

# Show Me a Funny Face

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# Motivation

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain that affect how these people learn, communicate, and interact with others
- According to the CDC, the ASD rates in the US increased from 1 in 150 (2000), 1 in 54 (2016), and to 1 in 44 (2018)
- Common symptoms
  - Restrictive/repetitive behaviors
  - Challenges with social interactions/situations/communication
    - Little to no eye contact
    - Facial expression recognition/display difficult
      - Sometimes incorrect expression made in social situation



# Proposed Idea

- Create application to help people with autism (specifically children)
  - Identify facial expressions
  - Locate and understand social situations
  - Practice facial expressions
- Webcam module that will identify facial expressions in real time
  - Train facial recognition model for webcam module

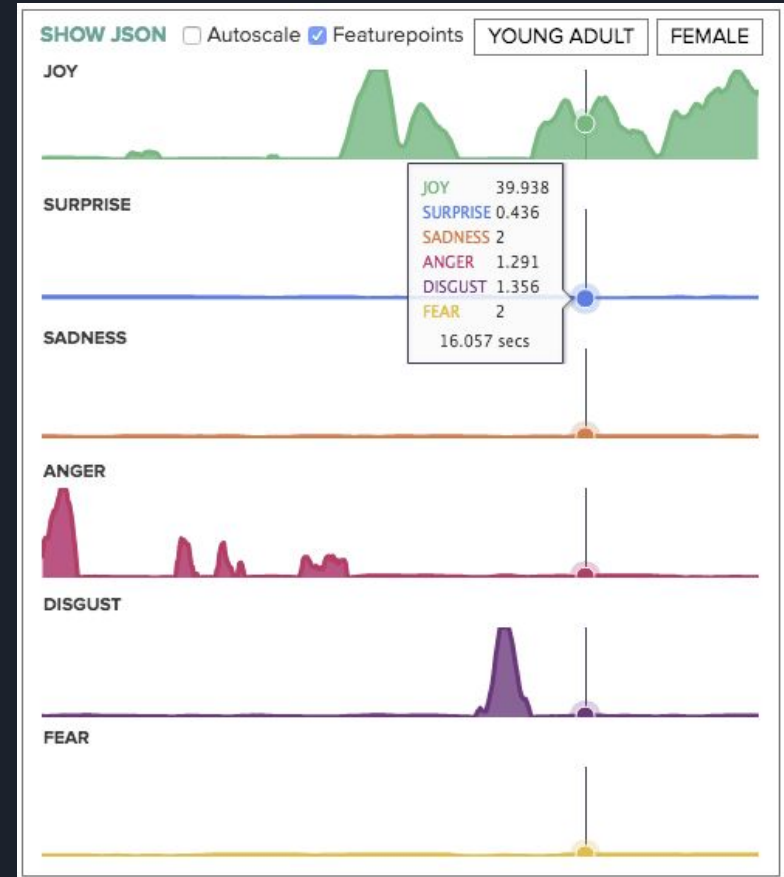


# Similar Projects

- Kairos
- FaceReader
- MorphCast
- Paul Ekman Group

# Kairos

- Face Recognition using cloud API
- Pricing ranges from \$19-\$499/month
  - With additional features depending on plan
- Several demos/API examples made available on Github
- Creates JSON responses using a script
  - Emotion charts
  - Facial feature points
- Webcam module possible



