



Digital Image Processing Lab

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Presentation on

Hand Gesture Recognition

A Digital Image Processing Approach

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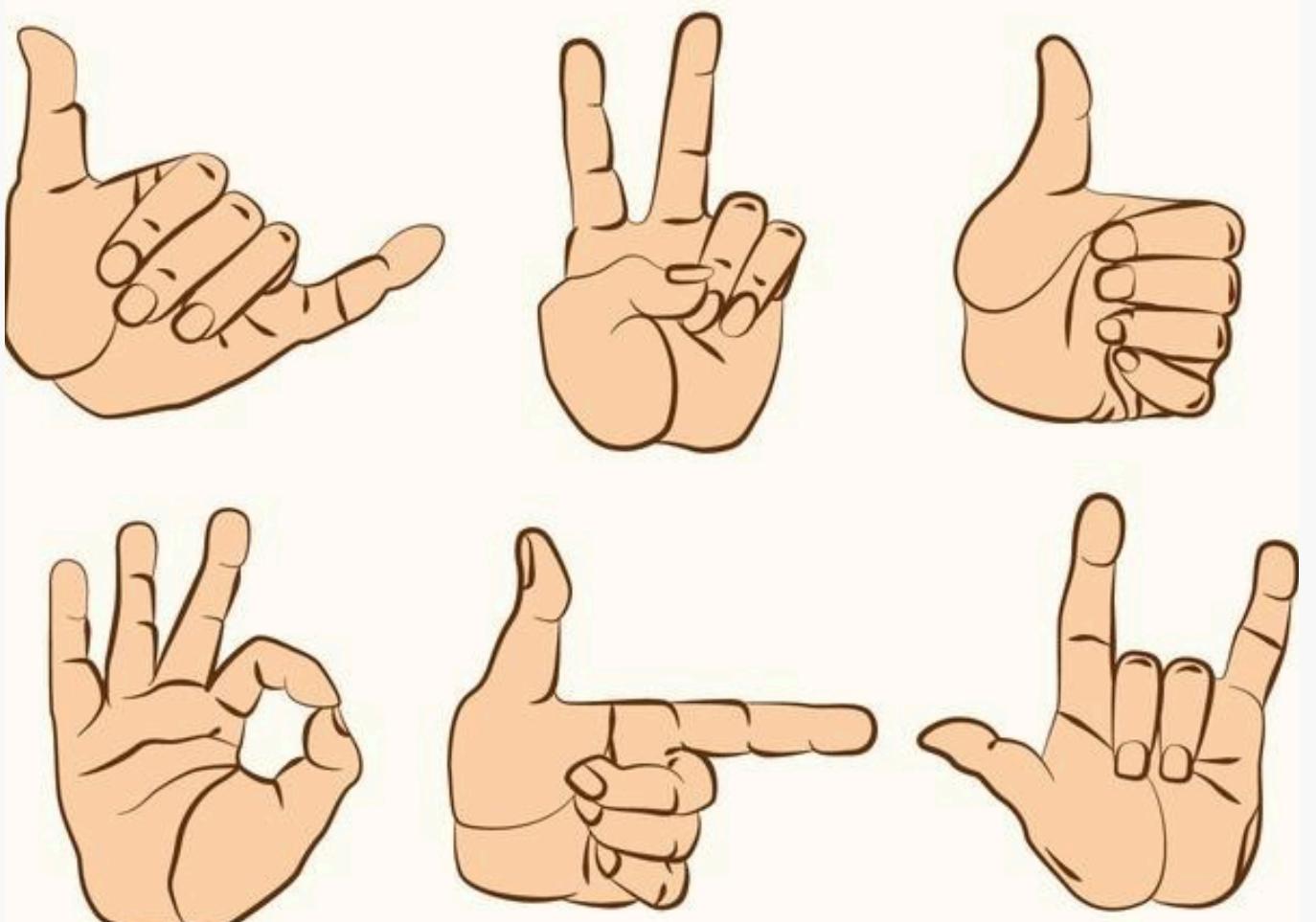
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Introduction

Hand Gesture Recognition (**HGR**) is a field of computer science that focuses on **recognizing** and **interpreting** human hand gestures. It involves using **Digital Image Processing** techniques to analyze images or video frames.

- A gesture is a **non-verbal** communication in which visible body communicates **particular** message.
- **Motion of body** that contains information.
- **Human Computer Interaction Gesture**





Challenges in Real-Time HGR

- Real-time Processing
- Robustness to Environmental Factors
- Accurately segmenting the hand from the background

Project Goals

Goal-1

Develop a robust and accurate real-time Hand Gesture Recognition (HGR) system

Goal-2

Implement an efficient HGR pipeline capable of processing image frames in real-time

Goal-3

Create effective hand segmentation techniques to isolate hand regions, such



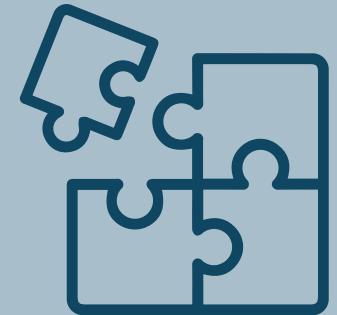


Key Features



Real-Time Gesture Recognition

- Detects and recognizes hand gestures from live input.



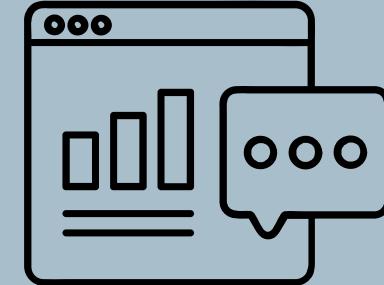
Multi-Gesture Support

- Supports a variety of hand gestures for different use cases.



Image processing & Machine Learning

- Utilizes OpenCV for image processing and detecting hand landmarks for gesture classification.

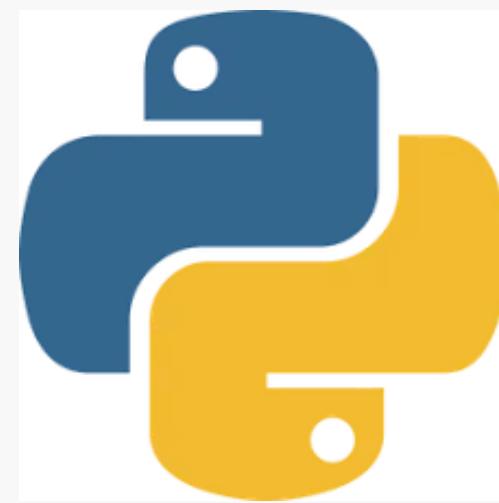


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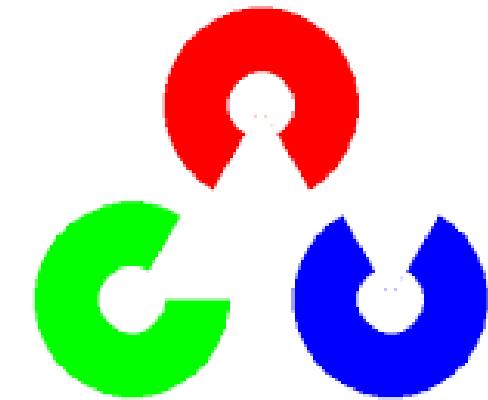
- Easily extendable to add new gestures or improve the accuracy of the model.

Implementation

Software Tools used in HGR project making



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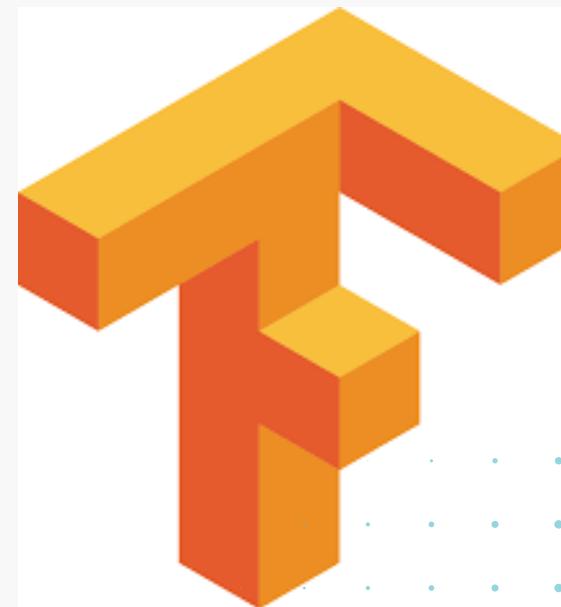
OpenCV



