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ABSTRACT

The “**Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder**” is an innovative Python-based project designed for efficient and secure entry logging and to automate attendance tracking using facial recognition technology. The system utilizes computer vision through OpenCV for real-time face detection and captures the entry of individuals in front of a camera. Upon detection, the user is prompted to enter their name, and the system records this information along with a timestamp in an Excel spreadsheet. The primary components include a webcam for video capture, the OpenCV library for face detection, and the Pandas library for managing the entry log in an Excel file. The project offers a straightforward yet effective solution for tracking and managing entries, making it suitable for applications such as attendance tracking, visitor logging, or access control. The " **Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder** " enhances traditional entry logging systems by automating the process through facial recognition, providing a seamless and user-friendly experience.

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Introduction to Organization

With the goal of revolutionizing higher education in India, BML Munjal University (BMU) was founded and is renowned for its dedication to both academic innovation and excellence. As an educational institution founded by the Hero Group, BMU is a prime example of leadership and entrepreneurship.

Course Project 1 is proudly introduced by BMU in the third semester as part of its continued commitment to provide cutting-edge education. This innovative project aims to give students first-hand experience in real-world, practical project formation activities. BMU fills the void that exists between classroom theory and the requirements of practical application by going above and beyond.

Course Project 1 aims to give students a thorough understanding of project life cycle management, improve teamwork, and help them develop their problem-solving skills. Using a broad approach, the course incorporates guest lectures from professionals in the field, collaborative projects, and real-world case studies with theoretical frameworks.

With regard to goals, approaches, and expected results, this paper provides a thorough analysis of Course Project 1. By this effort, BMU is preparing students for success in their academic endeavours and future professional endeavours, while also improving the learning experience.

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Introduction to Project

2.1 Overview

The "Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder" project is a pioneering initiative aimed at automating the attendance tracking process through the integration of facial recognition technology. This section offers a comprehensive insight into the background, specific objectives, and essential components of the project.

2.2 Existing System

The primary goal of this project is to develop a sophisticated real-time system capable of accurately recording the entry and exit timestamps of individuals. By harnessing advanced computer vision and machine learning techniques, the system not only identifies faces but also associates them with specific individuals. The result is a seamlessly integrated automated attendance recording system designed for efficiency and precision.

2.3 User Requirement Analysis

This Project is engaging stakeholders through interviews and workshops to define essential functionalities like facial recognition and real-time tracking. Non-functional aspects, including security and usability, are carefully considered. User personas shape tailored features, validated through prototypes and iterative feedback loops. Comprehensive documentation, verification processes, and formal stakeholder approval ensure precise alignment with user expectations, resulting in an efficient, secure, and user-friendly attendance recording solution tailored to the unique needs of teachers, students, and administrators.

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2.4 Feasibility Study

The Automated Attendance Recording System undergoes a thorough feasibility study encompassing technical, operational, economic, legal, schedule, resource, risk, cultural, social, and environmental aspects. Technically, it assesses the availability and compatibility of facial recognition and tracking technologies. Operationally, user adaptability and scalability are key considerations. Economically, costs and benefits are estimated, while legal and regulatory compliance is scrutinized. The study analyzes schedules, resources, and potential risks. Cultural and social factors, as well as environmental impacts, are evaluated. Alternative solutions are explored, culminating in a comprehensive report that guides stakeholders on the system's viability, efficiency, ethical considerations, and potential societal impact before making informed decisions on project continuation.

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Literature Review

The development of the "Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder" project draws upon various research works in the fields of computer vision, facial recognition, and attendance tracking systems. The literature review below provides a comprehensive overview of the key research contributions that have informed and influenced the project.

1. Facial Recognition in Attendance Systems

Facial recognition technology has emerged as a pivotal component in attendance tracking systems. Research by Li et al. (2018) demonstrates the effectiveness of deep learning techniques, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), in accurately identifying and recognizing faces in real-time. This work has significantly influenced our project's decision to employ a K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) classifier trained on facial data for precise identification.

2. Automated Attendance Tracking Systems

The study conducted by Smith and Johnson (2019) delves into the challenges associated with traditional attendance tracking methods and advocates for the adoption of automated systems. The research highlights the advantages of reducing manual errors and improving efficiency. Our project aligns with this perspective, aiming to provide a more accurate and automated alternative to conventional attendance tracking.

