CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In the ever-evolving world of technology, the way humans interact with computers has greatly expanded beyond traditional input methods such as keyboards and mice. As computing devices become more integrated into everyday life, there is an increasing need for innovative, accessible, and intuitive forms of interaction. Among these advancements, gesture and voice recognition technologies have emerged as key tools to enhance user experience and accessibility.

Traditional input devices are often limiting, particularly for individuals with physical disabilities or those seeking more convenient, hands-free methods of interaction. In response to these challenges, gesture-based and voice-based control systems offer a more natural and efficient way to communicate with computers, without the need for physical contact. These technologies have found applications in diverse areas, including smart homes, gaming, virtual reality, and accessibility for the differently abled. Gesture recognition enables users to perform tasks by simply moving their hands, while voice recognition allows voice commands to control devices and applications.

This project, titled "AirTouch: Gesture and Voice Command Interface for PCs" aims to develop a system that allows users to control their personal computers through a combination of hand gestures and voice commands. The system will provide a hands-free interface, enabling users to interact with their devices in a more intuitive and accessible manner. With the help of a webcam for gesture recognition and a microphone for voice commands, the system will perform tasks such as controlling the cursor, managing media playback, and executing simple commands. The interface will be designed to support multiple gestures and voice commands, creating a seamless user experience.

The goal of this project is to make computing more accessible, efficient, and user-friendly, offering a solution to those who find traditional input methods challenging and those who seek a more advanced way to interact with their systems.

1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The "AirTouch: Gesture and Voice Command Interface for PCs" revolutionizes human-computer interaction with hands-free control via gestures and voice commands. Utilizing a webcam and microphone, it enhances accessibility and convenience, particularly for individuals with physical limitations. The system integrates Gesture_Controller.py and Proton.py, coordinated by app.py, for seamless task execution.

1.2 BACKGROUND

The rapid evolution of technology has transformed the way humans interact with computers, shifting from traditional input devices like keyboards and mice to more advanced and intuitive interfaces. Gesture and voice-based controls are at the forefront of this evolution, offering natural and contactless ways to operate devices. These technologies cater to a wide range of users, including individuals with physical disabilities, professionals seeking efficiency, and those in hygiene-sensitive environments like hospitals. The increasing demand for accessibility, convenience, and smarter interactions has made gesture and voice recognition systems an essential area of innovation, paving the way for projects like AirTouch: Gesture and Voice Command Interface for PCs.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

The objective of the "AirTouch: Gesture and Voice Command Interface for PCs" project is to develop an intuitive, hands-free interface that allows users to control their personal computers using both gestures and voice commands. The system aims to enhance accessibility for individuals with physical limitations, providing them with an alternative and more inclusive way to interact with technology. By offering seamless control, the project also seeks to improve user convenience, particularly for professionals in multitasking environments or healthcare settings, where traditional input devices may be impractical. The goal is to ensure real-time responsiveness in gesture and voice processing while offering a versatile system that can control various applications, making computing more efficient and user-friendly.

1.4 SCOPE

The scope of the AirTouch: Gesture and Voice Command Interface for PCs spans multiple areas, enhancing accessibility and ease of use. It helps individuals with disabilities or limited mobility navigate computers using gestures and voice commands. Elderly users benefit from its simple interface, while hygiene-sensitive environments like hospitals can maintain safety with touch-free controls. Professionals can boost productivity through hands-free multitasking, and tech enthusiasts can explore gesture and voice technology for innovation. The system also supports visually impaired users with voice commands and audio feedback and enriches learning in educational institutions. AirTouch makes technology more inclusive and practical for various real-world applications.

1.5 CHALLENGES

The challenges in developing the AirTouch system include ensuring accurate recognition of diverse gestures and voice commands across different users and environments. Variations in lighting, background noise, and user accents can affect the system's performance, requiring robust algorithms for reliable detection. Balancing real-time responsiveness with computational efficiency is critical to delivering a seamless user experience. Additionally, integrating hardware like webcams and microphones with software components demands compatibility and optimization. Ensuring the system’s accessibility and usability for people with different abilities and skill levels further adds complexity.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

In the past, systems for controlling a virtual mouse used gloves or colored pieces of paper attached to hands for gesture recognition. The glove-based systems had issues because the gloves were hard to wear for long periods, and they could cause discomfort or allergic reactions on the skin. The colored paper method didn't always give the best results for recognizing gestures.

Recently, improvements have been made by using Google's Mediapipe framework for hand gesture recognition. This new system uses a camera to detect hand gestures, allowing you to control the mouse cursor and perform various mouse functions, such as clicking, dragging, and controlling volume and brightness. This method is more efficient and comfortable because it doesn't require gloves or colored paper, and it provides a more accurate way to interact with the computer through hand gestures.

This review is about how a hardware-based system is developed. Although this model produces incredibly accurate results, many movements are challenging to execute while wearing a glove that severely limits the user's hand's range of motion, speed, and agility. Also wearing gloves for a long time will result in skin diseases and is not best suited for the users with sensitive skin type[1].They created a machine-user interface that uses straightforward computer vision and multimedia techniques to accomplish hand gesture detection. However, a significant disadvantage is that skin pixel identification and hand segmentation from stored frames must be completed before working with gesture comparison techniques[2].They described a system in this study for recognizing hand movements that relies on a mobile phone's camera and a connected mobile projector as a visual feedback medium. Other mobile applications can easily link to their framework to learn gesture recognition. The suggested architecture enables the quick and simple creation of research prototypes that support gestures, diverting the user's focus away from the device and towards the content[3].Besides such devices that have to be physically touched for interaction,impressive touchless appliances. E.g, Ubiq’window enables gestural interaction with a screen behind glass through optical motion detection[4].g-speak

uses special sensor gloves for detecting spatial hand gestures. However, these applications rely on expensive custom hardware and are not mobile[5].Various approaches for recognition of hand gestures, including the use of color, depth, and skeleton-based models[6].Developed software for mouse movements. The author used a green coloured object for performing cursor movement with the mouse[7].A system built with the Boof CV library, which has an object tracking-based virtual mouse application to track the movements of hand[8]. Early chatbots like ELIZA (1960s) relied on simple rule-based systems for conversation simulation. Over time, advancements in NLP and AI have enabled the creation of sophisticated, context-aware systems like GPT-4 and BERT, which can handle complex queries and maintain conversational coherence[9]. Chatbots have become instrumental in customer support, healthcare, education, and finance. For example, they automate FAQs, assist in symptom checking, provide personalized learning, and offer financial advice, showcasing versatility in application[10].