Numpy

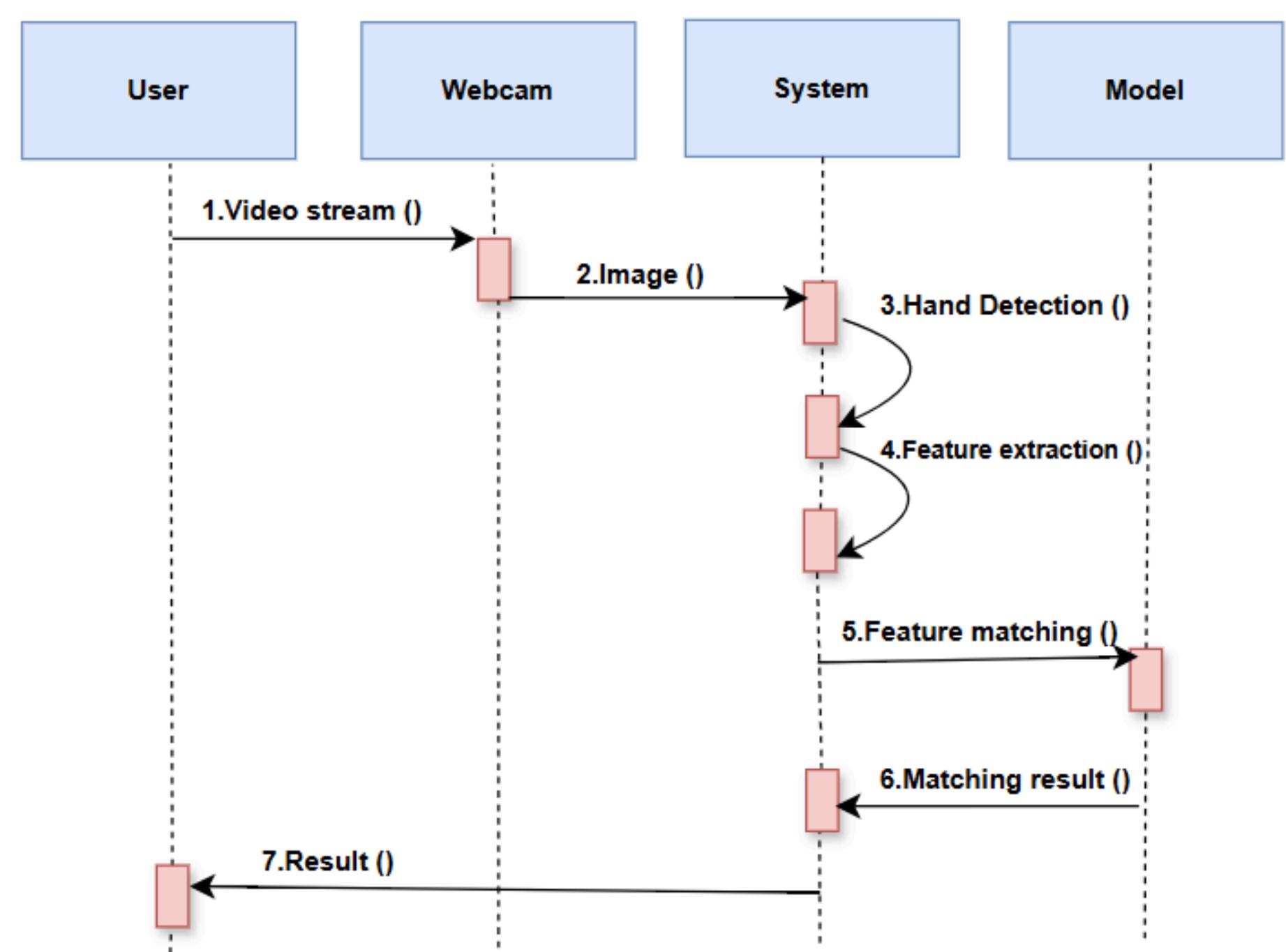


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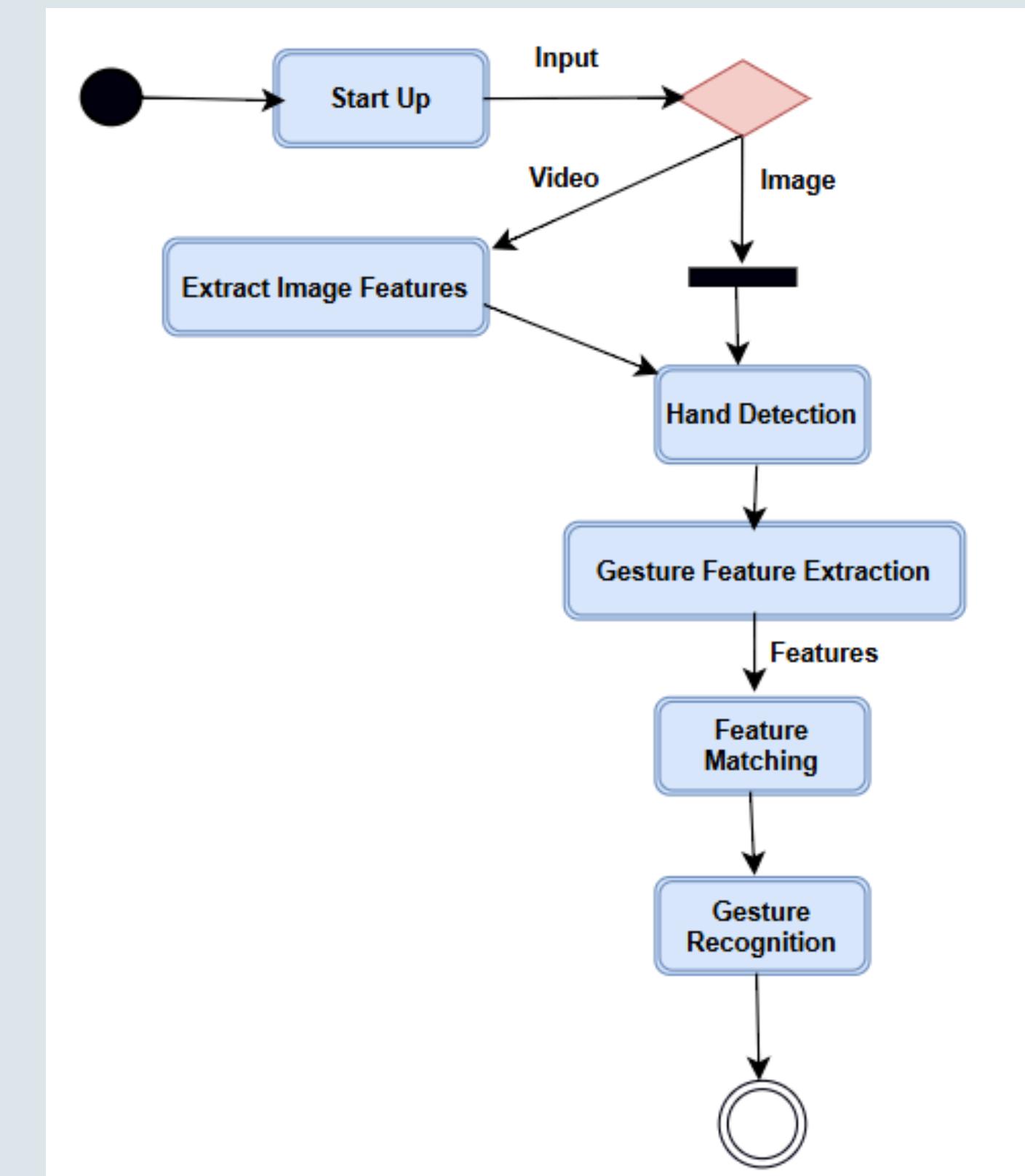


