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Introduction to Project

- In traditional classroom settings, attendance tracking is often a **time-consuming and error-prone** process. **Manual roll calls** can lead to inaccuracies, proxy attendance, and wasted instructional time. This project aims to revolutionize student attendance management by leveraging machine learning to automate the process using a group photo of the class.

- The system utilizes advanced facial recognition techniques to **detect and identify students** present in the image. By eliminating the need for manual roll calls or biometric devices, this system provides a seamless, efficient, and non-intrusive method of attendance tracking.

- Additionally, this project enhances administrative efficiency by generating automated attendance reports and integrating with existing learning management systems (LMS). The system is designed to be scalable, allowing institutions to implement it across multiple classrooms with **minimal setup**. With privacy and security as key considerations.

Problem Statement

- Traditional student attendance methods, such as manual roll calls and biometric systems, are inefficient, time-consuming, and prone to errors. **Manual attendance tracking can lead to issues such as proxy attendance, human errors, and disruption of classroom sessions.** Biometric systems, while automated, often require physical contact or additional hardware, making them inconvenient and susceptible to hygiene concerns.

- To address these challenges, there is a need for an automated, contactless, and accurate attendance system that **minimizes human intervention while ensuring reliability**. This project aims to develop a machine learning-based attendance system that **utilizes facial recognition to identify students in a group photo of the class.**

- The proposed solution will **reduce the administrative** burden on educators, prevent fraudulent attendance marking, and enhance classroom management by providing seamless, real-time attendance tracking. Additionally, it will be **scalable and adaptable to various classroom environments**, ensuring a practical and effective approach to student attendance automation.

Objectives of the project

1. **Automate Attendance Tracking** – Develop a machine learning-based system that accurately records student attendance using a group photo, eliminating the need for manual roll calls.
2. **Enhance Accuracy and Efficiency** – Utilize facial recognition and deep learning techniques to ensure high accuracy in student identification, even under varying lighting conditions and poses.
3. **Prevent Proxy Attendance** – Implement a secure recognition mechanism to prevent fraudulent attendance marking, ensuring only present students are recorded.
4. **Reduce Administrative Burden** – Minimize the effort required from educators by automating attendance logging and report generation.
5. **Ensure Scalability and Adaptability** – Design the system to be adaptable for different classroom sizes, institutions, and integration with existing Learning Management Systems (LMS).
6. **Maintain Privacy and Security** – Ensure student data is securely stored and used solely for attendance purposes, complying with privacy regulations.
7. **Provide Real-Time Reporting** – Enable instant generation of attendance reports, allowing educators to track student participation over time.

Requirements of the system (Hardware, software)

Hardware

- **Processor**: Intel Core i5/i7 (or AMD equivalent) with GPU support for ML model training
- **RAM**: 4GB
- **Storage** (Optional): 50GB+ free space (for datasets, model storage)
- **GPU** (Optional): NVIDIA RTX 3060/3080 or Tesla T4 (for faster model training)
- A suitable camera

Software

For Machine Learning:

- **Operating System**: Windows 10/11
- **Programming Language**: Python 3.x
- **Deep Learning Frameworks**: TensorFlow /Keras, PyTorch
- **Libraries & Tools**: NumPy, Pandas, DeepFace, OpenCV, Google Vision API, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn
- **Model Deployment**: Flask (for integrating ML model into web app)
- **Database**: MongoDB (storing patient data)

For Website:

- **Frontend Technologies**: CSS, JavaScript, React.js
- **Backend Technologies**: Flask (Python-based)
- **API Integration**: REST API (for ML model communication with web app)

Literature Survey

Sr. No	Link	Title	Year	Abstract	Learnings
1	Link	Attendance Marking System Using Face Recognition **Authors:**G. Thilagavathi1* , N. K. Karthikeyan1 , S. Kavin Kumar1 and A. Harish Kumar	2020	Marking attendance manually is time-consuming and prone to proxy issues, especially in large classrooms. While biometric-based attendance systems exist, they often lack reliability. Our project focuses on analyzing and evaluating recent face recognition-based attendance techniques. r an automated attendance system using facial recognition with an integral validation process to enhance reliability. This system aims to improve efficiency, accuracy, and security in attendance tracking, reducing manual effort and ensuring authenticity in student presence records.	**1.Improve Dataset Collection:** Instead of 30 static images, use real-time video frames for dataset creation. **2.Use Hybrid Face Recognition** (LBPH + CNN for Better Accuracy): While Local Binary Pattern Histogram (LBPH) is lightweight.