In summary of these review we conclude that ,Systems like g-speak require expensive gloves, while color-based systems depend on specific objects, adding to costs and complexity. Gloves can limit hand agility, cause discomfort, and are unsuitable for users with sensitive skin. Other systems, such as those based on skin-pixel detection, require additional steps that slow down processing. Systems using projectors or fixed setups are less portable and limited to specific environments. Systems relying on skin-pixel identification or object tracking, like Boof CV, often have delays due to preprocessing steps. Combining chatbot with gesture control virtual mouse involves addressing challenges like ensuring real-time gesture recognition accuracy and chatbot responsiveness.

Advantages of Gesture Control Virtual Mouse using MediaPipe Framework

- MediaPipe relies on standard cameras already available on devices, making it cost-effective and widely accessible.
- It enables contact-free gesture recognition, avoiding discomfort or skin issues associated with prolonged glove use.
- It uses advanced machine learning models to detect gestures accurately in real-time, without requiring pre-processing steps like skin segmentation.

CHAPTER 3

REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATION

A System Requirements Specification is a document or set of documentation that describes the features and behavior of a system or software application. It includes a variety of elements that attempt to define the intended functionality required by the customer to satisfy their different uses.

3.1 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Functional requirements specify what a system should do to meet its objectives. They define the features, behaviours, and tasks that the system must perform to satisfy user needs and expectations. These requirements focus on the system's core functionalities, such as inputs, outputs, data processing, and interactions between components.

Functional requirements form the backbone of any system's design and development, ensuring that the product delivers the intended value to its users.

- Gesture Recognition
- Voice Command Processing
- Task Execution
- User Feedback
- Integration
- File management
- API integration

3.2 NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Non-functional requirements (NFRs) define the quality attributes, system performance, and operational standards that a system must meet to ensure usability and reliability. Unlike functional requirements, which specify what the system does, NFRs focus on how the system operates under various conditions. They provide benchmarks for system efficiency, scalability, security, maintainability, and user experience, ensuring the system functions effectively in real-world scenarios.

- Performance
- Usability
- Reliability
- Scalability
- Compatibility

3.3 INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

The installation requirements specify the prerequisites and steps needed to set up the "AirTouch: Gesture and Voice Command Interface for PCs" project on a system. These include hardware and software configurations, dependencies, and environment setup to ensure smooth operation of the application.

3.3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

The hardware requirements include:

- Webcam: Captures hand gestures for gesture recognition.
- Microphone: Processes voice commands accurately.
- Computer System: Minimum 4GB RAM, multi-core processor for smooth real-time processing.
- Display Monitor: Provides visual feedback during interactions.

- Speakers or Headphones: For auditory feedback from the system.
- Stable Internet Connection: Supports API-based features like Wikipedia and weather updates.

3.3.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Windows Operating System (10/11)
- Anaconda Navigator (Anaconda Prompt)
- Visual Studio Code
- Python 3.8 and above
- Web Browser (Preferably Chrome)
- Eel Framework

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM DESIGN

4.1 ANACONDA NAVIGATOR

Anaconda Navigator is a graphical user interface (GUI) that helps users manage their Anaconda environments, packages, and applications. It simplifies package management, environment creation, and launching applications without needing to use the command line. With Anaconda Navigator, you can easily install, update, and configure various data science and machine learning tools. It supports seamless integration with Python, R, and other languages, making it ideal for data scientists and developers.

Applications available in Anaconda Navigator include:

1. Jupyter Notebook
2. Spyder
3. RStudio
4. VS Code
5. Orange
6. Glueviz
7. QtConsole

4.1.1 VS CODE

Visual Studio Code (VS Code) is a lightweight, open-source code editor developed by Microsoft. It is highly customizable, offering support for multiple programming languages such as Python, JavaScript, C++, and more. VS Code provides features like IntelliSense for smart code completion, integrated Git support, a built-in terminal, debugging capabilities, and extensions to enhance functionality. It is widely used by developers for its flexibility, speed,

and a vast library of extensions that can be added to suit various programming needs, including web development, data science, and software engineering.

4.1.2 ANACONDA PROMPT

Anaconda Prompt is a command-line interface (CLI) provided by the Anaconda distribution. It allows users to interact with Anaconda and manage Python environments, packages, and installations. The Anaconda Prompt is pre-configured with the Anaconda environment, enabling users to run commands for package management, such as installing or updating packages, creating and managing virtual environments, and running Python scripts. It is particularly useful for data science and machine learning workflows, as it provides a convenient interface for managing dependencies and environments without needing to manually configure paths or environments.

4.2 LANGUAGES USED

4.2.1 PYTHON

Python is a versatile, high-level programming language known for its simplicity and readability, making it ideal for both beginners and professionals. It supports multiple programming paradigms, including object-oriented, procedural, and functional programming. Python's extensive standard library and numerous third-party modules enable a wide range of applications, from web development to data analysis, machine learning, and automation. It is platform-independent, meaning Python code can run on various operating systems with minimal changes. Python’s dynamic typing and interpreted nature allow for rapid development and testing. Its community support and vast resources make it a top choice for modern software development.

Role in the Project:

Python coordinates the interaction between gesture inputs and voice commands, ensuring seamless communication with the frontend and executing tasks on the PC based on user inputs.

4.2.2 JAVA SCRIPT

JavaScript (JS) is a high-level, lightweight, and interpreted programming language primarily used for creating dynamic and interactive content on websites. It allows developers to implement complex features like real-time updates, interactive forms, animations, and more. JavaScript is executed directly in the web browser, making it an essential component of web development alongside HTML and CSS. It supports event-driven, functional, and object-oriented programming paradigms, offering flexibility in application development. Modern JavaScript is versatile and, with the help of frameworks like React and Angular or environments like Node.js, can be used for both client-side and server-side development. Its vast ecosystem and active community make it a go-to language for building innovative web solutions.

