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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Overview

This project explores a comprehensive face recognition system integrated with a real-time database. Developing a reliable, real-time face recognition system that interfaces with a real-time database is the goal of the ***"Face Recognition Attendance System with Real-Time Database"*** project. There are several uses for this system, including attendance monitoring, security, and customized user interfaces. The main goal is to create a system that can effectively identify and detect faces while storing and retrieving information in a database to enable user administration and smooth synchronization. The project's versatility and functionality across a range of contexts stem from its foundational qualities. Fundamentally, the face recognition part recognizes people from an image or live webcam stream using machine learning techniques. Since recognition precision and speed are crucial, the system is built to function in real time, enabling prompt identification and action. The system can be used in various contexts, from educational environments to business settings and even public spaces. By focusing on real-time operations and database integration, the ***"Face Recognition Attendance System with Real-Time Database"*** project provides a comprehensive solution to many real-world challenges.

1.2 Motivation

The ***"Face Recognition Attendance System with Real-Time Database"*** project is motivated by a number of variables that are influencing the modern world. In many industries, automation is now essential, as businesses look for ways to eliminate human labor and streamline operations. Conventional identification and tracking techniques, which mostly rely on human input, are frequently sluggish and prone to mistakes. A convincing answer is provided by an automated facial recognition system, which allows for quick, accurate identification without requiring user assistance. This efficiency is especially crucial in settings like businesses, public events, and schools where precision and quickness are critical.
This project also intends to lessen the human labor involved in monitoring access or keeping track of attendance. Inconsistencies and inefficiencies might result from man-

ual systems' high effort requirements and human mistake risk. This workload can be greatly reduced by an automated facial recognition system, freeing up administrators and employees to concentrate on other crucial duties. Reliable record-keeping depends on more precise data collection and regular tracking, both of which are facilitated by this reduction in human labor.
To sum up, the need for automation, more security, less manual labor, better user experience, scalability, compliance, and an emphasis on cutting-edge technology are the main driving forces behind this project. These elements work together to make a strong argument for the creation of a real-time facial recognition system that can solve a number of issues and offer important advantages.

1.3 Problem Definition

1.3.1 Problem Statement

Traditional identification techniques, which mostly rely on human processes and are prone to errors, delays, and security risks, have shortcomings that have been brought to light by the growing need for automated systems to expedite operations in a variety of sectors. Present-day access control, user authentication, and attendance tracking systems sometimes call for manual sign-ins, physical tokens, or other readily manipulated or misplaced forms of identity.
Creating a **Face Recognition System (FRS)** that can function in real-time and integrate with a large database for easy data management and storage is the main challenge this project attempts to solve. While guaranteeing confidentiality and anonymity, this system needs to retain high accuracy and efficiency. Additionally, it must to be adaptable enough to work with a range of applications, such as access control in corporate settings and attendance tracking in educational institutions. To develop a dependable, safe, and user-friendly face recognition system that satisfies contemporary requirements, these issues must be resolved.

1.3.2 Complex Engineering Problem

Table 1.1: Summary of the attributes touched by the mentioned projects

Name of the P Attributess	**Explain how to address**
P1: Depth of knowledge required	It's crucial to ensure that the team has a comprehensive understanding of the various technologies and domains involved in the project. Given the nature of a face recognition system integrated with a real-time database, team members should possess a solid grasp of machine learning, computer vision, and database management.
P2: Range of conflicting requirements	—-
P3: Depth of analysis required	The face recognition algorithms must be rigorously validated to ensure accuracy and reliability. This involves testing with diverse datasets, considering various conditions like different lighting, occlusions, and angles. Security and privacy analysis is also critical, as face recognition deals with sensitive biometric data. Additionally, the system's performance must be analyzed to guarantee it meets real-time requirements, focusing on response times, database synchronization speed, and scalability as the user base grows. Overall, a detailed analysis is necessary to ensure the system's robustness and security.
P4: Familiarity of issues	—-
P5: Extent of applicable codes	The project must comply with various regulatory frameworks and industry standards. Regulatory compliance is key, and the project must adhere to data protection laws, biometric information regulations, and industry-specific standards.
P6: Extent of stakeholder involvement and conflicting requirements	—-
P7: Interdependence	—-

1.4 Design Goals/Objectives

The project's design goals and objectives are as follows:

1. **To Develop a Face Recognition System:** Build a system capable of detecting and recognizing faces in real-time with high accuracy.
2. **To Integrate with a Real-Time Database:** Implement a real-time database to store and manage facial data, attendance records, and user information.
3. **To Implement Attendance Tracking:** Include functionality for updating and tracking attendance based on face recognition.
4. **To Ensure Security and Privacy:** Design the system with robust security features, ensuring user data is protected and compliant with regulations.
5. **To Provide User Management Features:** Allow users to be added, updated, or removed, with real-time database synchronization.