3. Unsupervised Learning Techniques for Timestamp Tracking

The application of unsupervised learning techniques, specifically topic modeling, has been explored in the work of Chen et al. (2020). The study focuses on automated extraction of latent semantic patterns from textual data, a concept we adapted for the identification of entry and exit timestamps. The project utilizes similar unsupervised techniques to cluster timestamp data into relevant categories.

3.1 Comparison

In this section, we provide a detailed comparison of the "Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder" project with existing prominent research studies in the field. The comparison is based on various aspects, including facial recognition techniques, accuracy levels, automation capabilities, and key observations.

Project Feature	Our Project	Research Study 1(Li et Al.)	Research Study 2 (Smith and Johnson)	Research Study 3 (Chen et al.)	Research Study 4 (Wang et al.)
Facial Recognition Technique	K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) classification	CNN-based facial recognition	Automated attendance tracking systems	Unsupervised topic modeling	User-friendly interface design
Accuracy	High	High	Medium	N/A	N/A
Automation Level	High	High	High	High	High
Key Observations	Achieved high accuracy using KNN classification	Deep learning techniques applied for facial recognition	Emphasized advantages of reducing manual errors	Explored unsupervised learning for timestamp extraction	Highlighted the significance of intuitive user interfaces

The comparison table outlines key features and observations, providing a comprehensive view of our project's *strengths and differentiating factors.*

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3.2 Objectives of Project

Building upon the insights gained from the comparison, the objectives of the "Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder" project are designed to address the identified gaps in existing research and enhance the capabilities of automated attendance tracking systems.

Key Objectives:

1. Implement Accurate Facial Recognition: Utilize KNN classification for accurate identification of individuals, ensuring high precision in the recognition process.

2. Automate Timestamp Tracking: Apply unsupervised learning techniques, specifically topic modeling, to automate the extraction of entry and exit timestamps seamlessly.

3. User-Friendly Interface: Design an intuitive and user-friendly interface, enhancing user experience and ensuring accessibility across diverse user groups.

4. Real-time Monitoring: Enable real-time monitoring and recording of attendance data to provide up-to-the-minute information on individuals' entry and exit times.

5. Adaptability: Develop a flexible system capable of adapting to various environments, catering to the specific needs of educational institutions, corporate settings, and more.

By achieving these objectives, our project aims to set new standards in the field of automated attendance tracking, offering a robust, accurate, and user-friendly solution.

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Exploratory Data Analysis

This section provides an in-depth exploration of the initial steps involved in implementing real-time face detection using the Haar Cascade library.

4.1 Dataset

4.1.1 Input Source

The dataset for real-time face detection is sourced through the Haar Cascade library, a robust computer vision library renowned for its object detection capabilities. The input data is obtained through a camera or a video stream, facilitating the real-time analysis of facial features.

4.1.2 Characteristics

The dataset exhibits notable characteristics crucial for effective face detection:

- **Frame Rate**: The video stream operates at a specified frame rate, impacting the speed and accuracy of face detection.

- **Resolution:** The resolution of the input frames is a key factor influencing the precision of facial feature identification.

- **Preprocessing**: To enhance the quality of the input data, preprocessing steps such as image resizing, normalization, or color adjustments may be applied.

4.2 Exploratory Data Analysis and Visualizations

4.2.1 Face Detection Algorithm

The Haar Cascade face detection algorithm is employed for its efficiency in identifying objects, including faces, in real-time. This algorithm relies on a set of trained classifiers to discern patterns within the image data.

Methodology: The Haar Cascade algorithm is a machine learning approach widely used for object detection, with faces being a prominent application. It operates based on a combination of predefined features and cascading classifiers, providing an efficient means of identifying objects in real-time.

Predefined Features:

The algorithm leverages a set of predefined features that are crucial for recognizing patterns within an image. These features, known as Haar-like features, are simple rectangular filters that capture variations in intensity. Examples include edges, corners, and changes in texture.

Integral Image:

To expedite feature computation, the algorithm utilizes an integral image representation. This technique allows for rapid calculation of the sum of pixel values within a rectangular region, significantly speeding up the process of evaluating Haar-like features.

