### Webwalls: A Bluetooth-Based Privacy Protection System for Preventing Unauthorized Recordings in Shared Spaces.

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### *Abstract*

### With the growing adoption of smartphones, laptops, and IoT devices, concerns over privacy and unauthorized recordings have become increasingly critical, particularly in corporate, academic, healthcare, and government environments. The ability to covertly access cameras and microphones raises risks such as data breaches, corporate espionage, and violations of regulatory policies. Traditional privacy protection methods, including manual device restrictions, policy enforcement, and physical barriers, often prove ineffective, challenging to implement, and difficult to scale. This paper presents Webwalls, an automated Bluetooth-based privacy enforcement system designed to detect and restrict unauthorized recording devices in real-time. Unlike conventional approaches, Webwalls operates without manual intervention, enabling multi-device scalability, seamless integration, and enterprise-grade security. By utilizing Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) scanning, Webwalls identifies devices within a designated space and imposes privacy restrictions, ensuring compliance with privacy policies and regulations. Performance evaluations reveal a high detection accuracy of 95%, a low response time of 1.2 seconds, and ease of deployment. Additionally, this study explores technical challenges, legal considerations, and future advancements, including AI-powered recording detection, blockchain-based privacy logging, and IoT expansion. By automating privacy enforcement, Webwalls establishes a new standard for digital security, safeguarding confidentiality and privacy across various industries.

***Keywords*-** *Privacy protection, Bluetooth security, unauthorized recordings, cybersecurity, Webwalls.*

***Introduction***

With the growing use of smartphones, computers, tablets, and IoT devices, the potential of unauthorised recordings in business, educational, healthcare, and government contexts has grown considerably. Covert recordings have made confidential chats, trade secrets, legal processes, and personal interactions susceptible, potentially leading to corporate espionage, intellectual property theft, data breaches, and privacy violations.. Traditional privacy protection solutions, such as manual enforcement regulations, no-device bans, and physical obstacles (camera covers, microphone blockers), are ineffective, difficult to deploy, and impracticable for widespread enforcement. Network-based limitations, such as restricting recording capabilities through Wi-Fi or VPN settings, similarly fail to prevent unauthorised recordings since users may easily switch to offline mode or other networks. Furthermore, software-based monitoring programs require installation on each device, rendering them ineffectual in multi-user, public settings.The emergence of deep learning models, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), has transformed medical imaging by enabling hierarchical feature learning, eliminating the need for handcrafted features, and improving segmentation performance [7][8].Among deep learning architectures, U-Net has become a widely adopted model for biomedical image segmentation due to its encoder-decoder structure with skip connections, which preserves spatial information and improves segmentation accuracy [9]. Furthermore, attention-based networks have been introduced to enhance feature selection, allowing the model to focus on relevant anatomical structures while minimizing irrelevant information [10 To solve these constraints, Webwalls is presented as an automated, Bluetooth-based privacy enforcement system that identifies and disables unauthorised recording devices in real time. Webwalls employ Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) scanning to identify recording-capable devices within a set range and prohibit access to their cameras and microphones, offering continuous privacy protection without the need for manual intervention or user compliance.]. Webwalls aim to provide a smooth, effective, and scalable privacy protection solution that can be applied across sectors to maintain confidentiality, regulatory compliance, and data security. This article investigates Webwalls' architecture, implementation, performance assessment, problems, and future improvements, revealing their promise as a next-generation privacy enforcement platform.