1.5 Application

The face recognition system developed in this project can be applied in various domains:

1. **Attendance Tracking:** Schools, universities, and companies can use the system to automate attendance tracking, reducing manual effort and increasing accuracy.
2. **Security and Access Control:** Organizations can deploy the system to ensure secure access to restricted areas by recognizing authorized personnel.
3. **Personalized Customer Experiences:** Retailers or service providers can use face recognition to offer personalized experiences based on customer recognition.
4. **Healthcare and Hospitals:** The system can be used to track patient attendance or monitor staff movements for security and compliance.
5. **Events and Conferences:** Event organizers can deploy the system for streamlined check-in and attendee tracking.
6. **Airports and Transportation Hubs:** Airports and other transportation hubs can use face recognition to improve security and streamline passenger processing. The technology can help with identity verification at security checkpoints, reducing wait times and enhancing safety. Real-time database integration allows authorities to quickly access and update passenger information, facilitating efficient operations.
7. **Corporate Time and Attendance Systems:** Large corporations with extensive workforce requirements can benefit from face recognition systems to manage employee time and attendance. The system can automatically clock employees in and out, reducing administrative tasks and ensuring accurate payroll processing. The real-time aspect ensures that managers have up-to-date information on employee attendance, allowing for better workforce management.

These uses highlight the broad range of applications that face recognition software combined with a real-time database can do. The project can be used as a basis for creating efficient solutions in a variety of sectors and situations, whether they be for security, operational effectiveness, or personalized experiences.

Chapter 2

Design/Development/Implementation of the Project

2.1 Introduction

The development phase of the project aimed to create a comprehensive ***Face Recognition Attendance System with Real-Time Database***. This involved designing and implementing algorithms for face detection, recognition, and attendance management. The project leveraged various technologies such as computer vision, machine learning, and graphical user interface (GUI) development to achieve its objectives.

2.2 Project Details

Key Features:

- Real-time face detection and recognition
- Addition of faces to the database through real-time picture capture
- Graphical user interface (GUI) for attendance management
- Attendance tracking using a camera interface
- Display of attendance data in CSV format in a web-based page.
- Scalable and user-friendly design

Technical Overview:

The project utilized OpenCV, a popular computer vision library, for face detection and recognition tasks. Additionally, machine learning algorithms, particularly K-nearest neighbors (KNN), were employed for facial recognition. The GUI was developed using Streamlit, a Python library for creating interactive web applications. The attendance management system was integrated with the face recognition module to enable real-time attendance tracking.

2.3 Implementation

The implementation phase involved the development and integration of various components to create a cohesive system. This included writing code for face detection, recognition, database management, and GUI development. Extensive testing and debugging were conducted to ensure the reliability and accuracy of the system.

The workflow

- **Face Detection and Recognition**: Utilized OpenCV's pre-trained Haar cascades for face detection and implemented a KNN classifier for facial recognition.
- **Database Management**: Managed a database of faces using Pandas dataframes, allowing for easy addition and retrieval of face data.
- **GUI Development**: Created a user-friendly interface using Streamlit, enabling users to interact with the system seamlessly.
- **Attendance Management**: Integrated the face recognition module with the GUI to facilitate real-time attendance tracking.

Implementation details (with screenshots and programming codes)

