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1. Video Demo

Video URL (Box)	https://uofi.box.com/s/qgun02m91xhqyn4hzcbbk9cgy4lnflht
Video Duration	13:36 mins

2. Code Walkthrough Video Demo

Video URL (Box)	https://uofi.box.com/s/oaanb7xkrs9jvx6t8qsuarjflxhl8ytg
Video Duration	26:12 mins

3. GIT Repo

GIT URL	https://gitlab.engr.illinois.edu/ujjals2/cs498_iot_spring_2021/-/tree/master/project
Access & Permissions	Course Instructors and TAs have been provided READ access

4. Motivation

The pandemic has brought about a paradigm shift in almost all aspects of life, be it physical attributes, mental health, social behavior, economic activity and many more. It has had such far-reaching ramifications that no one could have imagined before. Now that almost the entire world's population has faced the consequences, there are some issues which do not get talked of more often as the other topics, mainly because those might seem not that "urgent". One of those is the wholesale shift of the work from home culture for white collar jobs. WFH (Work from Home) has been a boon and a bane, a balancing act which is slowly tipping over to the negative side as time goes on. During this time which has lasted more than a year, we all have faced it, times when we have no idea how long we have worked that day. Earlier, employees would have a fixed time frame where they are supposed to work, a proper 9 to 5 job, where after 5 you can just turn off that phase of your life and move on to the next tasks. However, now as the boundaries have just dissolved due to the home doubling as an office, research¹ has shown that people are spending almost two hours more every day at work.

This has led to a significant detrimental impact on the mental health and the well being of employees. People are suffering more from depression as well as physical problems, due to bad ergonomic practices or otherwise. Normally, in an office space at one's house, there is hardly any interaction which could lead to any sort of correction of issues which could be harmful for the body. But what if there is a device which can keep track of your activities during the time you are at your office desk? A IoT device that could give you a summary of the different movements that has been done throughout the day, tiny yet important metrics which could in the long run make a big difference in the wellbeing of a person? "POST" tries to do exactly that, a virtual assistant that every WFH person might not need, but something that they deserve.







Hence the inspiration for naming the IoT Device as **POST (Personal Office Space Tracker)**.

5. Objective

The pandemic has brought about POST is designed using already existing hardware that were sourced for the various CS498 IoT Labs that were done previously. Utilizing the concepts and skills using various tools learnt during this course, we reused the PiCar 4WD, the Raspberry Pi4 kit, the PiCamera and a standard USB Microphone to create a virtual assistant which would start the day with some basic announcement, after which it will start tracking key activities performed during work hours which could clarify how healthy of a workstyle the user is living within his WFH hours. These metrics will be sensed, measured, and subsequently stored in a database. The database will then be accessed by a web application and with the help of a dashboard, display the summary of an entire day's work. Not only that, but we have also strived to make it a secure application with basic user recognition techniques to deter unauthorized usage of the virtual assistant. Alerts have also been designed to draw the attention of an authorized user if certain tasks fail or is unfulfilled. All in all, the objective is to become an actual workplace monitoring and assistant performing basic tasks as well as keep an eye on key components which otherwise could easily be ignored by the user while prioritizing other activities.

6. POST IoT Device – Hardware and Assembly

Below tables shows the hardware and related parts that were used for the POST IoT Device to be fully functional.

Device	Image	Description
Raspberry Pi 4 Model B 8GB		The Raspberry Pi4 Model B was used as the POST IoT device. The Raspberry Pi was de-assembled from the PiCar4wd which was used part of IoT Course Labs. The Raspberry Pi will act as POST IoT device prototype. More Info on Raspberry Pi and its features can be found here: https://www.raspberrypi.org/
Camera Sensor		Raspberry Pi Camera Module V2-8 Megapixel,1080p. The camera will be used for the face and posture detection.
Mic Sensor		USB 2.0 Mini Microphone for Raspberry Pi 4 Model B. The mic will be used for the voice detection.
External Speakers		Aux port enabled external Speakers connected to Raspberry Pi. The speaker will be used as a output device for POST voice assistant audio output.
Audio Cable		3.5mm Audio Cable. The audio cable connects the speaker with Raspberry Pi
Case for Components assembly		Case that holds the components (Raspberry Pi, Camera, mic etc.) together

Below Fritzing diagram (Figure 1) shows the assembly of the components to form the POST IoT Device:

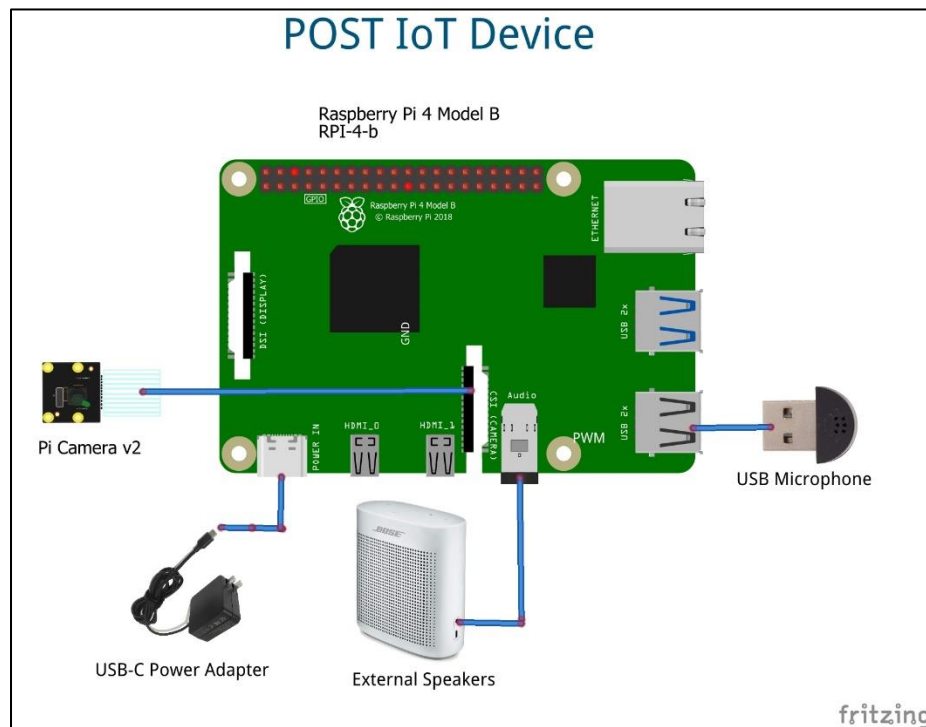


Figure 1: Fritzing diagram showing the assembly of components to form the POST IoT Device

After assembly, the POST device would look like below (Figure 2):

(Due to prototype and experiments the camera was stick outside but in real should be part of the casing.)



Figure 2: POST IoT Device (Prototype and experiment model)

7. Project Architecture

POST as a fully functional IoT Device has two aspects in terms of functionality.

- The POST IoT device that interacts with the user as an monitoring assistant device and also generates data for visualization. The IoT device stores the data in an SQLite3 database and runs http service for sending data.
- The POST WebApp Dashboard the shows the user analytical data captured by POST in real time interaction using POST's http API.

