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ABSTRACT

In recent years, the integration of machine learning into everyday processes has revolutionized various industries. One such application is the Face Recognition-Based Attendance Monitoring System, which automates and streamlines attendance tracking using advanced facial recognition techniques. This system captures facial images or video frames, processes them using machine learning algorithms, and matches them against a pre-registered database to authenticate individuals and record their attendance. The core technology behind this system relies on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and other deep learning approaches for accurate facial feature extraction and identification. The system operates in real-time, ensuring efficiency and eliminating the need for traditional manual methods that are often error-prone and time-consuming. Furthermore, it enhances security by preventing proxy attendance and provides robust data management through cloud integration. This project highlights the design, implementation, and advantages of a face recognition-based attendance monitoring system, emphasizing its ability to improve accuracy, reduce operational overhead, and offer a scalable solution for educational institutions, workplaces, and other domains. The proposed system demonstrates the transformative potential of machine learning in automating routine tasks and creating smarter, more efficient processes.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SVM	Support Vector Machines
HOG	Histogram of Oriented Gradients
MTCCN	Multi-task Cascaded Convolutional Networks
CSV	Comma-Separated Values.
SSD	Solid State Drive
LBPH	Local Binary Patterns Histograms
RDBMS	Relational Database Management System
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
RBAC	Role-Based Access Control
MFA	Multi-Factor Authentication
UI	User Interface
RTC	Real-Time Clock
ROI	Regions Of Interest

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Attendance tracking is a critical activity in various domains, including educational institutions, workplaces, and events. Traditionally, this process has relied on manual methods such as roll calls, physical registers, or ID card swipes. While these methods are simple, they often prove to be inefficient, prone to errors, and susceptible to issues such as time theft, proxy attendance, and administrative burdens.With the advent of technology, automated solutions like biometric attendance systems have gained traction. These systems use fingerprints, iris scans, or voice recognition to authenticate individuals. However, these approaches often require physical interaction, specialized hardware, and additional maintenance, where seamless, non-contact solutions are preferred.In this context, face recognition technology has emerged as a promising alternative. Face recognition is a biometric technique that identifies individuals based on their facial features, offering a contactless, efficient, and user-friendly solution. It builds on advancements in machine learning, particularly in fields such as computer vision and deep learning, which have significantly improved the accuracy and reliability of facial recognition systems.. These systems can operate in real-time, process images under varying conditions (e.g., lighting, angles), and handle large-scale databases effectively. Such capabilities make face recognition an ideal candidate for automating attendance tracking.By leveraging machine learning, face recognition-based attendance systems provide significant advantages over traditional methods. The flow of control is implemented in figure 1.1.

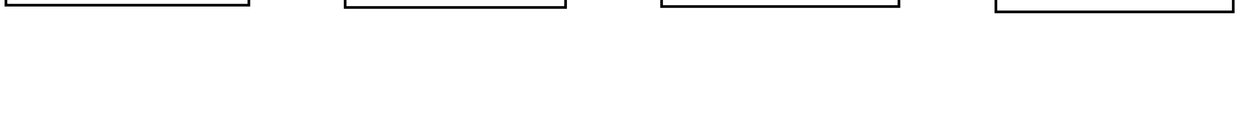

Fig 1.1: Flow of Control

1.2 OVERVIEW

A Face Recognition-Based Attendance Monitoring System is an advanced solution leveraging machine learning and computer vision to automate the process of attendance tracking. It captures facial images through a camera, detects and identifies faces using algorithms like Haar Cascades, DeepFace, or FaceNet, and matches them with a database of registered users. This system eliminates the need for traditional methods such as manual roll calls or biometric devices, offering a faster, contactless, and accurate alternative. Key components include modules for face image capture, detection and recognition, data management, attendance tracking, and a user-friendly interface for real-time monitoring and report generation. The system is widely applicable in educational institutions, corporate offices, and event management, ensuring efficiency, fraud prevention, and ease of use. Despite challenges like varying environmental conditions and privacy concerns, it provides a scalable, cost-effective, and hygienic attendance solution suitable for modern demands.

1.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Traditional attendance management systems, such as manual roll calls, physical registers, or ID card-based systems, are inefficient, time-consuming, and prone to errors. These methods are vulnerable to issues such as proxy attendance (buddy punching), loss or damage of records, and administrative burdens associated with data management. Furthermore, biometric systems like fingerprint or iris scanners, while effective, require physical interaction, raising hygiene concerns in shared environments and increasing dependency on specialized hardware.

1.4 OBJECTIVE

- Automate Attendance Tracking Automatically records attendance without manual input.
- Enhance Accuracy Reduces human errors in attendance tracking.
- Real-Time Monitoring Provides live updates and immediate feedback on attendance.
- Improve Security Ensures only authorized individuals can gain access.
- Reduce Administrative Workload Minimizes manual tasks for staff and administrators.
- Provide Data Analytics Offers insights and reports based on attendance data.
- Ensure Scalability Easily adapts to handle more users or larger environments.
- Support Multiple Environments Works.

- Improve System Efficiency Optimizes performance for faster, smoother operations.
- Preserve Privacy Safeguards user data and ensures confidentiality.
- User-Friendly Interface Easy to use and navigate, even for non-technical users.
- Integration With Other Systems Can be connected to other tools like payroll or student databases.

1.5 IMPLICATION

The implications of using a face recognition-based attendance monitoring system are broad and multifaceted, affecting areas ranging from operational efficiency to privacy concerns. On one hand, the implementation of such systems can significantly improve the accuracy and efficiency of attendance tracking. By automating the process, institutions and organizations can reduce human errors, time consumption, and potential for manipulation associated with traditional methods like roll calls or manual sign-in sheets. Furthermore, face recognition technology ensures a higher level of reliability, as it eliminates the need for individuals to remember ID cards or passwords, offering a touchless and seamless method of attendance recording. From a practical standpoint, this system is highly scalable and can be integrated with other systems, such as academic or employee management software, to create a more streamlined workflow.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

TITLE : Face Recognition for Attendance Management System

AUTHORS : M. J. Chauhan (2017)

The methodology of the study Face Recognition for Attendance Management System by Chauhan et al [1]. involved leveraging computer vision techniques to automate attendance tracking. The system used the Haar Cascade Classifier for detecting faces in images or video streams. This algorithm efficiently identifies facial regions by analyzing features like edges and contours in a hierarchical manner. A statistical approach that reduces the dimensionality of facial data while retaining key features for recognition. This approach transforms facial images into a set of principal components, enabling effective differentiation between individuals. Once a match was found, the attendance was automatically recorded in a MySQL database, ensuring easy storage and retrieval of records. This methodology offered a cost-effective and efficient solution for replacing manual or traditional biometric attendance systems.

TITLE : Face Recognition Attendance System Using OpenCV and Python

AUTHOR : P. Gupta (2018)

This research paper proposes a Face recognition Controlled Virtual Mouse system that enables human- computer interaction by Gupta et al[2] . The system employs state-of-the-art Machine Learning and Computer Vision algorithms to recognize static and dynamic eye gestures and Employed OpenCV for face detection. Created a standalone application with SQLite database support.Focused on lightweight implementation for low-resource environments.

TITLE : Real-Time Face Recognition for Automated Attendance System

AUTHOR : K. Bhati (2019)

The methodology of the study Real-Time Face Recognition for Automated Attendance System Bhati et al [3] focused on leveraging real-time face recognition techniques to streamline attendance tracking. The system utilized Dlib's face recognition model, which is based on a deep learning framework for extracting high-dimensional facial feature vectors. The methodology involved capturing live video feeds via a webcam, preprocessing the frames to enhance image quality, and detecting faces in real-time. Recognized faces were matched against a database of registered users by comparing their feature vectors. Once a match was confirmed, the attendance was recorded along with a timestamp. The system was designed as a desktop-based application using Python and OpenCV, with attendance records stored locally and exported in Excel format for ease of access and reporting. This methodology highlighted the efficiency of integrating machine learning with computer vision for real-time, scalable attendance solutions.

TITTLE : Automatic Attendance System Using Face Recognition"

AUTHOR : Mohanraj S (2019)

The methodology presented an attendance system utilizing a Support Vector Machine (SVM) for face classification by Mohanraj et al [4]. The authors combined Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG) for feature extraction and SVM for classification. The system collected face data in real-time via a camera, processed it for feature extraction, and then matched the features with a database to mark the attendance. This method was focused on improving efficiency by reducing computational costs while maintaining recognition accuracy.

TITLE : Automated Attendance System Using Machine Learning Approach

AUTHORS : R. Sharma (2020)

The study Automated Attendance System Using Machine Learning Approach by Sharma et al [5]. introduced a machine learning-based framework for automating attendance tracking. The system utilized the DeepFace library for facial feature extraction, leveraging its pre-trained deep learning models for high-accuracy face detection and recognition. The methodology involved capturing real-time images using a webcam, preprocessing them for better quality, and then detecting faces using the DeepFace model.These features were then compared to a stored database to mark attendance. The system was simple yet effective in controlled environments.

TITLE : Biometric-Based Attendance System Using Deep Learning

AUTHOR : S. Singh (2021)

The methodology of the study Biometric-Based Attendance System Using Deep

Learning by Singh et al [6] employed deep learning techniques to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of attendance tracking through biometric face recognition. The system utilized Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for feature extraction, which is highly effective in learning complex patterns in facial images and improving recognition accuracy. The CNN was trained on a large dataset of face images to recognize and classify individuals based on their unique facial features. The system captured images using an IP camera, processing them in real-time to detect faces.