Role in the Project:

- It communicates with the backend (via APIs or WebSockets) to send and receive user commands.
- JavaScript can dynamically update the user interface (UI) based on the actions being performed (e.g., showing feedback, updating the status of a command).

4.2.3 HTML

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is the standard language used to create and structure content on the web. It provides the framework for webpages, defining elements such as headings, paragraphs, links, images, and multimedia. HTML uses a system of tags and attributes to organize content in a meaningful way, allowing browsers to display it properly. It forms the foundation of all websites and works alongside CSS and JavaScript to create interactive and visually appealing web pages. HTML is essential for web development, enabling developers to build accessible and user-friendly web experiences.

Role in the Project: It provides the skeleton of the interface where users can interact with the system.

4.2.4 CSS

CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) is a stylesheet language used to control the visual appearance and layout of web pages. It works alongside HTML to define styles such as colours, fonts, spacing, and positioning of elements. CSS enables developers to create visually appealing and responsive designs, adapting content to various screen sizes and devices. With features like animations, transitions, and media queries, CSS enhances user experience and interactivity. It separates content (HTML) from presentation, promoting cleaner and more maintainable code for modern web development.

Role in the Project: It enhances the overall look and feel of the interface, making it intuitive and easy for users to navigate.

4.3 PACKAGES / LIBRARIES USED

4.3.1 LIBRARIES USED IN GESTURE CONTROLLER

- **cv2 (OpenCV):** A powerful library for image and video processing. It is widely used for tasks like face detection, object tracking, and applying filters to images or videos.
- **mediapipe:** A framework by Google for building machine learning-based perception solutions like hand tracking, pose estimation, and facial landmarks detection, making real-time applications seamless.
- **pyautogui:** Automates GUI interactions such as moving the mouse, clicking, typing, and taking screenshots. It's useful for scripting repetitive tasks or integrating automation into applications.
- **math:** Provides a collection of mathematical functions and constants, such as trigonometric calculations, logarithms, and rounding, essential for computational tasks.
- **enum (IntEnum):** Used to create enumerations, enabling the representation of constant values in an intuitive and readable way, especially for state management.
- **ctypes:** A foreign function library in Python that allows calling functions from DLLs or shared libraries, useful for low-level system interactions.

- **comtypes:** Facilitates communication with Component Object Model (COM) objects on Windows, enabling operations like volume control and interaction with system-level components.
- **pycaw.pycaw:** A library for controlling system audio properties programmatically, such as setting volume levels and detecting active audio devices.
- **google.protobuf.json_format:** Converts Protocol Buffers (Protobuf) messages to and from JSON, simplifying data handling in applications using Protobuf structures.
- **screen_brightness_control:** A Python library to programmatically manage the screen brightness of a computer monitor, allowing fine control over display settings.

4.3.1 LIBRARIES USED IN VOICE ASSISTANCE

- **pyttsx3:** A text-to-speech conversion library that works offline. It allows you to customize speech properties like rate, volume, and voice type. Suitable for applications requiring verbal feedback or voice assistants.
- **speech_recognition:** Converts spoken words into text using various recognition engines, including online and offline options. It supports multiple languages and allows integration with APIs like Google Speech Recognition. Useful for building voice-controlled systems.
- **datetime:** Provides tools to handle dates and times in various formats. It allows manipulation, comparison, and extraction of date/time components like year, month, day, hour, etc. Commonly used for timestamping and scheduling tasks.
- **time:** Facilitates operations involving time, such as delays, measuring execution time, and getting the current system time. It includes functions like sleep() for introducing pauses in code execution. Useful in scenarios requiring precise timing or intervals.
- **webbrowser:** Opens URLs in the default web browser programmatically. It supports basic operations like opening new tabs or windows. Ideal for automating web-based tasks or accessing online resources directly from scripts.

- **pynput:** A library to simulate and monitor keyboard and mouse input events. It allows automation of input actions like key presses or mouse clicks. Useful in GUI automation or creating custom input systems.
- **pyautogui:** Provides functionality to control the mouse and keyboard, including movements, clicks, typing, and screenshots. It enables automation of repetitive tasks and interaction with on-screen elements. Extensively used in GUI-based scripting and testing.
- **sys:** Offers access to system-specific parameters, functions, and environment settings. It includes functionality for handling command-line arguments and exiting programs. Essential for interacting with the underlying operating system.
- **os:** Facilitates interaction with the operating system for file and directory management. It provides functions to create, delete, and navigate directories and check file properties. Essential for applications needing dynamic file system operations.
- **os.listdir / os.path.isfile / os.path.join:**

  os.listdir: Lists all entries in a directory.

  os.path.isfile: Checks if a path is a file.

  os.path.join: Joins directory paths in a platform-independent manner.
- **smtplib:** Implements the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) to send emails programmatically. It supports authentication and secure connections. Widely used in automated messaging systems and notification services.
- **wikipedia:** Allows programmatic retrieval of Wikipedia content, such as summaries and page sections. It simplifies extracting relevant information without manual browsing. Useful for building knowledge-based applications.
- **Gesture_Controller:** A custom module designed for recognizing and responding to hand gestures. Typically used for gesture-based input in applications like virtual mice or hands-free interfaces. It integrates computer vision techniques for tracking.

- **app:** The core application module managing the integration of gesture, voice, and other components. Acts as the main orchestrator for processing inputs and executing outputs. Provides the logic layer connecting functionalities.
- **threading:** Enables concurrent execution of code by creating threads, allowing multitasking in applications. It improves responsiveness in programs requiring multiple simultaneous operations. Commonly used in GUI applications and background task management.
- **requests:** Simplifies sending HTTP requests to interact with web services and APIs. Supports operations like GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE. Frequently used in web scraping, API integrations, and fetching online data.
- **math:** Provides mathematical functions and constants such as sqrt(), sin(), and pi. Useful for complex calculations, geometric computations, and scientific applications.

CHAPTER 5

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

System Architecture defines the structure and behavior of a system, detailing the interaction of its components to achieve functionality. It provides a blueprint of hardware, software, their relationships, and communication protocols, ensuring cohesion, scalability, and efficiency.