The below architecture diagram (Figure 3) shows the modules and where they belong in the POST ecosystem:

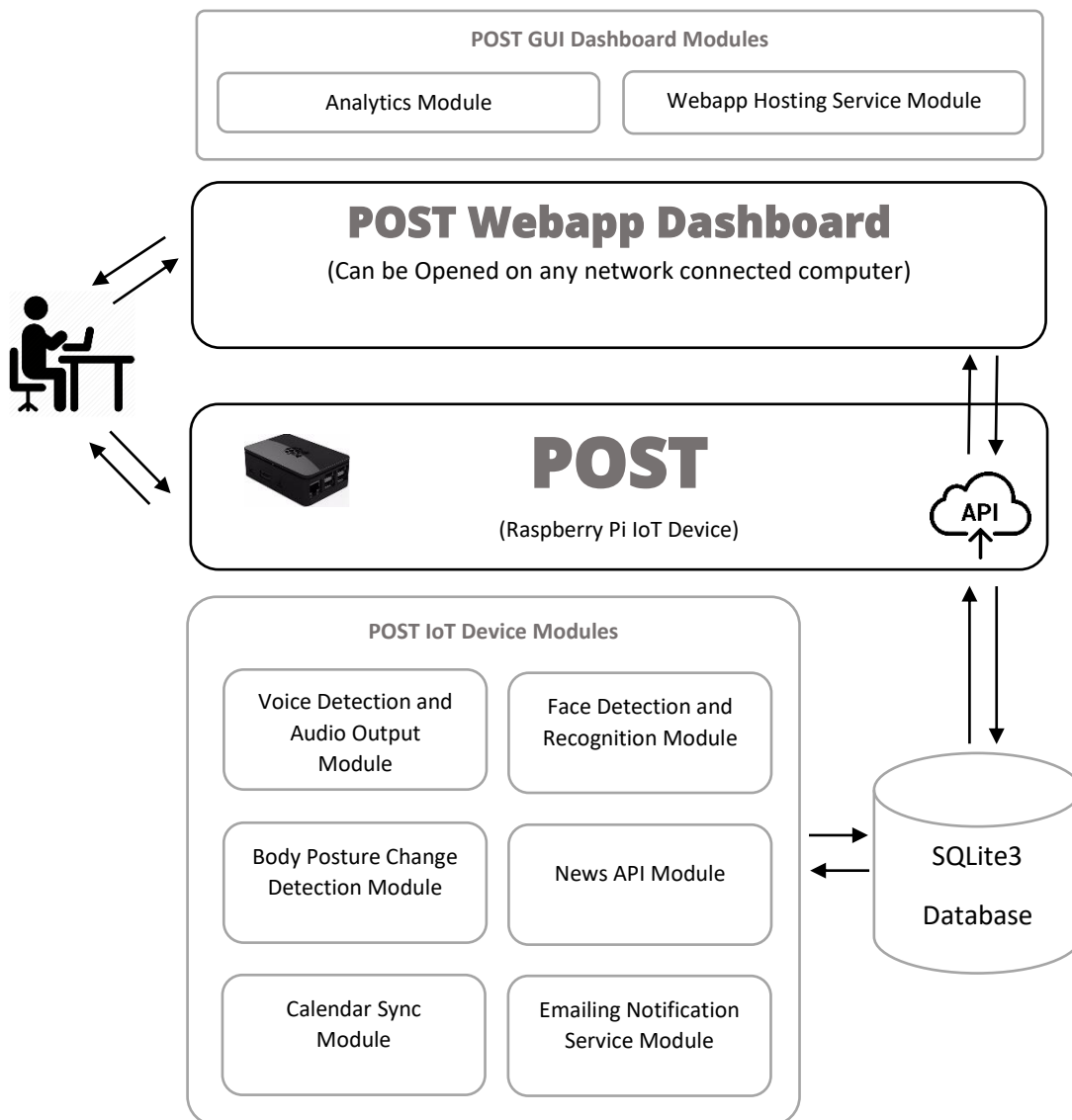


Figure 3: Architecture Diagram of the POST IoT Prototype Model

8. Module Design and Description

This section explains in detail the design consideration for each module in the above architecture diagram along with roles and responsibilities.

8.1. Voice Detection Module

Speech Recognition is an integral part of the entire ecosystem that we are planning to implement using our existing PiCar 4wd hardware. Microphone was the only additional hardware that was required to listen the commands from the user. The microphone that was used for this prototype was manufactured by Sun Founder, the same company that made the PiCar. It is an omni directional noise-canceling mic capable of picking up sound from long distances. There were other higher end microphones available in the market, but this product was chosen as the integration would be seamless with the other hardware, without requiring any additional drivers.

Regarding the software that was used for speech recognition, there are many modules which have been created over the years as this is a booming topic in the field of IoT. There are mainly two types of speech recognition services that are present: Online and Offline. Online services require an internet connection whereas offline ones do not, thus enabling services to run in places where there is no internet or reduced bandwidth. However, there are substantial compromises that need to be made: accuracy as well as speed.

One such offline service is called the Jasper System which requires large disk space to save the system and it takes a lot of effort to pronounce it in such a way that the system can pick up what is being said. There are many online ones which are used to convert voice to text, either from an audio file or in a live environment, with a microphone listening to the commands. The most common ones predominantly use the Google Speech Recognition module or the Google cloud speech API. There are other options as well, the Bing Voice Recognition from Microsoft and Snowboy Hotword Detection being some of the other alternatives.

While exploring all discussed options, it was decided that Google Speech Recognition module would be used to convert the speech to text. Not just that, as the prototype is also created so that it can actively interact with the user using voice, the text spewed out by the speech recognition modules needs to be analyzed and then a relevant response is spoken out by the system. Therefore, there are effectively two distinct parts of this segment.

Here are the steps that were taken to successfully convert speech to text:

1. Installing libraries:

The following libraries are required to run the module:

- a. SpeechRecognition: SpeechRecognition is a very useful library which provides support for several engines and APIs, both online and offline. They are:
 - CMU Sphinx (works offline)
 - Google Speech Recognition
 - Google Cloud Speech API
 - Wit.ai
 - Microsoft Bing Voice Recognition
 - Houndify API
 - IBM Speech to Text
 - Snowboy Hotword Detection (works offline)

The following command was used to install SpeechRecognition:

```
pip3 install speechrecognition
```

- b. **PyAudio** : PyAudio provides python binding for PortAudio, the cross platform audio I/O library. It enables users to easily play or record audio on a variety of platforms like Linux, Windows, MacOS.

The following command was used to install PyAudio:

```
sudo apt-get install python-pyaudio python3-
```

2. Get microphone device index

PyAudio enables us to find out the device index which is required so that the SpeechRecognition Module uses that device to listen for commands.

The following snippet of code allows us to find out the list of devices along with the index.

```
import pyaudio as pyaudio
p = pyaudio.PyAudio()
info = p.get_host_api_info_by_index(0)
numdevices = info.get('deviceCount')
for i in range(0, numdevices):
    if (p.get_device_info_by_host_api_device_index(0, i).get('maxInputChannels')) > 0:
        print ("Input Device id ", i, " - ",
              p.get_device_info_by_host_api_device_index(0, i).get('name'))
```

After the index was noted(usually its 0 or 1), the final step is to listen for the voice and convert it to text

3. Listen and Convert to Text

For this step, the speech_recognition library is used to initialize the Recognizer and the Microphone methods which will listen and subsequently convert the audio to text.

The following script enabled the prototype to achieve this feature:

```
import speech_recognition as sr

#Include the device index in the line below:
speech = sr.Microphone(device_index=1)
with speech as source:
    audio = sr.adjust_for_ambient_noise(source)
    audio = sr.listen(source)

try:
    recog = sr.recognize_google(audio, language = 'en-US')
    print("You said: " + recog)
except sr.UnknownValueError:
    print("Could you please repeat what you said?")
except sr.RequestError as e:
    print("Unable to access server! Please try again; {0}".format(e))
```

After the prototype finishes listening, the following steps were taken to analyze it and then spoken back to the user.