TITLE : Contactless Attendance System Using DeepFace

AUTHOR : L. Johnson (2022)

The methodology of the study Contactless Attendance System Using DeepFace by Johnson et al [7] focused on implementing a contactless attendance solution using deep learning for facial recognition.. DeepFace was used to extract facial features from real-time video frames captured by a webcam or IP camera. The system processed these frames to detect faces, then extracted and compared the facial embeddings with those stored in the database to identify registered individuals.

TITTLE : An Efficient Face Recognition-Based Automated Attendance System

AUTHOR : A. Sharma (2023)

The method explored an AI-powered system using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for face recognition by Sharma et al [8]. The system was designed to detect faces in real-time, extract features, and match them with a pre-recorded database to register attendance. The authors used OpenCV for face detection and CNN-based models for recognition, achieving high recognition rates and real-time performance even in crowded environments

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM ANALYSIS

3.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

Existing Face Recognition-Based Attendance Monitoring Systems leverage a combination of computer vision, machine learning, and deep learning techniques to automate the process of marking attendance.Once the face is detected, the system extracts features. These features are then compared against a pre-existing database of authorized faces to confirm identity. If the recognition is successful, the system automatically logs the person's attendance.

In these systems, deep learning approaches, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), are becoming the standard for face recognition due to their superior accuracy and ability to handle complex datasets with variations in lighting, angles, and expressions Real-time processing is achieved using cameras or webcams to capture images or video frames, and these are analyzed instantly to match faces with the stored data.

While most systems are focused on providing a high level of automation and accuracy, challenges remain, such as dealing with lighting conditions, occlusions (e.g., people wearing glasses or hats), and ensuring data security and privacy. Despite these advancements, issues like high computational cost and the need for large training datasets still present challenges for widespread adoption in all environments.Figure 3.1.2 states the process of existing system.

3.1.1 DRAWBACKS OF EXISTING SYSTEM

- Privacy And Security Concerns
- High Computational Cost
- Environmental Limitations.
- False Acceptance And False Rejection

3.1.2 BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR EXISTING SYSTEM

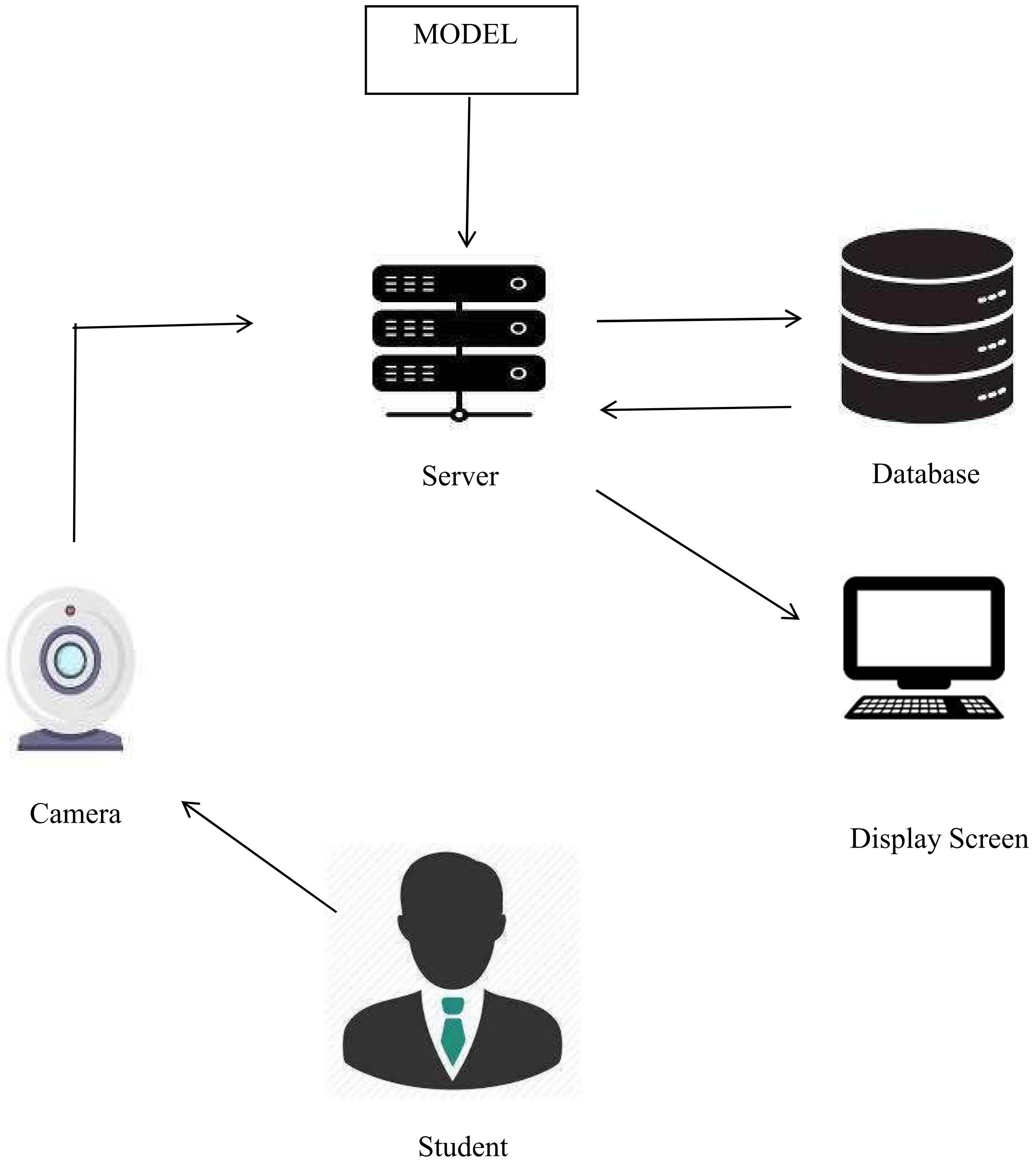

Fig.3.1Flow of Existing Diagram

3.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed Face Recognition-Based Attendance Monitoring System is an advance designed to automate the process of marking attendance using facial recognition technology. Traditional attendance methods, such as manual roll-calls or swipe cards, are time-consuming, prone to human error, and often susceptible to fraudulent practices like proxy attendance. To address these challenges, the system leverages state-of-the-art machine learning techniques and computer vision algorithms to automatically detect and recognize individuals based on their facial features, ensuring a more efficient and secure process for tracking attendance.The system consists of several key components working in tandem is a data collection and enrollment module, a face detection and recognition engine, an attendance database, and a user-friendly interface for administrators. In the first step, users whether students, employees, or attendees are required to enroll by capturing multiple images of their faces from various angles under different lighting conditions. These images are processed using deep learning-based models like FaceNet or VGG-Face to extract unique face embeddings mathematical representations of the individual's facial features. These embeddings are stored in a database along with the individual's identity and relevant details, forming the core dataset for future recognition.

Administrators can add or remove users, train the system with new faces, and generate attendance reports for specified time periods. The system can be configured to generate real time alerts in case of errors or issues, such as when a face cannot be matched to any registered user.Security and privacy are key priorities in the design of this system. All facial data is encrypted both during transmission and storage to ensure compliance with data protection regulations. Moreover, the system features role-based access control to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive data, ensuring that only authorized personnel can view or manage the attendance records. The system also incorporates fallback mechanisms, such as flagging unrecognized faces and prompting for additional action, ensuring reliability in diverse environments.

Real-time processing and scalability are critical to the system's effectiveness. To address potential challenges like variable lighting, face occlusions (e.g., glasses, masks), and the need for low-latency recognition, the system uses robust machine learning models trained on diverse datasets that handle a variety of real-world scenarios. The technology stack for the proposed system includes Python-based libraries such as OpenCV for image processing, dlib for facial landmark detection, and face recognition for actual face matching. The system is designed to run efficiently on a range of devices, from personal computers to cloud-based servers, depending on the scale of deployment.

The proposed Face Recognition-Based Attendance Monitoring System is a revolutionary step forward in automating attendance tracking, offering a reliable, efficient, and secure alternative to traditional methods. With its ability to integrate seamlessly into various environments, from classrooms to corporate offices, it not only increases the efficiency of attendance management but also eliminates issues related to fraud and human error. By continuously evolving with advancements in machine learning and facial recognition, this system promises to enhance user experiences and maintain robust security, making it a valuable tool for modern educational and organizational settings.

