systems you are using. It's recommended to refer to the documentation or user guides provided by the VNC Server and VNC Viewer software for detailed instructions on configuration and connection.

One of the significant advantages of VNC is its platform independence. VNC is available for various operating systems, including Windows, macOS, Linux, and even mobile platforms like Android and iOS. This cross-platform compatibility allows users to connect to VNC Servers from different devices, providing flexibility and convenience. VNC is a widely used remote desktop protocol that enables users to access and control computers remotely over a network. With its cross-platform compatibility, efficient screen updates, and customizable features, VNC provides a convenient and flexible solution for remote access and administration. By ensuring proper security measures, users can leverage VNC to remotely manage computers, collaborate with others, and access resources from virtually anywhere.

Commands used in raspberry pi:

Fig 5.7.2 Basic Pi Command line-1

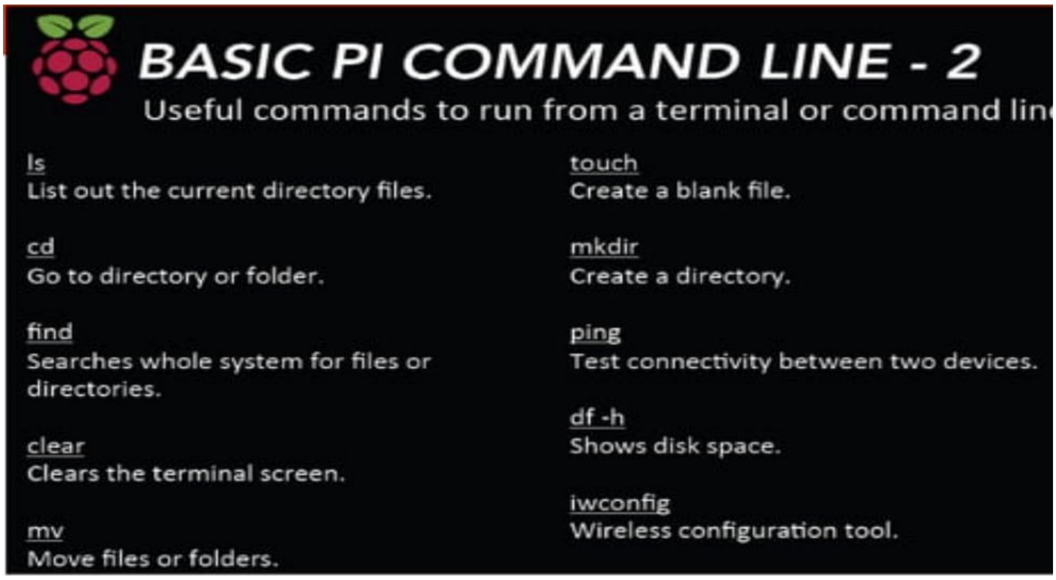

Fig 5.7.3 Basic Pi Command line-2.

The above figure 5.7.3 shows the basic commands used in the raspberry pi. These are help to install libraries and list of documents in the directory and set-up raspberry pi.

Here are some basic commands for using the Raspberry Pi (Pi) in brief:

1. `ls`: List files and directories in the current directory.

   Example: ls or ls -l (to display detailed information)

2. `cd`: Change directory.

   Example: cd /home/pi (to navigate to the "/home/pi" directory)

3. `pwd`: Print the current working directory.
4. `mkdir`: Create a new directory.

   Example: mkdir mydirectory (to create a directory named "mydirectory")
5. `rm`: Remove files and directories.

   Example: rm myfile.txt (to remove a file named "myfile.txt")

   Example: rm -r mydirectory (to remove a directory and its contents)
6. `cp`: Copy files and directories.

   Example: cp myfile.txt /home/pi (to copy "myfile.txt" to the "/home/pi" directory)
7. `mv`: Move or rename files and directories.

   Example: mv myfile.txt newfile.txt (to rename "myfile.txt" to "newfile.txt")

   Example: mv myfile.txt /home/pi
8. `nano`: Open the nano text editor to create or edit files.

   Example: nano myfile.txt (to create or edit "myfile.txt" using the nano editor)
9. `sudo`: Execute a command with superuser (root) privileges.

   Example: sudo apt-get update (to update the package lists using root privileges)
10. `ifconfig`: Display network interface configuration.

    Example: ifconfig (to view network interface information)

These are just a few basic commands to get started with the Raspberry Pi. There are many more commands available for various purposes, including package management, network configuration, system monitoring, and more.