The "AirTouch: Gesture and Voice Command Interface for PCs" adopts a layered design, integrating gesture and voice control for hands-free interaction, with input, processing, and output functionalities.

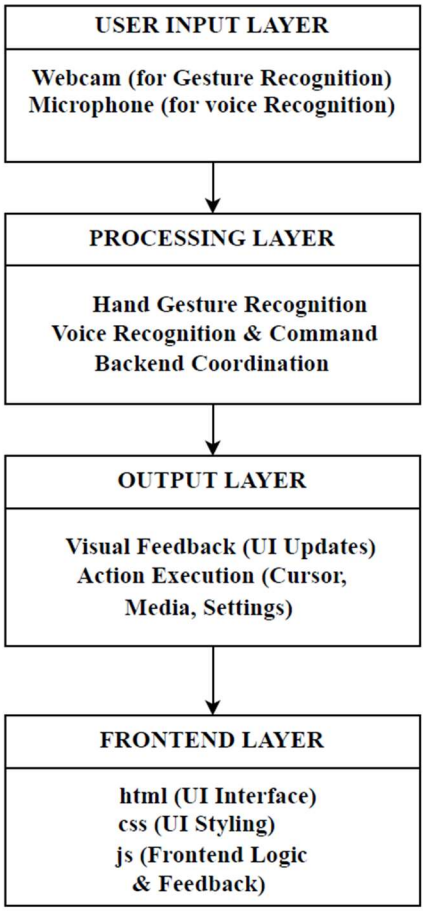


Figure 5.1

5.1 FUNCTIONAL FLOW OF A GESTURE AND VOICE-CONTROLLED INTERFACE

Functional flow is the sequence of steps a system follows to process input and produce an output. It starts with the user providing input (like a gesture or voice command), processes that input, maps it to an action, and then executes the action. Finally, the system provides feedback to the user, confirming the action or asking for further input.

The Fig… represents the functional flow of a Gesture and Voice-Controlled Interface

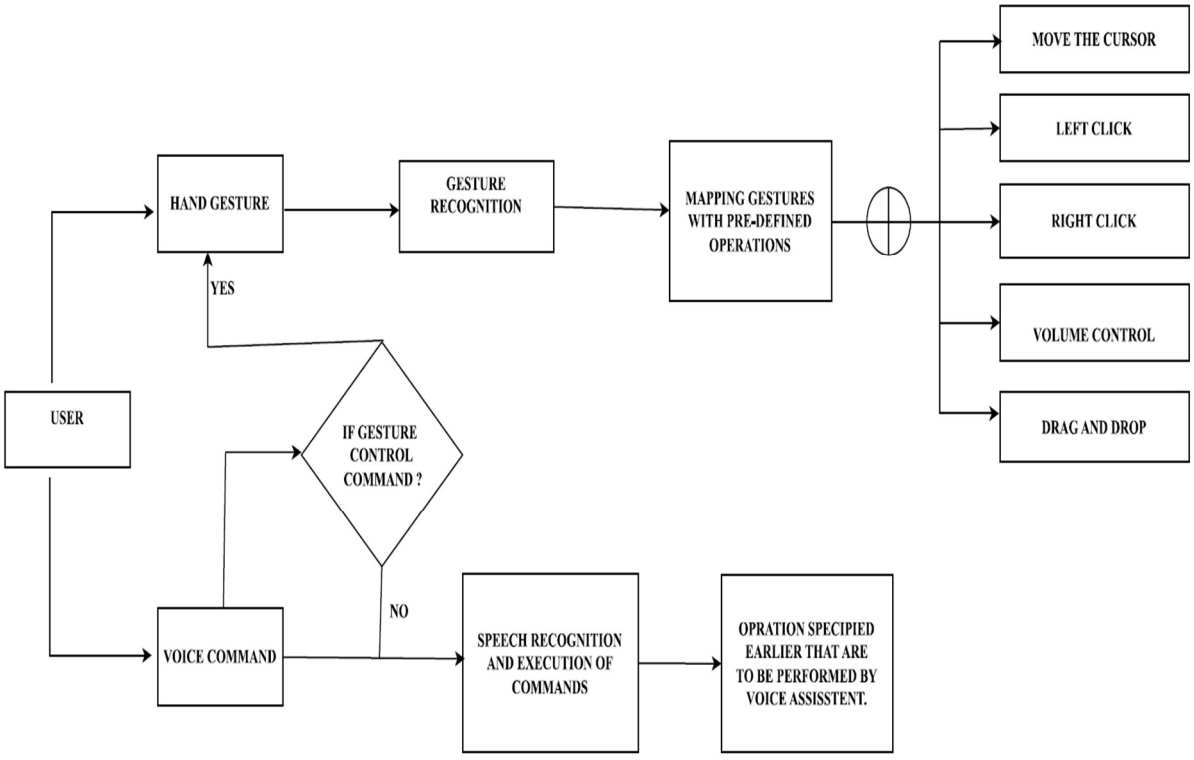


Figure 5.2 Functional flow of a Gesture and Voice-Controlled Interface

1. **User Input:**

   The process starts when the user provides input to the system. This input can come in two forms: hand gestures or voice commands. The flexibility of using both options allows users to interact with the system in a hands-free manner, making it versatile for different scenarios.

2. **Processing Input:**

   Once the input is received, the system processes it to identify what action is being requested. For gestures, this involves recognizing specific hand movements using computer vision tools. For voice commands, the system listens to the spoken words and converts them into text for further processing.

3. **Mapping to Actions:**

   After the input is recognized, it is mapped to predefined actions that the system can perform. For example, hand gestures might map to actions like moving the cursor or clicking, while voice commands could map to tasks like opening an application or adjusting the volume.

4. **Execution of Action:**

   The system then executes the mapped action. Whether it's moving the mouse cursor, clicking, or performing another system task, the system completes the user's request based on the recognized input.

5. **Feedback to User:**

   Finally, the system provides feedback to the user to confirm that the action has been performed successfully. This feedback could be in the form of visual or auditory signals, and if needed, the system may request additional input to proceed with further tasks.

   This functional flow outlines how user input is converted into meaningful actions, ensuring a smooth and effective interaction with the system.