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2	Link	Attendance System Using Face Recognition and Detection **Authors:** Vaishnav Santosh, Mayank Panbude	2024	This study proposes the implementation of an attendance system using face recognition and detection. The system aims to provide a convenient and accurate method for recording attendance in various settings, such as classrooms or workplaces. The system can identify individuals and automatically mark their attendance, reducing the need for manual record-keeping and minimizing errors. The integration of detection technology ensures reliability by distinguishing between live faces and photographs, enhancing the security and integrity.	**1.Improve Accuracy with Preprocessing**: Apply histogram equalization and image normalization to handle lighting variations **2.Use Robust Face Detection Models**: Implement YOLO or SSD for better face detection in group images.. **3.Leverage Deep Learning for Recognition**: Fine-tune a CNN model (e.g., VGG-16 or ResNet) to detect faces in group photos.

Literature Survey

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3	Link	Automated Attendance Marking and Management System by Facial Recognition Using Histogram **Authors:**Jenif W.S. D'Souza; S. Jothi; A. Chandrasekar	2019	This system automates student attendance marking using facial recognition technology, replacing traditional manual methods. It captures and processes student images, matches them with stored records, and updates attendance in the database. This approach reduces workload, saves time, and simplifies attendance management.	**1.Implement Anti-Spoofing Features:** Depth Estimation (Ensure the face is 3D, not a flat image). Infrared Scanning (Detects real skin vs. printed photos). **2.Upgrade Data Storage for Scalability** Instead of a basic local database, use Firebase, PostgreSQL, or MongoDB for real-time updates.Enable cloud synchronization for multi-classroom support.

Literature Survey

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4	Link	Class Attendance Management System using Facial Recognition **Authors**:Clyde Gomes, Sagar Chanchal, Tanmay Desai and Dipti Jadhav	2020	This proposed system aims to develop an automated system that records the student's attendance by using facial recognition technology. Faces will be recognized using face recognition algorithms. The processed image will then be compared stored record and then attendance is marked in the database accordingly. **This proposed system will be implemented with 4 phases such as Image Capturing, Segmentation of group image and Face Detection, Face comparison and Recognition, Updating of Attendance in database.**	**1.Model Selection**: DeepFace, FaceNet, or Google Vision API for facial recognition. **2.Handling Misrecognition**: Students request attendance correction if not detected. **3.Data Augmentation for Better Recognition**: augmentation techniques lighting correction, rotation, noise reduction

Proposed System

Captures a Classroom Group Photo(4-5 images)

Uploads to the Website/App

Model Detects and Recognizes Students

Yes

returns a list of recognized students

Attendance is Marked Automatically

Notifies student

No

Student Requests Attendance ('pending')

Teacher Reviews Attendance Requests

Accepted

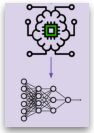
Rejected

Student Registration

Joins a Classroom

Student Uploads Face Images for Training(minimum-20)