Commands executed in raspberry pi:

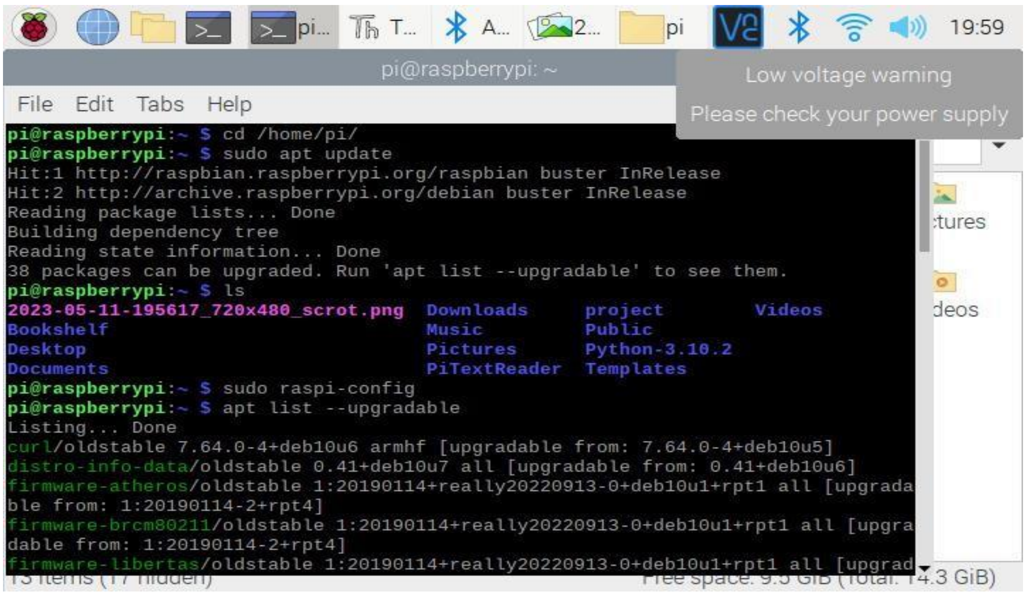

Fig 5.7.4 Basic Pi Command line-1 execution in command prompt.

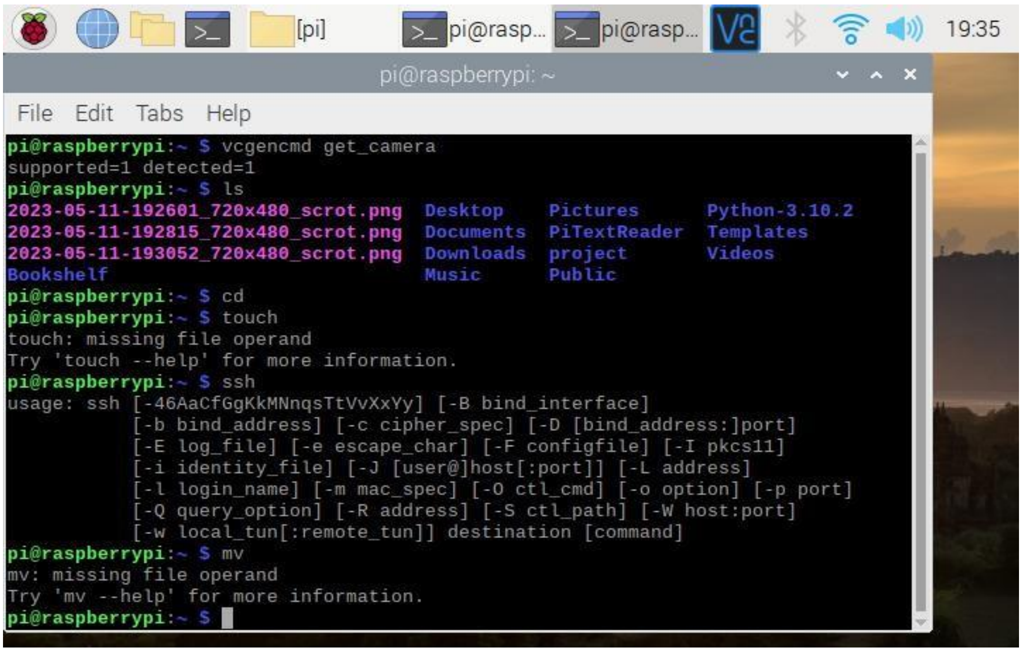

Fig 5.7.5 Basic Pi Command line-2 execution in command prompt.