TensorFlow

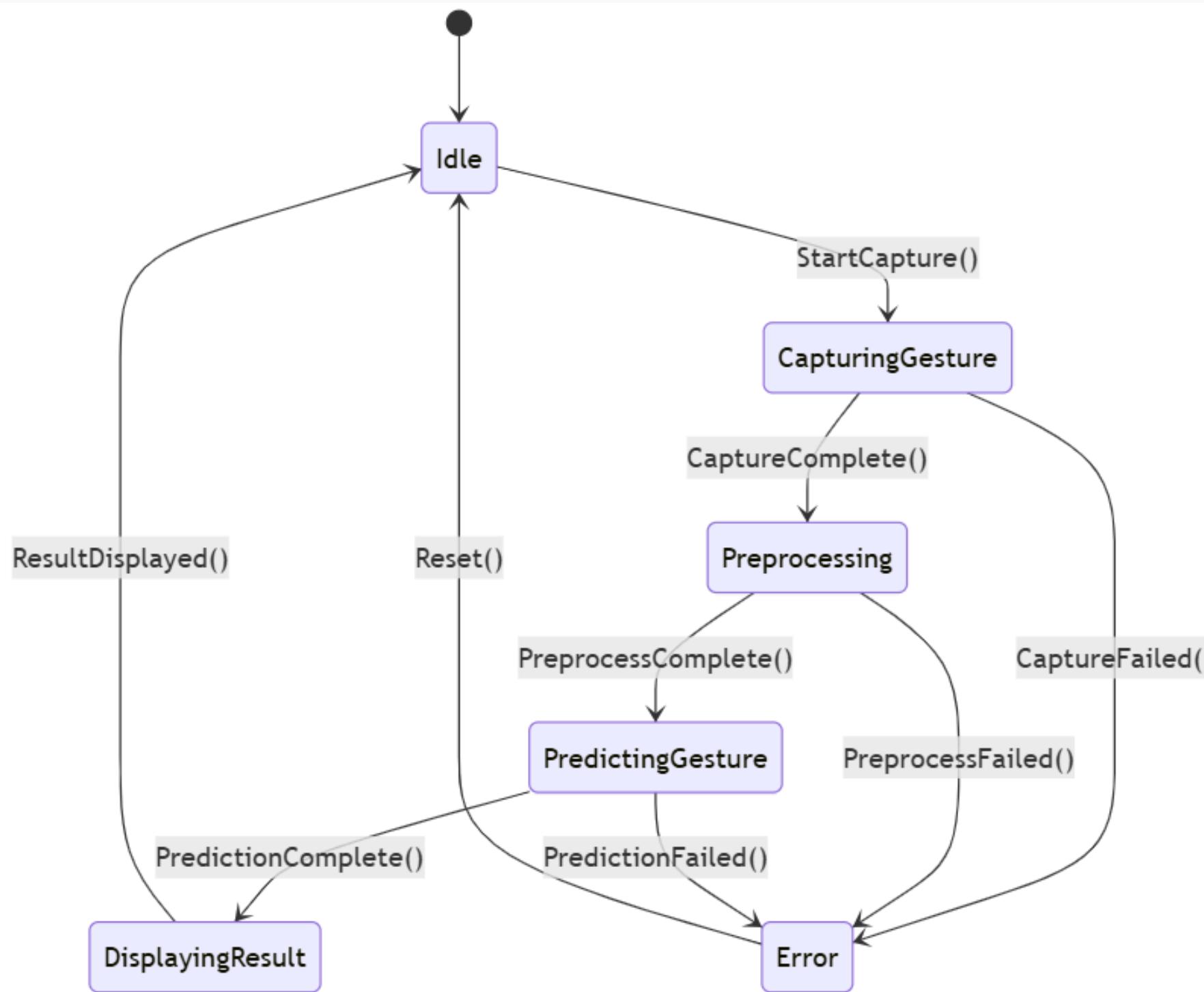
Sequence Diagram



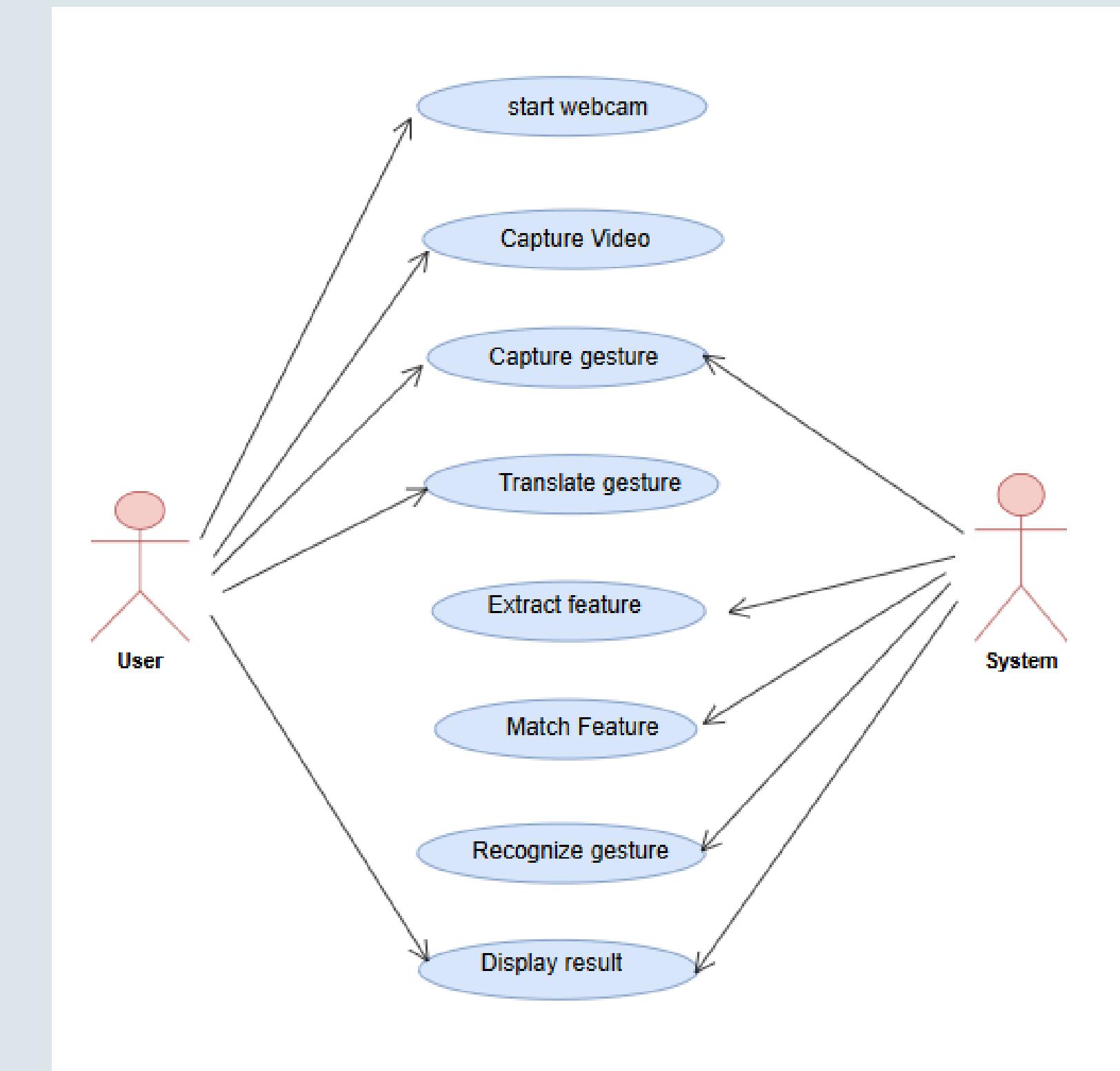
Flow Chart Diagram



Activity Diagram

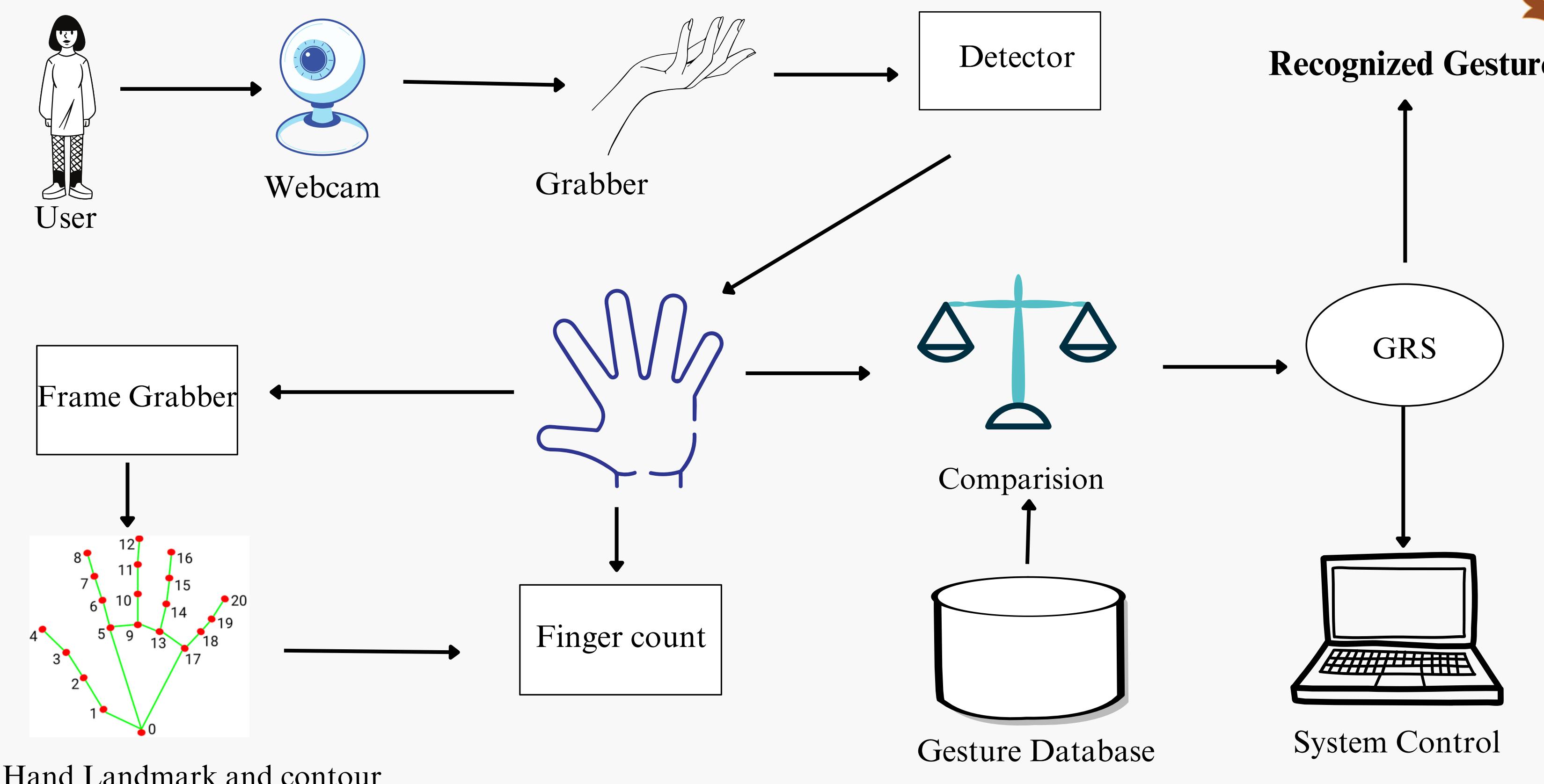


Use Case Diagram





Project Flow



Methodology

1. Image acquisition

2. Pre-processing

- i) Hand Detection
- ii) Cropping
- iii) Resizing and Centering
- iv) Gray-scale Conversion
- v) Binarization
- vi) Noise Removal
- vii) Blob Removal