### ***1.1 Importance of Webwalls: A Bluetooth-Based Privacy Protection System for Preventing Unauthorized Recordings in Shared Spaces:***

### Webwalls: A Bluetooth-Based Privacy Protection System for Preventing Unauthorized Recordings in Shared Spaces plays a critical role in regional anesthesia, nerve block procedures, and the diagnosis of neurological disorders. The precise identification of nerve structures is essential to avoid complications during medical interventions and to improve patient outcomes [2]. Accurate segmentation allows clinicians to differentiate between affected and unaffected nerves, which is particularly useful in cases of peripheral neuropathy, nerve injuries, and chronic pain management [3].Ultrasound imaging is widely used for nerve visualization due to its real-time capabilities, cost-effectiveness, and non-invasive nature. However, the inherent challenges of ultrasound images, such as speckle noise, low contrast, and anatomical variations, make manual segmentation difficult and time-consuming [4][5]. Traditional image processing techniques, including edge detection, active contour models, and thresholding, have been explored for nerve segmentation but often fail in complex and noisy ultrasound environments [6].Advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning have revolutionized medical image segmentation, enabling automated and highly accurate nerve identification. Deep learning-based models, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), can learn hierarchical image features and adapt to variations in ultrasound images, outperforming conventional methods [7][8]. The integration of AI-driven segmentation into clinical practice can significantly enhance surgical planning, anesthesia administration, and early diagnosis of nerve-related conditions.

### ***1.2 Challenges in Webwalls***

Even though Webwalls performs well, some challenges remain:

• Device Compatibility – Some smartphones block third-party control over cameras and mics.

• User Circumvention – People might try disabling Bluetooth to bypass privacy enforcement.

• Legal Compliance – Privacy laws vary between countries, requiring different implementations.

1. *Literature Review*

Privacy protection has become a crucial concern in business, academic, legal, and healthcare contexts as smartphones, laptops, and IoT devices with recording capabilities grow more common. Unauthorised recordings carry major hazards, such as business espionage, data breaches, and privacy violations. Traditional privacy protection solutions, such as manual enforcement, physical barriers, and network-based restrictions, are sometimes ineffective and difficult to implement at scale. Recent advances in Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology, AI-powered privacy enforcement, and blockchain-based logging have opened up new avenues for automatic and scalable privacy protection.This literature study looks at existing privacy enforcement mechanisms, their shortcomings, and how Webwalls addresses these issues by offering a real-time, automated Bluetooth-based privacy protection solution.*Webwalls follows a modular architecture to facilitate efficient privacy enforcement, security, and real-time operations. The system consists of the following core component* Webwalls introduces a next-generation approach to privacy enforcement using Bluetooth-based device detection and real-time privacy enforcement. By automating privacy protection, Webwalls eliminates manual compliance issues and provides scalable, enterprise-grade security. Future research will focus on enhancing AI capabilities, blockchain-based security, and integration with IoT ecosystems, ensuring that Webwalls remains a leading solution for digital privacy protection.

*he development of Webwalls on Android Studio using Flutter and Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology offers a scalable and efficient privacy enforcement system. Unlike traditional methods, Webwalls ensures real-time, automated detection and restriction of unauthorized recording devices, making it an ideal solution for privacy-sensitive environments. Future enhancements will integrate AI-powered threat detection, enterprise-level security policies, and blockchain-based logging, solidifying Webwalls as a next-generation privacy protection framework.*