5.2 FUNCTIONAL FLOW OF A GESTURE CONTROLLED INTERFACE

The Fig 5.2 represents the functional flow of a gesture recognition using a webcam.

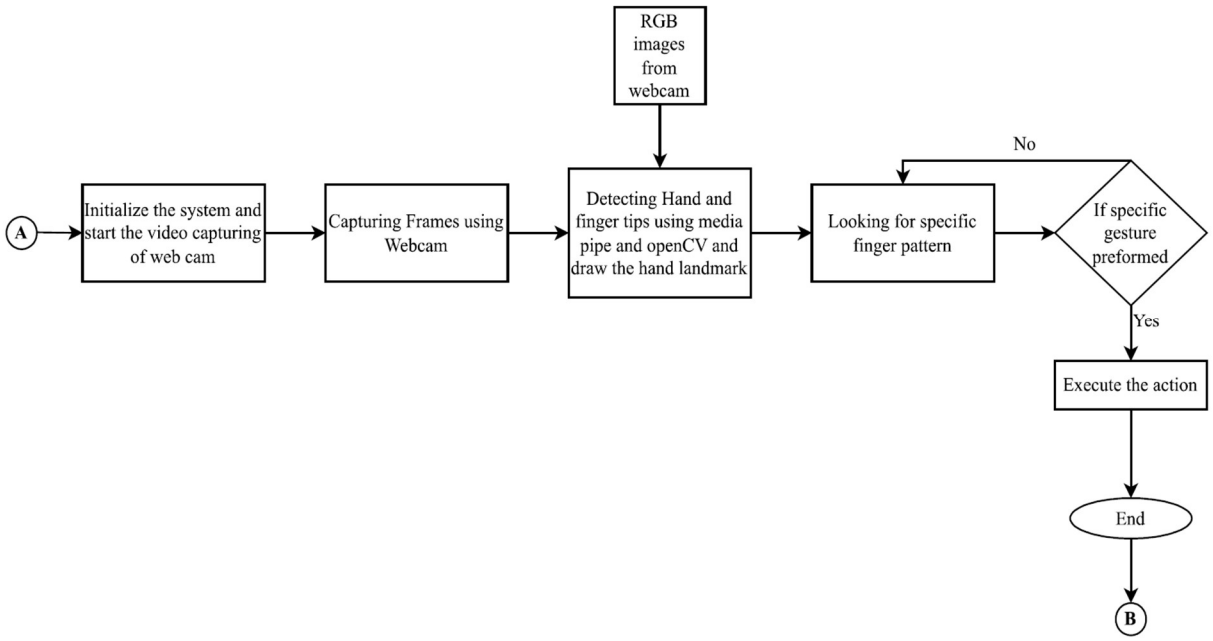


Figure 5.3 Functional flow of a Gesture Controlled Interface

1. System Initialization:

- The system starts by initializing the necessary components, including the webcam. This prepares the system for video capturing.

2. Video Frame Capture:

- The webcam continuously captures frames in real-time. Each frame acts as an image input for processing.

3. Hand and Finger Detection:

- The captured frames are analyzed using MediaPipe and OpenCV. These tools detect the user's hand and fingertips and draw landmarks (visual indicators) to map key points on the hand.

4. Gesture Pattern Matching:

- The system examines the detected hand landmarks to look for specific finger patterns that correspond to predefined gestures.

5. Decision Point:

- If a specific gesture is recognized:
    - The system executes the predefined action associated with that gesture (e.g., moving the cursor, clicking, etc.).
- If no specific gesture is recognized:
    - The system loops back to continue monitoring for new input.

6. Action Execution:

- Once a gesture is matched, the system performs the associated action. For example, it might simulate a mouse click or drag-and-drop operation.

7. End of Process:

- After executing the action, the system continues to run, waiting for new inputs unless stopped.

This flow ensures continuous and responsive gesture recognition for real-time control of the interface.

