

**THE ML COMMUNITY PROJECT**  
**An Engineering Project in Community Service**

**Final Report**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Designed for the blind and low vision community, this research project harnesses the power of AI to describe people, text, and objects. This project brings together the power of AI to deliver an intelligent system designed to help you navigate your day. Point your phone's camera, select a channel, and hear a description of what the AI has recognized around you.

With its intelligent system, just hold up your camera and hear information about the world around you. Our system will speak short text as it appears in front of the camera, provide audio guidance to capture a printed page, and recognize and narrate the text.

- Recognize and locate the faces of people you're with.
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Our project will be an extended work of real-time object detection. We will implement real-time object detection using COCO API, which detects the object on live video stream and converts the objects to speech, and give a gist of where the object is.

## **1.1 Motivation**

The main motivation for choosing this project is to help the visually impaired people who were facing day-to-day problems in society. Too frequently, blindness affects a person's ability to self-navigate the outside well-known environments and even simply walk down a crowded street. It affects a person's ability to perform job duties and also activities outside of the workplace, such as sports as well as academics. Many of these social challenges limit a blind person's ability to meet people, and this only adds to low self-esteem.

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## 1.2 Objective

The project's aim is to help visually impaired people by using real-time object detection in a live video stream, converting the detected object to speech, and describing the position of the object. Apart from this, we will also implement the image-to-speech conversion. Mainly, Deep Learning will be used for Implementation. We will create a user interface to merge both modules. We will discuss the progress made leading up to the current development scene and possible future enhancements that can serve as motivation for further work.

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## 2. Existing Work / Literature Review

We could find readily pre-trained models/projects

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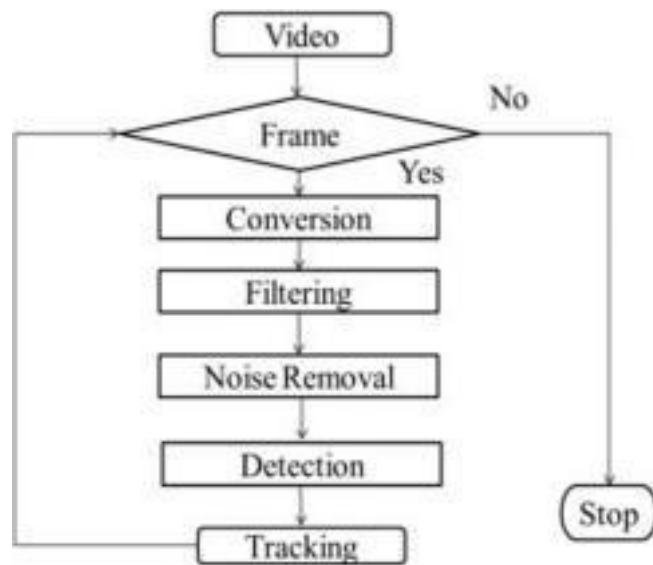
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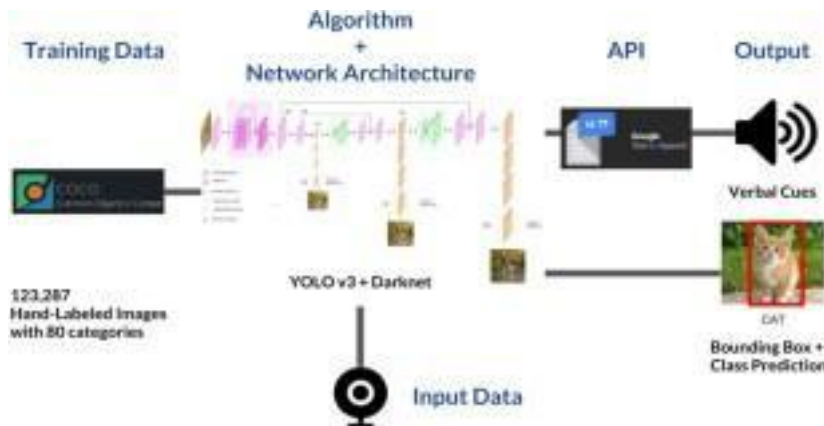
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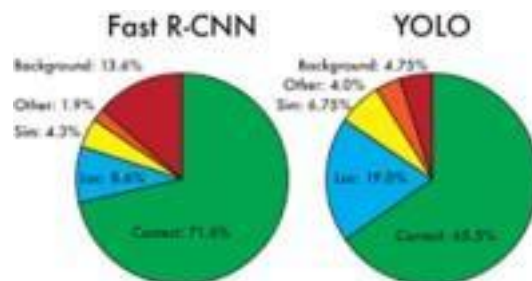
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With the help of open-cv and webcam, we will give the model input frames and run through yolo algorithm which detects objects using the bounding box method.