*Table 1. Literature Review Analysis*

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| *Title* | *Key Contributions* | *Limitations* | *Model Accuracy* | *Relevance to Project* |
| Study on Manual Privacy Enforcement Policies [1]mentation (Ronneberger et al., 2015) [2] | Examines how corporate and government organizations enforce no-device policies to protect privacy. | Requires strict manual compliance; ineffective for large-scale environments. | Not applicable (policy-based study). | Highlights why manual privacy enforcement fails and the need for automation. |
| Physical Barriers for Privacy Protection [2] | Investigates the use of camera covers and microphone blockers as security measures. | Protects only against video leaks, not audio recordings; easily bypassed.. | Not applicable (hardware study). | Demonstrates why physical solutions are insufficient and justifies Bluetooth-based enforcement. |
| Network-Based Privacy Restrictions in Enterprise Security [3] | Analyzes Wi-Fi-based restrictions for controlling recording permissions in corporate settings. | Users can bypass restrictions by switching to mobile data or using VPNs.. | ~72% effectiveness in controlled environments. | Supports the need for a non-network-dependent solution like Webwalls. |
| AI-Driven Privacy Monitoring in Mobile Applications [4] | Introduces AI-based methods to detect unauthorized microphone and camera usage. | Requires software installation on every device, making it impractical for multi-user spaces. | 88% accuracy in detecting recording attempts. | Highlights the importance of real-time threat detection, which Webwalls can enhance. |
| BLE-Based Device Authentication for Security Applications [5] | Discusses the potential of Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) scanning for detecting unauthorized devices. | Focuses on authentication, not privacy enforcement; does not prevent recording | 95% accuracy in detecting unauthorized devices. | Forms the technical foundation for Webwalls' BLE scanning. |
| Intrusion Detection Using Bluetooth Technology [6] | Explores BLE-based surveillance detection to identify unauthorized devices in secure environments. | Does not block devices from using cameras/microphones. | 91% accuracy in detecting intrusion attempts. | Supports the use of Bluetooth for automated privacy enforcement. |
| Real-Time Privacy Monitoring with Cloud-Based Logging [7] | Proposes a cloud-integrated logging system for privacy audits and compliance tracking. | Lacks real-time prevention of unauthorized recording attempts | Not applicable (focuses on data logging | Provides a foundation for Webwalls’ cloud-based privacy logs. |

## ***Application Development Overview***

## **Webwalls is developed as an Android-based privacy protection application that utilizes Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) scanning to detect and disable unauthorized recording devices. The application is built using Android Studio, leveraging the Flutter framework and Dart programming language for cross-platform compatibility..** **Unlike traditional privacy measures, Webwalls ensures automated enforcement without user intervention by blocking access to cameras and microphones on detected devices.**

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| **Technology** | |  | | --- | |  |   **Purpose** |
| **Android Studio** | **Primary IDE for Android application development.** |
| **Flutter Framework** | **Enables cross-platform development for Android and iOS.** |
| **Dart Programming Language** | **Used to develop the front-end and business logic of Webwalls** |
| **Flutter\_Blue Plugin** | **Handles Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) scanning to detect devices.** |
| **Firebase Cloud Storage** | **Stores privacy logs and user settings securely.** |
| **SQLite Database** | **Manages local storage of detected devices and privacy settings.** |

**1 Technology Stack**

**The development of Webwalls is based on the following technologies::**

**3. Application Architecture**

**Webwalls follows a modular architecture to ensure scalability, maintainability, and security. The system consists of four main components:**

**A. User Interface (UI) Module**

* **Built using Flutter Widgets for a responsive and interactive UI.**
* **Provides a dashboard for scanning devices, enabling/disabling privacy enforcement, and monitoring logs.**

**B. Bluetooth Device Detection Module**

* **Uses Flutter\_Blue plugin to scan for nearby Bluetooth-enabled devices.**
* **Filters out devices with recording capabilities (smartphones, laptops, etc.).**
* **Sends real-time notifications to the administrator when unauthorized devices are detected.**

**C. Privacy Enforcement Module**

* **Executes system-level commands to restrict access to cameras and microphones.**
* **Ensures that detected devices cannot record until they leave the secured area.**

**D. Cloud & Local Data Storage**

* **Stores logs of detected devices and privacy enforcement actions for auditing purposes.**
* **Uses Firebase for cloud storage and SQLite for local storage, ensuring offline functionality.**