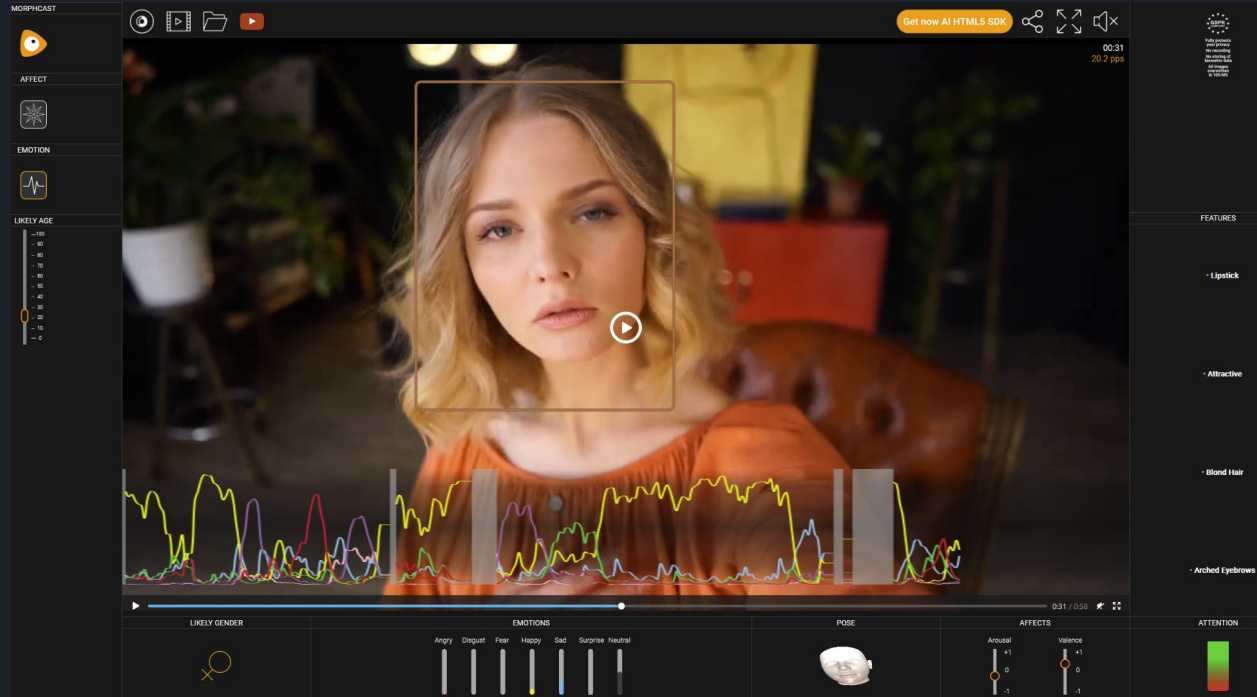
# FaceReader

- Facial expression analysis
  - Classified into happy, sad, angry, surprised, scared, disgust, neutral
  - Custom possible
- East-Asian and baby models available
- Additional modules possible
- Mostly for research
  - \$2,420—\$10,340/year
  - Most cited facial expression recognition software



# MorphCast

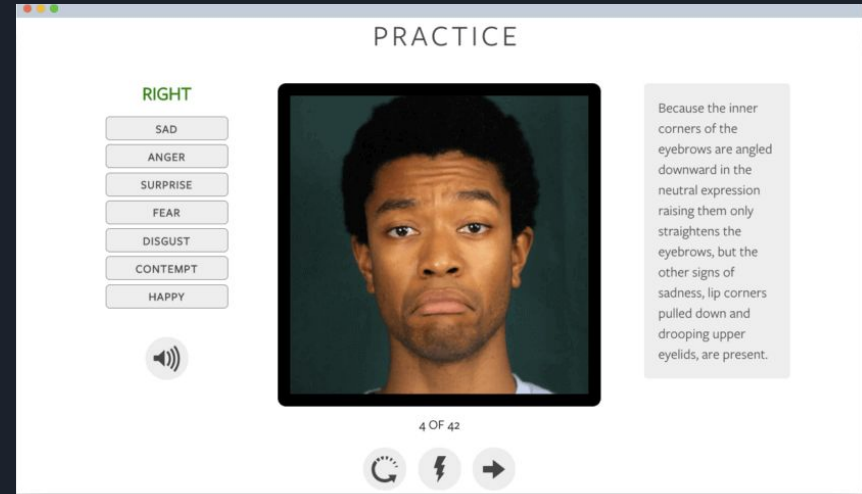
- Interactive videos based on viewer reaction/expressions
- AI HTML5 SDK also available (demo possible with own webcam)
  - JavaScript
- Pay as you go (dependent on amount and average duration of views)
  - Costs may vary from month to month





# Paul Ekman Group

- Three different subscription packages for training
  - \$119-\$299
- Created by Dr. Paul Ekman
  - Well known for his research
  - Research used to identify seven universal facial expressions
    - Classifications in artificial intelligence, deep learning, neural networks utilize this research
- Closest to our project usagewise