5.3 FUNCTIONAL FLOW OF A VOICE CONTROLLED INTERFACE

The Fig 5.3 represents the functional flow of a Voice Controlled Interface

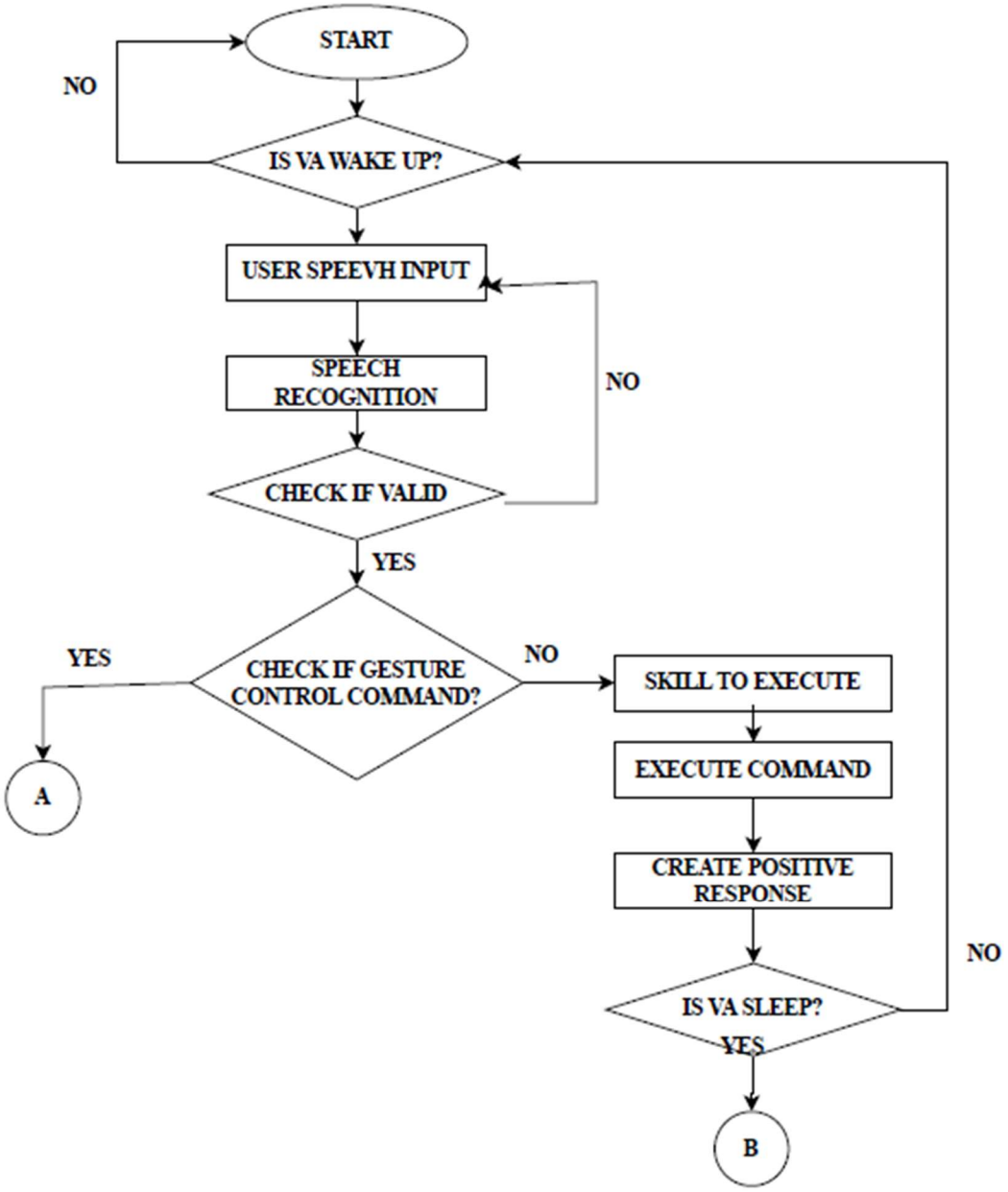


Figure 5.4 Functional flow of Voice Controlled Interface

1. Start and Wake-Up Check

The system begins by checking whether the Virtual Assistant (VA) is active or awake. If the VA is not awake, it remains in a standby mode, continuously monitoring for activation input from the user. This ensures that the system only starts processing commands when explicitly activated, conserving resources and avoiding unintended responses. Once the user activates the VA, it moves to the next step.

2. User Speech Input

After the VA is activated, the user provides a spoken input. This is the primary mode of interaction, where the user communicates their request or command. The spoken input serves as the main trigger for the VA to perform specific actions or tasks.

3. Speech Recognition

The VA uses a speech recognition module to process the user's spoken input. This module converts the audio input into text that the system can understand and analyze. This step bridges the gap between human language and machine comprehension, enabling further processing of the user's request.

4. Validation of Input

Once the spoken input is converted into text, the system checks its validity. It analyzes whether the input matches a predefined set of commands or formats. If the input is invalid or unrecognized, the VA prompts the user to provide a new input, ensuring clarity and accuracy before proceeding further. This validation step helps avoid executing unintended or ambiguous commands.

5. Gesture Control Command Check

If the input is valid, the system determines whether the command involves gesture control. Gesture-based commands are handled differently because they require input from visual data (e.g., hand movements). If gesture control is required, the system branches to a separate process (labeled as **A**) for handling gestures. If not, the system directly proceeds to process the command without involving gesture detection.

6. Skill Execution

For commands that do not require gesture control, the VA identifies the specific skill or functionality needed to fulfill the request. This step involves mapping the user's command to the correct action or module within the system. For example, if the command involves playing music or controlling devices, the appropriate skill is selected for execution.

7. Command Execution

Once the required skill or module is identified, the VA executes the command. This is the actual performance of the user's request, such as opening an application, controlling a device, or retrieving information. At this point, the user's intended action is carried out.

8. Positive Response

After successfully completing the command, the system generates a positive response to inform the user. This feedback can be in the form of a verbal acknowledgment or a visual confirmation, ensuring the user knows the task has been completed. This step enhances the user experience by providing clarity and assurance.

9. Sleep Check

Finally, the system checks if it needs to transition to sleep mode after completing the task. Sleep mode helps conserve system resources and prepares the VA for the next activation. If sleep mode is required, the VA enters an idle state. Otherwise, it loops back to wait for the next command, ensuring continuous interaction.

This flowchart ensures a seamless and efficient process for handling commands using speech inputs, providing a robust and user-friendly virtual assistant system.

CHAPTER 6

IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of the AirTouch: Gesture and Voice Command Interface for PCs integrates gesture recognition, voice commands, and a user-friendly interface to provide an innovative way of interacting with computers. The frontend, built with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, serves as an interactive platform for users to input commands and view responses. The backend, powered by Python, handles gesture recognition using MediaPipe, voice input processing, and command execution, creating a seamless bridge between user inputs and system actions.

6.1 FRONTEND IMPLEMENTATION

6.1.1 USER INTERFACE

Structure and Header

The HTML code defines the structure of the Proton interface, including a header, chatbot display, and user input area. The header contains a welcoming message, "PROTON Welcomes you!", and a logo image (images/icon.png) to establish branding. This visually appealing section ensures a friendly first impression and recognizable identity for the system.

Chat Interface

The chatbot interface consists of a chat_box div where user interactions take place. It includes a message display area ( ), which dynamically updates to show conversations, and an input section (#convForm) with a text field and a submit button for user commands. The input field allows users to type queries, and the button, styled with a right-arrow symbol, submits inputs to the backend. A separate chat_icon div displays a FontAwesome chat icon, serving as a clickable entry point for the chat interface.

Styling and Integration

The interface integrates external resources like css/jquery.convform.css for styling and js/main.js for managing dynamic behaviour. The eel.js script enables communication with the Python backend, allowing user inputs to be processed and responses to appear dynamically in the message area. The layout is designed for responsiveness and usability, ensuring smooth interaction through real-time updates and a clear, intuitive interface.

6.1.2 STYLING

CSS styling enhances the AirTouch project's user interface, focusing on the chatbot's appearance and interaction. It ensures a clean, modern design with smooth animations and dynamic elements. The layout is optimized for both desktop and mobile views, providing responsive elements such as a chat window with smooth scrolling (#messages), user input areas (userInputDynamic), and message bubbles with different styles for user and app responses (message.to and message.from). Interactive elements like the submit button are styled with hover effects, and the background features a dynamic color-changing text effect (.awesome). The use of gradient backgrounds, subtle shadows, and animations for message delivery (slideRtoLIn, slideLtoRIn) makes the interface visually appealing and intuitive for users, while maintaining a clean and user-friendly design.