3.3 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

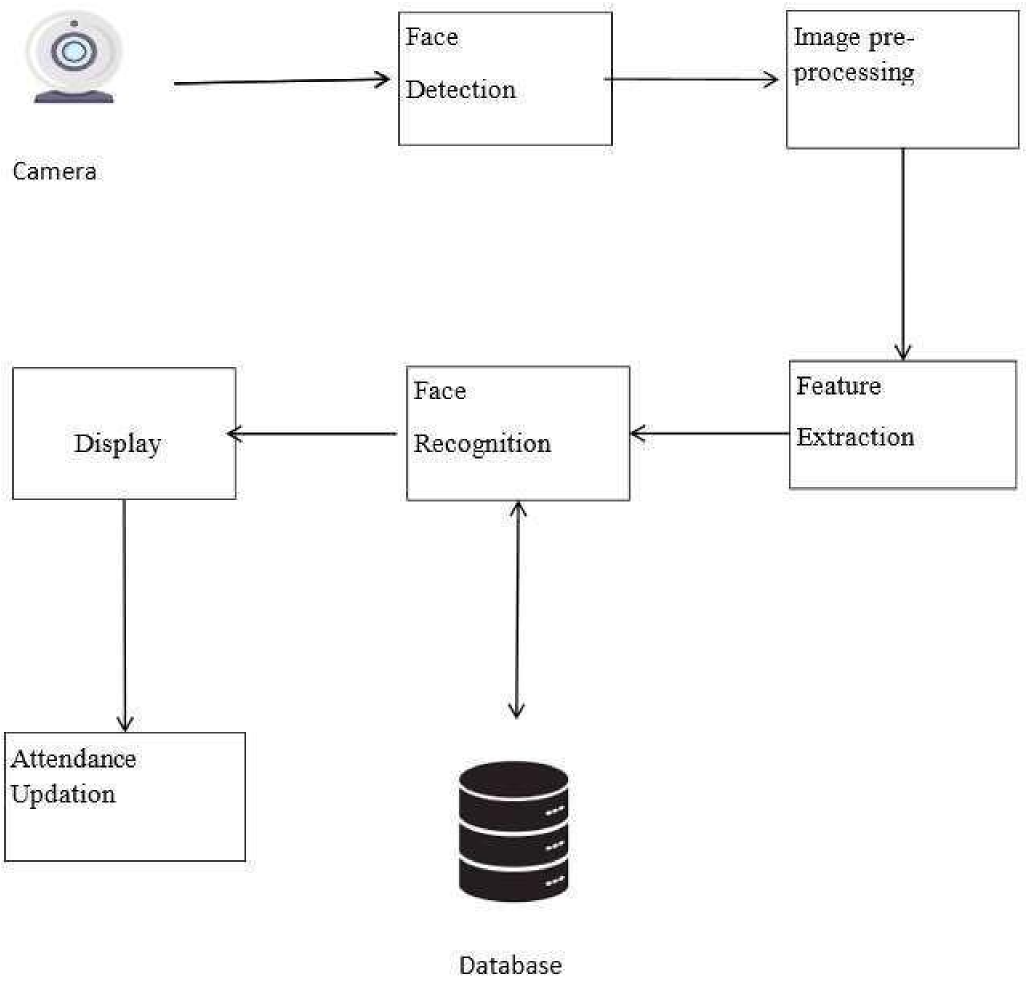

Fig 3.3 Block Diagram

3.4 FLOWCHART

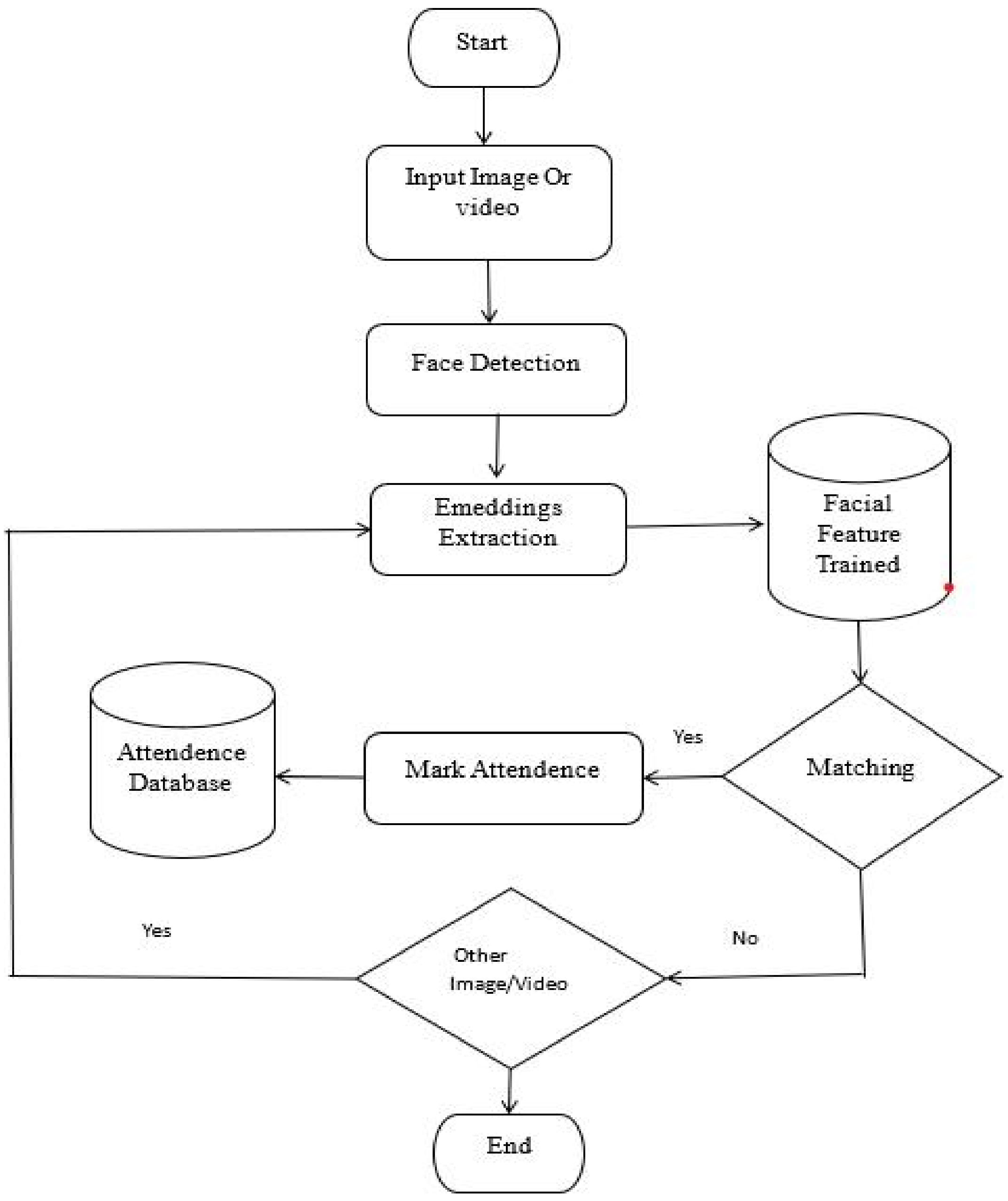

Fig 3.4 Flow of Proposed Diagram

3.5 PROCESS CYCLE

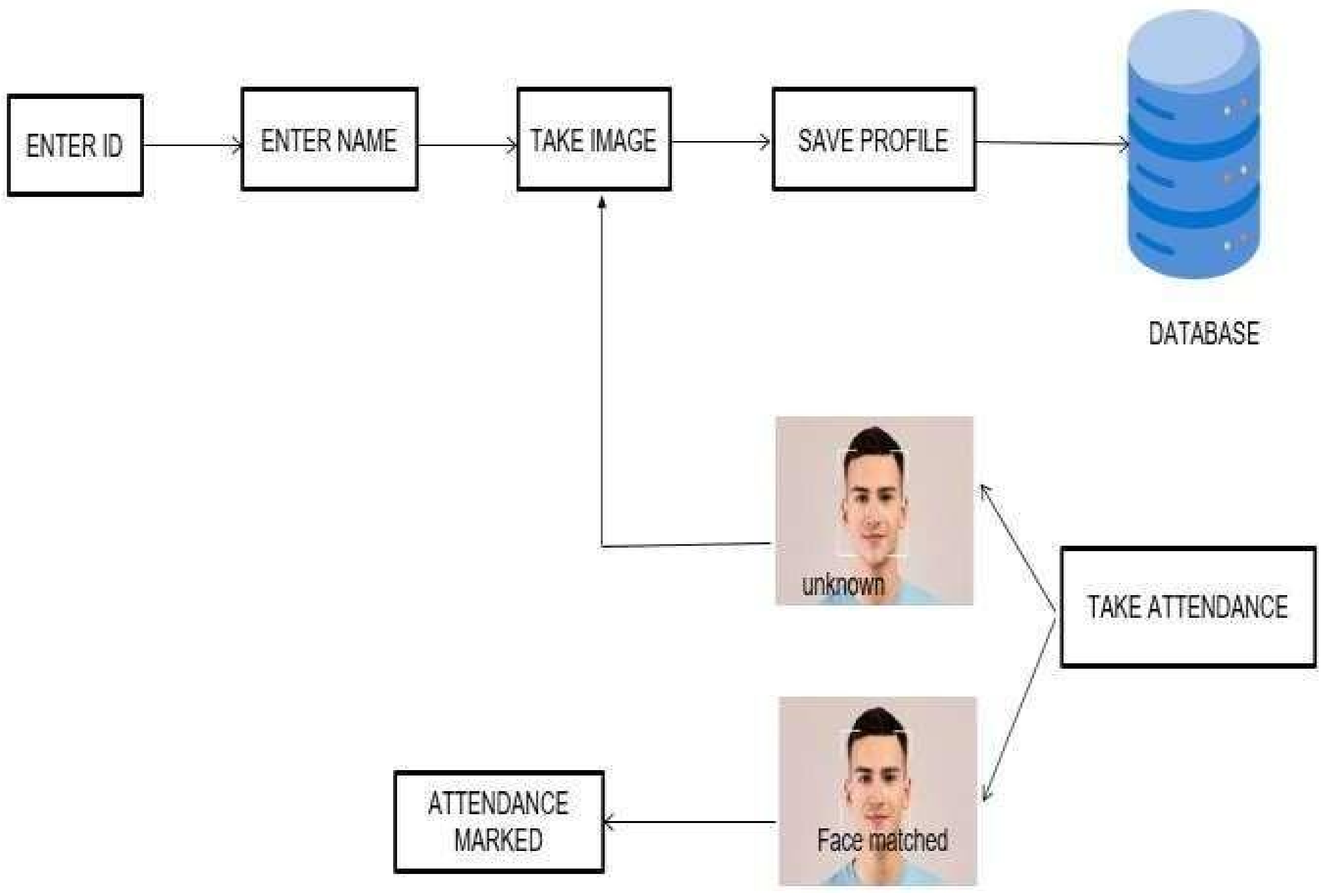

Fig 3.5 Life Cycle of The Process

CHAPTER 4

MODULES

4.1 MODULE DESCRIPTION

A module is a smaller part or component of a larger system that performs a specific task. It works independently or with other modules to help complete a bigger process. Think of it like a building block: each module does one job, and when combined, they work together to make the entire system function properly. For example, in a face recognition attendance system, one module might detect faces, another might recognize who they are, and another might log their attendance. Each of these is a module with its own job.