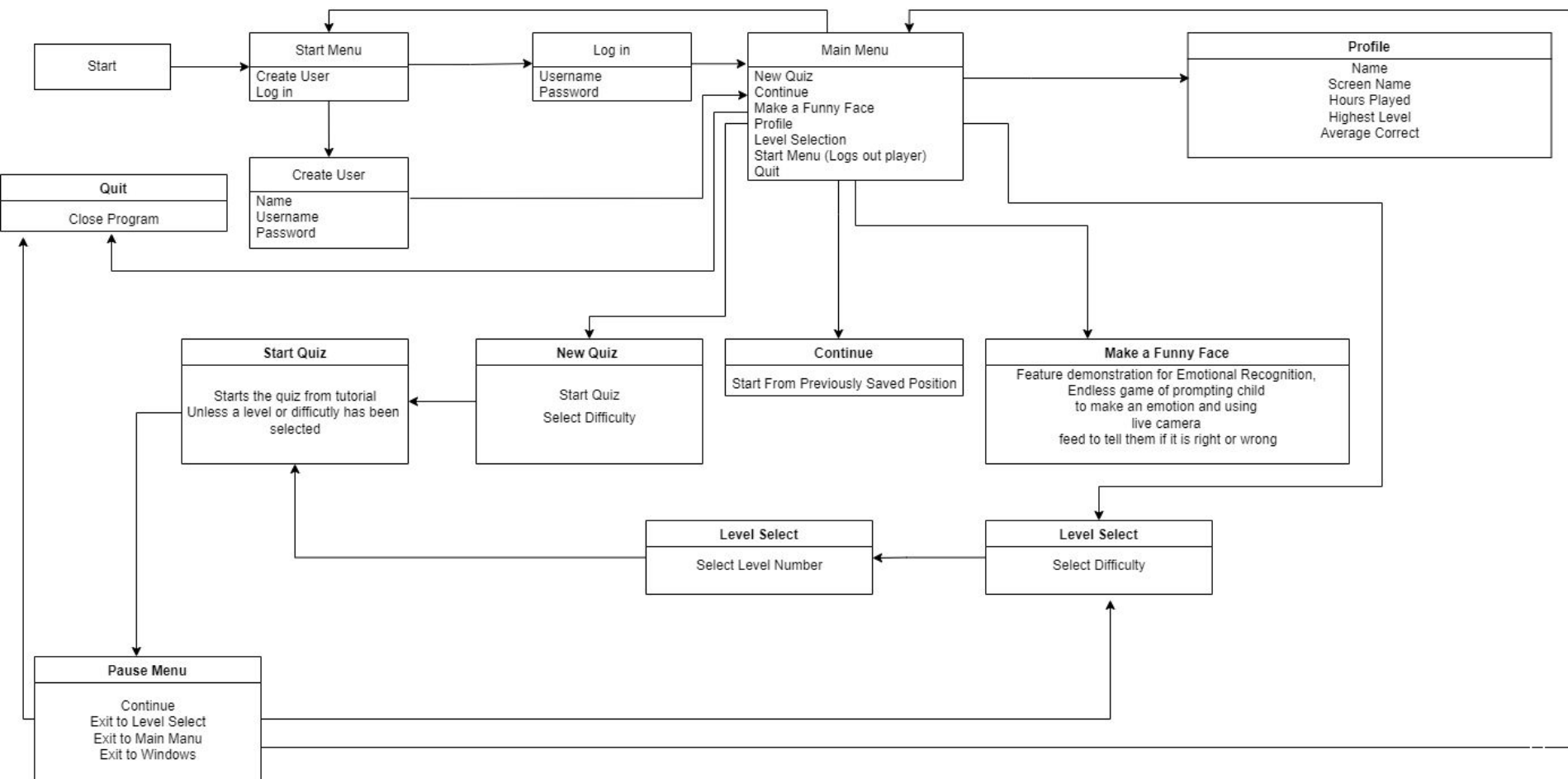




# Show Me a Funny Face!

- Specific to autistic needs
- Focus not only on facial expression detection
- **Develop an app to help learn facial expressions**
  - Easily accessible
  - No paywall
- Practice facial expressions with live feedback