4. Installing pyttsx3

Pyttsx3 is an offline text-to-speech conversion library. To initialize and reference this library, all that is required is to simply call the `init()` factory function and then it's good to go. It includes other widely used TTS engines like `sapi5`, `nss` and `espeak`. Pyttsx3 installation might require additional libraries to be installed if they are not already present in the system.

The following libraries that need to be upgraded or installed were done so using `pip` and `apt` commands:

```
pip install --upgrade wheel
sudo apt update && sudo apt install espeak ffmpeg libespeak1
```

After these were installed successfully, the `pyttsx3` was installed:

```
pip install pyttsx3
```

5. Convert Text to Speech

Pyttsx3 engine is quite flexible and allows users to modify the properties of the voice generated like volume and the speed in which the voice speaks phrases.

Using the `say()` factory function, any phrase can be converted to speech. The following script gives a brief example of how `pyttsx3` converts text to speech:

```
import pyttsx3
engine = pyttsx3.init()
engine.setProperty('rate', 150)    # Speed percent
engine.setProperty('volume', 0.9)  # Volume 0-1
engine.say("Hello, world!")
engine.runAndWait()
```

8.2. Face Detection and Recognition Module

Facial Recognition is incorporated into this prototype as a service which can identify the person who enters the office space. In today's world, a face can be a quick and secure form of ID which is used in almost all personal devices like phones, tablets and laptops and also security devices like Ring, in some form or the other. Some are very secure such as that created by Apple which can detect the difference between a photo of the user vs the actual person's face in front of the sensor. This prototype includes a simplified version of facial recognition using freely available Python libraries and the PiCamera used as the camera hardware.

The following steps were taken to run Facial Recognition successfully in the prototype:

1. Install libraries

- a. **OpenCV** (*already installed in our Pi so no need to do anything extra*): It is an open-source software which can process images and videos to identify objects, faces and other abstract objects like handwriting in real time using machine learning.

```
sudo apt install cmake build-essential pkg-config git
sudo apt install libjpeg-dev libtiff-dev libjasper-dev libpng-dev libwebp-dev libopenexr-dev
sudo apt install libavcodec-dev libavformat-dev libswscale-dev libv4l-dev libxvidcore-dev libx264-dev
sudo apt install libdc1394-22-dev libgstreamer-plugins-base1.0-dev libgstreamer1.0-dev
sudo apt install libgtk-3-dev libqtgui4 libqtwebkit4 libqt4-test python3-pyqt5
sudo apt install libatlas-base-dev liblapack-dev gfortran
sudo apt install libhdf5-dev libhdf5-103
sudo apt install python3-dev python3-pip python3-numpy
git clone https://github.com/opencv/opencv.git
git clone https://github.com/opencv/opencv_contrib.git
mkdir ~/opencv/build
cd ~/opencv/build
```

- b. face-recognition: This package is useful for computing the bounding around the faces, compute facial embeddings and compare the faces in the dataset.

The following command installs it(takes around 20 minutes):

```
pip install face-recognition
```

- c. imutils: Imutils provides basic convenience functions which helps in image translation, rotation, resizing etc. It works in tandem with OpenCV and expedites computing image processing using OpenCV.

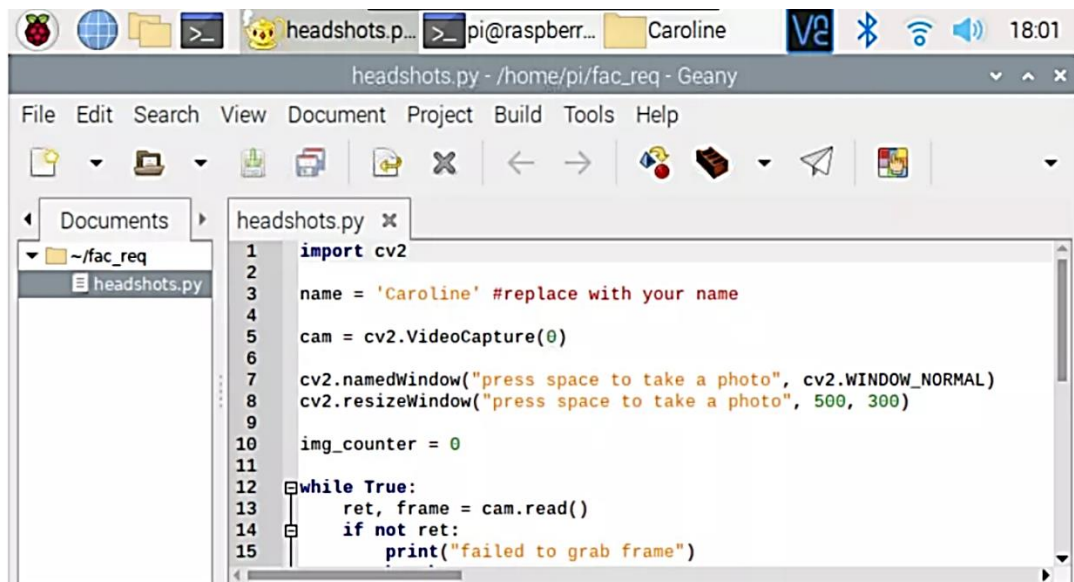
2. Train the Model

- a. Clone the folder (this will not be included in the final draft)

```
git clone https://github.com/carolinedunn/facial_recognition
```

- b. Training the model requires a dataset folder which will include numerous facial images of the person that needs to be identified. It needs to be put as a folder in the dataset folder. (One for each person who needs to be identified).

Open `headshots.py` script and run it to click multiple photos(different angles of your face) inside the folder. Space bar clicks one photo



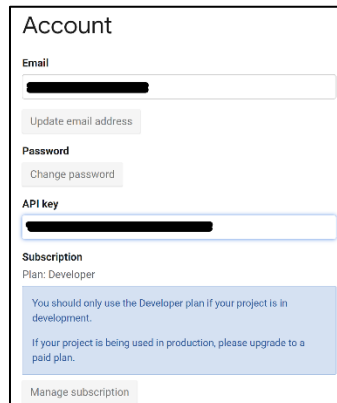
This can be done for another person and their images too (remember to replace the name to that person)

- c. After creating the training set, the next step is to navigate to facial_recognition folder(which was cloned). And then run the script `train_model.py` which will start training the model and then will create a file called `encodings.pickle` which will basically contain the model embeddings.
- d. After the script is successfully run, run the script `facial_req.py` which will open a window with the live feed on and then will be identify the person which has been trained by the model. Facial_recognition library might create a bounding around things other than a face as well which could result in false detections and generate an "unknown" value.

After this facial recognition is good to go. Put the `IoTProject_Speech_Face_Recognition.py` and `postdb.py` script in the same facial recognition folder and run the first script. Should work.

8.3. News API Module

The news API is a json API belonging to newsapi.org which allows users to get articles and breaking news from reputed sources from all around the world. All that's required is to register on their website, create a Developer account and then generate an API Key through which a python script can search for headlines and curate the output as required by an application.