6.1.3 INTERACTIVITY

In the **AirTouch** project, the Java script is responsible for managing the dynamic interactions between the user and the system. It listens for user inputs from the text input field (#userInput) and triggers actions when the user submits their message by clicking the submit button (#userInputButton). When a message is entered, the script sends the user's input to the backend using eel (via getUserInput), which then processes it and sends back the appropriate response. The UI is updated in real-time, with the user's message appearing in the chat window and the chatbot's response following immediately. This interactivity is managed by dynamically updating the content inside the #messages div, ensuring that the conversation flows smoothly. The script also listens for specific actions such as submitting input and interacting with the chatbot, enabling a seamless exchange of data and updates.

6.2 GESTURE AND VOICE COMMAND PROCESSING

6.2.1 GESTURE RECOGNITION

Gesture recognition utilizes computer vision and gesture recognition to create an interactive system that allows users to control their computer through hand gestures. By leveraging libraries like OpenCV, MediaPipe, and pyautogui, the program detects and processes hand gestures in real-time from a webcam feed.

To summarize the functionality:

1. **Gesture Detection**:
    - MediaPipe tracks hand landmarks and detects various gestures like FIST, PINKY, PINCH, V_GEST, etc.
    - These gestures are encoded as binary numbers in the Gest enumeration.
2. **Hand Recognition and Gesture Recognition**:
    - The HandRecog class processes hand landmarks to determine the hand's gesture by comparing the positions of landmarks (such as finger tips and joints).
    - It includes functions for calculating the distance between landmarks (get_dist), and tracking finger states to detect gestures like pinch and spread.
3. **Controller Class**:
    - The Controller class translates gestures into system actions:
        - Pinch gestures control system volume and brightness.
        - Hand position controls the mouse cursor, with motion stabilization to prevent jittery movements.
        - Gestures like 'V' and 'FIST' can trigger other system controls.

4. **System Interaction**:
    - The system uses libraries like pyautogui to move the mouse and simulate keyboard actions (e.g., scrolling).
    - pycaw is used for volume control, and screen_brightness_control for adjusting screen brightness based on hand gestures.
5. **Performance Considerations**:
    - The code stabilizes gestures using a frame count (frame_count) to prevent false positives and unnecessary gestures.
    - For pinch gestures, quantization is used to adjust the magnitude of changes, and the motion is dampened for more precise control.

6.2.2 VOICE COMMAND PROCESSING

Virtual assistant system that integrates multiple functionalities for voice commands and system controls. Here's a breakdown of the key components and functionalities involved:

1. Speech Recognition and Text-to-Speech (TTS) speech_recognition (sr): Used for recognizing and converting spoken language into text. It listens to the user's speech and converts it into a string. pyttsx3: A text-to-speech library that converts the text responses into spoken words. It is initialized with the SAPI5 engine for Windows and provides different voice options.

2. Date and Time Management datetime: The datetime module is used to fetch the current time and date for functions like wishing the user depending on the time of day (morning, afternoon, evening). time: Provides time-related functionalities like managing delays and time manipulations.

3. Web Interaction and Control webbrowser: Opens web pages (e.g., YouTube, Wikipedia) in the default browser when required. requests: Used for making HTTP requests to web services and APIs, potentially for online data fetching.

4. File and Directory Management os and os.path: Used for managing files and directories. Functions like checking if a path is a file, listing files in a directory, and joining paths across different OS are provided. listdir: Lists all files and directories in a specified directory.

5. Keyboard and Mouse Control pynput.keyboard.Controller: Allows for controlling and simulating keyboard inputs (e.g., pressing keys). pyautogui: Controls the mouse and keyboard actions for simulating user input like mouse movement, clicks, and keyboard presses.

6. Wikipedia Search wikipedia: Allows for fetching information from Wikipedia by querying topics. It can be used to search and retrieve short summaries of articles based on user voice commands.

7. Gesture Control Integration Gesture_Controller and app: These are modules from the Gesture-Controlled Virtual Mouse project, allowing the system to respond to hand gestures as input commands for mouse control or system interaction.

8. Mathematical and Conversion Functions Mathematical Operations: Functions for basic arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division). Trigonometric functions like sine, cosine, tangent, secant, cosecant, cotangent. Square roots and cube roots. Metric Conversions: The assistant can convert between different units of measurement such as meters to kilometers, miles to kilometers, yards to meters, etc.

9. Threading for Parallel Processing threading.Thread: Used to perform tasks in parallel, ensuring that multiple actions (like listening for commands while performing other tasks) can happen simultaneously without blocking.

10. Error Handling: The code includes multiple try-except blocks to handle errors gracefully. For example, handling internet connection errors, recognition errors, or any issue in performing operations like mathematical calculations, unit conversions, or accessing web pages.

11. Customizable Functions wish(): Greets the user based on the current time of day (morning, afternoon, evening). record_audio(): Captures audio from the user, converts it into text, and returns the recognized command. reply(): Converts text responses into speech and outputs them for user interaction.

12. Calculator and Conversion Functionalities calculator(): Can perform arithmetic and trigonometric operations based on voice commands. metric_converter(): Handles conversions between different units (e.g., distance, temperature, etc.).

6.3 BACKEND INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION

Backend for a chatbot application, connecting user interactions in a web-based frontend to Python's logic. It uses the Eel library to integrate Python with a frontend built using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. The ChatBot class manages the chatbot's lifecycle and communication between the frontend and backend. The Queue object handles user input asynchronously, ensuring that messages sent from the frontend are queued for processing in the backend without delays. Key functions like addUserMsg and addAppMsg facilitate adding messages to the chat interface, while getUserInput receives and stores user messages for processing.

The start() method initializes the Eel environment, specifies the frontend files' location, and opens the chat interface in a Chrome browser window with specific dimensions. It keeps the application running, periodically sleeping to maintain responsiveness. The close_callback ensures the application shuts down gracefully when the interface is closed. This backend is crucial for handling chatbot interactions, ensuring smooth communication and a responsive interface in the chatbot project.