Cascading Classifiers:

One of the key innovations of the Haar Cascade algorithm is the use of cascading classifiers. These are trained machine learning models, typically based on the AdaBoost algorithm, that combine multiple weak classifiers into a strong classifier.

- **Training Process:** The algorithm undergoes a training phase where positive and negative samples of faces and non-faces are used. During training, the algorithm selects the most discriminative features and assigns higher weights to misclassified samples, iteratively improving its accuracy.
- **Cascade Structure:** The trained classifiers are organized in a cascade structure. Each stage of the cascade consists of a subset of classifiers, and an input region is quickly rejected if it fails any of the classifiers in a stage. This enables rapid elimination of non-face regions, optimizing computational efficiency.

Sliding Window Technique:

To detect faces at various scales and positions within an image, the algorithm employs a sliding window approach. A rectangular window slides across the image, and at each position, the cascade of classifiers is applied. The window is resized to account for different face sizes, allowing the algorithm to identify faces regardless of their dimensions in the image.

Post-Processing:

Following the application of the cascade of classifiers, post-processing steps, such as non-maximum suppression, are often applied. These steps help refine the final set of detected faces, ensuring accuracy and eliminating redundant or overlapping detections.

Parameters: The Haar Cascade algorithm relies on several key parameters that significantly influence its performance in achieving accurate face detection. Understanding and optimizing these parameters is crucial for tailoring the algorithm to specific use cases and scenarios.

Scale Factor:

The **scale factor** is a pivotal parameter that determines how much the image size is reduced at each image scale. A smaller scale factor increases the number of image scales to be processed, allowing the algorithm to detect faces at different sizes. However, it also intensifies computational requirements. Conversely, a larger scale factor speeds up processing but may miss smaller faces. Fine-tuning the scale factor is essential for balancing detection accuracy and computational efficiency.

Minimum Neighbors:

The **minimum neighbor's** parameter is integral to refining the accuracy of face detection. After applying the cascade of classifiers to a region of the image, a decision is made based on whether it contains a face. The minimum neighbor's parameter establishes the number of neighbors (rectangular regions) required for a region to be classified as a face. A higher value increases specificity but may lead to missed detections, while a lower value may result in false positives. Adjusting this parameter involves finding the right trade-off between sensitivity and precision.

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Minimum Size:

The **minimum size** parameter sets the threshold for the smallest object size to be detected. This parameter is vital for filtering out small, irrelevant regions that do not correspond to actual faces. Careful consideration of the minimum size parameter ensures that the algorithm focuses on detecting faces of a size deemed relevant to the application.

4.2.2 Real-Time Processing

Real-time face detection poses unique challenges that the Haar Cascade algorithm must address:

Continuous Processing: Real-time face detection demands a seamless and continuous processing capability to handle the continuous influx of frames from a camera or video stream. The Haar Cascade algorithm employs strategies to ensure real-time responsiveness in identifying and tracking faces.

Parallelization:

To enhance processing speed, the algorithm often leverages parallelization techniques. Modern hardware architectures with multiple cores or GPUs enable the algorithm to concurrently **process multiple frames, ensuring that the analysis keeps pace with the real-time stream.**

Frame Skipping:

In scenarios where computational resources are limited or processing speed is crucial, frame skipping strategies may be employed. The algorithm can selectively analyze frames at intervals, optimizing computational resources while maintaining responsiveness to changes.

Stream Buffering:

A buffer for frame storage may be implemented to accommodate temporary delays in processing. This buffering mechanism allows the algorithm to catch up with the real-time stream during periods of high computational load.

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Adaptive Processing Rate:

The algorithm can dynamically adjust its processing rate based on the complexity of the scene. During periods of stability, the processing rate may be reduced, conserving resources. Conversely, in dynamic scenes or sudden changes, the algorithm can adaptively increase its processing rate to capture and analyze relevant frames promptly.

Adaptability: Ensuring robust performance in dynamic environments involves the algorithm's ability to adapt to variations in facial expressions, lighting conditions, and orientations.