# Menu UI Diagram

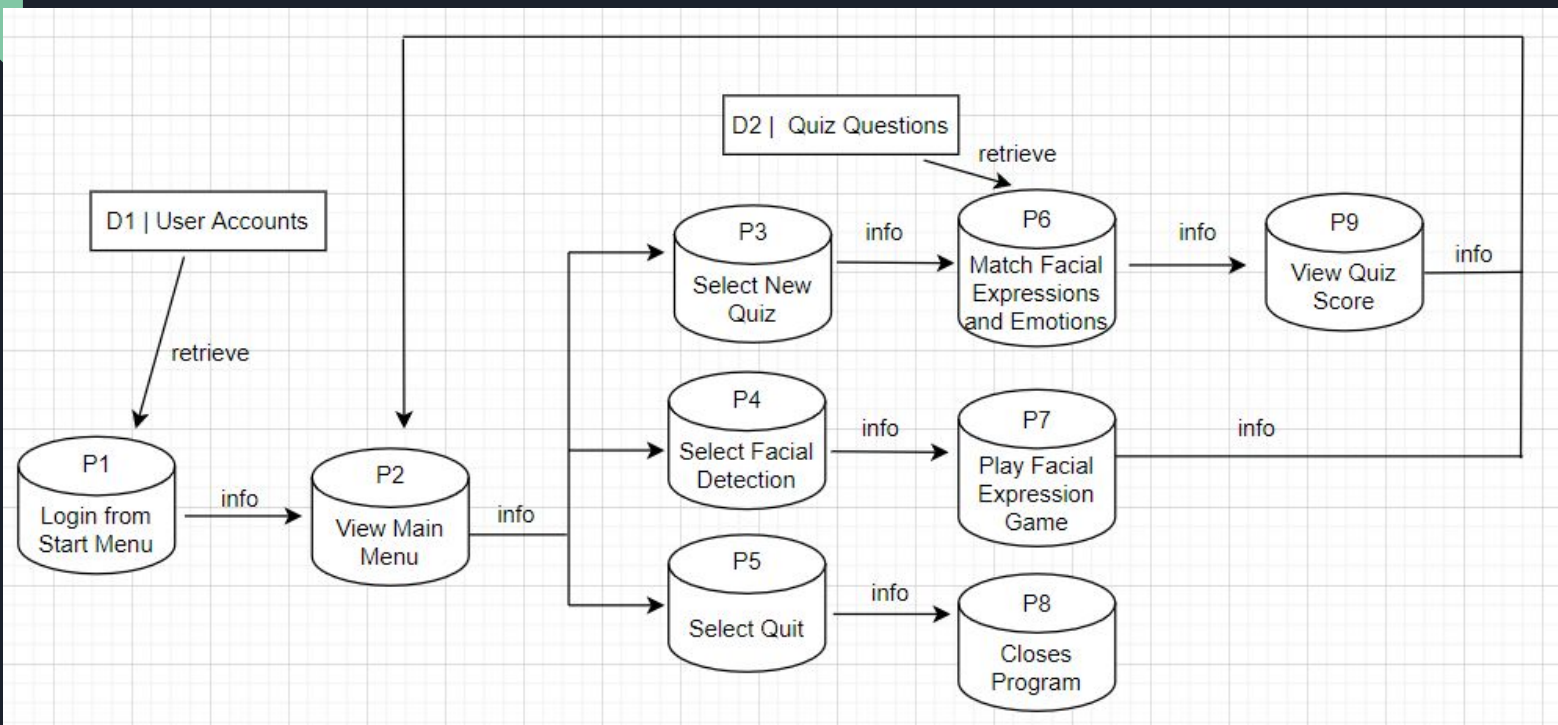




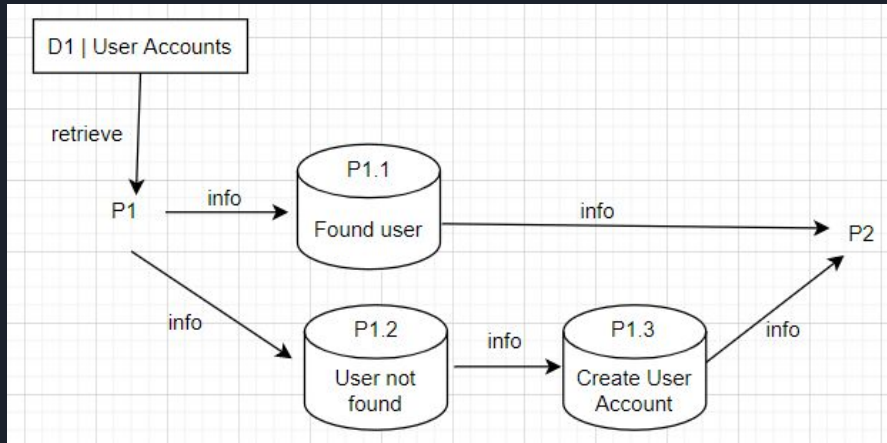
# Tools and Technologies

- Tensorflow and Keras
  - Machine learning
- Kivy
  - FrontEnd Framework
- OpenCV