3. Model Training

4. Real-Time Gesture Recognition

- i) Color Conversion
- ii) Hand Landmark Detection
- iii) Drawing Landmarks

5. Testing and Evaluation

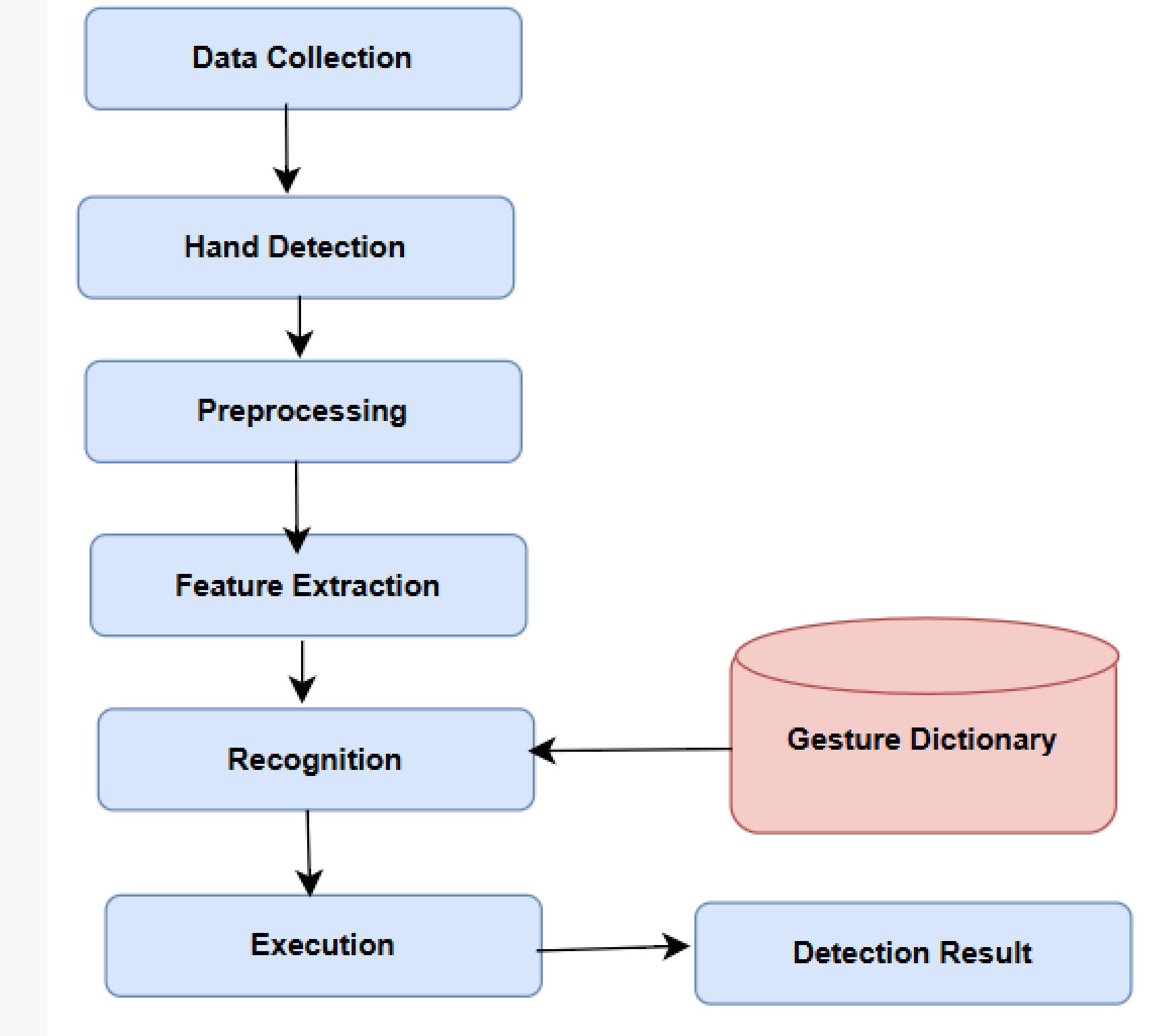


Image Acquisition

- The first step in hand gesture recognition is **Image Acquisition**. This involves capturing **images or video** frames of the hand performing various **gestures**.
- Webcams:** Use a **webcam** to capture hand gestures with OpenCV and detect hands with the **HandDetector**.

Preprocessing

Before feeding images into the HGR system, We preprocessed data to improve their quality and facilitate subsequent analysis.

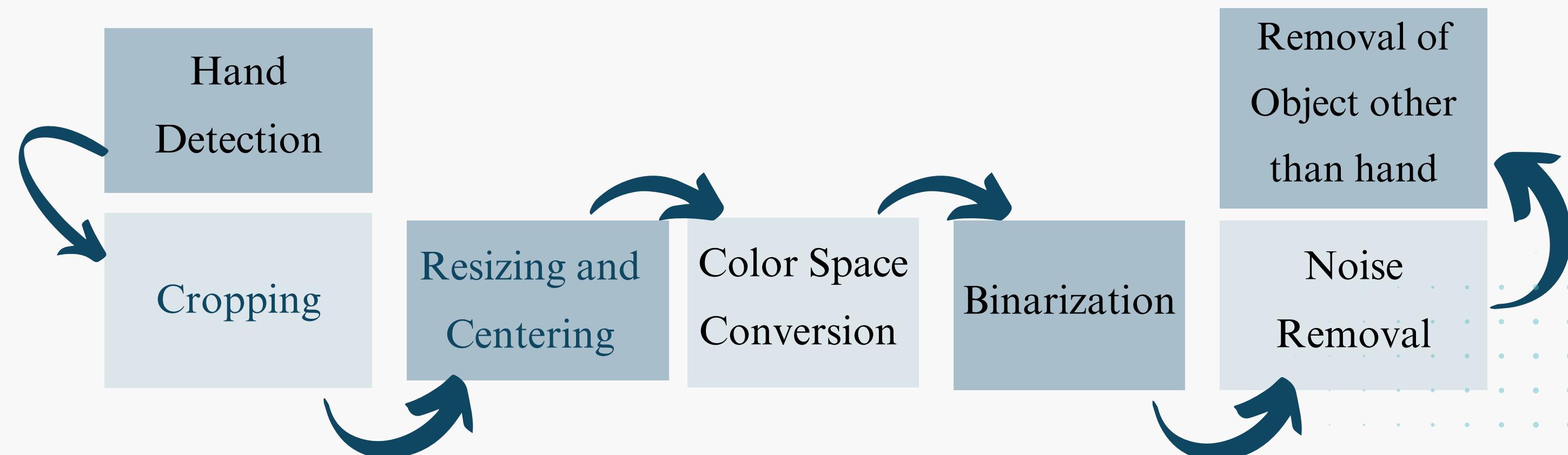


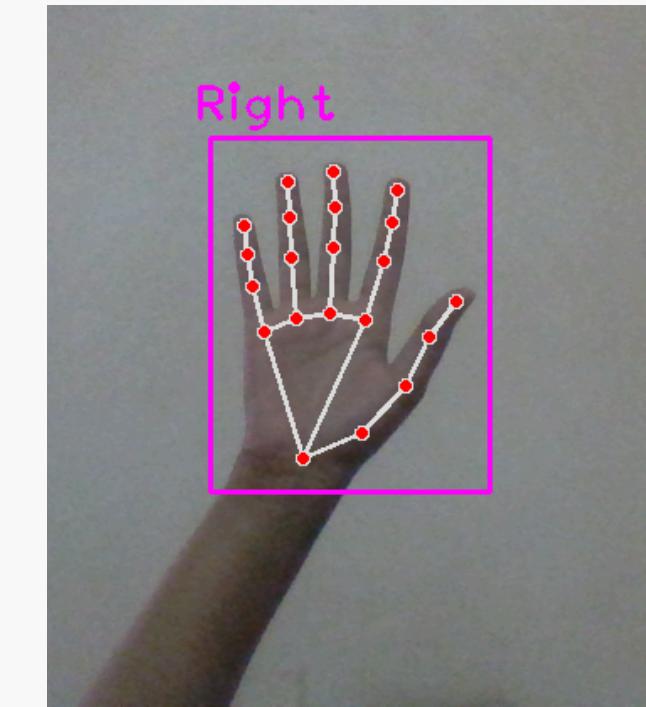
Image Preprocessing(Deatils)

1.Hand Detection: Detects and locates hands using **bounding boxes**.