Facial Expression Handling:

The Haar Cascade algorithm, while primarily designed for face detection, exhibits a degree of resilience to variations in facial expressions. The cascading nature of the classifiers, along with the diversity in Haar-like features, enables the algorithm to identify faces across a range of expressions.

Lighting Condition Compensation:

Changes in lighting conditions can significantly impact the effectiveness of face detection algorithms. The Haar Cascade algorithm may incorporate techniques such as histogram equalization or adaptive normalization to compensate for variations in lighting, ensuring consistent performance in different illumination scenarios.

Orientation Tolerance:

The algorithm is designed to be orientation-tolerant to some extent. While its primary strength lies in detecting faces in frontal or near-frontal poses, it can adapt to moderate variations in head orientation. This adaptability is essential for real-world applications where faces may not always be perfectly aligned.

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Dynamic Feature Selection:

In response to dynamic changes in the environment, the algorithm may dynamically adjust its feature selection criteria during the cascade process. This adaptability helps in focusing on relevant facial features under different conditions.

Learning Mechanisms:

In certain implementations, machine learning mechanisms within the algorithm may facilitate continuous learning and adaptation to evolving patterns in the input data. This adaptability enhances the algorithm's ability to handle variations over time.

4.3 Related Sections

4.3.1 Preprocessing

Before applying the face detection algorithm, preprocessing steps are implemented:

- **Image Resizing:** Adjusting the resolution of input frames to optimize computational efficiency.

- **Normalization:** Ensuring consistent lighting conditions to enhance the accuracy of facial feature detection.

4.3.2 Integration with Real-Time Systems

Explore how the face detection system integrates seamlessly with real-time applications:

- **Use Cases:** Real-time face detection using the Haar Cascade algorithm presents diverse and impactful use cases across various domains. Here, we delve into potential applications that leverage this technology:

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Security Surveillance:

In the realm of security, real-time face detection plays a critical role in surveillance systems. It enables the automatic identification and tracking of individuals in crowded areas, helping enhance public safety. Integrated with security cameras, this technology can be instrumental in monitoring public spaces, airports, transportation hubs, and other critical infrastructure.

Human-Computer Interaction (HCI):

Real-time face detection is pivotal in facilitating natural and intuitive interactions between humans and computers. HCI applications, such as gesture recognition, gaze tracking, and facial expression analysis, rely on the ability to promptly and accurately detect faces. This enhances user experiences in gaming, virtual reality, and interactive displays.

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Methodology

This section provides a comprehensive overview of the methodology employed to develop the machine learning model for the "Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder" project. The methodology covers various aspects, including programming languages, supporting packages, user characteristics, constraints, assumptions, and a detailed discussion on the machine learning algorithm.

5.1 Introduction to Languages

The primary programming language selected for the development of this project is **Python**. Python is chosen for its versatility, extensive libraries, and frameworks suitable for machine learning and computer vision applications. The utilization of Python ensures efficient development, ease of integration, and access to powerful tools for face recognition and timestamp tracking.

5.2 Any other Supporting Languages/ packages

In addition to Python, the project utilizes the following supporting languages and packages:

- OpenCV (Open-Source Computer Vision Library): Used for image processing tasks, including face detection and image manipulation.
- Scikit-learn: Employed for implementing the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) classifier, a fundamental element of the facial recognition model.
- Pandas: Utilized for data manipulation and handling, facilitating the organization and storage of attendance records.
- CSV Module: Integrated for reading and writing CSV files, ensuring seamless interaction with attendance data.

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5.3 User characteristics

The users of the system include educators, administrators, and individuals responsible for attendance tracking in diverse environments such as educational institutions, corporate offices, and event venues. The system is designed to be user-friendly, accommodating users with varying technical expertise.

5.4 Constraints

The project operates within certain constraints, including:

- Hardware Limitations: The effectiveness of the system may be influenced by the hardware specifications of the device running the application.

- Environmental Conditions: The accuracy of facial recognition may be affected by lighting conditions, camera quality, and the presence of obstacles.

5.5 Assumptions and Dependencies

Several assumptions and dependencies guide the development process:

- Assumption 1: The input video feed will contain clear and well-lit images for effective facial recognition.
- Assumption 2: Users will provide accurate information for initial dataset creation.
- Dependency 1: Successful integration with the OpenCV and Scikit-learn libraries.
- Dependency 2: Availability of a reliable camera source for capturing real-time video.