  - Computer vision
- Database system
  - Local collection of JSON files

# DFD



# Child DFD - Create User Account/ Login



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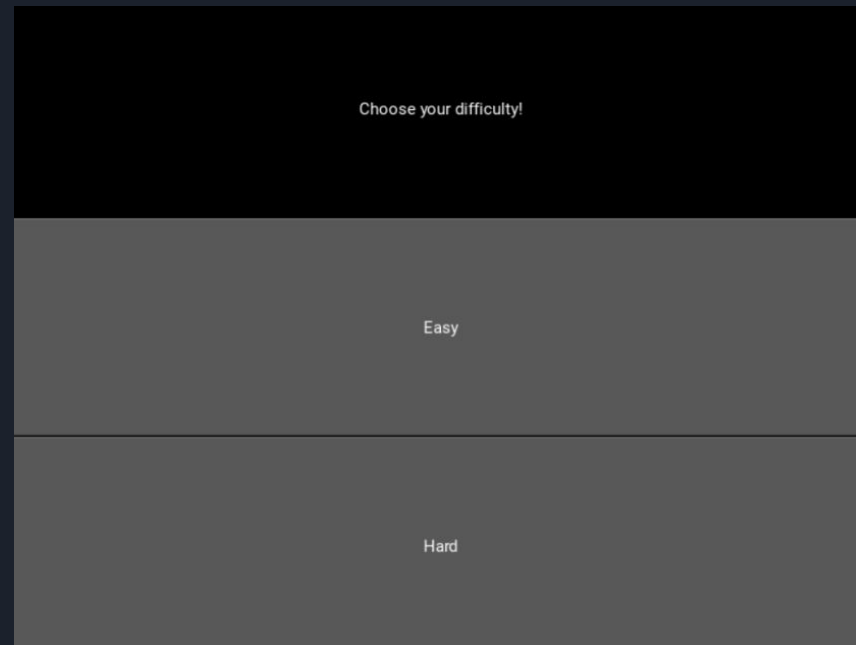