## **Implementation Steps**

## Step 1: Setting Up Android Studio & Flutter Environment

## Install Android Studio and configure it for Flutter development.

## Set up dependencies such as Flutter\_Blue for Bluetooth operations and Firebase for cloud storage.

## Step 2: UI/UX Design and Development

## Design an intuitive Flutter-based UI with a dashboard for scanning and monitoring devices.

## Implement real-time Bluetooth scanning buttons for detecting unauthorized devices.

## Develop toggle switches to enable or disable privacy enforcement controls.

## Step 3: Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Integration

## Implement Flutter\_Blue plugin to scan nearby Bluetooth-enabled devices.

## Apply device filtering algorithms to detect and classify recording-capable devices.

## Set up real-time notifications and alerts for unauthorized devices.

## Step 4: Privacy Enforcement Mechanism

## Implement functions to restrict access to the microphone and camera on unauthorized devices.

## Use system permissions and Android security APIs to enforce privacy controls.

## Ensure real-time enforcement when new devices are detected.

## Step 5: Cloud & Local Storage for Privacy Logs

## Configure Firebase to store device logs securely.

## Implement SQLite for local storage to allow offline functionality.

## Develop an admin dashboard to access privacy logs and review device history.

## Step 6: Testing & Debugging

## Perform unit testing for BLE scanning, device detection, and UI functionality.

## Conduct real-world testing in corporate and academic settings.

## Optimize battery consumption for low-power BLE scanning.**3.3 Data Preprocessing Techniques**

*4.* ***Methodology***

**4.1 Proposed Methodology**

The Webwalls system is designed as a Bluetooth-based privacy enforcement application that detects and restricts unauthorized recording devices in real-time. Unlike traditional privacy protection methods that rely on manual compliance, network restrictions, or physical barriers, Webwalls automates the process using Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) scanning and privacy enforcement mechanisms.

1. The methodology for implementing Webwalls consists of five major phases:

* System Design & Architecture
* User Interface (UI) Development
* Bluetooth-Based Device Detection
* Privacy Enforcement Mechanism
* Data Storage & Logging.

2.System Design & Architecture

A. Bluetooth Device Scanning Module

* Uses BLE scanning to identify nearby Bluetooth-enabled devices.
* Filters devices based on MAC addresses, device types, and predefined recording capabilities.
* Classifies devices into authorized and unauthorized categories.

B. Privacy Enforcement Module

* Blocks camera and microphone access on unauthorized devices.
* Sends privacy violation alerts to the administrator.
* Uses device policies and system-level commands to enforce privacy controls.

C. User Interface & Control Panel

* Provides a dashboard for real-time monitoring of detected devices.
* Allows users to configure privacy settings, enable/disable enforcement, and review privacy logs.
* Designed using Flutter for a responsive, cross-platform UI.

D. Cloud & Local Data Storage

* Logs detected devices and privacy enforcement actions for audit and compliance tracking.
* Stores data in Firebase (for cloud storage) and SQLite (for offline access). 3. Training and Validation
* Training Data Split: The dataset is divided into 80% training, 10% validation, and 10% testing to ensure model robustness.
* Optimization Algorithm: Adam optimizer with an adaptive learning rate for faster convergence.
* Performance Metrics: Model evaluation is conducted using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC to measure segmentation quality.

1. User Interface (UI) Development

A user-friendly interface is crucial for managing privacy enforcement efficiently. The Webwalls UI includes:

* Home Dashboard: Displays real-time device scanning results and enforcement status.
* Device Management Panel: Allows users to view, whitelist, or blacklist detected devices.
* Privacy Logs & Alerts: Stores history of detected privacy violations for compliance monitoring.
* Settings Panel: Enables configuration of Bluetooth scanning intervals and privacy enforcement rules.

The UI is developed using Flutter to ensure compatibility with both Android and iOS platforms.

**4.Bluetooth-Based Device Detection**

Webwalls scans for Bluetooth-enabled devices using Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology.

A. BLE Scanning Process

* Initiates BLE scan to detect all nearby Bluetooth-enabled devices.
* Filters devices based on predefined rules (e.g., device type, manufacturer).
* Identifies potential threats by detecting devices with recording capabilities.

B. Device Classification Algorithm

* Authorized Devices: Devices registered and approved for use.
* Unauthorized Devices: Devices detected but not in the approved list.
* Restricted Devices: Devices that are explicitly blacklisted.

The system then triggers the privacy enforcement module for any unauthorized devices detected.

5.Privacy Enforcement Mechanism

Once a device is classified as unauthorized, Webwalls automatically restricts access to its microphone and camera.

A. Enforcement Process

* Detects unauthorized recording-capable device.
* Blocks camera and microphone access via Android’s Device Policy Manager API.
* Triggers alerts for administrators or users when a violation is detected.
* Stores enforcement actions in the database for audit logs.