Model is trained on the images



Stored in Database

Proposed Design

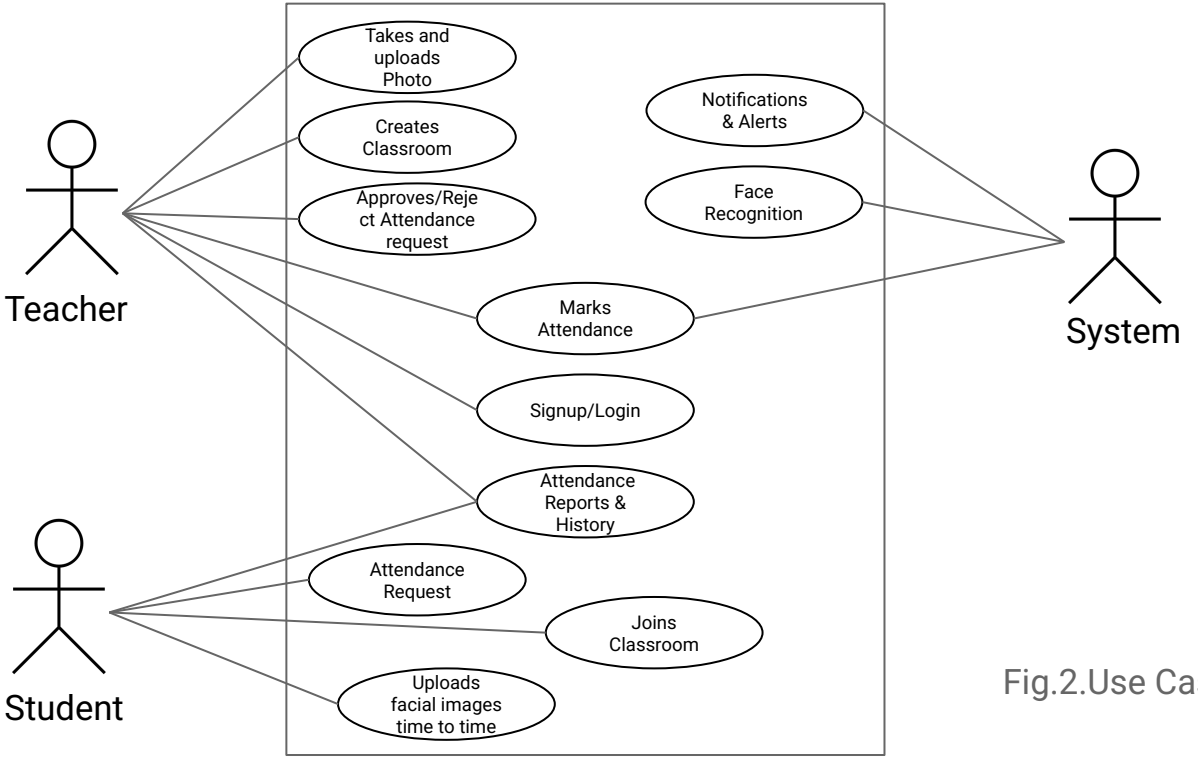


Fig.2.Use Case Diagram

Proposed Design