- GUI Creation Module
- Face-Recognition Module
- Image Processing Module
- Data Storage Module
- Data Handling Module

4.1.1 GUI CREATION MODULE

The GUI (Graphical User Interface) Creation Module is an essential part of any face recognition-based attendance monitoring system as it serves as the interface through which users interact with the system. The primary objective of this module is to provide a user-friendly environment where teachers, administrators, or employees can easily manage and monitor attendance records without the need for complex technical knowledge. The GUI should be designed to be intuitive and interactive, allowing users to seamlessly navigate through different functionalities such as capturing new face data, processing attendance, viewing attendance logs, and generating reports.

This module typically includes multiple components such as input forms, buttons, tables, and real-time video feeds. For example, the user interface may feature a dashboard displaying key information such as today's attendance, recent logs, or any notifications about unrecognized faces or attendance errors. A central part of the GUI is the real-time video stream that displays the camera feed, where users can see the face recognition process in action. When a new user approaches the camera, the system will attempt to identify them, and if successful, the system will automatically mark the attendance in the system, displaying a confirmation message on the interface.

Additionally, the GUI should allow for the registration of new users, where administrators can add new individuals by capturing their facial images, storing those images with proper labels, and ensuring the data is saved to a secure database. Buttons like "Start Camera," "Register User," and "Mark Attendance" should be easily accessible. Moreover, error handling should be incorporated into the interface to guide users through any technical issues (e.g., face not detected or multiple faces in the frame), ensuring smooth operation at all times. For administrators, the GUI should also include attendance logs in the form of detailed tables or charts showing daily attendance records, with options for filtering by date, name, or department. Users should be able to generate reports in various formats, allowing them to keep a record of attendance data for future analysis. Furthermore, administrators should have the ability to update user data or remove any erroneous entries directly through the GUI. Security features can be integrated into the interface as well, such as login authentication for administrators or password protection for sensitive sections of the system.

4.1.2 FACE RECOGNITION MODULE

The Face Recognition Module is the core component of a face recognition-based system, responsible for identifying and verifying individuals based on their facial features. This module typically involves two main stages face detection and face recognition or deep learning-based methods are used to locate faces in images or video frames.

In the recognition phase, the module compares this embedding with stored face data (usually stored in a database) to identify the individual by matching the features. The system can then perform actions such as logging attendance or triggering alerts. This module enables applications like automated attendance, security systems, and other identity verification tasks.

4.1.3 IMAGE PROCESSING MODULE

The Image Processing Module is a crucial component of a face recognition-based attendance monitoring system, designed to preprocess and enhance the input images or video frames to ensure the accuracy and efficiency of the face recognition process. The primary function of this module is to handle raw image data captured from cameras or other imaging devices, preparing it for subsequent steps in the face recognition pipeline. This module typically involves several key stages, including image acquisition, noise reduction, image enhancement, face detection, and normalization.The first step in the image processing module is image acquisition, where the system captures an image or video frame from a camera. In real-time systems, this often involves continuously streaming video from a webcam or CCTV camera, where each frame serves as a potential candidate for face detection. The system needs to handle variable image quality, lighting conditions, and camera angles, which may significantly affect the recognition accuracy.

After the image is captured, the next phase is noise reduction and image enhancement. Images often contain noise due to factors like camera imperfections, environmental conditions, or motion blur. In this phase, techniques such as Gaussian blur, median filtering, or bilateral filtering can be applied to reduce this noise while preserving the sharpness of the facial features. Additionally, contrast adjustment and histogram equalization techniques can be employed to enhance the visibility of facial features in low-light conditions, improving the performance of face detection and recognition algorithms. These enhancements make the subsequent facial feature extraction more accurate by emphasizing important facial landmarks while minimizing irrelevant background information.

Once the image is preprocessed, the face detection process begins. This is where the system identifies the location of faces within the image, ensuring that the model focuses only on the relevant parts of the image. The face detection step is often achieved using algorithms such as Haar Cascade Classifiers, which are fast and effective for detecting faces in relatively controlled environments. These algorithms segment the image into different regions and evaluate which parts of the image contain facial features, returning a bounding box around the face region. After face detection, the next step in the image processing module is face alignment and normalization. Since faces may appear at different angles or orientations in the image, alignment ensures that the face is positioned consistently, allowing the recognition system to better compare facial features across images.

The system may apply techniques like affine transformations to rotate, scale, or crop the face region, standardizing its orientation. Additionally, image normalization involves resizing the detected face region to a fixed size and adjusting its color channels, ensuring consistency across all images fed into the recognition system.Additionally, the real-time processing aspect of the image processing module is essential for the system to function smoothly.This requires optimization techniques, such as reducing the image resolution for faster processing.

4.1.4 DATA STORAGE MODULE

The Data Storage Module is responsible for securely storing and managing the data used by the face recognition system, including face embeddings, user information, and attendance records. This module typically involves a database where facial feature data (embeddings) for each registered individual are stored, along with relevant personal details such as names, IDs, or roles. When a face is recognized, its features are compared against the stored embeddings, and the system logs attendance or triggers actions based on the match. The module also stores metadata such as timestamps for attendance records, providing a historical log of interactions. Common storage solutions include relational databases like MySQL or SQLite, depending on the scale and requirements of the system. Ensuring the integrity and security of stored data is crucial, often requiring encryption, access controls, and regular backups to protect sensitive personal information.

This module enables the efficient retrieval, updating, and management of data, ensuring that the system operates seamlessly and securely.At the heart of the Data Storage Module is a database system, which serves as the central repository for all the data. Depending on the scale of the application, the system can use traditional relational databases like MySQL, PostgreSQL, or SQLite, or more modern NoSQL databases, especially when dealing with unstructured data like images or larger datasets that need flexible schema designs. Relational databases work well when the data can be organized into tables with structured relationships, such as storing attendance records in a table with user IDs, names, and time. On the other hand, NoSQL databases are often preferred when the system needs to handle large volumes of unstructured data, such as raw image files, feature vectors, or logs from various devices, because they allow for scalable storage without a rigid schema.

4.1.5 DATA HANDLING MODULE

The Data Handling Module is a critical component of a face recognition-based attendance monitoring system, tasked with efficiently managing, processing, and ensuring the integrity of the data throughout the system's lifecycle. This module plays a crucial role in orchestrating the flow of data between different subsystems such as face recognition, image processing, data storage, and user interfaces while maintaining data accuracy, consistency, and security. The main responsibilities of the Data Handling Module include data acquisition, data pre-processing, data validation, data transfer, and data synchronization, ensuring that the entire process from data input to storage and retrieval is smooth, accurate, and secure. Initially, the data acquisition process begins with capturing images or video frames of individuals through cameras or other imaging devices. This data is typically in raw form and may include irrelevant background information or noise that could interfere with the recognition process. The Data Handling Module ensures that this data is properly captured and passed onto the next stage for preprocessing, which may involve reducing noise, enhancing image quality, or extracting features, as discussed in the Image Processing Module. Data acquisition also involves receiving input from multiple sources, whether it's different cameras in a building or various departments in a company, requiring the handling module to manage data from diverse points while ensuring that no data is lost or corrupted.

Once the data is acquired, the data pre-processing phase begins. This includes preparing the raw input data, such as images or video frames, for further processing by the face recognition module. The Data Handling Module ensures that images are cropped to focus on the faces, resized, and normalized for consistency across all inputs. It also ensures that necessary steps such as face detection, alignment, and feature extraction are performed in the correct sequence. Data pre-processing is a vital part of ensuring that the subsequent recognition steps can take place with high accuracy. The module may also handle data augmentation techniques in training scenarios to generate additional variations of face data to enhance model performance, such as adjusting brightness, contrast, and adding noise to the images.An equally important function of the Data Handling Module is data validation. As the system processes user data, especially in critical systems like attendance monitoring, it is imperative to validate that the data being entered and processed is correct and consistent.

This includes ensuring that facial images are correctly captured, that each attendance record is linked to the correct individual, and that there are no errors in the data flow. For instance, the module must confirm that a face detection algorithm has correctly identified an individual's face in the image and that no erroneous data such as duplicate or missing records are introduced into the system. The system can incorporate mechanisms like checksum verification or data integrity checks to ensure that the data being processed is not corrupted or tampered with during any stage of the flow.

In parallel with validation, the Data Handling Module also oversees data transfer. This involves ensuring the smooth and timely transfer of data between different components of the system, such as from the face recognition module to the storage database or from the camera feeds to the image processing unit. As the system may involve multiple subsystems and could operate in a distributed manner (e.g., with several cameras or devices connected to a central server), it is essential that data flows without delays or errors.