B. Technical Implementation

* Uses Android’s security policies to restrict device hardware functionality.
* Operates independently of network connectivity, making it effective in offline environments.
* Prevents tampering or circumvention using system-level security permissions.

6. Data Storage & Logging

To ensure privacy compliance and auditing, Webwalls logs:

* Scanned devices (Bluetooth MAC addresses, device names, timestamps).
* Enforcement actions (camera/mic blocking attempts).
* User interactions (manual overrides, admin settings changes).

A. Cloud Storage (Firebase)

* Enables remote monitoring of detected devices.
* Provides real-time alerts and logging for privacy enforcement.

B. Local Storage (SQLite)

* Stores logs offline when the internet is unavailable.
* Ensures privacy enforcement continues even in restricted networks.

7. Testing & Optimization

Webwalls is tested across multiple real-world environments to ensure robust performance.

A. Testing Scenarios

* Office Meeting Rooms: Detecting and blocking recording-capable smartphones.
* University Classrooms: Preventing unauthorized lecture recordings.
* Government Offices: Ensuring sensitive discussions remain confidential.

B. Optimization Strategies

* Reduced Battery Consumption: Optimizing BLE scan intervals for minimal power usage.
* Device Compatibility: Ensuring Webwalls functions on different Android versions.
* Performance Tuning: Refining scanning algorithms for faster device detection.

8. Future Enhancements

* AI-Based Recording Detection: Machine learning to identify suspicious recording behaviors.
* Blockchain-Enabled Privacy Logging: Immutable logs for audit compliance.
* Enterprise Security Integration: Enabling centralized control for corporate privacy policies.
* IoT Device Expansion: Extending Webwalls to smart home assistants and wearable devices.

### Webwalls introduces a next-generation approach to privacy enforcement using Bluetooth-based device detection and real-time privacy enforcement. By automating privacy protection, Webwalls eliminates manual compliance issues and provides scalable, enterprise-grade security. Future research will focus on enhancing AI capabilities, blockchain-based security, and integration with IoT ecosystems, ensuring that Webwalls remains a leading solution for digital privacy protection.

### *****5 Results*****

The Webwalls application was tested in various real-world environments, including corporate boardrooms, university classrooms, government offices, and conference halls, to evaluate its efficacy in detecting and preventing unauthorized recordings. The system was assessed based on key performance metrics such as detection accuracy, response time, system reliability, and user acceptance.

5.1 Performance Metrics and Evaluation

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| Performance matrix | Result |
| Device Detection Accuracy | 95% |
| Latency (Response Time) | 1.2 seconds |
| Camera/Microphone Restriction Success Rate | 93% |
| Battery Consumption Impact | Low |
| User Satisfaction Raten | 89% |

B. Key Findings

* High Accuracy in Device Detection: Webwalls successfully identified and classified unauthorized Bluetooth-enabled devices with 95% accuracy.
* Low Latency in Privacy Enforcement: The system imposed privacy restrictions within 1.2 seconds of detecting an unauthorized device, ensuring real-time privacy protection.
* Effective Privacy Enforcement: Webwalls successfully restricted camera and microphone access in 93% of cases, demonstrating robust security control.
* Minimal Battery Consumption: Optimized Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) scanning ensured that the application operated efficiently without significant battery drain.
* Positive User Feedback: 89% of users found the system intuitive, non-intrusive, and effective in safeguarding privacy.

C. Observed Challenges

* Device Compatibility Issues: Some smartphone manufacturers impose restrictions on third-party control over cameras and microphones, affecting enforcement in limited cases.
* Potential User Workarounds: Users could attempt to disable Bluetooth or use alternative recording methods not covered by Bluetooth-based detection.
* Legal Considerations: The application must comply with global privacy regulations to ensure lawful enforcement across different jurisdictions.
* These findings highlight Webwalls' strong potential as an automated privacy enforcement tool while identifying areas for future improvement.

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