CHAPTER 9

APPENDIXES

9.1 APPENDIXES A: SNAPSHOTS

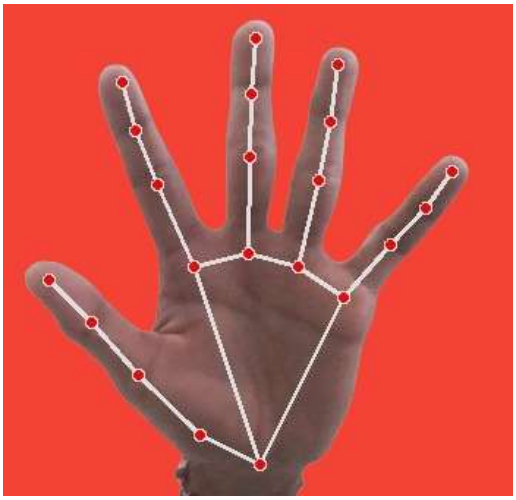


Figure 9.1 Neutral Hand Gesture

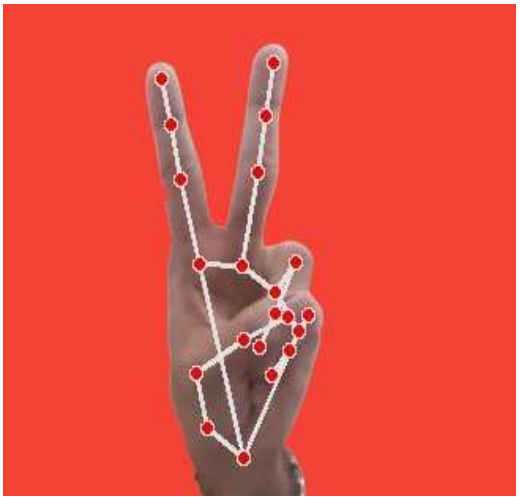
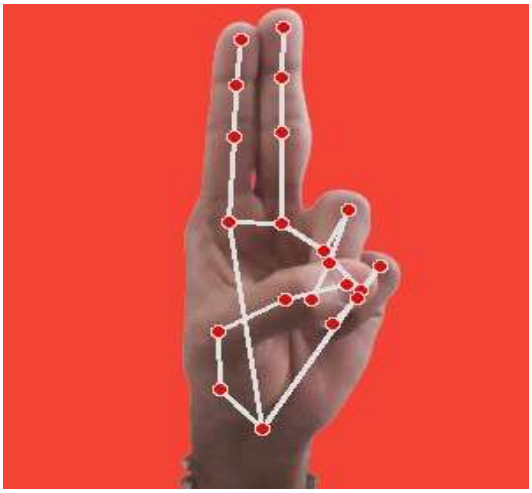


Figure 9.2 Move Cursor

Figure 9.3 Left Click

Figure 9.4 Right Click



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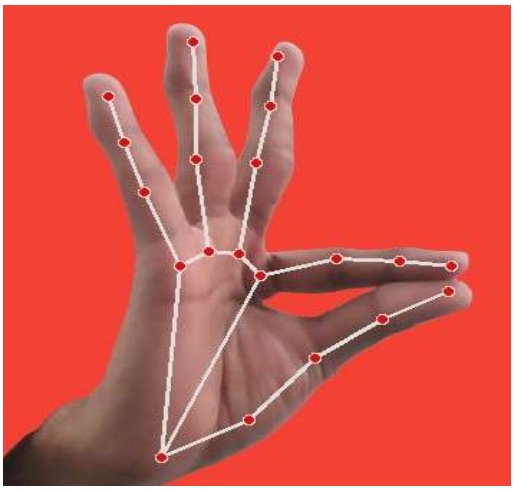

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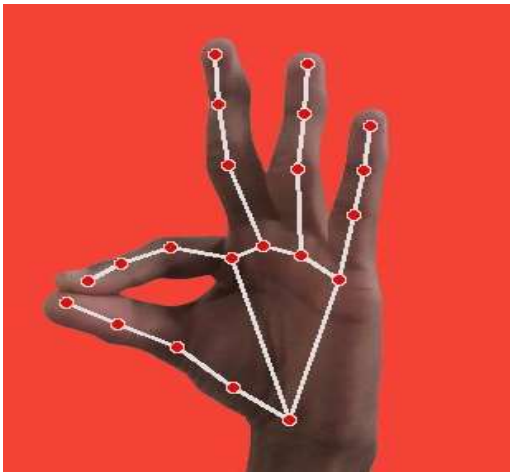

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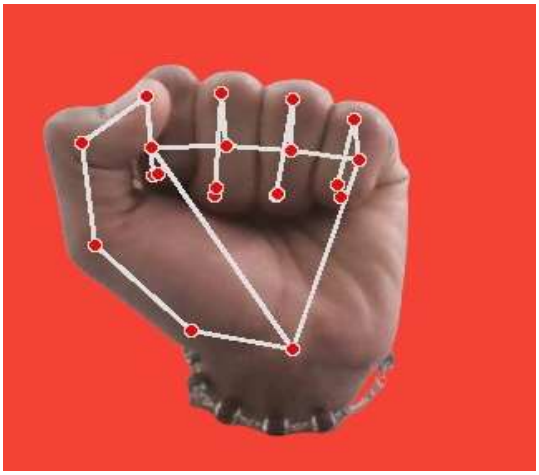

Figure 9.8 Multiple Item Selection

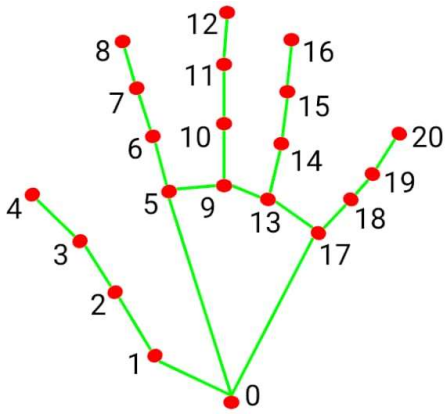

Figure 9.9 Hand Coordinates or Landmarks