CHAPTER 5

SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

5.1 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Python
- Pandas,OpenCV
- SQLite
- PyCharm IDE

5.1.1 PYTHON

Python is a fundamental software requirement for developing a Face Recognition-Based Attendance Monitoring System. It is widely preferred due to its simplicity, versatility, and extensive ecosystem of libraries tailored for machine learning, computer vision, and data handling. Python provides robust libraries like OpenCV for image and video processing, Dlib for facial feature extraction and recognition, and specialized frameworks like TensorFlow and PyTorch for deep learning tasks. It also offers tools like Pandas and NumPy for efficient data management and numerical computations. The availability of pre-built modules, such as the face_recognition library, significantly simplifies the implementation process. Additionally, Python supports seamless integration with web frameworks like Flask or Django for building user interfaces.

5.1.2 OPENCV

OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision Library) is a foundational software requirement for a Face Recognition-Based Attendance Monitoring System. It is a powerful and versatile library that provides a wide range of tools for image and video processing tasks essential to the system. OpenCV is used for detecting faces in real-time, preprocessing images (such as resizing, normalization, and contrast adjustment), and handling various image transformations needed for feature extraction.

It supports multiple image formats and works well with both static images and live video feeds, making it an ideal choice for face detection and recognition tasks. Additionally, OpenCV integrates seamlessly with Python, enabling the implementation of face recognition algorithms and enhancing the system's ability to perform real-time processing efficiently. Its extensive documentation and active community also ensure that developers can easily find solutions to common challenges, making OpenCV a critical component in building an efficient, high-performance attendance monitoring system

5.1.3 SQLite

SQLite is a lightweight, serverless, self-contained relational database engine that plays a crucial role in many software applications, especially for systems that require efficient local storage and easy integration. It is often favored for applications that need a simple yet powerful database solution without the complexity of full-fledged database management systems.This makes SQLite particularly suitable for small to medium-scale systems that require fast, local data storage without the overhead of managing a separate database server.SQLite is highly efficient for applications that operate in environments where performance, speed, and simplicity are important. For an attendance monitoring system, SQLite can store the data associated with registered users, such as their IDs, names, facial feature vectors, and attendance logs, in tables that are easily queried and updated. SQLite supports SQL (Structured Query Language), which allows developers to use standard database queries to insert, update, delete, and retrieve data. This simplifies database management and integration, as it adheres to widely known SQL standards, making it easy to integrate with other systems and tools.

SQLite is also known for its high performance, particularly when dealing with read-heavy workloads, which makes it a good choice for face recognition systems that need to frequently access user records and attendance logs. The system can quickly query and update records without significant delay, ensuring smooth operation in real-time applications where attendance marking needs to be fast and accurate.

In conclusion, SQLite serves as an excellent choice for the software requirements of a face recognition-based attendance monitoring system, offering a balance of performance, simplicity, and efficiency. Its lightweight, serverless architecture, coupled with high performance for read-heavy operations, makes it an ideal solution for managing user and attendance data. SQLite’s compact nature, ease of integration, cross-platform compatibility, and support for transactions make it a versatile and reliable option for local storage, providing a solid foundation for applications that prioritize simplicity, security, and fast data access in real-time systems.

5.1.4 PYCHARM IDE

PyCharm is a software tool used for writing and managing Python code. To use PyCharm, you need a computer running Windows, macOS, or Linux, and you must have Python installed on your system. It helps developers by providing a smart code editor, debugging tools, and features to organize and manage projects efficiently. For smooth performance, it’s recommended to have at least 4GB of RAM and a modern processor, especially if you're working on large projects. In short, PyCharm makes coding in Python easier and more organized.

5.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- CPU
- RAM
- Webcam
- Solid State Drive(SSD)

CHAPTER 6

METHODOLOGY

6.1 FACE DETECTION WITH HAAR CASCADES

Face Detection with Haar Cascades is a widely used method in computer vision for detecting faces in images or video streams. It works by using a technique based on Haar features that are similar to wavelets, which help in detecting objects. These features represent the image intensity at different regions and capture essential patterns in the face, such as the eyes, nose, and mouth. The Haar Cascade classifier is a machine learning-based method used for object detection that involves training a cascade function with positive and negative image samples. The primary advantage of Haar Cascades is that they can perform real-time object detection with relatively low computational cost, making them suitable for applications such as surveillance, face recognition, and even smartphones with limited processing power.

The technique starts by detecting simple rectangular features in the image. Each feature is calculated as the difference in intensity between two adjacent regions. For face detection, the most commonly used Haar features are the differences between regions like the eyes and the upper face or the nose and the mouth. The Haar features are then used to create a set of weak classifiers.This step helps improve the accuracy of the detection process. The final trained classifier is applied in a cascade hence the name Haar Cascade to detect faces in an image.

The cascade structure works by progressively applying classifiers that reject the vast majority of negative samples early in the process. This reduces the computational load significantly by discarding non-relevant regions of the image. The first few classifiers are relatively simple, focusing on detecting basic face features, while later classifiers are more complex and refine the detection further. The image is scanned in a sliding window approach, where each window is classified as either containing a face or not, and if a window contains a face, further verification occurs.

In practice, Haar Cascades have been implemented in many open-source libraries, including OpenCV, which provides pre-trained models for detecting faces and other objects. The pre-trained Haar Cascade model for face detection is widely used because it strikes a balance between performance and accuracy. One of the key benefits of Haar Cascades is that they can detect faces at multiple scales and orientations by resizing the image, making them robust for face detection in real-world conditions. However, despite their popularity and efficiency, Haar Cascades have limitations, such as a lower detection rate in complex or heavily occluded images compared to more modern deep learning methods. Nonetheless, Haar Cascade-based face detection remains a powerful tool in many computer vision applications, particularly where real-time detection is a critical requirement.

6.2 FACE RECOGNITION USING LBPH OR DEEP LEARNING MODELS

Face Recognition is the process of identifying or verifying a person based on their facial features, and it has become a vital application in fields such as security, attendance monitoring, and biometric authentication. Among the most common methods for face recognition are LBPH (Local Binary Pattern Histograms) and Deep Learning Models. These approaches are used to extract and analyze facial features from images or video streams, with each having its own strengths and limitations.

LBPH is a classical, feature-based method for face recognition that relies on texture features derived from the face image. The idea behind LBPH is to represent the face using local patterns of pixel intensities. It starts by dividing the face image into small regions, each of which is converted into a binary pattern by comparing the intensity of each pixel to its surrounding pixels. The result is a binary image that captures the local texture of the region, and this pattern is encoded into a histogram. These histograms from all regions of the face are concatenated into a single feature vector, which serves as the compact representation of the face. The recognition process involves comparing the extracted LBPH feature vector of an input image with pre-stored feature vectors of known individuals to find the most similar one, usually using a simple distance metric like Euclidean distance.

In contrast, Deep Learning Models have revolutionized face recognition by leveraging Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and other advanced neural network architectures to automatically learn hierarchical features from raw pixel data. These models are typically trained on large datasets of labeled faces, enabling them to learn complex patterns and representations that are far superior to traditional methods like LBPH. CNNs excel at handling variations in lighting, facial expressions, and poses due to their ability to learn feature hierarchies that capture both low-level and high-level patterns. A deep learning-based face recognition system can recognize faces by mapping an input image into a high-dimensional embedding space, where each face is represented by a unique vector. This vector can then be compared to vectors from other faces in the same space to determine the identity of the person. Models such as FaceNet, OpenFace use such embeddings for highly accurate face recognition. One of the main advantages of deep learning methods is their robustness to variations in environmental conditions and their ability to generalize well across different scenarios. However, deep learning models require large amounts of labeled data and considerable computational resources for training, making them more complex and time-consuming than traditional methods like LBPH.

The choice between LBPH and deep learning models largely depends on the specific requirements of the application. LBPH is a simpler, less computationally demanding solution that works well in environments where the lighting and pose are relatively consistent, and where system resources are limited. On the other hand, deep learning-based face recognition systems are far more accurate and flexible, particularly in dynamic environments where faces are captured in varying conditions, poses, and expressions. While LBPH can achieve satisfactory results in certain scenarios, deep learning models have become the gold standard in face recognition due to their high accuracy, scalability, and ability to handle complex, real-world data. Despite the advantages of deep learning, LBPH remains relevant for many real-time applications where speed and resource efficiency are critical, offering a good trade-off between performance and computational cost.

6.3 TKINTER GUI FOR INTERACTION AND VISUALIZATION

Tkinter GUI for Interaction and Visualization plays a crucial role in providing a user-friendly interface for applications, including those involving face recognition and attendance monitoring systems. Tkinter is the standard Python library for creating graphical user interfaces (GUIs) and is built on top of the Tk GUI toolkit. It is widely used for creating desktop applications due to its simplicity, ease of use, and integration with Python. In the context of a face recognition system, Tkinter can facilitate various user interactions such as face registration, attendance marking, settings adjustment, and real-time visualization of video feeds.

One of the key features of Tkinter is its ability to easily create windows, buttons, labels, entry fields, and other standard GUI components, all of which can be used to interact with the user. For instance, in a face recognition system, the interface can display live video from a webcam to show the user's face in real time. The video feed can be captured using OpenCV and embedded in a Tkinter window, providing a seamless experience for users to view the captured faces. Tkinter also supports interactive elements like buttons and text fields that can be used to trigger various actions, such as adding new users, registering their face images, or marking their attendance. For example, a button can initiate the face detection process, while text fields allow the user to input their name or other relevant information.

A central feature of the Tkinter interface for a face recognition system is the live display of the webcam feed. Using OpenCV, each frame of the video can be processed, and the detected face can be shown to the user along with their identification. The GUI can highlight detected faces with bounding boxes, making it easy for the user to see which parts of the image are being analyzed. For instance, as the user enters the room, the system can detect and recognize their face, displaying their name and the time of entry on the screen. This interaction can be enhanced by using labels to display messages such as "Face Detected", "Attendance Marked", or error messages if the system fails to recognize a face.Another important feature of a Tkinter-based face recognition system is real-time clock display, which can be continuously updated on the GUI to show the current time, enhancing the user experience.