The above figures 5.7.4 and 5.7.5 show the execution of basic commands in the command prompt of the raspberry pi.

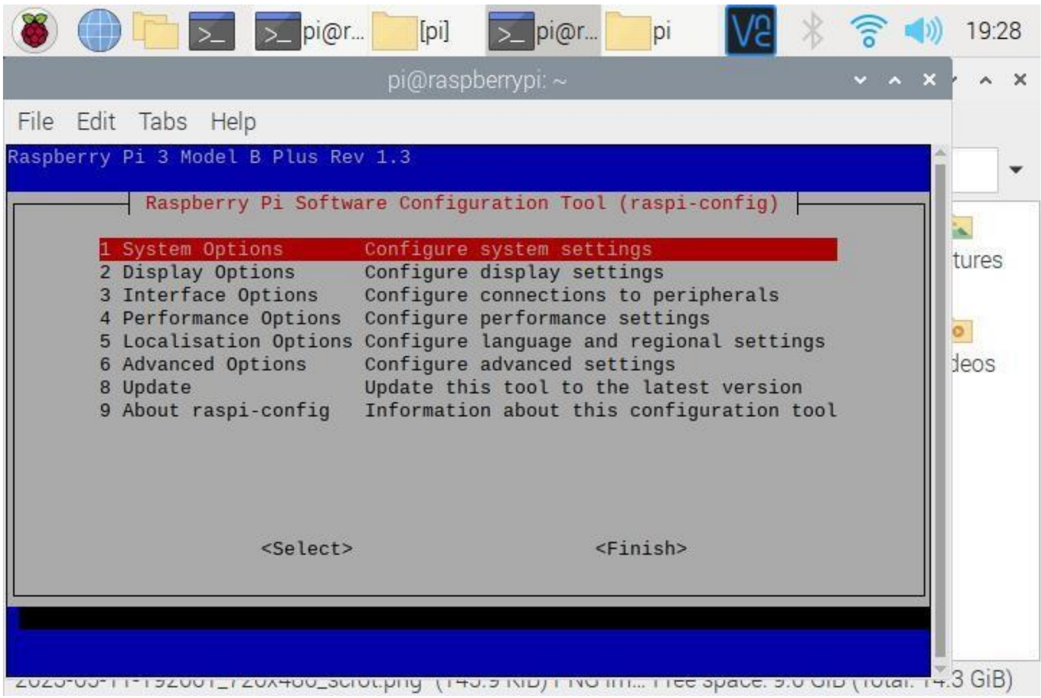

Fig 5.7.6 Connect raspberry pi to Wi-Fi.

The above figure 5.7.6 shows that VNC employs a client-server communication protocol that transmits graphical screen updates from the VNC Server to the VNC Viewer and set up the configuration on raspberry pi.

CHAPTER 6

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Fig 6.1 Smart cap

Figure 6.1"Smart Cap" on which raspberry pi, pi camera and ultra-sonic sensor and two buttons are mounted. The raspberry pi is connected to Ultra-sonic sensor, Pi camera and to the speaker and also, to the buttons.

Figure 6.2 Smart Cap with Text Detection

Figure 6.2 there is the "Smart Cap" that does the text detection. The image of the text is captured using pi camera and is saved in server. After the processing the image the text is converted to speech and output is given in the form of voice.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

7.1 CONCLUSION

The implementation of the proposed system “Smart cap for visually impaired people” has various benefits for the users. The system has a simple architecture that transforms the visual information captured using a camera to voice information using Raspberry Pi. The system consists of a Raspberry Pi-3B+ processor which is loaded with open cv, NumPy, text-to-speech synthesizer, speech recognition. It is an open-source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs. The proposed system is cheap and configurable.

Our project helps the people listening to the content of the text image who are visually impaired or illiterate. It can also be used by any person who wants to listen to the content of the image instead of reading the content of the image.

7.2 FUTURE SCOPE

The technologies behind smart caps are upgrading day by day. And our model ensures one thing that is making the task of moving of a blind person easy and comfortable. The cap is also very light and handy to carry. And the components or parts that we used in the cap are also easily available and less in cost. And besides all that the manufacturing cost is also quite low, that makes the smart cap affordable for people of all class and age. In future, if further improvement and investment is carried out with the smart cap then it will be an even more effective device for the future world. Some of the techniques in which this device can be modified can be, more sensors can be used for further application, additional Image processing can be used for image to text conversion, GPS tracker can be used for location. Android application can be developed. High resolution camera can be used.

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