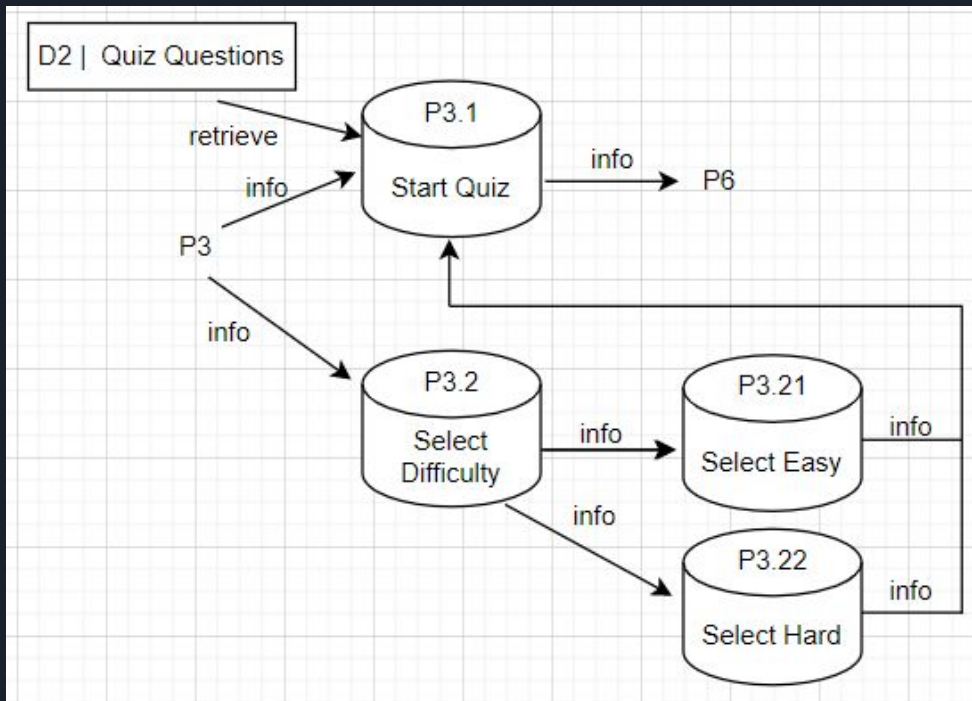
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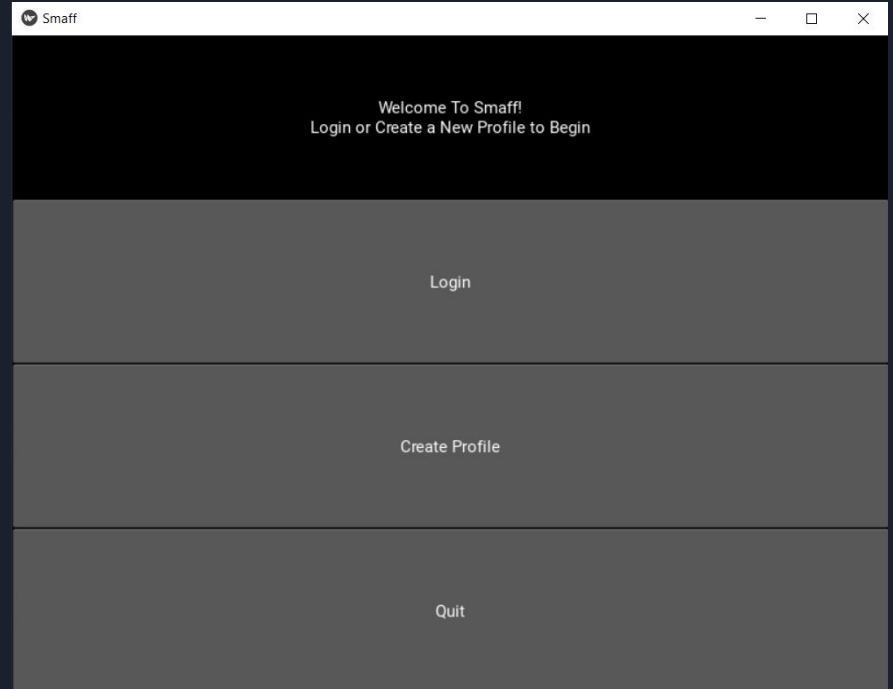
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# Child DFD - Quiz Selection