### Working Principle



The figure shows the difference between Fast RCNN and YOLO

Experimental results show that Fast R-CNN has better accuracy than the YOLO model but we will still prefer YOLO as it is extremely fast. We will simply run our neural network on a new image at a time to predict the detections. The objects which will be detected using the YOLO algorithm

will be then converted to speech using **gTTS** (*Google Text-to-Speech*), a Python library, and a CLI tool to interface with Google Translates text-to-speech API. The gtts convert the text into speech.

### Expected Results

The expected result would look like this :

## 4. TEAM CONTRIBUTION

- OM KRISHNA YADAV: In this project our main focus was to build the algorithm and train the dataset using the YOLO V3 model. All the data

that will be captured through the ESP32 camera and after the frame distribution, the most important part of the project, that is processing each frame to determine the object in the image is handled in this part. YOLO V3 model is the latest version of YOLO which is easy to use, fast and more accurate than other versions which let us process the image efficiently.

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- DEV GUPTA & VARDAAN VISHNU: In this project our main goal was to detect final objects from the processed image from the YOLO V3 model using the bounding box algorithm and OpenCV library. This object detection method is used for determining the objects in the image and then the image is sent to the YOLO model again for future processing.
- KARNATI SIVAMANIKANTA : He has worked on data collection and

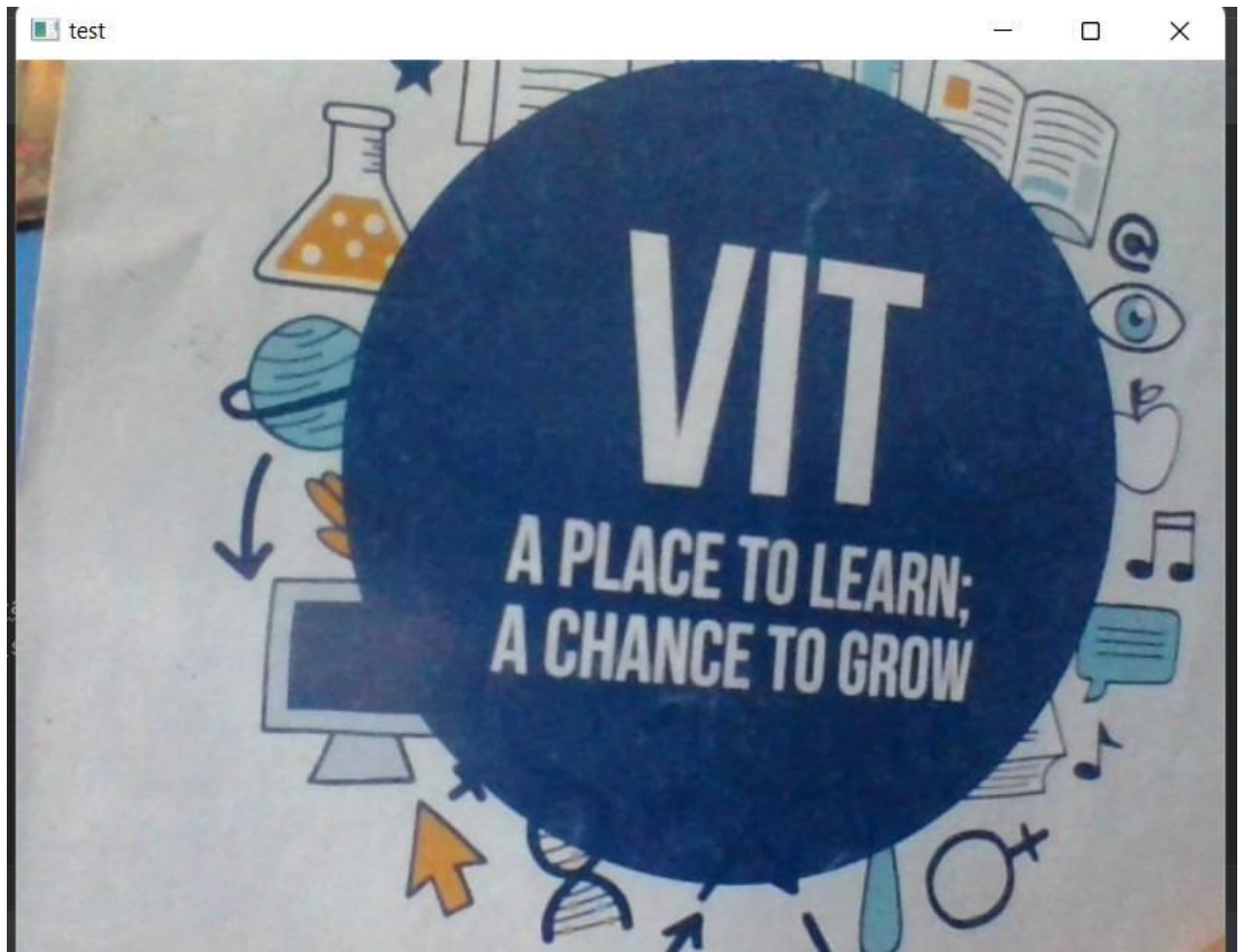


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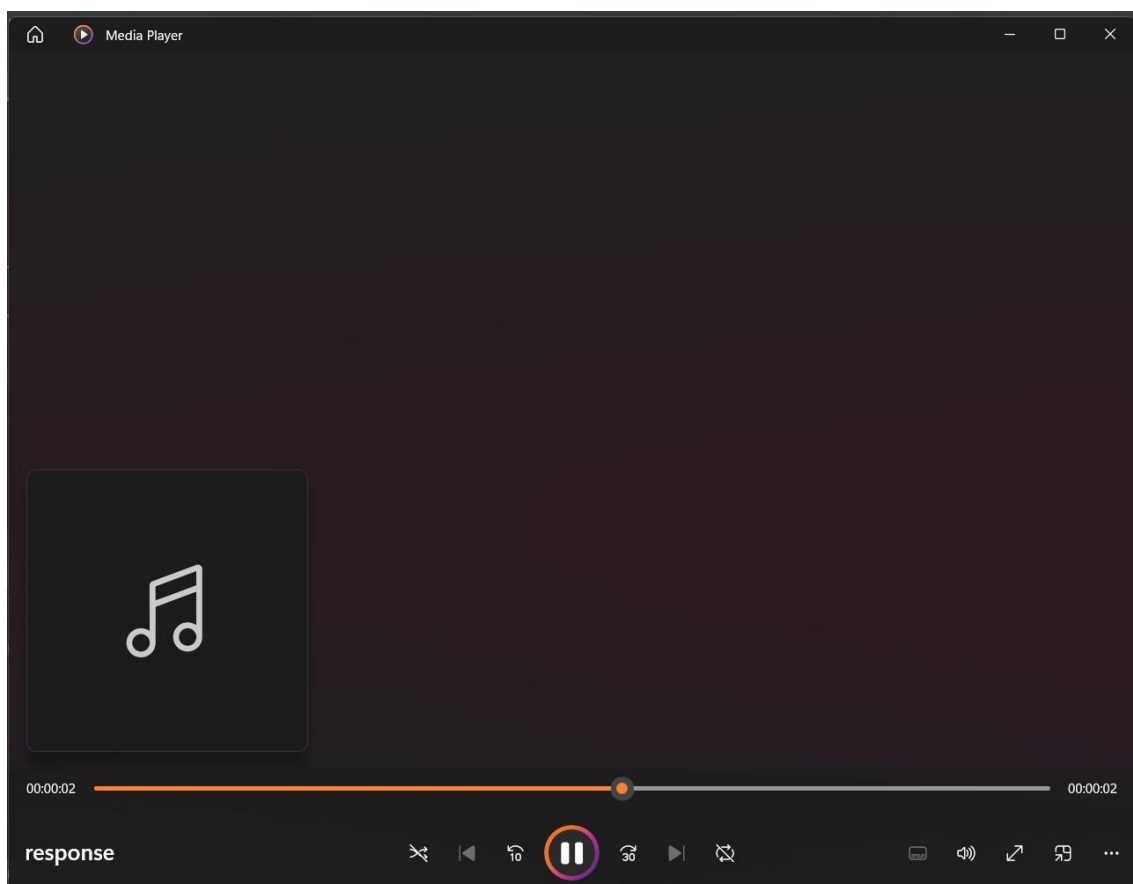


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