The clock can be synchronized with the attendance system to ensure accurate time-stamping of attendance logs, and the user can visually track the time when their face was recognized or attendance was recorded. In addition to real-time updates, Tkinter can also be used to handle authentication and secure access, for example, through a password prompt that asks the user for a password to gain access to administrative functions, such as adding new users or accessing the attendance logs.

Tkinter’s versatility allows for easy implementation of additional features like error handling, where users can be alerted if an action fails or if the system cannot detect a face. For instance, a pop-up message box can inform the user if the system cannot recognize their face due to poor lighting or obscured facial features. File management controls, such as buttons to save or load attendance data, can also be embedded into the GUI, enabling the user to view, export, or clear attendance logs stored in a CSV file.

One of the key advantages of using Tkinter for face recognition and attendance systems is its lightweight nature and ability to quickly prototype interactive applications without requiring complex dependencies. While it may not offer the sleek and modern appearance of web-based or mobile applications, it is more than sufficient for desktop applications where the focus is on functionality and ease of use. Tkinter also integrates well with Python’s ecosystem, making it easy to incorporate other libraries such as OpenCV for image processing, pandas for managing data, and hashlib for password handling, making the overall development process seamless and efficient.

In summary, Tkinter provides an accessible and powerful framework for building interactive and visual desktop applications, especially when combined with other libraries like OpenCV for face recognition. It allows developers to create intuitive, real-time applications for face recognition and attendance logging systems, making it easier for users to interact with the system, visualize processes, and manage their data. Its simplicity, ease of integration, and wide range of capabilities make it an excellent choice for building GUI-based systems for face recognition and similar applications.

6.4 IMAGE PROCESSING (GRAYSCALE CONVERSION AND FACE CROPPING)

Image Processing, particularly grayscale conversion and face cropping, plays a pivotal role in modern computer vision tasks, including face recognition systems. These techniques are essential for preparing images in a way that enhances the accuracy and efficiency of further processing steps, such as face detection, feature extraction, and pattern recognition. Each of these processes, though relatively simple, is foundational to building an effective face recognition system that can operate reliably in a variety of real-world conditions.

Grayscale Conversion is a crucial first step in many image processing workflows, especially when the primary goal is to detect faces or extract features from an image. In computer vision, color images consist of multiple channels (typically red, green, and blue, or RGB), which hold varying levels of intensity for each pixel. However, for tasks like face detection or recognition, color information is often unnecessary, as the system only needs to focus on the structural details of the image, such as edges and contours. Converting an image to grayscale simplifies the image data by reducing the three color channels to a single channel that represents the intensity of light. Each pixel in a grayscale image has an intensity value ranging from 0 (black) to 255 (white), which makes it easier for algorithms to process and analyze. Grayscale conversion helps improve the performance of face detection algorithms, particularly Haar Cascades, as it reduces computational complexity while retaining enough information for identifying patterns like facial features. The conversion process is straightforward and is typically done by applying a weighted sum of the RGB values for each pixel, often using the formula:

$$\text{Gray} = 0.2989 \times R + 0.5870 \times G + 0.1140 \times B$$

This formula accounts for the fact that the human eye is more sensitive to green than red or blue, hence the different weights for the channels.Face Cropping is another critical image processing technique used in face recognition systems. After the face detection step, which identifies the regions of interest (ROIs) in an image where faces are located, cropping isolates these faces for further analysis.

The goal of face cropping is to extract only the area of the image that contains the face, eliminating unnecessary background and other distractions. This not only reduces the computational load for subsequent stages of processing but also ensures that only relevant features of the face are used for recognition. Face cropping is typically achieved by identifying the bounding box coordinates around the face using a face detection algorithm such as Haar Cascades or a deep learning-based approach. Once the face is located, the image is cropped to the dimensions of the bounding box, ensuring that only the face region is retained.

This cropped face image is often resized to a standard size, making it easier to compare or feed into a machine learning model for recognition. Resizing the image ensures consistency in the data, regardless of the original image size or resolution, and facilitates efficient processing. In a real-time face recognition system, the cropped and preprocessed face images are then passed to a recognition model, such as LBPH (Local Binary Pattern Histograms) or a deep learning model, for identifying or verifying the individual. This stage is crucial because the recognition algorithm depends on the facial features within the cropped region to generate accurate results.

The combination of grayscale conversion and face cropping enhances the system's ability to perform accurate and efficient face detection and recognition. By reducing the image to its most relevant features (intensity values for grayscale and face boundaries for cropping), the system can focus its computational resources on processing only the necessary information. Grayscale conversion reduces unnecessary data, while face cropping helps isolate the face, minimizing background noise and variability in the image. Together, these techniques allow for faster, more accurate face recognition, making them integral to the development of robust face recognition systems that can work in real-world scenarios, such as attendance monitoring, security systems, or even smartphone unlocking. Additionally, these preprocessing steps ensure that the system remains efficient and scalable, even when working with large datasets or real-time video feeds.

6.5 FILE MANAGEMENT (CSV FOR STORING DATA, IMAGE SAVING, PASSWORD HANDLING)

File Management is an essential aspect of any face recognition system, particularly when dealing with large amounts of data such as user profiles, attendance records, and associated images. Efficient file management ensures that the data is stored securely, is easy to retrieve when needed, and remains organized. In a face recognition-based attendance system, three critical aspects of file management include CSV for storing data, image saving, and password handling.

CSV (Comma-Separated Values) files are often used for storing structured data, such as user information, attendance logs, and timestamps. CSV files provide a simple and efficient way to store and retrieve tabular data, making them an ideal choice for systems that need to track attendance over time. In a face recognition system, the CSV file might contain columns such as "User ID," "Name," "Timestamp," and "Attendance Status." For instance, every time a user's face is detected and recognized, a new entry is made in the CSV file, including their ID, name, and the time of recognition. This log helps maintain a record of who was present and when they were present, ensuring that attendance is tracked accurately. CSV files are easy to work with in Python using libraries like pandas or Python's built-in csv module. They can be opened, written to, and updated efficiently, making them a convenient choice for such logging tasks. Moreover, CSV files can be easily exported, shared, or integrated with other software for further processing or reporting.

Image Saving is another crucial component of file management in a face recognition system. The system must save the images of detected faces, typically for purposes such as user registration, future recognition, or training the model. When a new user is registered, the system captures and saves their face image in a folder, often naming the image file according to the user's ID or name for easy identification. The system might save the image as "user_001.jpg" in a designated folder. In addition to saving individual images during registration, real-time face recognition applications may also store snapshots of the recognized faces, for example, when an individual's attendance is marked.

The images are typically stored in a consistent file format like JPEG or PNG, and they are often resized or cropped before saving to ensure uniformity and to optimize storage space. Image saving is often handled with libraries such as OpenCV, which can capture images from a webcam or video feed and save them to the file system. It is essential to maintain a well-organized directory structure for storing these images to ensure quick access and retrieval, especially when dealing with large datasets.

Password Handling is another critical aspect of file management, particularly for securing the face recognition system and restricting access to certain functionalities. In a system that involves user registration or administrative features, password authentication is often required to ensure that only authorized users can access or modify sensitive data, such as adding new users or deleting attendance logs. Proper password handling involves securely storing and verifying passwords. In modern applications, storing passwords in plaintext is not recommended due to security risks. Instead, passwords should be hashed before being saved to a file, ensuring that even if an attacker gains access to the password file, the actual passwords remain protected. Popular Python libraries such as bcrypt or hashlib can be used to hash passwords securely. When a user attempts to log in, their entered password is hashed and compared to the stored hash to verify their identity. Additionally, passwords can be combined with other security measures such as salt (random data added to the password before hashing) to further enhance security. A file used for password handling could be a text file or a CSV file, with each entry consisting of a user's ID or name, followed by the hashed password. This file should be stored in a secure location with restricted access to protect sensitive user information.

In summary, effective file management is a foundational element in the development of a robust face recognition system. By using CSV files to store structured data such as attendance logs and user information, the system can maintain an organized, easily accessible record of all events. Image saving ensures that the system can store and retrieve face images for training, identification, or attendance purposes, while maintaining proper directory organization. Password handling ensures that the system remains secure, protecting user data and preventing unauthorized access.

6.6 REAL-TIME CLOCK FOR DISPLAYING CURRENT TIME

A Real-Time Clock (RTC) is a fundamental component for many applications, particularly in face recognition systems, where precise time-stamping is critical for accurate attendance logging, event tracking, and overall system functionality. In the context of such systems, the real-time clock displays the current time, often in HH:MM:SS (hours, minutes, seconds) format, and ensures that all activities such as face recognition, attendance logging, and administrative tasks are properly timestamped and synchronized with the real-world time. A real-time clock not only serves to display the time but also plays a crucial role in tracking when specific actions or events occur, such as when a person's face is detected and their attendance is marked.

Implementing a real-time clock in a system typically involves retrieving the current time from the system's internal clock or an external RTC module and displaying it dynamically on the user interface (UI). For example, in a Tkinter-based GUI for face recognition and attendance, a real-time clock is continuously updated and shown on the application window, providing users with an accurate time display. It can be especially useful for providing visual cues, allowing users to track the exact time their attendance is marked, when they were last recognized by the system, or when the system was last accessed for administrative purposes. The display of a real-time clock adds a layer of usability to the system, making it easier for both users and administrators to interact with the system and ensure that data is properly logged.