For this assistant we are going to retrieve the top 5 headlines of the day which the Speech Engine will announce. There is a Python client library “newsapi-python” which allows integration of the API into a python application without having to make HTTP requests directly. Here is the code that was used to access the top headlines in US:

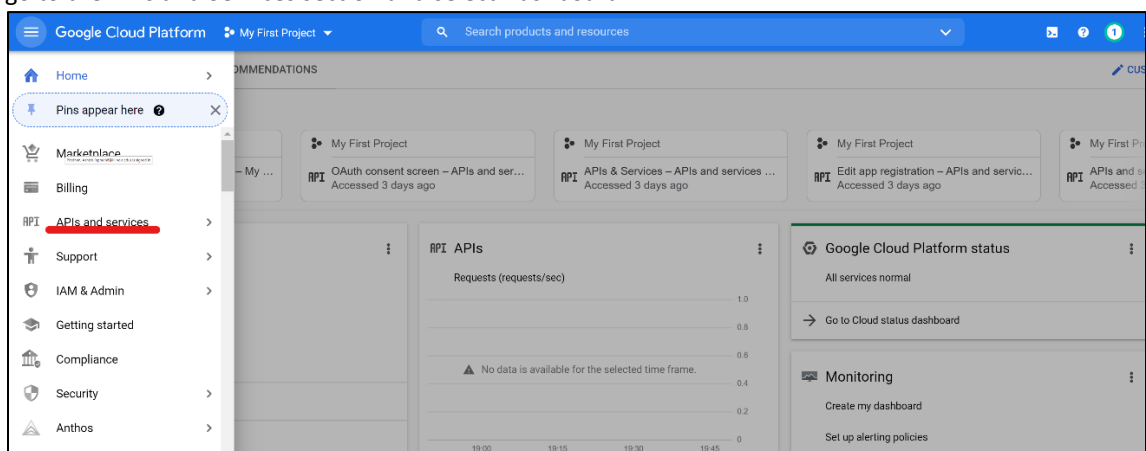
```
from newsapi import NewsApiClient
newsapi = NewsApiClient(api_key='XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX')
top_headlines = newsapi.get_top_headlines(country='us')
```

8.4. Google Calendar API Module

The Google Calendar API is a fantastic resource which allows a Python application to process requests made to access a Calendar of a particular google account. Successfully incorporating this enabled Post to access the calendar of an account and announce it at the beginning of the day. Here are the steps to install this API:

1. Creating a Google Cloud Platform Account using the account of which the Calendar will be accessed.

Open the Google Cloud Console and create a new Project, filling up the necessary fields. After its created, go to the APIs and Services section and select Dashboard



In the Dashboard, select “Enable APIs and Services”

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Platform 'APIs and services' dashboard. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'Dashboard', 'Library', 'Credentials', 'OAuth consent screen', 'Domain verification', and 'Page usage agreements'. The main content area has a top bar with 'APIs & Services' and a red box around the '+ ENABLE APIS AND SERVICES' button. Below this, there are two charts: 'Traffic' and 'Median latency'. The 'Traffic' chart shows a line graph with data points for April 18, April 25, May 02, and May 09. The 'Median latency' chart shows a line graph with data points for the same dates. The right sidebar contains an 'Errors' section.

Search for Calendar API and Enable it.

The screenshot shows the Google Calendar API page. The top bar contains 'Google Cloud Platform', 'My First Project', and a search bar. The main content area has a header with 'Google Calendar API' and a sub-header 'Integrate with Google Calendar using the Calendar API.' Below this, there are two buttons: 'MANAGE' and 'TRY THIS API'. A red box highlights the 'API Enabled' status. The page has three tabs: 'OVERVIEW', 'DOCUMENTATION', and 'SUPPORT'. The 'Overview' section contains text about the Calendar API and a 'Learn more' link. The 'Additional details' section contains 'Type: APIs & services', 'Last updated: 18/03/2021', and 'Category: Google Workspace'.

Navigate back to the Dashboard page and select Credentials. In that page, select Create Credentials and then choose the OAuth client ID

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Platform 'Credentials' page. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'Dashboard', 'Library', 'Credentials', 'OAuth consent screen', 'Domain verification', and 'Page usage agreements'. The main content area has a top bar with 'Credentials' and a red box around the '+ CREATE CREDENTIALS' button. Below this, there are two sections: 'API keys' and 'OAuth 2.0 Client ID'. The 'API keys' section contains a table with columns 'Name', 'Creation date', 'Type', and 'Client ID'. The 'OAuth 2.0 Client ID' section contains a table with columns 'Name', 'Creation date', 'Type', and 'Client ID'. The 'Service Accounts' section contains a table with columns 'Email' and 'Name'.

Choose the Application Type as Desktop app and then name the ID and hit Create. It will then redirect to the Credentials Page where the newly created ID will be displayed. Select the download option which will download a json file which will be required to access the API from the Python Script.

2. Install the Google Client Library

The following command was run to install the Library in Pi:

```
pip install --upgrade google-api-python-client google-auth-httpplib2 google-auth-oauthlib
```

3. Code Snippet to access Google Calendar Events:

```
from __future__ import print_function
import datetime
import os.path
from googleapiclient.discovery import build
from google_auth_oauthlib.flow import InstalledAppFlow
from google.auth.transport.requests import Request
from google.oauth2.credentials import Credentials

SCOPES = ['https://www.googleapis.com/auth/calendar.readonly']
creds = None
# The file token.json stores the user's access and refresh tokens, and is
# created automatically when the authorization flow completes for the first
# time.
if os.path.exists('token.json'):
    creds = Credentials.from_authorized_user_file('token.json', SCOPES)
    if not creds or not creds.valid:
        if creds and creds.expired and creds.refresh_token:
            creds.refresh(Request())
        else:
            flow = InstalledAppFlow.from_client_secrets_file(
                'credentials.json', SCOPES)
            creds = flow.run_local_server(port=0)
    # Save the credentials for the next run
    with open('token.json', 'w') as token:
        token.write(creds.to_json())
    service = build('calendar', 'v3', credentials=creds)

# Call the Calendar API
now = datetime.datetime.utcnow().isoformat() + 'Z' # 'Z' indicates UTC time
print('Getting the upcoming 10 events')
events_result = service.events().list(calendarId='primary', timeMin=now,
                                     maxResults=10, singleEvents=True,
                                     orderBy='startTime').execute()
events = events_result.get('items', [])
```

8.5. Posture Change Detection Module

Pose estimation is a hot topic in the field of Deep Learning where the position and orientation of the object can be determined from images or even a live video feed. This involves pin pointing key parts of that object and track it according as it moves from one coordinate to another in a specific workspace of a 2D view. The primary reason behind adding this into Post was to analyze how often a user gets up or moves around while working a desk job. Staying stagnant sitting on a chair for long hours is considered harmful for the human body and tracking the frequency of the movements can assist in understanding how active a person is throughout his work hours. There are a few pre trained models which have been solely focused on this topic, two of which is PoseNet (a tensorflow lite model https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/examples/pose_estimation/overview) and Multi-Person Pose Estimation by the Perceptual Computing Lab at Carnegie Melon University. We came across a good resource which uses PoseNet on Raspberry Pi and decided to add that feature to Post.