# Implementation - Frontend

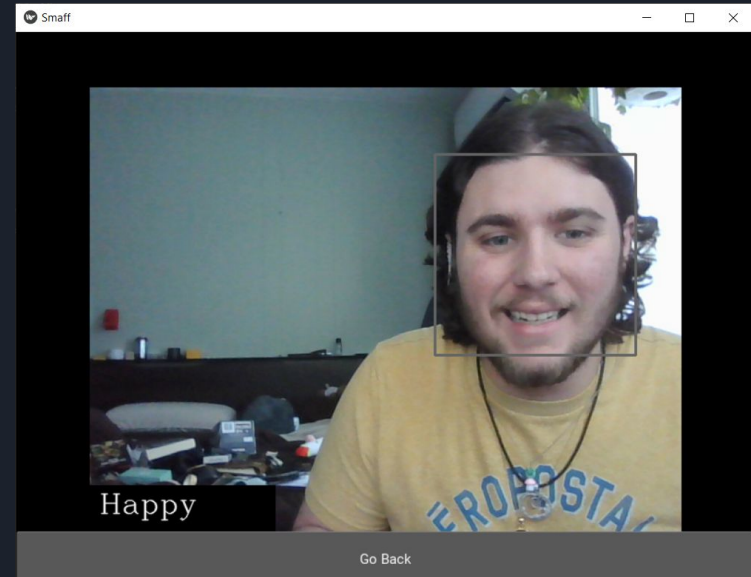
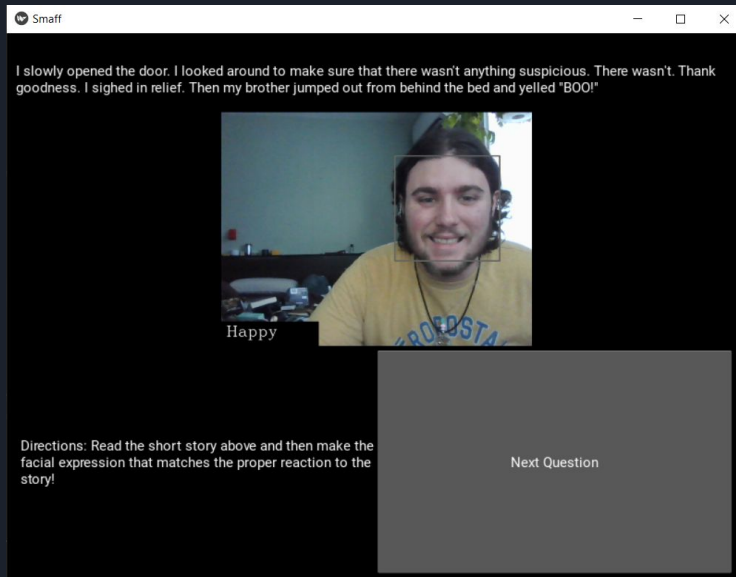
- The GUI was coded in Python using PyCharm and was implemented using Kivy.





# OpenCV - For Display

- OpenCV was used to access the user's webcam in order to capture facial expressions during the quizzes





# Implementation - Backend

- Machine Learning with Tensorflow and Keras
- Convolutional 2D Neural Network
  - Allows for filters and classification
  - Trained model with 4 emotions
    - Multiclass classification of Happy, Sad, Angry, Surprised
    - Training dataset supplied by Kaggle

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential()  
model.add(keras.Input(shape=(200, 200, 3)))  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(16, (3, 3), padding='same', activation='relu'))  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization())  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.MaxPool2D(2, 2))  
  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), padding='same', activation='relu'))  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization())  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.MaxPool2D(2, 2))  
  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), padding='same', activation='relu'))  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization())  
model.add(tf.keras.layers.MaxPool2D(2, 2))
```

# Implementation - Backend

- Multiclass classification
  - Categorical parameter for model.fit()
  - Softmax for dense layer
- Compile
  - lr of 0.0001
- Results
  - Accuracy of 99%

```
model.add(tf.keras.layers.Flatten())
model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(512, activation='relu'))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization())

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(256, activation='relu'))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization())

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization())

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(4, activation='softmax'))

opt = tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(lr=0.0001)
model.compile(loss="categorical_crossentropy", optimizer=opt, metrics=['accuracy'])

model.fit(train_dataset, batch_size=128, steps_per_epoch=200, epochs=15)
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Epoch 10/15
200/200 [=====] - 217s 1s/step - loss: 0.0814 - accuracy: 0.9893
Epoch 11/15
200/200 [=====] - 197s 987ms/step - loss: 0.0784 - accuracy: 0.9886
Epoch 12/15
200/200 [=====] - 189s 945ms/step - loss: 0.0720 - accuracy: 0.9884
Epoch 13/15
200/200 [=====] - 203s 1s/step - loss: 0.0527 - accuracy: 0.9948
Epoch 14/15
200/200 [=====] - 196s 982ms/step - loss: 0.0422 - accuracy: 0.9950
Epoch 15/15
200/200 [=====] - 217s 1s/step - loss: 0.0404 - accuracy: 0.9956
```

# OpenCV For Classification

- Stream webcam feed to OpenCV
- Use pre-packaged haar cascade classifier to identify faces
- Capture results of facial classifier as grayscale image
- Send image to our model and return prediction

```
def update(self, *args):
    ret, frame = self.feed.read()
    height, width = frame.shape[:2]
    gray = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
    cv2.rectangle(frame, (0, height - 50), (200, height), (0, 0, 0), thickness=cv2.FILLED)
    faces = self.face.detectMultiScale(gray, minNeighbors=5, scaleFactor=1.1, minSize=(25, 25))