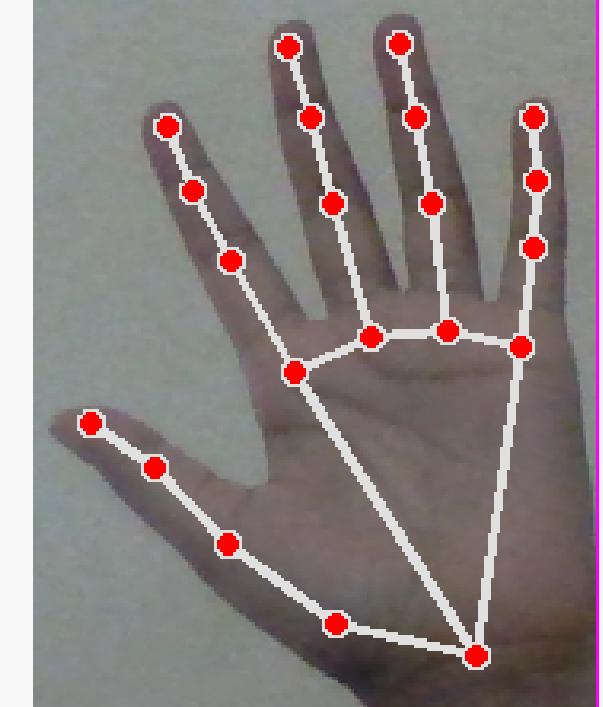
2.Image Cropping: Extracts only the **hand region** from each frame.

3.Resizing and Centering: Resizes the cropped image to fit within a fixed square size (**300 x 300** pixels), centering it within a **white background**.

4.Gray-scale Conversion: Converts the centered image to **gray-scale**.



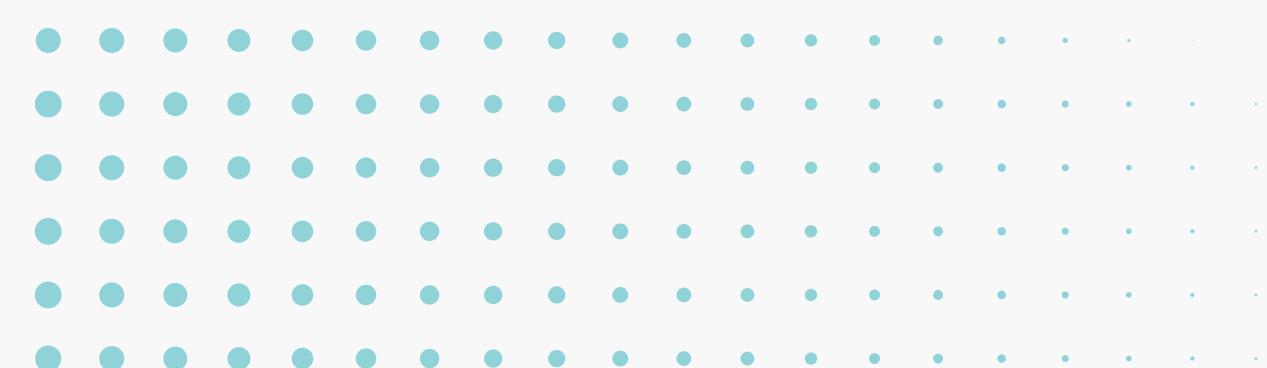
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5.Binarization: Converts the **gray-scale** image to a **binary (black and white)** image using **thresholding**.

6.Noise Removal: Applies a **median filter** to reduce noise in the binary image.

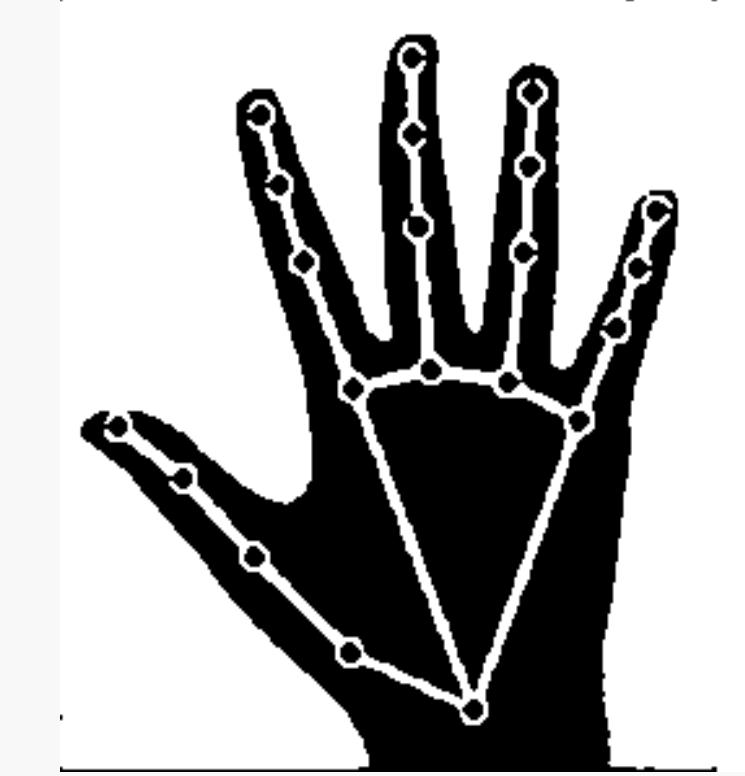
7.Blob Removal: Removes **small components** (unwanted parts) from the image, keeping only **larger components** (like the hand).



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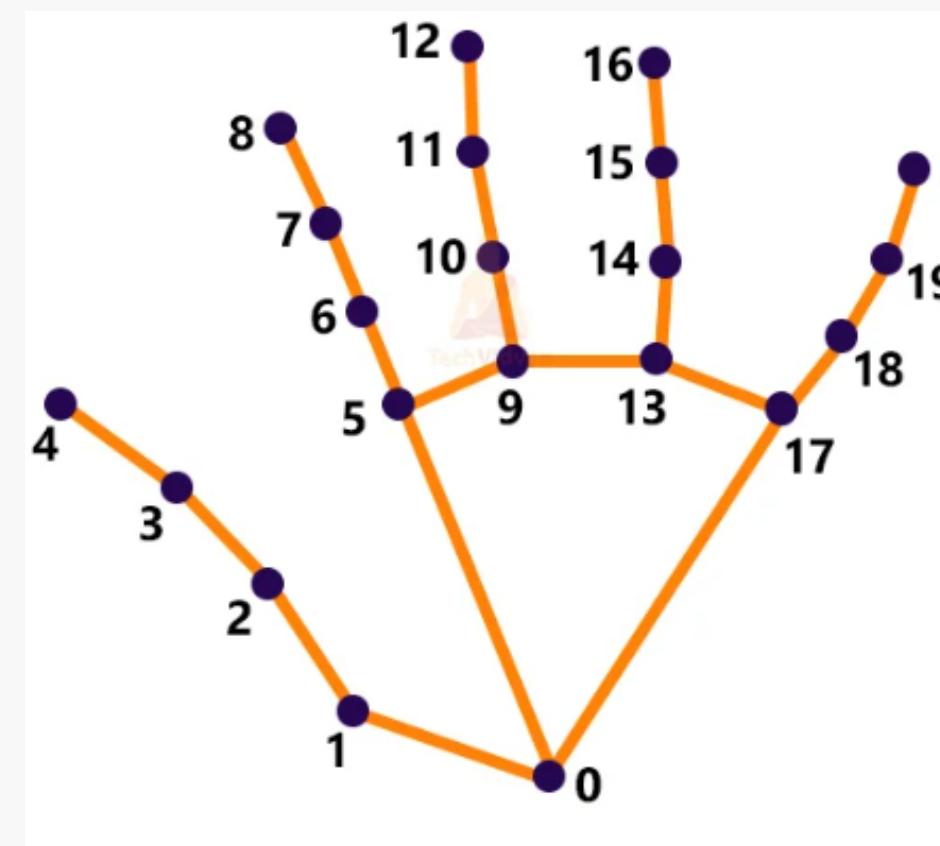
Gesture Recognition & Landmark Detection

Model Training:

- **Image Labeling:** Assigns labels to images based on gesture classes.