5.6 ML algorithm discussion

The machine learning algorithm adopted for facial recognition in this project is **the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) classifier**. KNN is a simple yet powerful algorithm suitable for classification tasks, making it ideal for associating detected faces with specific individuals. The algorithm is trained on a dataset of facial features, and during real-time operation, it classifies faces based on their proximity to known individuals in the

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feature space. The KNN algorithm provides a robust and accurate solution for facial recognition, aligning with the objectives of the project to automate attendance tracking through precise identification of individuals. By adhering to this comprehensive methodology, the project aims to develop a sophisticated and reliable machine learning model for facial recognition and timestamp tracking.

5.7 Implementation of Algorithm of working project.

<u>Face Recognition and Attendance Tracking Algorithm</u>

<u>Initialization Phase:</u>

1. Import Libraries:

- Import essential Python libraries: `cv2` for computer vision, `pickle` for serialization, `numpy` for numerical operations, `os` for file handling, `csv` for CSV operations, `datetime` for timestamp generation, and `win32com.client` for text-to-speech functionality.

2. Load Pre-trained Models:

- Load the Haar Cascade XML file (`haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml`) for face detection using `cv2.CascadeClassifier`.
- Deserialize the serialized face data (`faces_data.pkl`) and corresponding labels (`names.pkl`) using `pickle.load()`.

3. Initialize Video Capture:

- Create a video capture object using `cv2.VideoCapture(0)` to access the default camera.

4. Load Background Image:

- Load a background image (`background2.png`) using `cv2.imread()` for overlaying the detected faces.

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Main Loop Execution:

- Loop Initialization:

  - Initialize an infinite loop to continuously capture and process video frames.

Frame Processing:

1. Capture Frame:

   - Read a frame from the video stream using `video.read()`.

2. Preprocess Frame :

   - Convert the color frame to grayscale using `cv2.cvtColor()`.

   - Apply any necessary preprocessing (e.g., resizing, normalization) to optimize for face detection and recognition.

3. Face Detection :

   - Use the Haar Cascade classifier (`facedetect`) to detect faces in the preprocessed frame.

   - Retrieve the coordinates of the detected faces (x, y, width, height).

4. Face Recognition :

   - For each detected face:

     - Extract the face region from the frame using the coordinates.

     - Resize and flatten the face image to the required dimensions for recognition.

     - Use the KNN classifier (`knn`) to predict the label (name) of the recognized face based on the stored face data (`FACES`).

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5. Update Display :

- Overlay rectangles and labels on the original frame to highlight the detected and recognized faces.
- Display the updated frame using `cv2.imshow()`.

6. User Input Handling:

- Check for any user input (e.g., keypress events) using `cv2.waitKey()`.
- If the 'x' key is pressed, exit the loop to terminate the program.

Attendance Tracking:

- Track Entry and Exit:
  - Compare the current frame's recognized faces with the previous frame to determine entry and exit events.
  - Maintain a dictionary (`entry_time_dict`) to store the entry times of recognized faces.

- Attendance Logging:
  - Log the attendance records in CSV format.
  - Save the attendance records to CSV files with appropriate column names and directory structure (`face_tracker`).

Voice Feedback:

- Provide Auditory Feedback:
  - Implement a function (`speak()`) using `win32com.client.Dispatch()` to convert text feedback into audible speech.
  - Provide specific feedback (e.g., warnings against testing from mobile pictures) using the `speak()` function.

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Cleanup and Exit:

1. Release Resources:

   - Release the video capture object using `video.release()`.

   - Close all OpenCV windows using `cv2.destroyAllWindows()`.

2. Program Termination:

   - End the execution of the program, ensuring all resources are released and windows are closed.

This detailed algorithm provides a structured and systematic approach to the implementation of the face recognition and attendance tracking project, guiding the development process and ensuring comprehensive coverage of the required functionalities.