In most programming environments, implementing a real-time clock is straightforward, especially with libraries such as Python's built-in time or datetime modules, which allow the system to retrieve the current time. These modules provide functions like time() and strftime() that return the current time in a formatted string. In graphical user interfaces like Tkinter, the real-time clock is often implemented using a looping function that refreshes the displayed time every second. The time is updated in the GUI using a widget such as a Label or Text widget, and the clock can be displayed in various formats, including 24-hour or 12-hour formats with AM/PM notation, based on the user's preferences.

For instance, the clock might show something like "14:30:45" (2:30:45 PM in 24-hour format) or "2:30:45 PM" in a more user-friendly 12-hour format.The real-time clock is not just a visual display but can be tied to critical functionalities, particularly in applications like attendance systems. By associating the current time with each attendance entry, the system ensures that each record is precisely timestamped, which is important for maintaining the integrity and accuracy of the attendance log. This time-stamped data can then be saved to a file (e.g., CSV) or displayed in the application interface for further analysis and reporting. In scenarios where face recognition systems are integrated with databases or cloud services, the accurate time provided by the real-time clock helps maintain synchronization with external systems, ensuring that attendance records are consistent across different devices and platforms.

Moreover, the real-time clock can serve as an additional feature for users to monitor the system's activity. For example, administrators may use the clock to verify that the system is operating correctly in real-time, helping them identify when a particular action was performed, such as a person being recognized or an event being triggered. In high-security or real-time applications, ensuring accurate timestamps is critical for both operational efficiency and compliance with regulations that require precise record-keeping.

In conclusion, a real-time clock in a face recognition system provides a crucial, dynamic time display that is integral for accurately logging activities, marking attendance, and ensuring the timely operation of the system. By continuously updating the current time on the user interface, it serves not only as a visual cue but also as a key component for maintaining time accuracy in real-time operations. Whether for face recognition, attendance tracking, or administrative purposes, the real-time clock ensures that all data and events are appropriately synchronized with the current time, enhancing the overall functionality and reliability of the system.

6.7 ATTENDANCE LOGGING AND TIME-STAMPING ATTENDANCE ENTRIES

Attendance Logging and Time-stamping Attendance Entries are core functionalities in any face recognition-based system, particularly for applications like school attendance, employee monitoring, or event tracking. These features help automate the process of tracking and recording the presence of individuals, making the process more efficient, accurate, and transparent compared to traditional methods like manual sign-ins. In a face recognition system, the process typically begins with the system detecting a face via a camera or webcam, followed by the recognition of the individual through facial features, and then logging their attendance along with the exact time they were recognized.

The first step in Attendance logging is to capture an image or video frame that contains the individual's face. When the system detects and identifies the person, based on either a pre-trained model or a stored database of face features, the system automatically logs the attendance by associating the recognized face with a specific entry in an attendance database or file. This is typically achieved by saving the recognition result, such as the person's name or ID, along with a timestamp to record the time of their entry into the system. This process removes the need for manual data entry, drastically reducing human error and increasing efficiency. For instance, when a person enters a room, their face is detected and compared to stored facial data, and once a match is found, the system marks their attendance in real-time. The attendance data is usually stored in a CSV file or database, allowing easy retrieval and analysis of attendance records later on.

Time-stamping is a crucial aspect of attendance logging. It ensures that every attendance entry is accurately associated with the exact time when the person was recognized, providing a precise record of their presence. The time-stamping process involves recording the current time, functionality of the system, when the person’s face is detected and identified. This timestamp is usually in HH:MM:SS format (hours, minutes, and seconds), and it is logged alongside other details, such as the individual’s name, ID, or any other relevant information, to create a comprehensive record. Time-stamping serves multiple purposes in the context of attendance monitoring.

First, it provides a clear and accurate record of when a person entered or left a specific location, which is essential for monitoring and reporting purposes. In environments like schools or workplaces, administrators or managers can use these time-stamped records to analyze patterns, such as late arrivals, early departures, or overall attendance behavior. Additionally, time-stamped records are crucial for compliance and auditing purposes, ensuring that the system provides accurate data that can be reviewed if needed. For example, attendance reports may include time-stamped logs for each user, showing the exact times they were recognized, which can be useful for payroll, academic records, or even legal purposes.In real-time face recognition systems, logging attendance and time-stamping are often automated, which increases both the efficiency and accuracy of the process. For instance, once a person’s face is recognized, the system might not only mark their attendance but also generate a time-stamped report, save it to a file (e.g., CSV), and potentially trigger other actions, such as sending notifications or generating an alert if an unauthorized person is detected. Time-stamping the attendance entries also makes it possible to track attendance over specific periods (daily, weekly, monthly) and analyze trends in attendance behavior, helping to improve resource planning and ensure that the system is running optimally.

In more advanced systems, real-time time-stamping can also be used to trigger actions beyond just logging attendance. For example, in some implementations, the time-stamped entry might be used to calculate the duration of an individual’s stay at a particular location or to trigger subsequent events based on the time, such as locking or unlocking doors, starting or stopping certain processes, or recording specific events tied to the individual’s presence at a given time.

In conclusion, attendance logging and time-stamping attendance entries in face recognition systems offer a highly efficient, automated, and accurate way of tracking the presence of individuals. By combining real-time face recognition with precise time-stamping, the system ensures that attendance records are both reliable and easy to maintain.

CHAPTER 7
CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

7.1 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, a face recognition-based attendance monitoring system presents a highly innovative and efficient solution for automating attendance tracking across various sectors, including educational institutions, corporate environments, and events. This system utilizes advanced computer vision and machine learning techniques, primarily driven by deep learning models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and state-of-the-art frameworks such as FaceNet and OpenCV, to accurately identify individuals and log their attendance in real-time. Unlike traditional methods such as manual roll-calling or biometric scans, face recognition offers a contactless, faster, and more secure alternative, significantly reducing human error, the potential for fraudulent attendance, and the administrative burden. Moreover, with the ability to scale effortlessly, these systems are adaptable to various user environments, whether for a small classroom or a large corporate office.

Privacy and data security also pose concerns, especially with the collection and storage of sensitive biometric data, making it essential to implement robust encryption and adhere to data protection regulations. Furthermore, the performance of the system must be continually monitored, and the model retrained to adapt to new data, ensuring it remains effective in diverse conditions. Despite these challenges, with the right combination of algorithms, tools, and proper implementation, face recognition-based attendance systems can revolutionize attendance management by offering a seamless, efficient, and scalable solution for various applications, paving the way for smarter and more automated environments in the future.

7.2 FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

- Improving both their accuracy and usability.
- Adaptable in a wide range of applications.
- Improving recognition accuracy under challenging conditions(such as low-light environments, varying facial angles, or occlusions like glasses, masks, and other accessories.)
- Combining face recognition with other biometric data like voice recognition or fingerprint scanning, privacy and security concerns .
- Minimize the transfer of sensitive data to the cloud, .

APPENDIX – A
SOURCE CODE

main.py

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import tkinter as tk
from tkinter import ttk
from tkinter import messagebox as mess
import tkinter.simpledialog as tsd
import cv2,os
import csv
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
import pandas as pd
import datetime
import time
def  assure_path_exists(path):
   dir = os.path.dirname(path)
   if not os.path.exists(dir):
      os.makedirs(dir)
def tick():
   time_string = time.strftime('%H:%M:%S')
   clock.config(text=time_string)
   clock.after(200,tick)
def check_haarcascadefile():
   exists = os.path.isfile("haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml")
   if exists:
      pass
   else:
      mess._show(title='Some file missing', message='Please contact us for help')
      window.destroy()
def save_pass():
   assure_path_exists("TrainingImageLabel/")
   exists1 = os.path.isfile("TrainingImageLabel\psd.txt")
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    if exists1:
        tf = open("TrainingImageLabel\psd.txt", "r")
        key = tf.read()
    else:
        master.destroy()
        new_pas = tsd.askstring('Old Password not found', 'Please enter a new password below',
show='*')
        if new_pas == None:
            mess._show(title='No Password Entered', message='Password not set!! Please try
again')
        else:
            tf = open("TrainingImageLabel\psd.txt", "w")
            tf.write(new_pas)
            mess._show(title='Password Registered', message='New password was registered
successfully!!')
            return
    op = (old.get())
    newp= (new.get())
    nnewp = (nnew.get())
    if (op == key):
        if(newp == nnewp):
            txf = open("TrainingImageLabel\psd.txt", "w")
            txf.write(newp)
        else:
            mess._show(title='Error', message='Confirm new password again!!!')
            Return
    else:
        mess._show(title='Wrong Password', message='Please enter correct old password.')
        return
    mess._show(title='Password Changed', message='Password changed successfully!!')
    master.destroy()
def change_pass():
    global master
    master = tk.Tk()
    master.geometry("400x160")
    master.resizable(False,False)
    master.title("Change Password")
    master.configure(background="white")
    lbl4 = tk.Label(master,text='    Enter Old Password',bg='white',font=('comic', 12, ' bold '))
    lbl4.place(x=10,y=10)
    global old
    old=tk.Entry(master,width=25 ,fg="black",relief='solid',font=('comic', 12, ' bold
'),show='*')
    old.place(x=180,y=10)
    lbl5 = tk.Label(master, text='  Enter New Password', bg='white', font=('comic', 12, ' bold
'))
    lbl5.place(x=10, y=45)
    global new
    new = tk.Entry(master, width=25, fg="black",relief='solid', font=('comic', 12, ' bold
'),show='*')
    new.place(x=180, y=45)
    lbl6 = tk.Label(master, text='Confirm New Password', bg='white', font=('comic', 12, ' bold
'))
    lbl6.place(x=10, y=80)
    global nnew
    nnew = tk.Entry(master, width=25, fg="black", relief='solid',font=('comic', 12, ' bold
'),show='*')
    nnew.place(x=180, y=80)
    cancel=tk.Button(master,text="Cancel", command=master.destroy ,fg="black"  ,bg="red"
,height=1,width=25 , activebackground = "white" ,font=('comic', 10, ' bold '))cancel.place(x=200,
    y=120)
    save1 = tk.Button(master, text="Save", command=save_pass, fg="black", bg="#00fcca",
height = 1,width=25, activebackground="white", font=('comic', 10, ' bold '))
    save1.place(x=10, y=120)
    master.mainloop()
def psw():
    assure_path_exists("TrainingImageLabel/")
    exists1 = os.path.isfile("TrainingImageLabel\psd.txt")
    if exists1:
        tf = open("TrainingImageLabel\psd.txt", "r")
        key = tf.read()
    else:
        new_pas = tsd.askstring('Old Password not found', 'Please enter a new password below',
show='*')
        if new_pas == None:
            mess._show(title='No Password Entered', message='Password not set!! Please try
again')
        else:
            tf = open("TrainingImageLabel\psd.txt", "w")
            tf.write(new_pas)
            mess._show(title='Password Registered', message='New password was registered
successfully!!')
            return
    password = tsd.askstring('Password', 'Enter Password', show='*')