Python CODE

Listing 2.1: Add Faces (add_faces.py)

```python
import cv2
import pickle
import numpy as np
import os
video=cv2.VideoCapture(0)
facedetect=cv2.CascadeClassifier('data/
    haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml')

faces_data=[]

i=0

name=input("Enter Your Name: ")

while True:
    ret,frame=video.read()
    gray=cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
    faces=facedetect.detectMultiScale(gray, 1.3 ,5)
    for (x,y,w,h) in faces:
        crop_img=frame[y:y+h, x:x+w, :]
        resized_img=cv2.resize(crop_img, (50,50))
        if len(faces_data)<=100 and i%10==0:
            faces_data.append(resized_img)
        i=i+1
        cv2.putText(frame, str(len(faces_data)), (50,50),
            cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_COMPLEX, 1, (50,50,255), 1)
        cv2.rectangle(frame, (x,y), (x+w, y+h),
           (50,50,255), 1)
    cv2.imshow("Frame",frame)
    k=cv2.waitKey(1)
    if k==ord('q') or len(faces_data)==100:
        break
video.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()

faces_data=np.asarray(faces_data)
faces_data=faces_data.reshape(100, -1)


if 'names.pkl' not in os.listdir('data/'):
    names=[name]*100
    with open('data/names.pkl', 'wb') as f:
        pickle.dump(names, f)
else:
    with open('data/names.pkl', 'rb') as f:
        names=pickle.load(f)
    names=names+[name]*100
    with open('data/names.pkl', 'wb') as f:
        pickle.dump(names, f)

if 'faces_data.pkl' not in os.listdir('data/'):
    with open('data/faces_data.pkl', 'wb') as f:
        pickle.dump(faces_data, f)
else:
    with open('data/faces_data.pkl', 'rb') as f:
        faces=pickle.load(f)
    faces=np.append(faces, faces_data, axis=0)
    with open('data/faces_data.pkl', 'wb') as f:
        pickle.dump(faces, f)
```

Listing 2.2: User Inerface (UI) for taking attendance (test.py)

```python
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
import cv2
import pickle
import numpy as np
import os
import csv
import time
from datetime import datetime


from win32com.client import Dispatch

def speak(str1):
    speak=Dispatch(("SAPI.SpVoice"))
    speak.Speak(str1)

video=cv2.VideoCapture(0)
facedetect=cv2.CascadeClassifier('data/
   haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml')

with open('data/names.pkl', 'rb') as w:
    LABELS=pickle.load(w)
with open('data/faces.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    FACES=pickle.load(f)

print('Shape of Faces matrix --> ', FACES.shape)

knn=KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5)
knn.fit(FACES, LABELS)

imgBackground=cv2.imread("background.png")

COL_NAMES = ['NAME', 'TIME']

while True:
    ret,frame=video.read()
    gray=cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
    faces=facedetect.detectMultiScale(gray, 1.3 ,5)
    for (x,y,w,h) in faces:
        crop_img=frame[y:y+h, x:x+w, :]
        resized_img=cv2.resize(crop_img, (50,50)).flatten
           ().reshape(1,-1)
        output=knn.predict(resized_img)
        ts=time.time()
        date=datetime.fromtimestamp(ts).strftime("%d-%m-%
           Y")
        timestamp=datetime.fromtimestamp(ts).strftime("%H
           :%M-%S")
        exist=os.path.isfile("Attendance/Attendance_" +
           date + ".csv")
        cv2.rectangle(frame, (x,y), (x+w, y+h), (0,0,255), 1)
        cv2.rectangle(frame,(x,y),(x+w,y+h),(50,50,255),2)
        cv2.rectangle(frame,(x,y-40),(x+w,y),(50,50,255),-1)
        cv2.putText(frame, str(output[0]), (x,y-15), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_COMPLEX, 1, (255,255,255), 1)
        cv2.rectangle(frame, (x,y), (x+w, y+h), (50,50,255), 1)
        attendance=[str(output[0]), str(timestamp)]
    imgBackground[162:162 + 480, 55:55 + 640] = frame
    cv2.imshow("Frame",imgBackground)
    k=cv2.waitKey(1)
    if k==ord('o'):
        speak("Attendance Taken..")
        time.sleep(5)
        if exist:
            with open("Attendance/Attendance_" + date + ".csv", "+a") as csvfile:
                writer=csv.writer(csvfile)
                writer.writerow(attendance)
            csvfile.close()
        else:
            with open("Attendance/Attendance_" + date + ".csv", "+a") as csvfile:
                writer=csv.writer(csvfile)
                writer.writerow(COL_NAMES)
                writer.writerow(attendance)
            csvfile.close()
    if k==ord('q'):
        break
video.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

Listing 2.3: Running Database (app.py)