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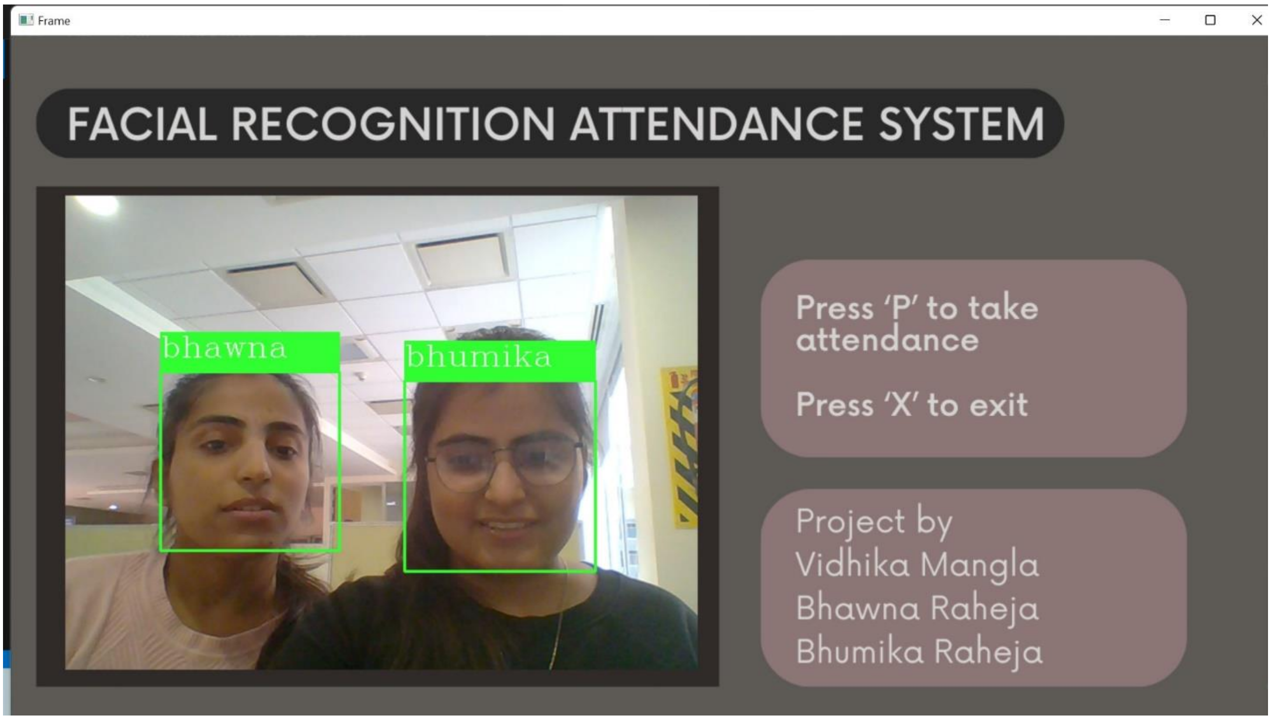
Results

Attendance Tracking System



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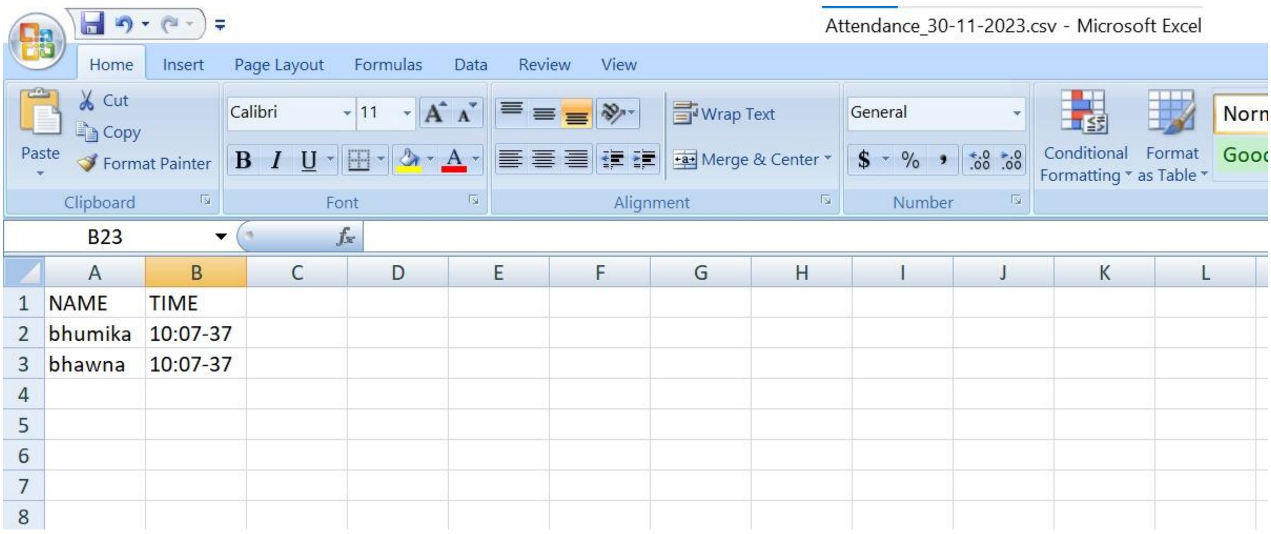