Here are the steps taken:

1. Download and modify the script “run_pose_estimation.py” from https://github.com/ecd1012/rpi_pose_estimation
2. Download the pre trained model from tflite repository using the following command.

```
wget
https://storage.googleapis.com/download.tensorflow.org/models/tflite/posenet_mobilenet_v1_100_257x257_multi_kpt_stripped.tflite
```

3. PoseNet maps 17 points across the human body when a live video feed is connected to the model.

Id	Part	Id	Part
0	nose	9	left Wrist
1	left Eye	10	right Wrist
2	right Eye	11	left Hip
3	left Ear	12	right Hip
4	right Ear	13	left Knee
5	left Shoulder	14	right Knee
6	right Shoulder	15	left Ankle
7	left Elbow	16	right Ankle
8	right Elbow		

For the sake of simplicity, we are only focusing on the change in the position of the nose (part 0). If there is any change in the position of the nose, it is assumed that the user’s posture has changed.

8.6. Database Engine Module

SQLite3 database has been used for all the storage requirements of POST generated data. The voice data, posture detection data etc are all stored in the `post.db` database within mysqlite3 database. Sqlite3 is inbuilt portable database within python3. To access the sqlite3 from command prompt below command was run on raspberry pi:

```
sudo apt-get install sqlite3
```

Below are the database tables that were created for POST data storage:

```
$ sqlite3 post.db
SQLite version 3.27.2 2019-02-25 16:06:06
sqlite> .schema voice
CREATE TABLE voice (
    v_id      INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
    v_date    DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT (date('now','localtime')),
    v_time    TEXT NOT NULL DEFAULT (time('now','localtime')),
    v_speech  TEXT NOT NULL
);
sqlite> .schema motion
CREATE TABLE motion (
    m_id      INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
    m_date    DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT (date('now','localtime')),
    m_time    TEXT NOT NULL DEFAULT (time('now','localtime')),
    m_value   TEXT NULL
);
sqlite> .schema face
CREATE TABLE face (
    f_id      INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
    f_date    DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT (date('now','localtime')),
    f_time    TEXT NOT NULL DEFAULT (time('now','localtime')),
    f_name    TEXT NOT NULL
);
```

Below are the table description and purposes:

- voice → The voice table will store the timestamp of all voice detection of the user. The data will then be used by dashboard analytics module display voice data visualization
- motion → The motion table will store the timestamp of all posture change detection of the user. The data will then be used by dashboard analytics module display voice data visualization
- face → The face table will store the timestamp of the face detection of the user. This data is used by both POST IoT Device for validating authenticity of the user.

8.7. POST Service API Module

The POST Http API service acts as the data provider for the POST WebApp Dashboard. The Http service accepts GET request and based on the requests the api retrieves the data from SQLite3 database table and sends backs the response in JSON format. The POST Http API is always up and running listening for incoming requests. In this project we are using python3 Flask Package as a lightweight Http API service.

Below are the setup and configurations steps for the Flask API:

1. Install Flask API package

On Raspberry Pi console below command was run to install the Flask API package

```
pip install flask
```

2. Once the flask API has been installed on POST (Raspberry Pi), the GET API methods was written along with the end points:

```
from flask import Flask
from flask import render_template
from flask import request, jsonify
import json, time
from postdb import PostDB

# Simple Web Service using Flask
app = Flask(__name__)

# GET Get Daily login information
@app.route('/login/', methods = ['GET'])
def get_login_data():
    pass

# GET Get Weekly Voice detection Count
@app.route('/voice/weekly/', methods = ['GET'])
def get_weekly_voice_data():
    pass

# GET Get Daily Voice Detection Count
@app.route('/voice/daily/', methods = ['GET'])
def get_daily_voice_data():
    pass

# GET Get Weekly Posture Count
@app.route('/posture/weekly/', methods = ['GET'])
def get_weekly_posture_data():
    pass

# GET Get Daily Posture Count
@app.route('/posture/daily/', methods = ['GET'])
def get_daily_data():
    pass

# Register the flask with the device IP address and Port
if __name__ == '__main__':
    ip = {'u': '192.168.86.117', 'a': '192.168.10.6'}
    app.run(host=ip.get('u'), port=5000, debug=True)
```

3. The POST Http API Service the was run to listen for requests:

```
$ export FLASK_APP=app.py; flask run --host=192.168.86.117
```

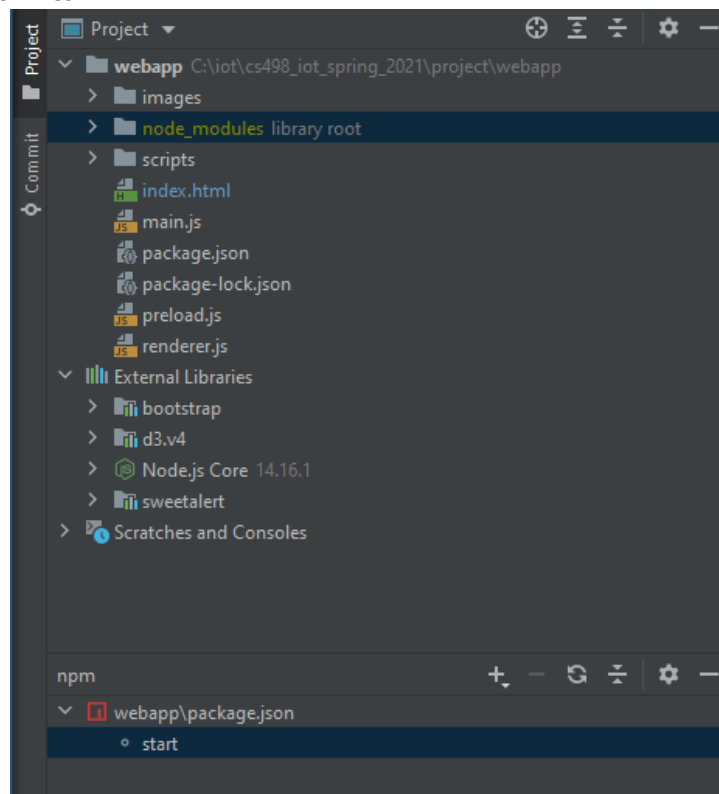
At this point the POST Http Service API is ready to accept request and send json response

8.8. POST GUI Dashboard Module

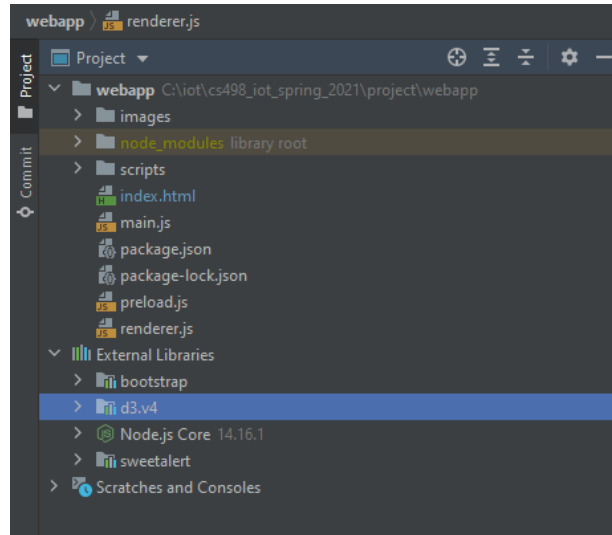
Perhaps one of the most unique features of the POST is to show user data back to the user for self-improvement maintain work life balance while WFH (Working from home). The dashboard shows data visualizations for the voice and posture related monitoring activities what POST was capturing. The dashboard can be run from any machine if the computer is connected to the same network as POST device is. The dashboard gets data by sending http GET request to the POST Http API service. Upon receiving the data the webapp process the data and displays analytical information in form of graphs and charts