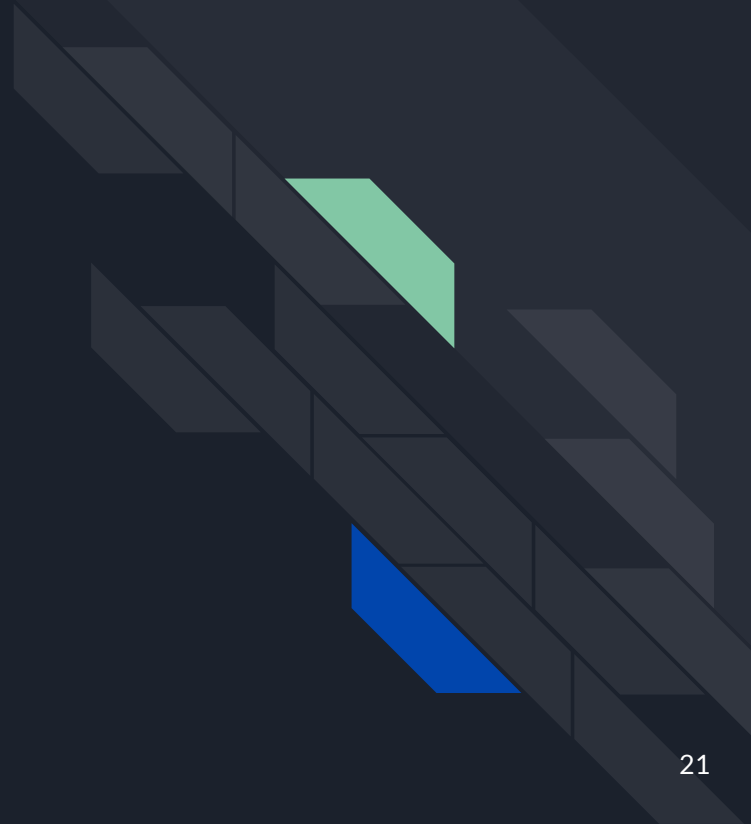
    for (x, y, w, h) in faces:
        cv2.rectangle(frame, (x, y), (x + w, y + h), (100, 100, 100), 2)
        facex = frame[y:y + h, x:x + w]
        facex = cv2.cvtColor(facex, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
        facex = cv2.resize(facex, (200, 200))
        facex = facex / 255
        facex = facex.reshape(200, 200, -1)
        facex = np.expand_dims(facex, axis=0)
        prepred_face = self.img_model.predict(facex)
        prediction = np.argmax(predpred_face, axis=1)
        lbl = None
        if prediction[0] == 0:
            lbl = 'Angry'
            self.ans = 'Angry'

        if prediction[0] == 1:
            lbl = 'Happy'
            self.ans = 'Happy'

        if prediction[0] == 2:
            lbl = 'Sad'
            self.ans = 'Sad'

        if prediction[0] == 3:
            lbl = 'Surprised'
            self.ans = 'Surprised'
```

Demo





# Summary/Overview

- Create application that would help with facial recognition (specifically geared towards autistic children)
- Learn required software for programming application.
- Implement and test.
- Deploy.



# Future Directions/Considerations

- User Interface
  - Different color palettes/more accessibility
- Additional features
  - More training for models
  - **More questions, situations**
  - Information/educational section about the different expressions?
  - More catered statistics
    - Overall performance/record
    - Which emotions they tend to get wrong
      - Utilize user statistics to query questions database
    - Improvements



# Conclusion

- Challenges
  - Conflicting schedules
  - Time constraints
    - **Change of project topic**
      - Less time to work on project
  - Navigating new development tools/environments
  - Usage rights for facial expression dataset limitations
- Learning outcomes
  - Communication





# Application of Knowledge

Dylan:

- Data science courses
- Software Engineering
- Personal and Work related projects

Jennifer:

- Data mining
- Big Data Analytics
- Experience from internships

Annie:

- Software engineering
- Program language concepts
- Internet programming

Loyal:

- Software Engineering
- Program language concepts



# Team Member Contribution

- Dylan : Computer Vision, GUI
- Jennifer: Machine Learning
- Annie: Assets and research
- Loyal: Frontend



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