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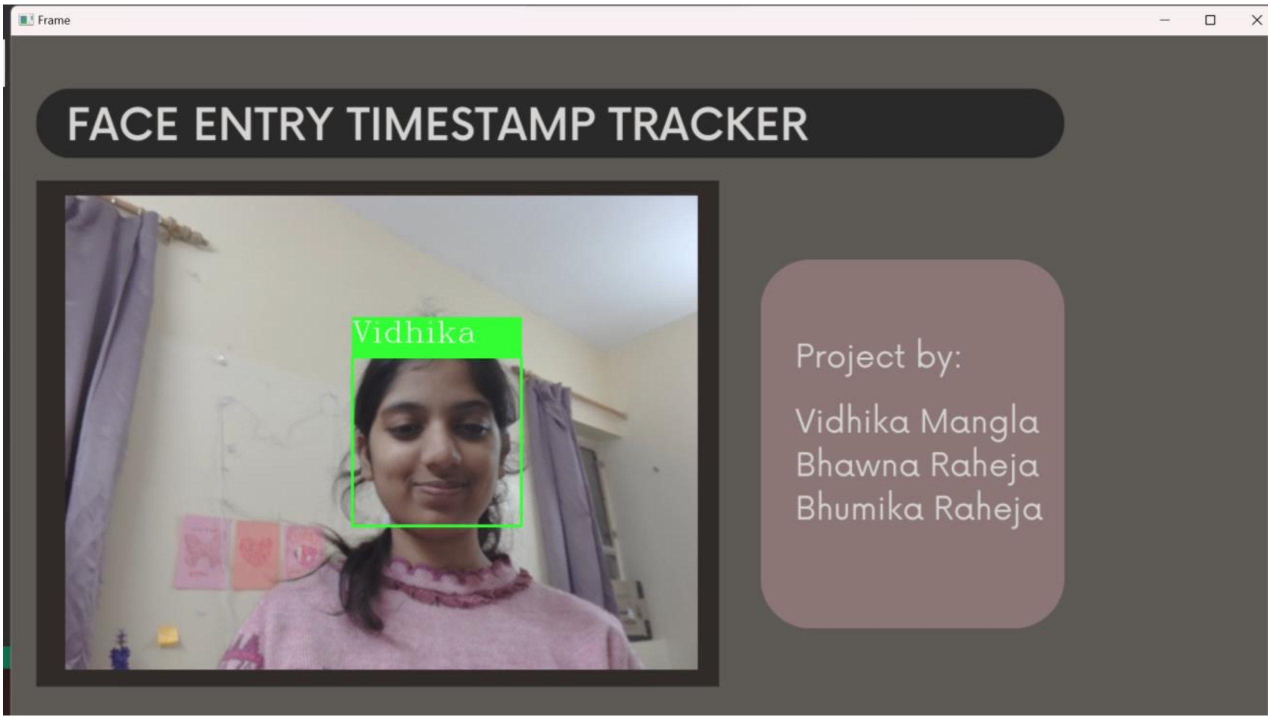