This Webapp dashboard has been developed using node.js 12.14.1, , electron.js 9.4.4 , d3.js v4.0.0 and Chromium 83.0.4103.122. While node.js and electron.js can be setup by following the installation steps but in this project JetBrains WebStorm was used as the development IDE that comes with node.js and electron.js hosting services. WebStorm is a subscription-based IDE provided by JetBrains but comes with 1 month free evaluation. The project was developed using the 1-month free evaluation version of the WebStorm. On detecting the configuration files WebStorm automatically installs the npm service. Below are the main components for the WebApp Dashboard

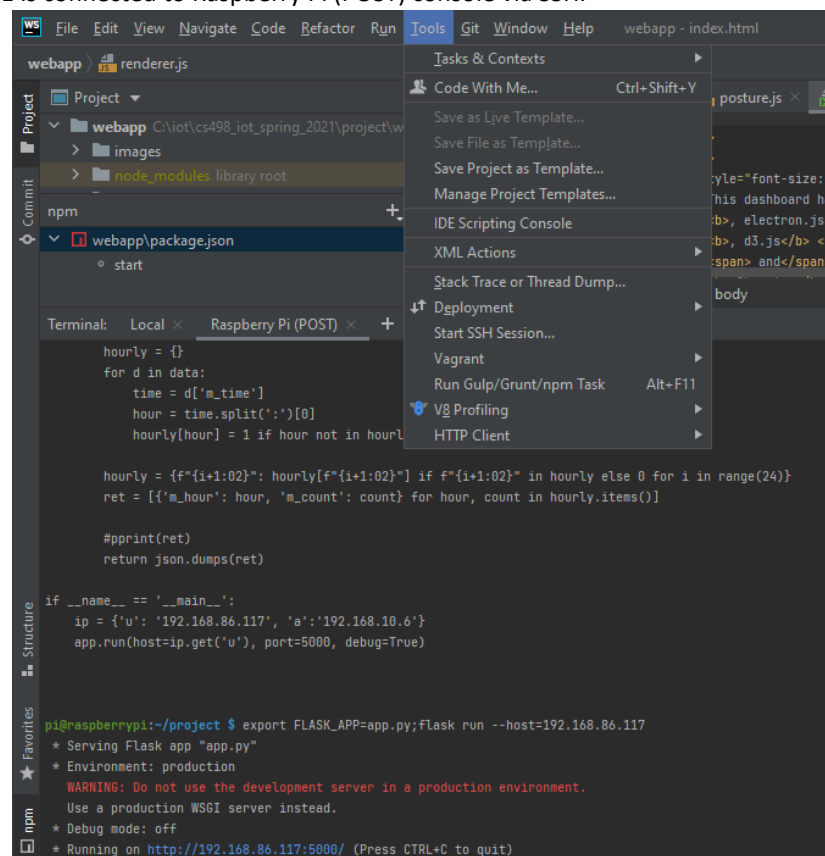
1. Node.js and electron.js: Below is the snapshot of the Webstorm that shows npm is running based on the project configuration files:



2. D3.js: d3.js package was used for all data visualizations on the dashboard. WebStorm automatically downloads the d3.js library once it encounters mention of d3.js in any scripts. Below snapshot shows d3.js has been added as external libraries by WebStorm



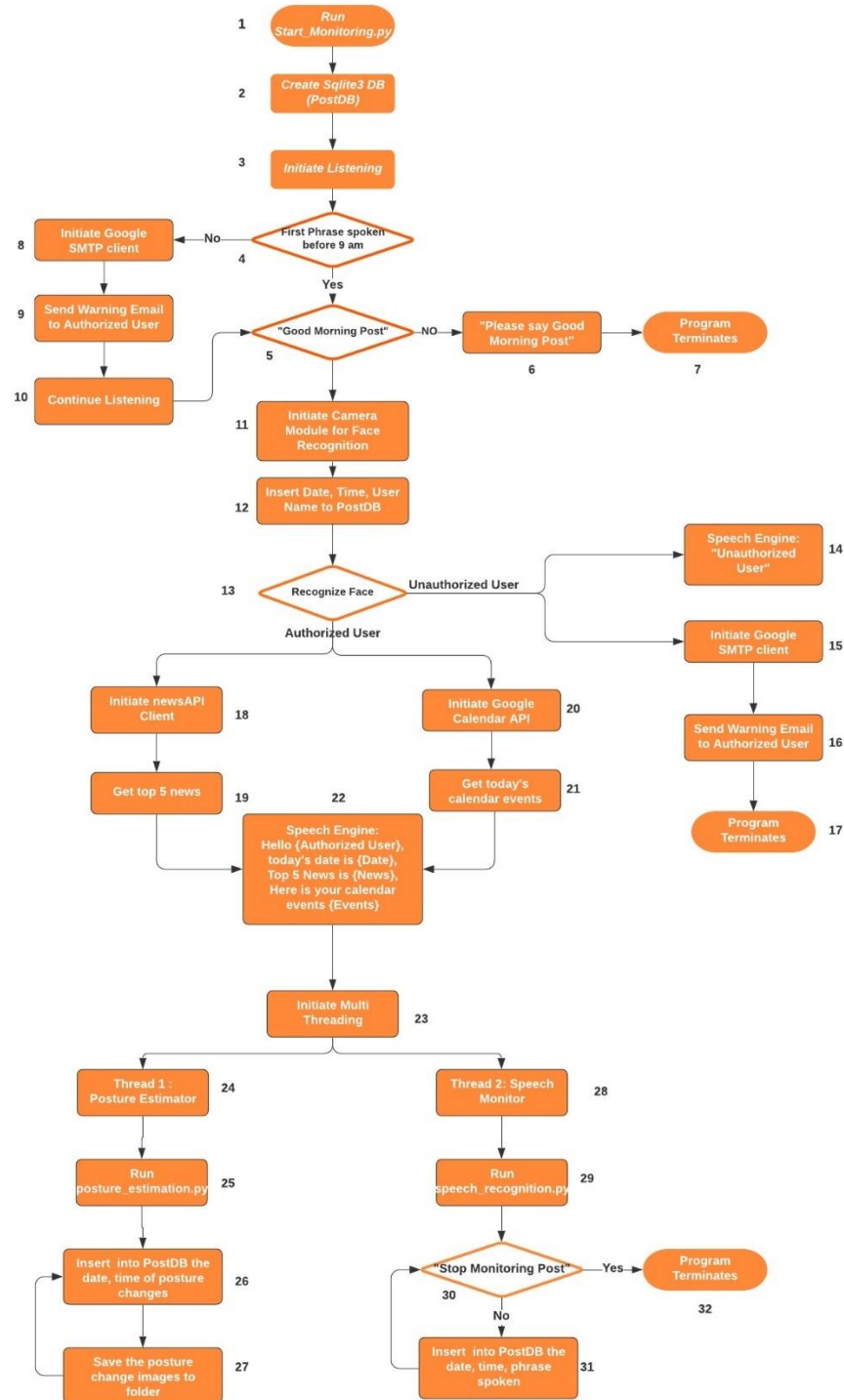
3. WebStorm also allows to SSH console to remote access the POST (Raspberry Pi Console) which makes it easier in the development to access remote ssh terminal from the same IDE. Below snapshot shows current the IDE is connected to Raspberry Pi (POST) console via SSH.