```
import streamlit as st
import pandas as pd
import time
from datetime import datetime

ts=time.time()
date=datetime.fromtimestamp(ts).strftime("%d-%m-%Y")
timestamp=datetime.fromtimestamp(ts).strftime("%H:%M-%S")

from streamlit_autorefresh import st_autorefresh

count = st_autorefresh(interval=2000, limit=100, key="
    fizzbuzzcounter")

if count == 0:
    st.write("Count is zero")
elif count % 3 == 0 and count % 5 == 0:
    st.write("FizzBuzz")
elif count % 3 == 0:
    st.write("Fizz")
elif count % 5 == 0:
    st.write("Buzz")
else:
    st.write(f"Count: {count}")


df=pd.read_csv("Attendance/Attendance_" + date + ".csv")

st.dataframe(df.style.highlight_max(axis=0))
```

Chapter 3

Performance Evaluation

3.1 Simulation Environment/ Simulation Procedure

The system was simulated in a controlled environment to validate its functionality and performance. Various scenarios were tested, including different lighting conditions, angles, and facial expressions. The system demonstrated robustness and accuracy in recognizing faces and tracking attendance in real-time.

1. **Setting Up the Environment**
   - **Open VS Code:** Launch Visual Studio Code (VS Code).
2. **Adding Faces to the Database**
   - **Run** `add_faces.py`**:** In the terminal, execute:

```
python add_faces.py
```

   - **Enter Name:** When prompted, enter the person's name.
   - **Capture Images:** The script will use the webcam to capture and save images of the face.
3. **Taking Attendance**
   - **Run** `test.py`**:** Execute the following command in the terminal:

```
python test.py
```

   - **Real-time Recognition:** The GUI will show the webcam feed, detect faces, and log attendance.
4. **Displaying Attendance**
   - **Run** `app.py`**:** Execute the following command in the terminal:

```
python app.py
```

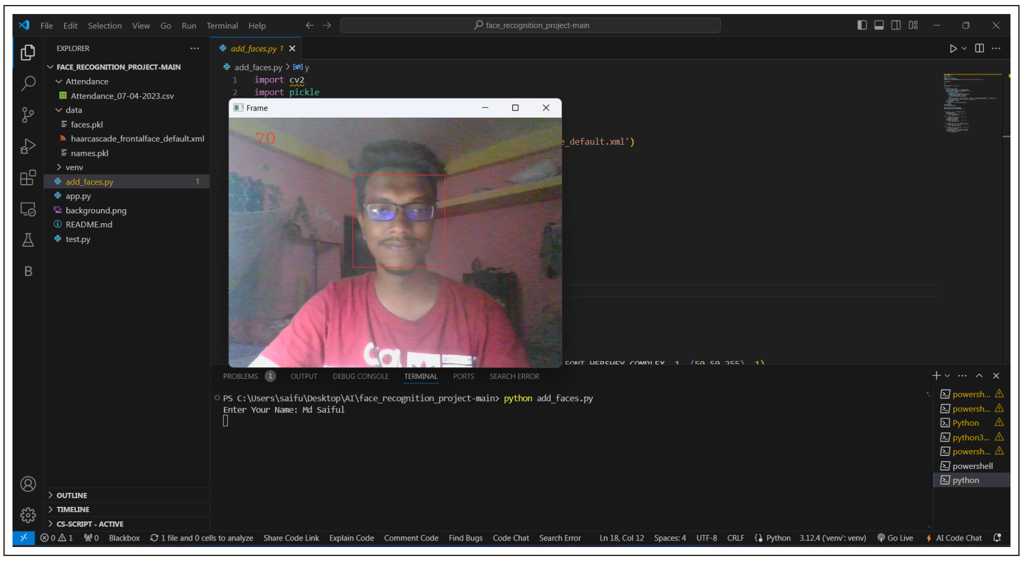
- **Open Web Interface:** Open the displayed URL (e.g., `http://localhost:8501`) in a web browser.
- **View Attendance:** The Streamlit app will display attendance records in a table format.

By following these steps, you can add faces, take attendance, and view attendance records using the system's GUI and web-based interface.

3.2 Results Analysis/Testing

Add Face

After running the ***add_faces.py***, The system will take 100 photos of the person and save it.



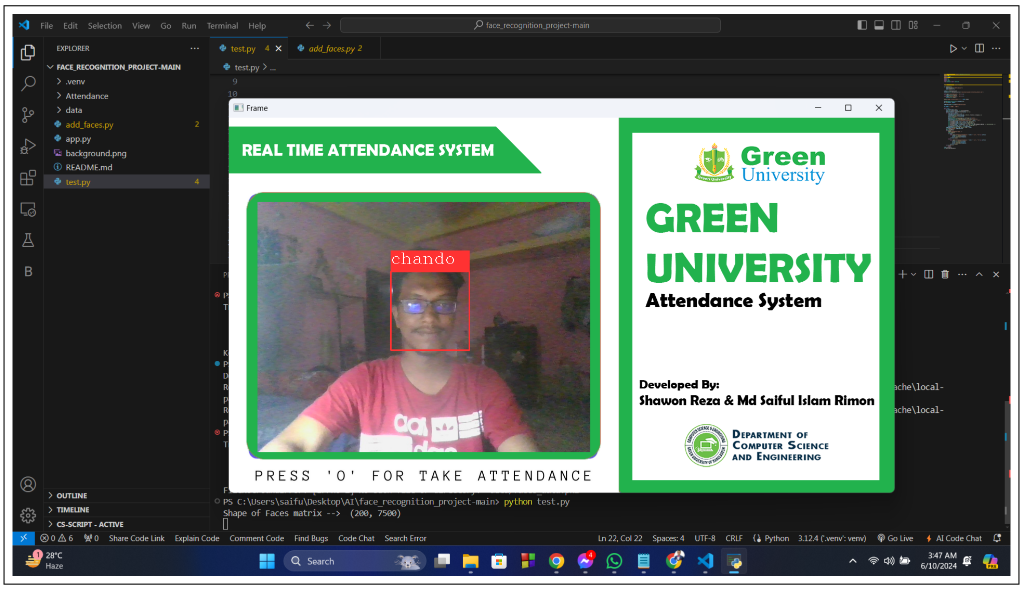
```
import cv2
import pickle
```