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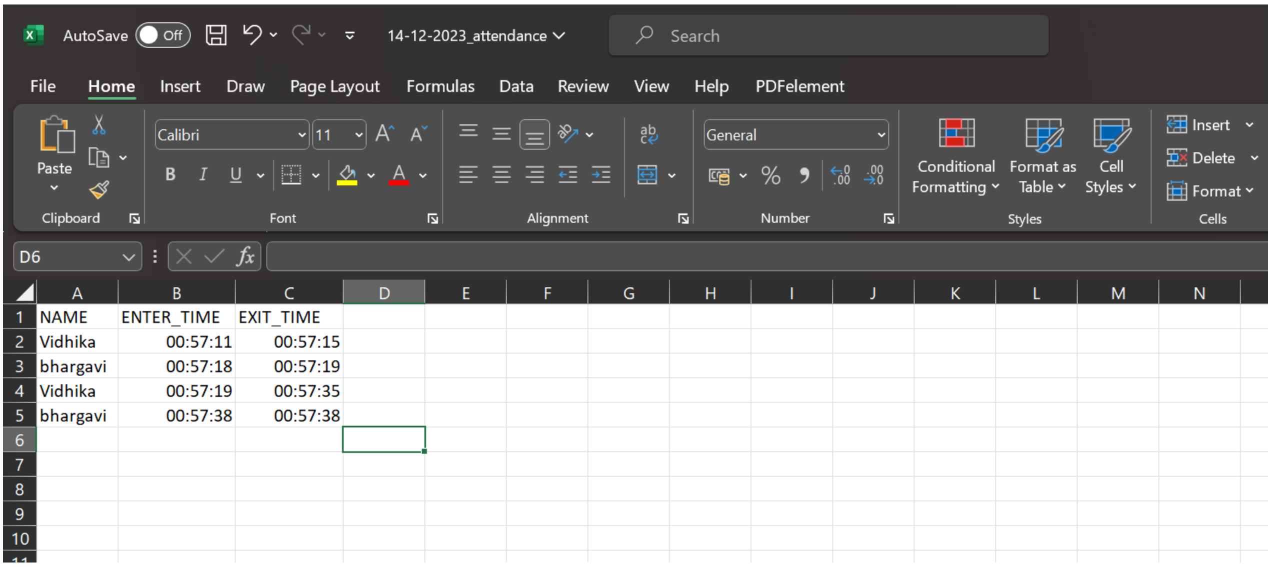

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Conclusion and Future Scope

7.1 Conclusion

In conclusion, the "Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder" project presents an innovative solution for automating attendance tracking through facial recognition technology. The system effectively records entry and exit timestamps, providing a reliable alternative to traditional attendance tracking methods. The development and implementation of the machine learning model, specifically the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) classifier, contribute to the accuracy and efficiency of facial recognition.

Key achievements and conclusions include:

- **Efficient Attendance Tracking:** The system streamlines the attendance tracking process, reducing the reliance on manual methods prone to errors and inaccuracies.
- **Real-time Recognition:** Utilizing computer vision, the system achieves real-time facial recognition, ensuring prompt and accurate timestamp recording.
- **User-friendly Interface:** The system is designed to be user-friendly, catering to the needs of educators, administrators, and individuals responsible for attendance management.
- **Adaptability:** The project demonstrates adaptability to diverse environments, making it suitable for implementation in educational institutions, corporate offices, and event venues.

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7.2 Future Scope

The project exhibits considerable potential for future enhancements and expansions. The following areas represent potential avenues for future development:

- **Enhanced Recognition Algorithms:** Further research and implementation of advanced facial recognition algorithms could improve accuracy, especially in challenging lighting conditions or with partial face obstructions.

- **Integration with Cloud Services:** Exploring integration with cloud-based services could enable remote attendance monitoring and provide a centralized database for multi-location organizations.

- **Mobile Application Development:** Creating a mobile application could extend the reach of the system, allowing users to access attendance data and receive real-time updates on their mobile devices.

- **Machine Learning Model Optimization:** Continuous refinement and optimization of the machine learning model could enhance overall performance, making the system more robust and adaptable to various scenarios.

- **Security Features:** Implementing additional security features, such as liveness detection, would enhance the system's resistance to spoofing attempts and improve overall security.

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This literature review provides a foundation for the theoretical and practical aspects of the "Face Entry Timestamp Tracker and Attendance Recorder" project, aligning our approach with established research findings in the relevant domains.