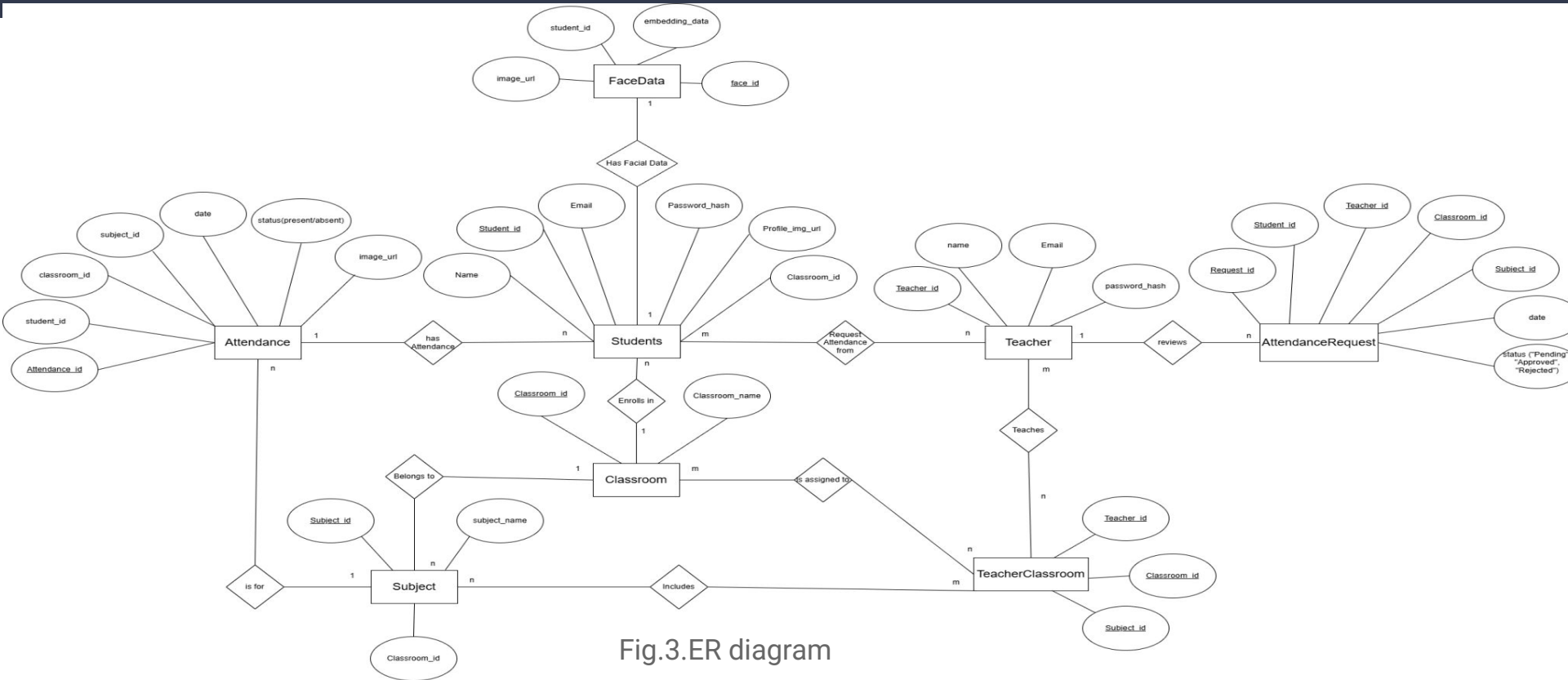


Fig.3.ER diagram

Proposed Design

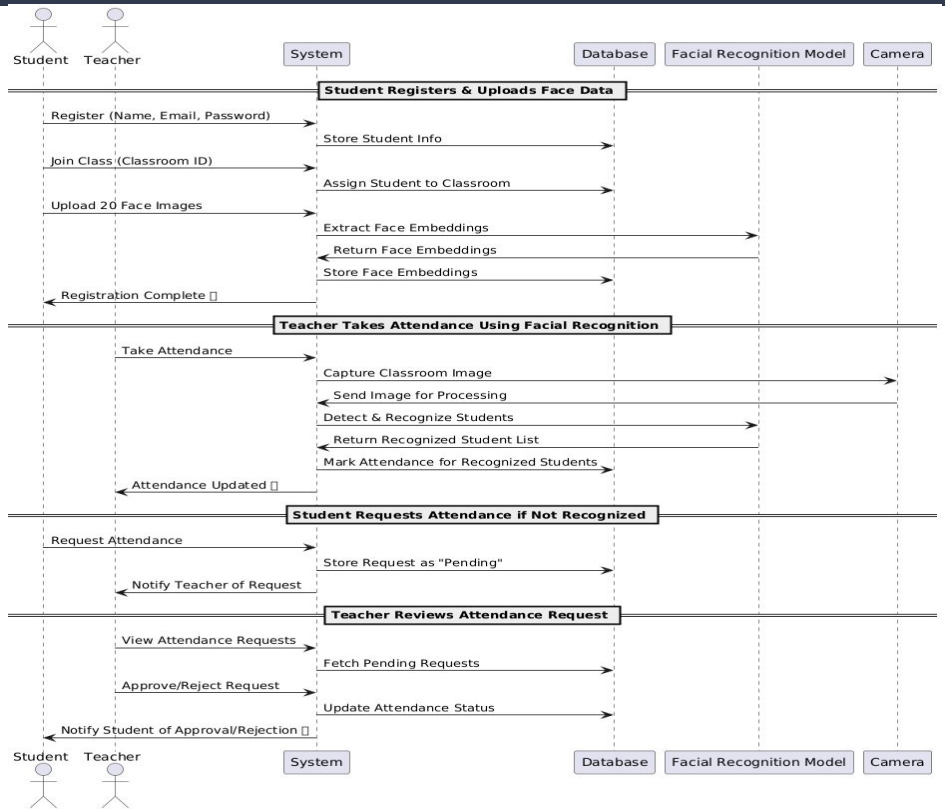
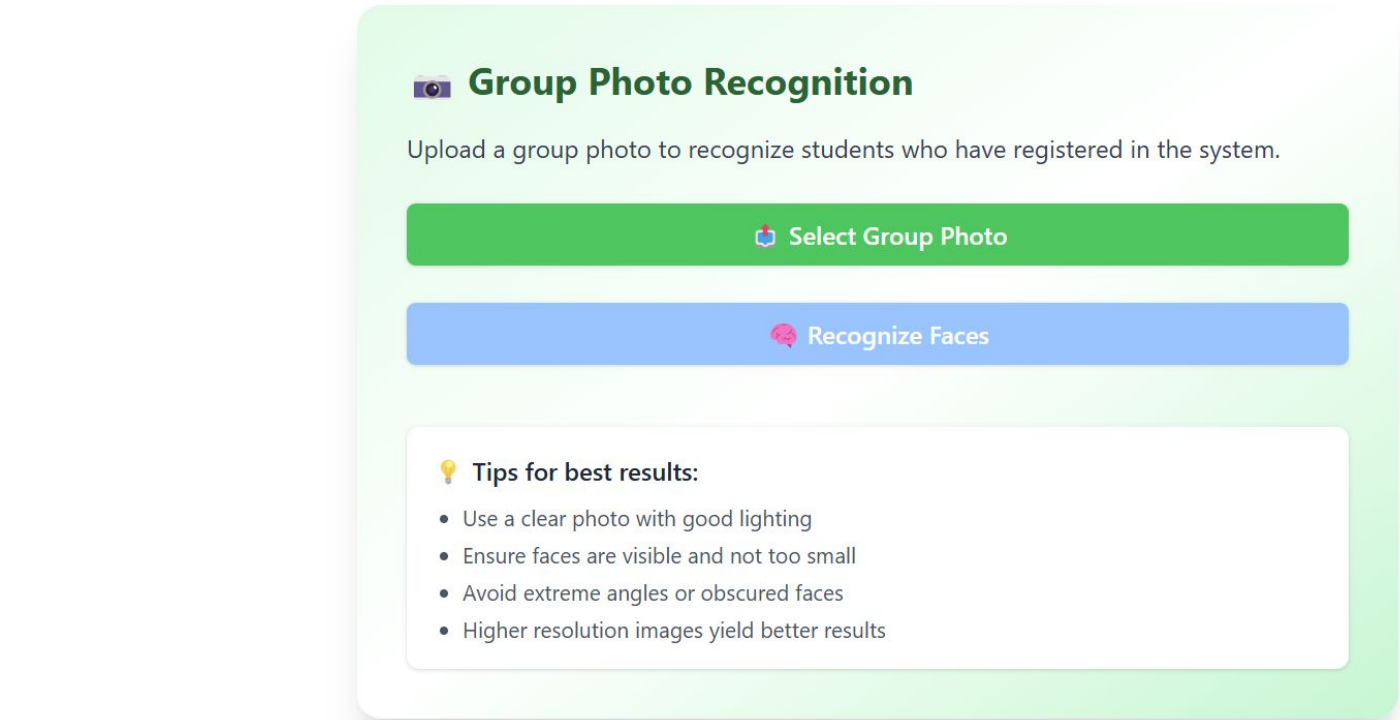