    if (password == key):
        TrainImages()
    elif (password == None):
        Pass
    else:
        mess._show(title='Wrong Password', message='You have entered wrong password')
def TakeImages():
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check_haarcascadefile()
columns = ['SERIAL NO.', '', 'ID', '', 'NAME']
assure_path_exists("StudentDetails/")
assure_path_exists("TrainingImage/")
serial = 0
exists = os.path.isfile("StudentDetails\StudentDetails.csv")
if exists:
    with open("StudentDetails\StudentDetails.csv", 'r') as csvFile1:
        reader1 = csv.reader(csvFile1)
        for   l   in   reader1:
            serial = serial + 1
    serial = (serial // 2)
    csvFile1.close()
else:
    with open("StudentDetails\StudentDetails.csv", 'a+') as csvFile1:
        writer = csv.writer(csvFile1)
        writer.writerow(columns)
        serial = 1
    csvFile1.close()
Id = (txt.get())
name = (txt2.get())
if ((name.isalpha()) or (' ' in name)):
    cam = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
    harcascadePath = "haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml"
    detector = cv2.CascadeClassifier(harcascadePath)
    sampleNum = 0
    while (True):
        ret, img = cam.read()
        gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
        faces = detector.detectMultiScale(gray, 1.3, 5)
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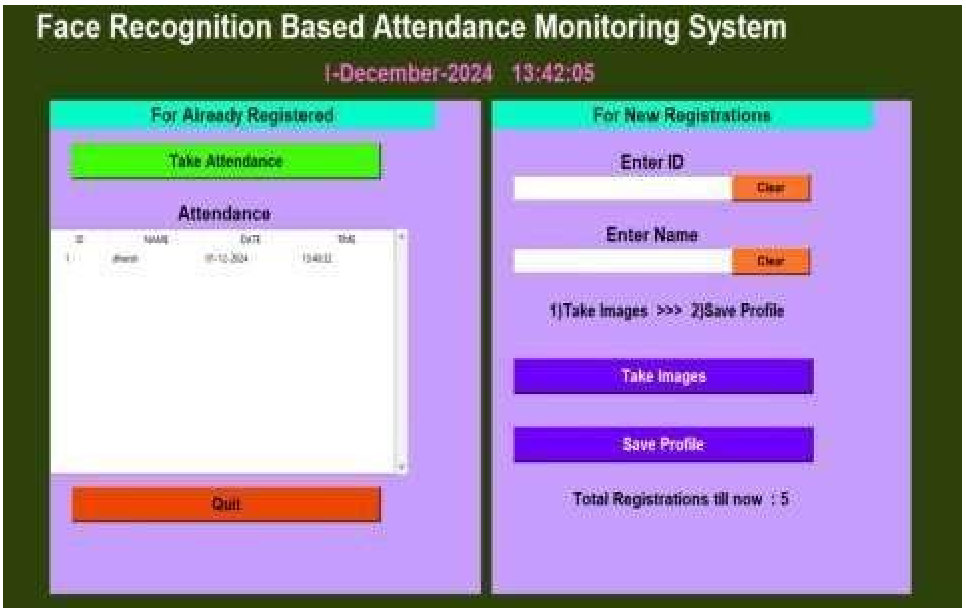
          for (x, y, w, h) in faces:
             cv2.rectangle(img, (x, y), (x + w, y + h), (255, 0, 0), 2)
             # incrementing sample number
             sampleNum = sampleNum + 1
             # saving the captured face in the dataset folder TrainingImage
             cv2.imwrite("TrainingImage\ " + name + "." + str(serial) + "." + Id + '.' +
str(sampleNum) + ".jpg",
                      gray[y:y + h, x:x + w])
             # display the frame
             cv2.imshow('Taking Images', img)
          # break if the sample number is morethan 100
          elif sampleNum > 100:
             break
       cam.release()
       cv2.destroyAllWindows()
       res = "Images Taken for ID : " + Id
       row = [serial, '', Id, '', name]
       with open('StudentDetails\StudentDetails.csv', 'a+') as csvFile:
       message1.configure(text=res)
    else:
       if (name.isalpha() == False):
          res = "Enter Correct name"
          message.configure(text=res)
```

APPENDIX – B

SCREENSHOTS

Sample Output



ID	NAME	DATE	TIME
1	[illegible]	01-12-2024	13:40:32

Fig.B.1 Attendance System Registration

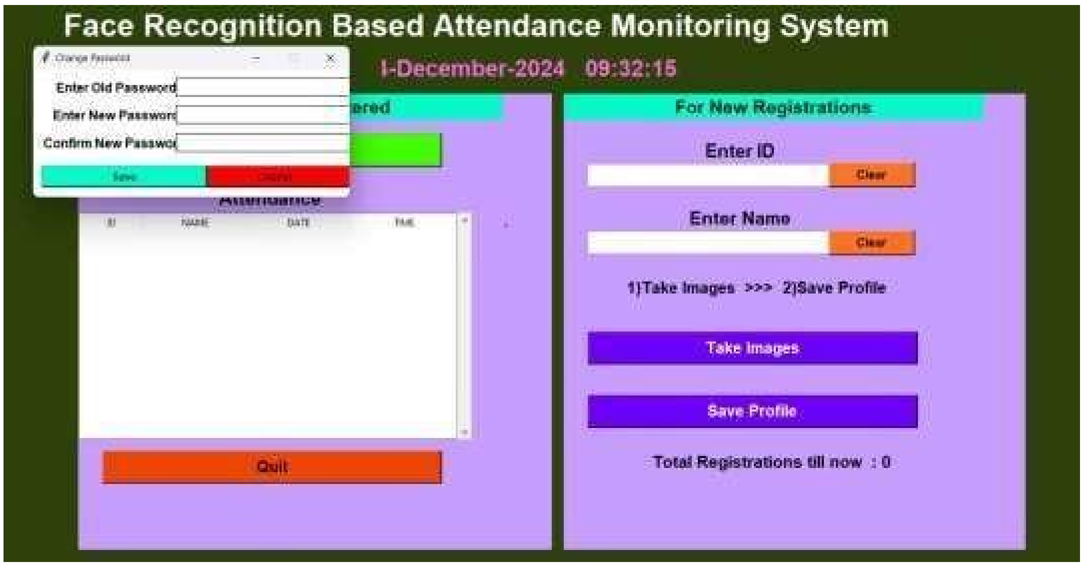


Fig.B.2 Password Changing System

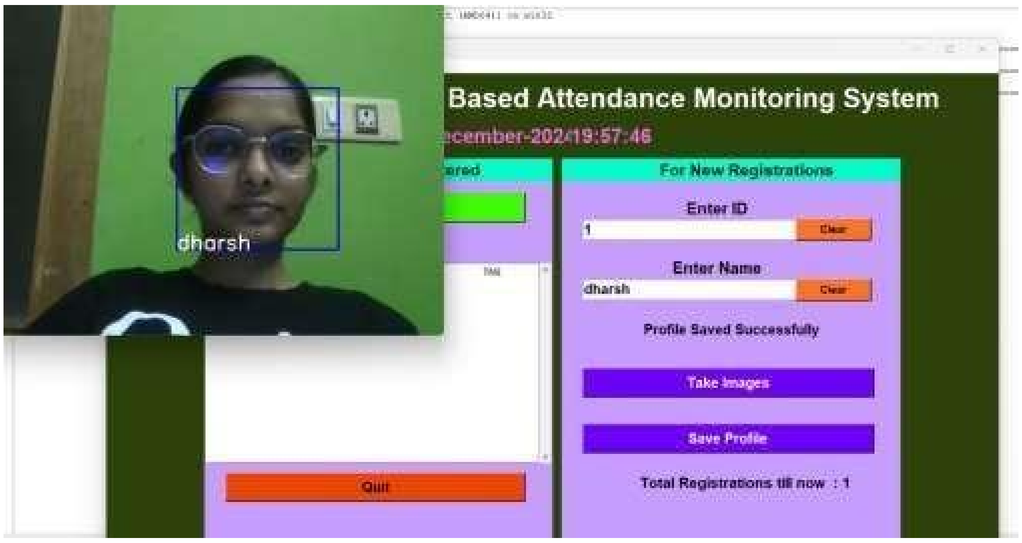


Fig.B.3 Face Recognition

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