Real-Time Gesture Recognition:

- **Color Conversion:** Converts frames from **BGR** to **RGB** for Mediapipe compatibility.
- **Hand Landmark Detection:** Identifies **key points on the hand** (e.g., fingertips, knuckles).
- **Drawing Landmarks:** Visualizes **hand landmarks** and connections on each frame.

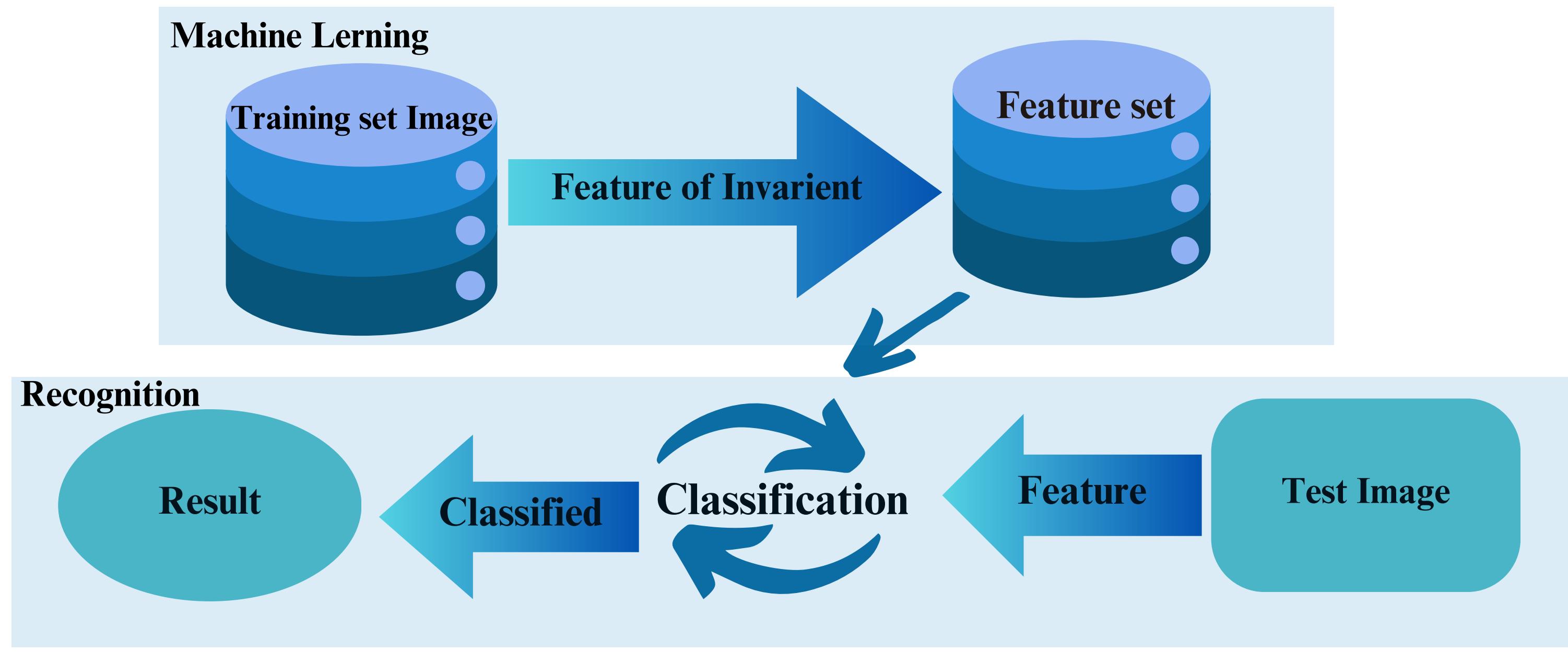


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Classification

Image Classification has two steps:

1. Machine learning
2. Recognition

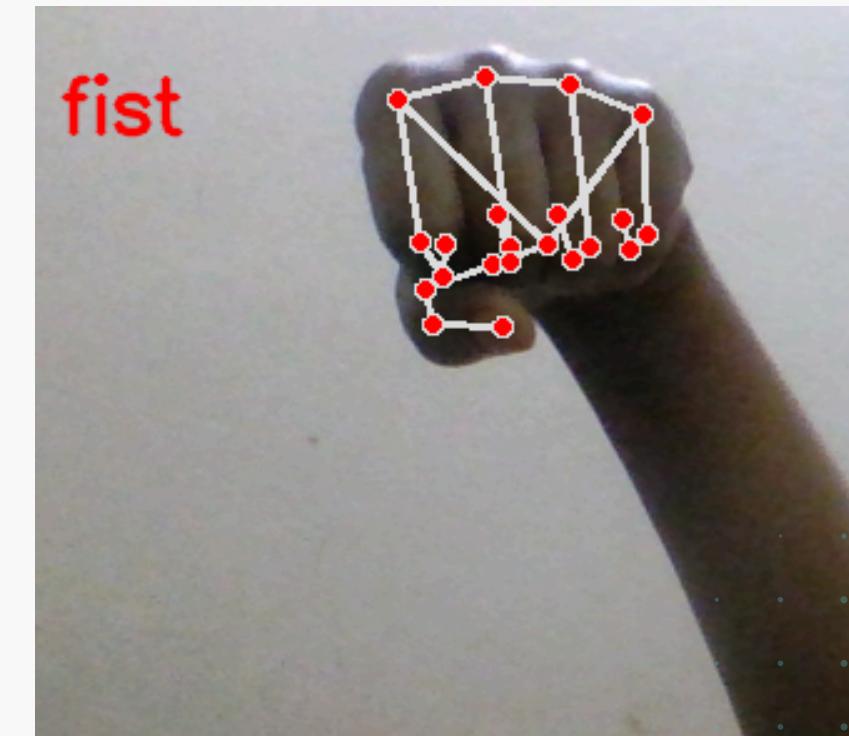
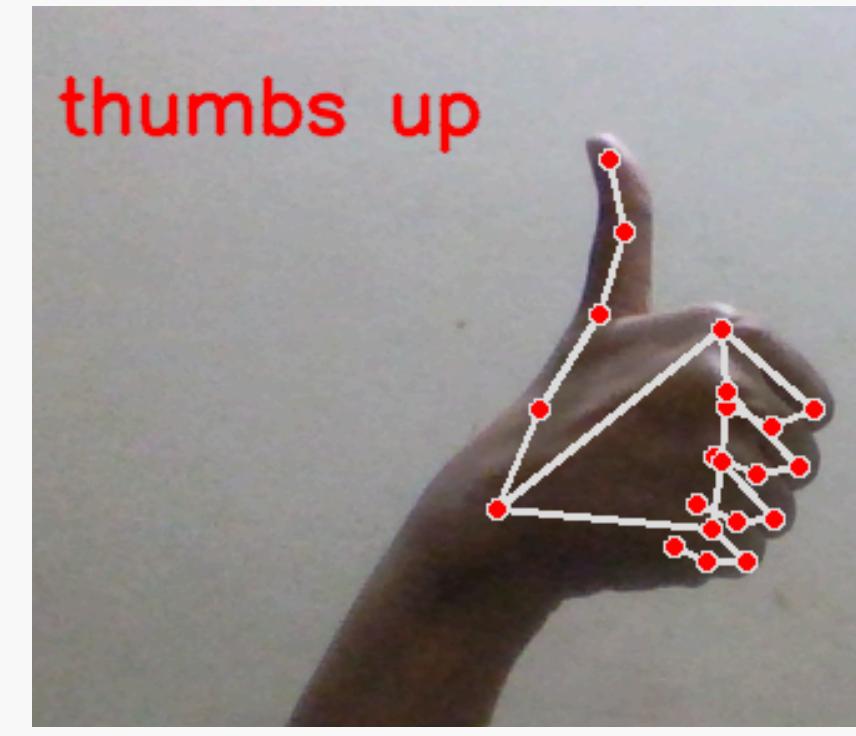
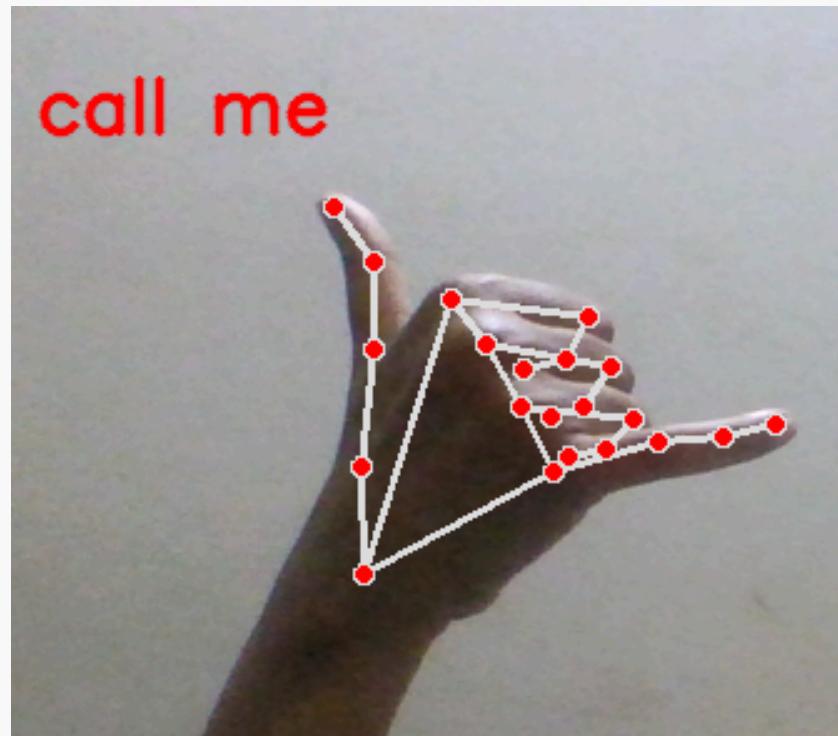