Fig.4.Sequential Diagram

Implementation



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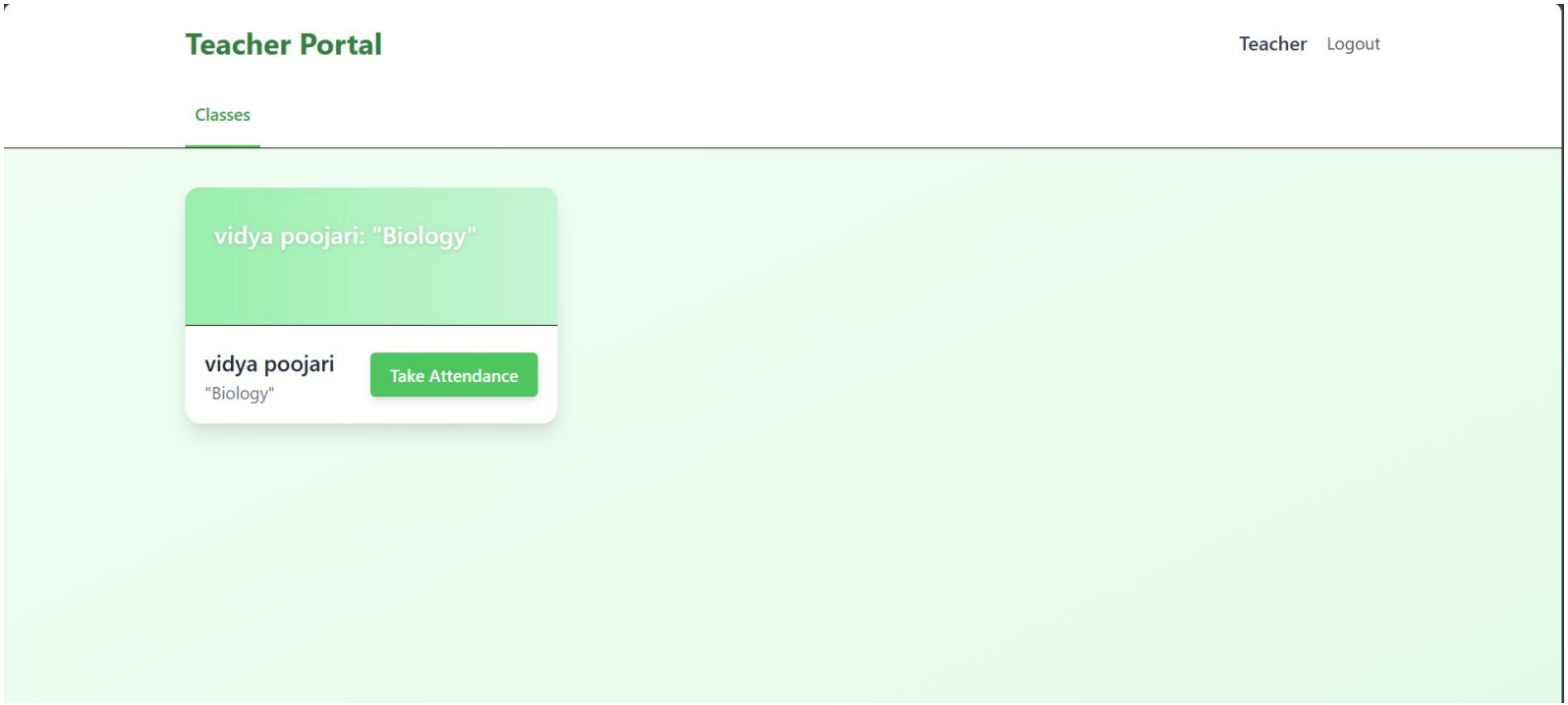