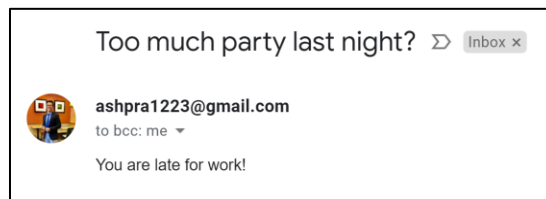
9. Functionality and Flowchart

9.1. POST IoT Device

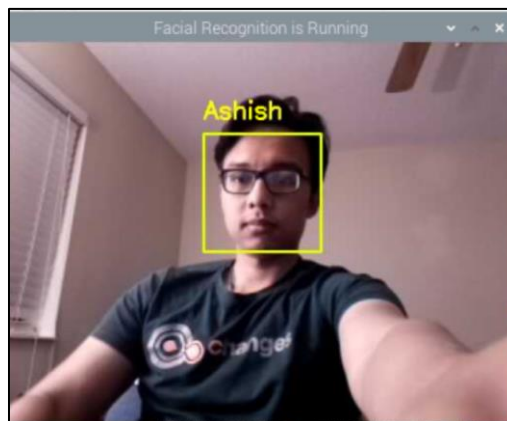
Tracking the Processes of Post: The flowchart below shows how the Post processes are connected.



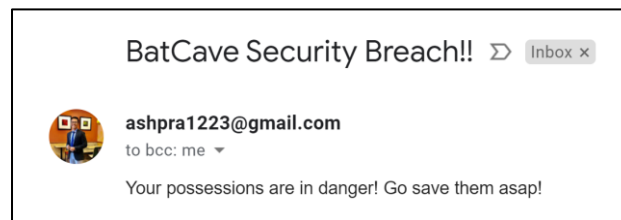
1. Run Start_monitoring.py: This is the starting point of the application. This script downloads all the dependencies as well as create instances of all the processes.
2. Create Sqlite3 DB (PostDB): A sqlite3 database was instantiated with tables: motion, voice, and face.
 - a. Motion: Records the date, time of the posture changed.
 - b. Voice: Records the date, time and the phrase that was spoken by the user
 - c. Face: Records the date, time and the name of the user that is recognized
3. Initiate Listening: The Voice engine as well as the Speech recognition module is initiated. Voice engine imports the package pyttsx3 whereas the speech recognition uses the speech recognition package.
4. First Phrase spoken before 9 am: A script checks whether there has been any entry before or at 9 am on a working day. It is started using a cron job at 9 am every day on a working day
5. "Good Morning Post": If there is an entry present, it checks whether it is the wake-up phrase "good morning post".
6. "Please say Good Morning Post": If it is not "Good Morning Post", Post will ask to say, "good morning post".
7. Program Terminates: The application will be terminated.
8. Initiate Google SMTP Client: If there is no entry present before 9 am, it will proceed to send a warning email to the authorized user.
9. Send Warning Email to Authorized User: An email will be sent from the assistant to the email of the user. The library smtplib is used to conduct this process.



10. Continue Listening: Post will continue listening in the meantime.
11. Initiate Camera Module for Face Recognition: If the phrase is "good morning post", the camera module will start. PiCamera will start streaming and will recognize the face in front of the camera with the pre trained model.



12. Insert Date, Time, User Name in PostDB: The person identified by the face recognition module will be added into the database along with the date and time when it was done.
13. Recognize Face : Checks if the face is recognized (Here the authorized user is Ashish).
14. Speech Engine “Unauthorized User”: If the facial recognition module is unable to recognize the person (“Unknown”) then Post will announce the phrase “unknown user”.
15. Initiate Google SMTP client: Next, the google email client will be started to get ready to send a warning email to Ashish.
16. Send Warning Email to Authorized User: Ashish will get an alert email from Post indicating there is an unauthorized person in the workspace.



17. Program Terminate : The application will be terminated.
18. Initiate News API Client: If it is Ashish, news API Client will be initiated using the newsapi module mentioned before.
19. Get Top 5 News: The top 5 headlines and the sources will be fetched using the API.
20. Initiate Google Calendar API: Along with the News API Client, the Google Calendar Client will be initialized
21. Get today’s calendar events: The events of today will be fetched
22. Speech Engine.....: After all the information has been retrieved, the speech engine will say the following statement. (This is a sample)

Sample Voice Output from POST

"Hello Ashish, Today's date is Sunday, May 15th 2021.

The top 5 news articles are:

China's Tianwen-1 mission nails historic rover landing on Mars - CNET

Cops banned from participating in NYC Pride events - New York Post

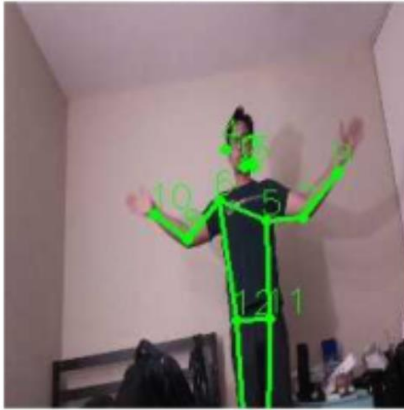
Rombauer Wins the 2021 Preakness, Surging Past Medina Spirit - The New York Times

'He's still winning': Kobe Bryant inducted into Basketball Hall of Fame with Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett – ESPN

Here are your Calendar Events:

At 11 am, Ashish Pradhan State of IL meeting – 60 Minutes"

23. Initiate Multi Threading: The monitoring part of the application will now start. There are two major tasks: Speech Monitoring and Posture Change Monitoring
24. Thread 1: Posture Estimator: The posture estimator uses the TensorFlow Lite PosNet to estimate the change in posture of the user.
25. Run posture_estimator.py: PosNet will be run to pinpoint the 17 different coordinates of the human body as mentioned before. If point 0's coordinate moves from one frame to another, that will be defined as a change of posture.



26. Insert into PostDB the date, time of Posture Change: The date and time of the posture change will be inserted into the motion table.

```
55|2021-05-14|23:58:46|Posture has been changed
56|2021-05-14|23:58:46|Posture has been changed
57|2021-05-14|23:58:48|Posture has been changed
58|2021-05-14|23:58:49|Posture has been changed
59|2021-05-14|23:58:50|Posture has been changed
60|2021-05-14|23:58:51|Posture has been changed
61|2021-05-14|23:58:52|Posture has been changed
62|2021-05-14|23:58:53|Posture has been changed
63|2021-05-14|23:58:54|Posture has been changed
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65|2021-05-14|23:58:56|Posture has been changed
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67|2021-05-14|23:58:58|Posture has been changed
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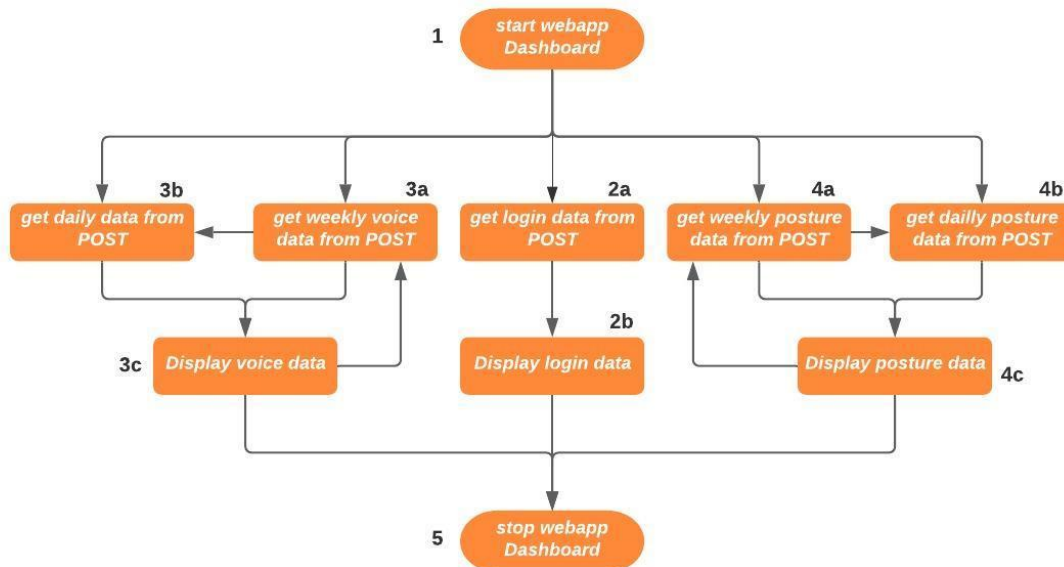
27. Save the posture change images to folder: The posture change images will be saved in a folder for reference.
28. Thread 2: Speech Monitor: Speech Monitor will be initiated in a separate thread compared to the Pose Estimator so that they can run concurrently.
29. Run speech_recognition.py: This script will have the voice engine and the speech module, like the startup script and will continue listening to the phrases spoken by the user.
30. "Stop Monitoring Post": Checks if speech module picks up the phrase "Stop Monitoring Post"
31. If it is not so, the module will insert it into the voice table of PostDB along with date and time