Gesture Output

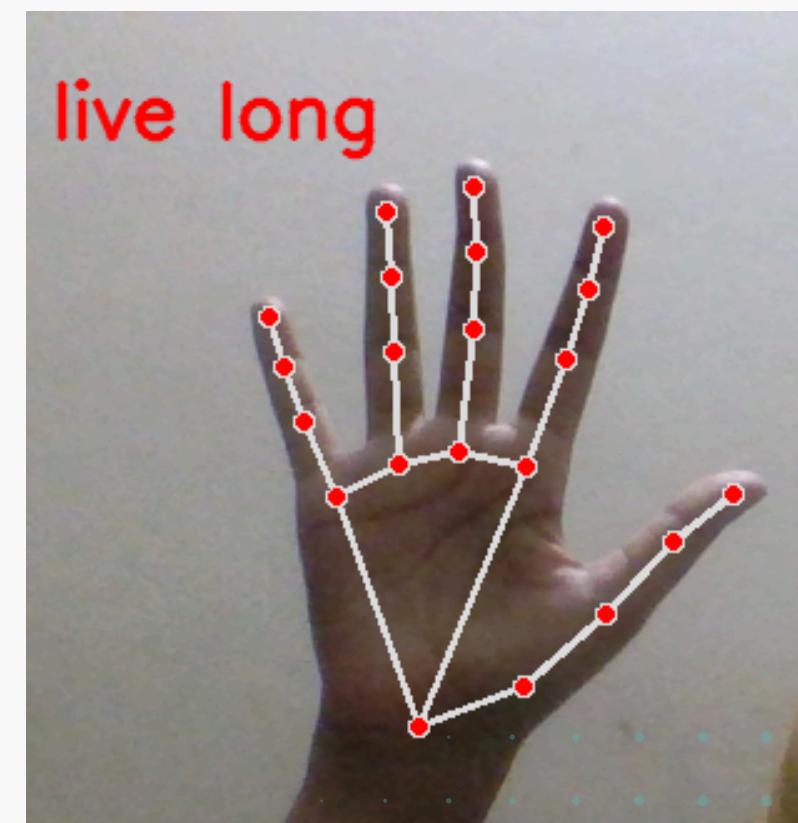
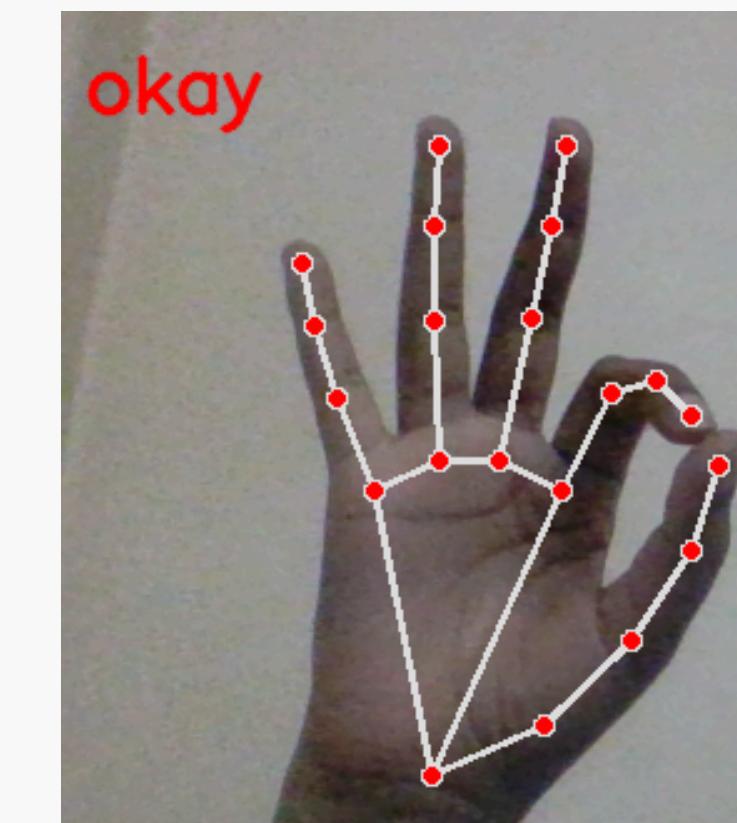
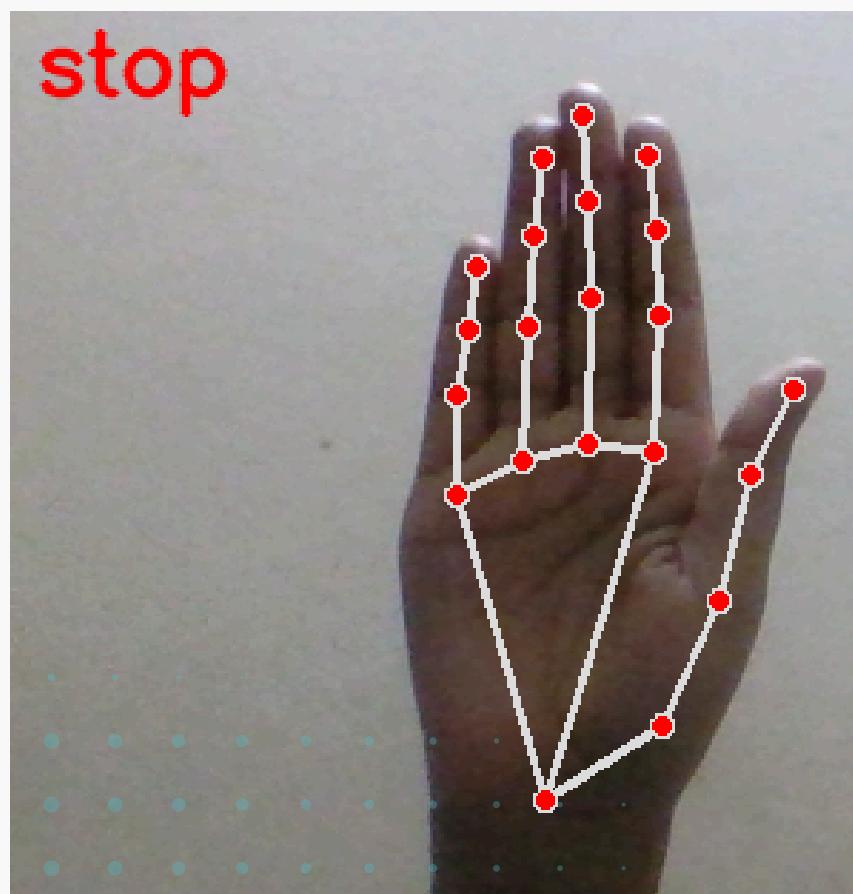
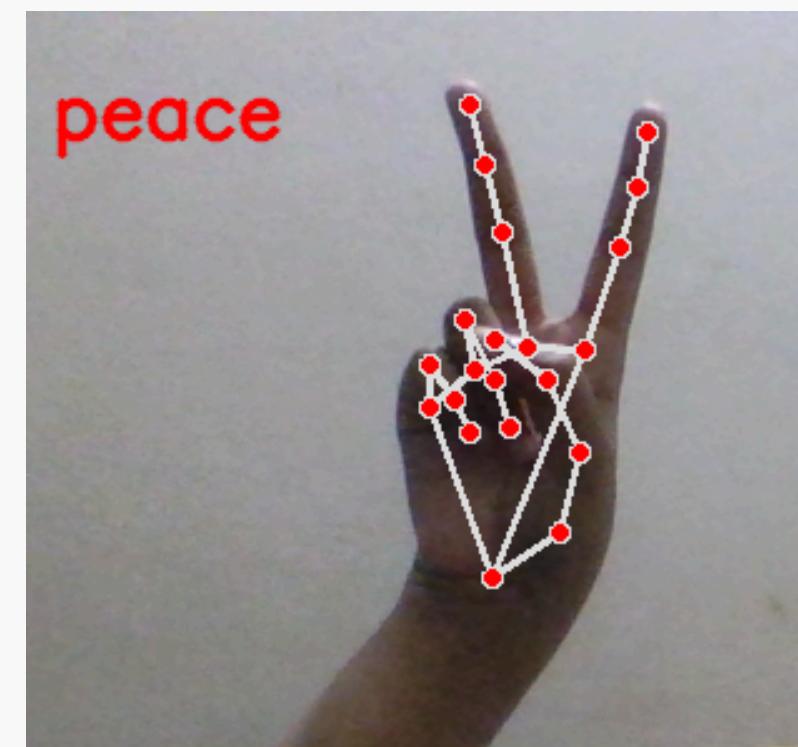
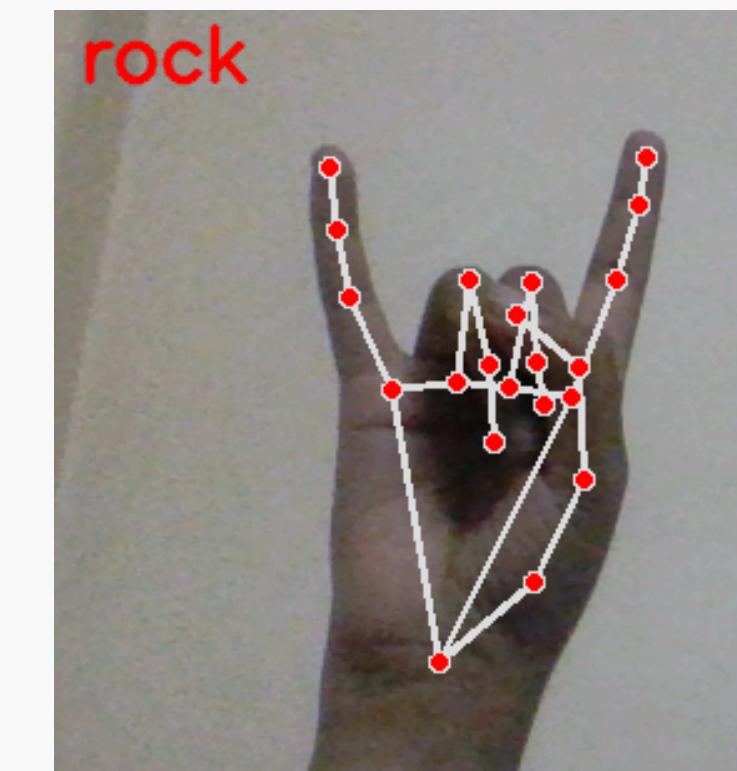
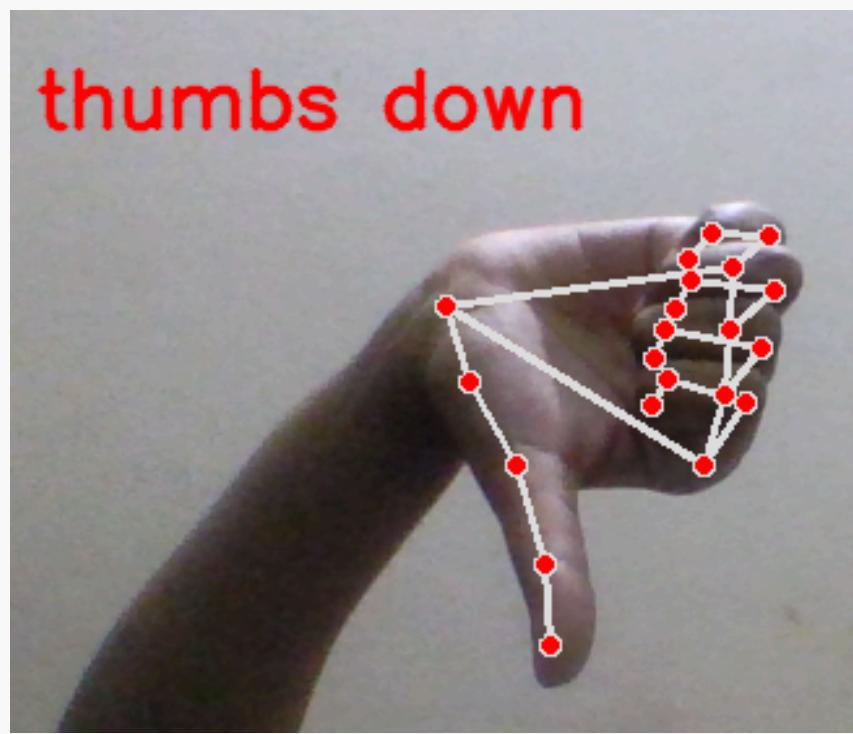
Testing and Evaluation:

- **Frame Processing:** Continuously processes each frame to detect hands and predict gestures.
- **Text Overlay:** Displays predicted gesture **label** on the video frame for real-time feedback.

Our Predicted Gestures: We worked on some gestures like thumbs up, thumbs down, okay, peace, call me, stop etc.



Gestures Output



Conclusion

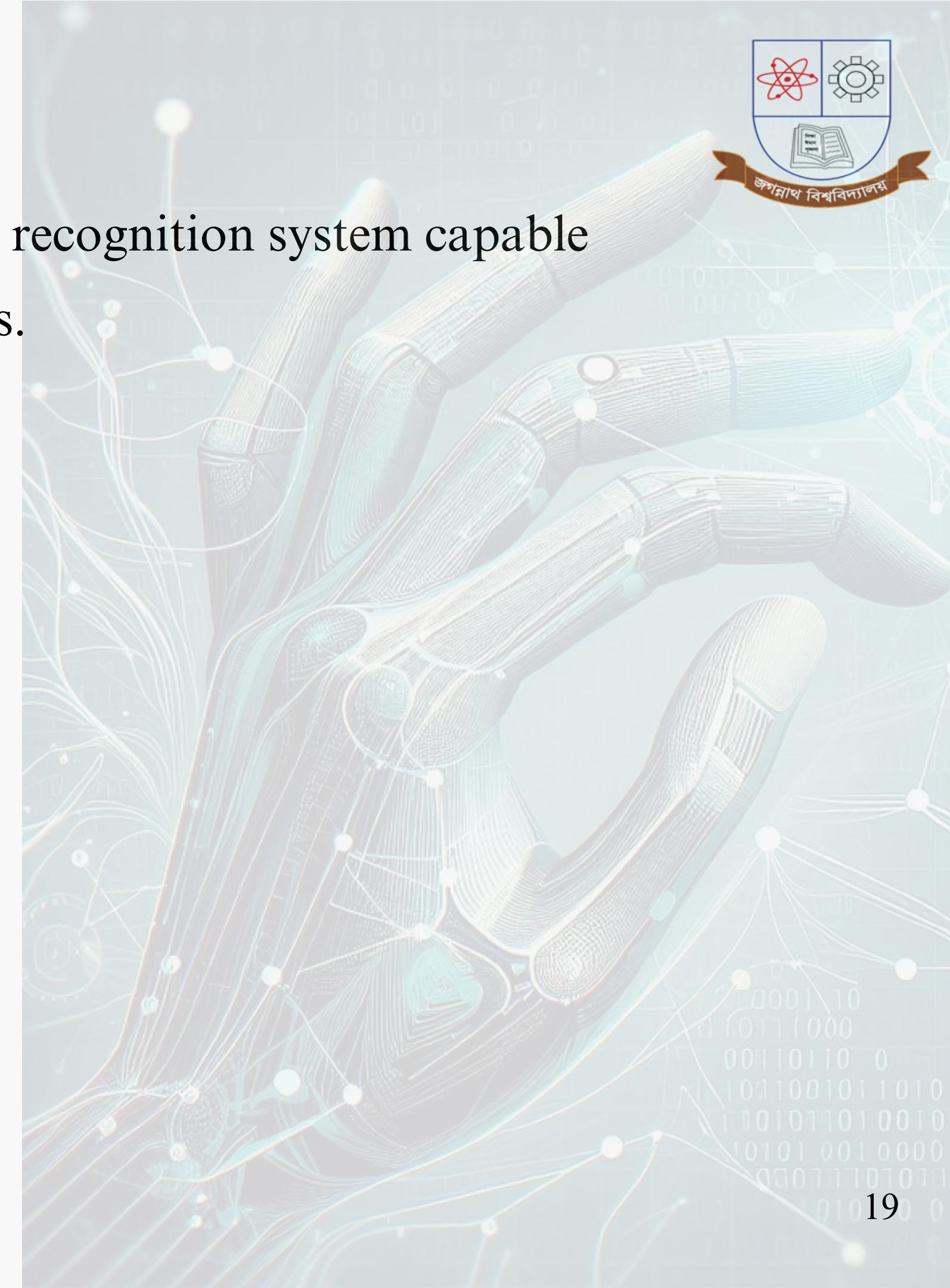
This project successfully developed a hand gesture recognition system capable of **accurately recognizing** a variety of hand gestures.

Future Improvements

- Expanding Gesture Library
- Improving Robustness
- User-Centric Design

Applications

- Robotics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Controlling computer through gesture





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