Result Analysis

- **Face Detection Accuracy (92%) –** Ensures that faces in the group photo are correctly identified.
- **Face Recognition Accuracy (81.25%) –** Measures how well the system correctly identifies students.
- **False Positive Rate (18.75%) –** The likelihood of marking an absent student as present.
- **False Negative Rate (8%) –** The likelihood of missing a present student.
- **Overall System Accuracy (74.75%) –** The expected performance of the entire attendance system.

Factors Affecting Accuracy

High Accuracy Scenarios:

- Good lighting conditions – Accuracy ~80%
- Proper face alignment – Frontal images improve recognition.
- High-resolution images – Better facial feature extraction.

⚠️ **Reduced Accuracy Scenarios:**

- Low-light or overexposed images – Accuracy drops to ~40%.
- Occlusions (e.g., masks, glasses, hands covering face) – Can cause false negatives (~70% accuracy).
- Extreme head angles or partially visible faces – May result in missing faces (~80% accuracy)

The proposed system significantly reduces attendance time from minutes to seconds

Thus, the project is highly effective and can be a practical replacement for traditional attendance methods with proper implementation and testing

Conclusion

- The proposed machine learning-based attendance system provides an innovative and efficient solution to the challenges associated with traditional attendance tracking methods. By leveraging facial recognition and deep learning, the system ensures accurate, contactless, and automated student identification using a group photo. This approach significantly reduces manual effort, minimizes errors, and prevents proxy attendance, enhancing overall classroom management.

- Additionally, the system's scalability and adaptability make it suitable for various educational institutions, allowing seamless integration with existing Learning Management Systems (LMS). With a strong emphasis on privacy and security, the solution ensures that student data is protected while maintaining a smooth and reliable attendance process.

- By implementing this technology, institutions can streamline administrative tasks, improve attendance accuracy, and create a more efficient learning environment. This project represents a step forward in digital transformation for education, demonstrating how AI and machine learning can enhance academic operations while simplifying routine tasks.

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Publications (if any)

1. Technical Feasibility

Feasible – The required technologies are well-established, open-source, and easily accessible. However, ensuring high accuracy in real-world scenarios (e.g., lighting conditions, occlusions, and image quality) requires robust model training and fine-tuning.

2. Economic Feasibility

Feasible – Since open-source frameworks (OpenCV, TensorFlow, etc.) can be used, costs remain manageable. Educational institutions may need to invest in storage and computing power for scalability.

3.Operational Feasibility

Feasible – Implementation requires an initial setup for data collection and training, but once deployed, the system operates with minimal human intervention.

4. Legal & Ethical Feasibility

⚠️ **Partially Feasible –** Proper security measures (e.g., data encryption, anonymization) must be in place to ensure ethical and legal compliance

5. Social & User Acceptance Feasibility

Feasible – Can be accepted if implemented with clear privacy policies and user education.

The project is **technically, economically, and operationally feasible**, given the availability of open-source tools and low-cost implementation. However, **legal and ethical concerns** must be addressed to ensure user trust and compliance with data privacy laws.