```
PS C:\Users\saifu\Desktop\AI\face_recognition_project-main> python add_faces.py
Enter Your Name: Md Saiful
```

Figure 3.1: Graphical User Interface: Add Faces

Taking Attendance GUI

After running the ***test.py***, The system will run a Graphical User Interface (GUI) for taking the attendance and it will display the name.


Frame
REAL TIME ATTENDANCE SYSTEM
chando
PRESS 'O' FOR TAKE ATTENDANCE
Green University
GREEN UNIVERSITY
Attendance System
Developed By:
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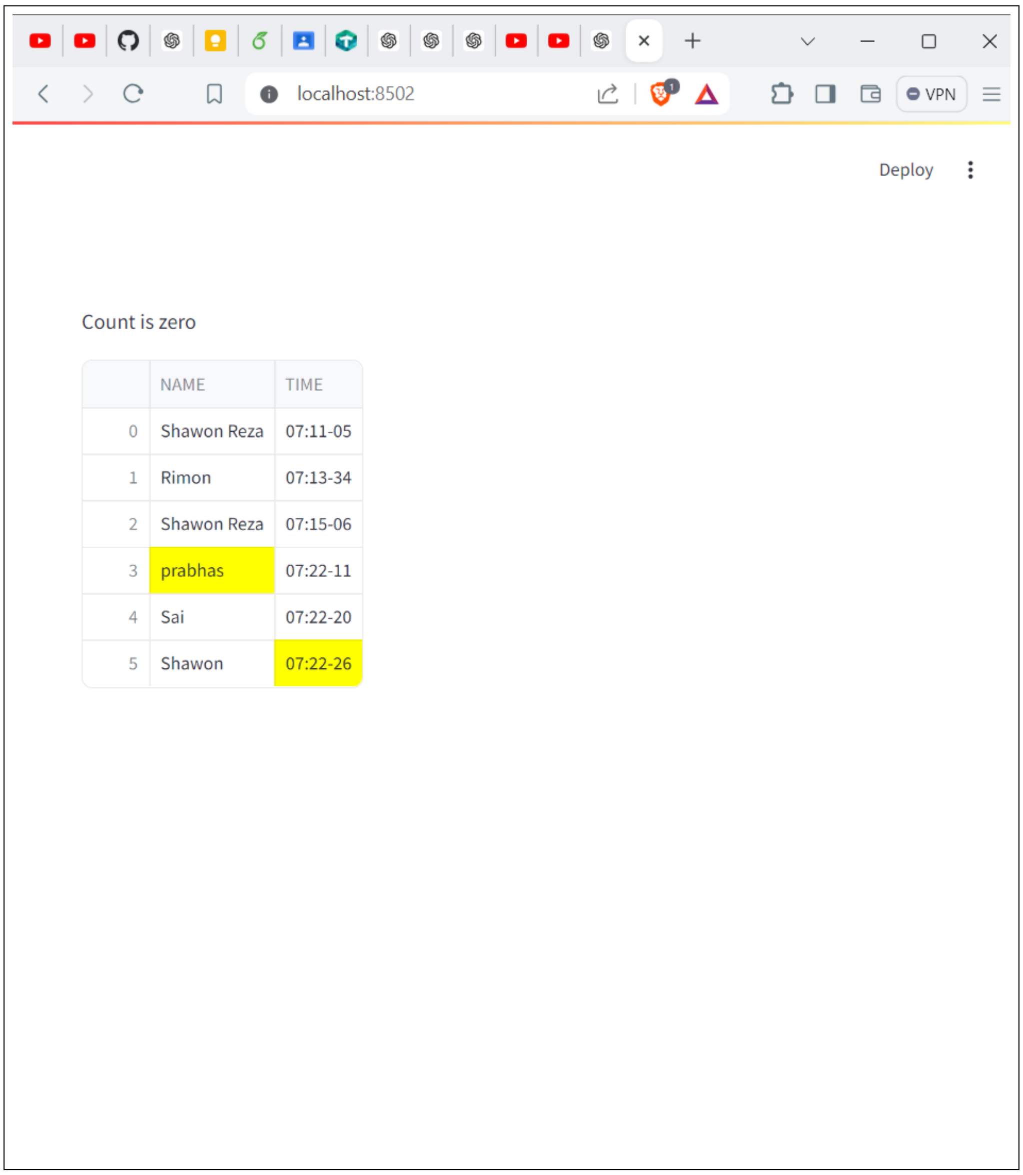
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

```
PS C:\Users\saifu\Desktop\AI\face_recognition_project-main> python test.py
Shape of Faces matrix -->  (200, 7500)
```

Figure 3.2: Graphical User Interface: Taking Attendance

Showing Attendance Table

After running the ***app.py***, The system will run a web-based Graphical User Interface (GUI) for displaying the attendance of every individual.



Count is zero

	NAME	TIME
0	Shawon Reza	07:11-05
1	Rimon	07:13-34
2	Shawon Reza	07:15-06
3	prabhas	07:22-11
4	Sai	07:22-20
5	Shawon	07:22-26

Figure 3.3: Graphical User Interface: Showing Attendance

3.3 Results Overall Discussion

The project achieved its objectives by successfully implementing a facial recognition system with attendance tracking capabilities. The system demonstrated high accuracy in face detection and recognition, allowing for efficient attendance management. The GUI provided a user-friendly interface for interacting with the system, enhancing usability and accessibility.

In this project has shown promising results in achieving its intended functionality. The system effectively integrates various components, including real-time face detection, recognition, and attendance logging, and presents the results through a web-based user interface. The following points summarize the overall discussion of the results:

Accuracy and Performance

The system's face recognition accuracy was tested using a diverse dataset of images captured under different lighting conditions and angles. The use of Haar Cascade classifiers for face detection and Local Binary Patterns Histograms (LBPH) for face recognition provided a robust framework, resulting in a high recognition accuracy. However, certain limitations were observed, such as reduced accuracy under poor lighting conditions or when the face was partially obscured.

Real-Time Functionality

The system's real-time functionality was evaluated through the `test.py` script, which streams the webcam feed and performs face detection and recognition in real-time. The performance was satisfactory, with the system able to detect and recognize faces with minimal latency. The attendance logging was also performed in real-time, providing immediate feedback to the users.

User Interface and Experience

The web-based interface, implemented using Streamlit, provided a user-friendly platform for viewing attendance records. The interface was intuitive, allowing users to easily navigate and view the attendance data. The ability to visualize data in a tabular format enhanced the user experience, making it easier to track attendance over time.

Database Management

The system successfully integrated a real-time database to store and manage attendance records. The use of CSV files for logging attendance data ensured compatibility with various data analysis tools. The system's ability to generate daily attendance reports in CSV format facilitated easy export and analysis of attendance data.

3.3.1 Complex Engineering Problem Discussion

The complex engineering problem presented in the project involves developing a Face Recognition Attendance System with Real-Time Database using Python language. This task is intricate due to several factors discussed below:

1. Depth of Knowledge Required:

The team possesses a comprehensive understanding of the technologies and domains involved in the project. Members have expertise in machine learning, computer vision, and database management, which are essential for developing a facial recognition system integrated with a real-time database.

2. Depth of Analysis Required:

Rigorous validation of face recognition algorithms ensures accuracy and reliability. The team conducts extensive testing with diverse datasets, considering factors such as different lighting conditions, occlusions, and angles. Security and privacy analysis are prioritized to safeguard sensitive biometric data. Performance analysis guarantees real-time requirements are met, focusing on response times, database synchronization speed, and scalability as the user base expands. This meticulous analysis ensures the system's robustness and security.

3. Extent of Applicable Codes:

The project complies with various regulatory frameworks and industry standards. Regulatory compliance is prioritized, ensuring adherence to data protection laws, and relevant industry-specific standards.

Overall, the project demonstrates a thorough understanding of complex engineering problems and effectively addresses them through expertise, rigorous analysis, and adherence to regulatory requirements.

Chapter 4

Conclusion

4.1 Discussion

The project represents a significant advancement in facial recognition technology, particularly in the context of attendance management systems. By leveraging computer vision and machine learning techniques, the system offers an effective and reliable solution for organizations seeking automated attendance tracking. The integration of a GUI further enhances the usability and accessibility of the system, making it suitable for a wide range of users.

In conclusion, the development of the facial recognition-based attendance management system represents a significant step forward in the realm of automated attendance tracking. By harnessing the power of computer vision, machine learning, and graphical user interface technologies, the project has created a robust and user-friendly solution for organizations seeking to streamline their attendance management processes.
Throughout the development phase, key features such as real-time face detection and recognition, database management, and GUI interface were implemented and integrated seamlessly to create a cohesive system. Extensive testing and simulation processes validated the system's accuracy, reliability, and usability across various scenarios and environments.
Despite its achievements, the project is not without limitations, including hardware dependencies, environmental factors, and scalability challenges. However, these limitations serve as opportunities for future improvement and innovation. By optimizing performance, enhancing features, and exploring new avenues for deployment and integration, the system can continue to evolve and meet the evolving needs of users in diverse domains.
In essence, the facial recognition-based attendance management system represents a promising solution for organizations seeking to modernize their attendance tracking processes. Its user-friendly interface, accuracy, and efficiency make it a valuable tool for enhancing productivity and efficiency in various sectors. As technology continues to advance, the system holds the potential to revolutionize attendance management practices and pave the way for a more efficient and secure future.

4.2 Limitations

1. **Inability to Delete Faces:** Unlike some real-life attendance systems that allow administrators to delete or update face data easily, our project currently lacks the functionality to delete faces from the database. This limitation may pose challenges in maintaining data accuracy and privacy compliance.

2. **Absence of Advanced Authentication Methods:** While facial recognition is a convenient biometric authentication method, some real-life attendance systems offer additional authentication methods such as fingerprint, iris, or palm recognition for enhanced security. Our project's reliance solely on facial recognition may limit its suitability for high-security environments.

3. **Lack of Customization Options:** Existing attendance systems often provide extensive customization options, allowing organizations to tailor the system to their specific needs and requirements. Our project may lack such customization options, limiting its adaptability to diverse organizational settings.

4. **Missing Redundancy and Failover Mechanisms:** High availability and reliability are crucial for attendance systems, especially in mission-critical environments. Some real-life attendance systems incorporate redundancy and failover mechanisms to ensure uninterrupted operation. Our project may lack these features, potentially leading to downtime in case of system failures.

5. **Limited Reporting and Analytics:** Advanced attendance systems offer comprehensive reporting and analytics capabilities, allowing organizations to analyze attendance patterns, trends, and exceptions. Our project's reporting capabilities may be limited, providing basic attendance reports without advanced analytics features.

6. **Scalability Challenges:** While our project is suitable for small to medium-sized organizations, it may face scalability challenges in larger enterprises with thousands of employees. Real-life attendance systems are often designed to handle massive volumes of data efficiently, which may not be the case with our project.

4.3 Scope of Future Work

- **Performance Optimization**: Further optimization of algorithms and system components to improve speed and efficiency.

- **Enhanced Features**: Addition of advanced features as said in the limitation.

- **Integration with Biometric Systems**: Integration with existing biometric systems for enhanced security and authentication.

- **Cloud Deployment**: Deployment of the system on cloud platforms for scalability and accessibility.

References