```
8|2021-05-04|00:11:26|I am speaking again
9|2021-05-04|00:11:34|and monetary post
0|2021-05-04|00:19:37|Sorry could you speak again
1|2021-05-04|00:19:48|Sorry could you speak again
2|2021-05-04|00:19:58|Sorry could you speak again
3|2021-05-04|00:20:09|Sorry could you speak again
4|2021-05-04|00:20:15|Sorry could you speak again
5|2021-05-04|00:20:23|Sorry could you speak again
6|2021-05-04|00:20:31|Sorry could you speak again
7|2021-05-04|00:20:42|who can answer share a link to this question via email Twitter or Facebook
8|2021-05-04|00:20:51|Sorry could you speak again
9|2021-05-04|00:20:57|Sorry could you speak again
0|2021-05-04|00:21:18|Sorry could you speak again
1|2021-05-12|23:27:07|Sorry could you speak again
2|2021-05-12|23:27:19|Sorry could you speak again
3|2021-05-12|23:27:26|hello how are you
4|2021-05-12|23:30:40|Sorry could you speak again
5|2021-05-12|23:31:38|Sorry could you speak again
6|2021-05-12|23:31:49|Sorry could you speak again
7|2021-05-12|23:33:33|Sorry could you speak again
8|2021-05-14|15:04:04|hello how are you
9|2021-05-14|15:04:17|what is it
0|2021-05-14|15:04:24|Sorry could you speak again
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32. If the phrase is "Stop Monitoring Post" the program will terminate.

9.2. POST Dashboard

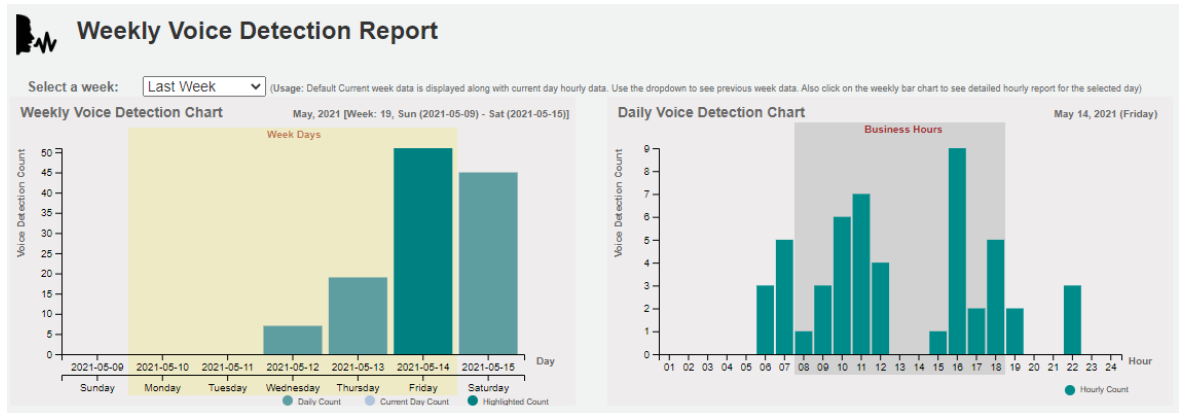
Tracking the Processes of Post GUI Dashboard: The flowchart below shows how the Post Dashboard workflow:



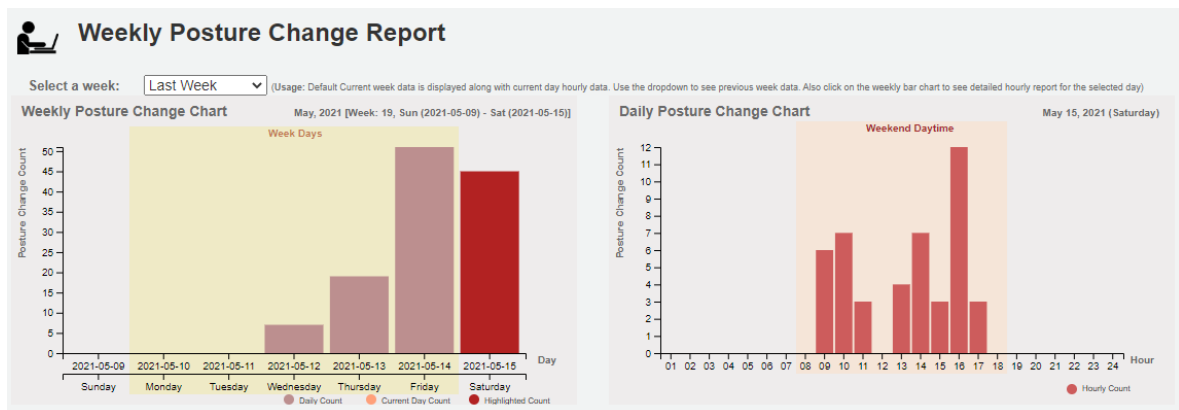
1. The user interactive dashboard when started initializes and gather all the request need to visualize the data
2. The get login steps are grouped into below steps:
 - a. The “get login data” module calls the POST API to get the user login data.
 - b. The login data thus displayed on the screen. Below snapshot shows the user login time displayed in green as the login time is before 9am. If login time is after 9am the time will be displayed in red.

POST		
Ashish Pradhan	Sun May 16 2021	Login Time: 08:30:00

3. The weekly and daily voice data is grouped into the below steps:
 - a. The “get weekly voice data” module calls the POST API to get the voice data for the current week.
 - b. The “get daily voice data” module calls the POST API to get the voice data for the current day.
 - c. The current week voice data gets displayed. However, if user wants to display any previous week data, user can select from the dropdown to select any specific week. Based on the selected week the dashboard will call the POST service with previous week dates to get corresponding voice data. By default, on the daily chart the current day data will be displayed. But user can click any bar (day) from the weekly chart to see the hourly voice count for that day in the daily chart. The weekly voice detection chart are user interactive charts and based on user inputs updated data visualization will be displayed. Below is the snapshot of the Weekly voice detection Report that displays two charts. The left chart is the weekly voice report, and the right chart is the selected day hourly voice detection.

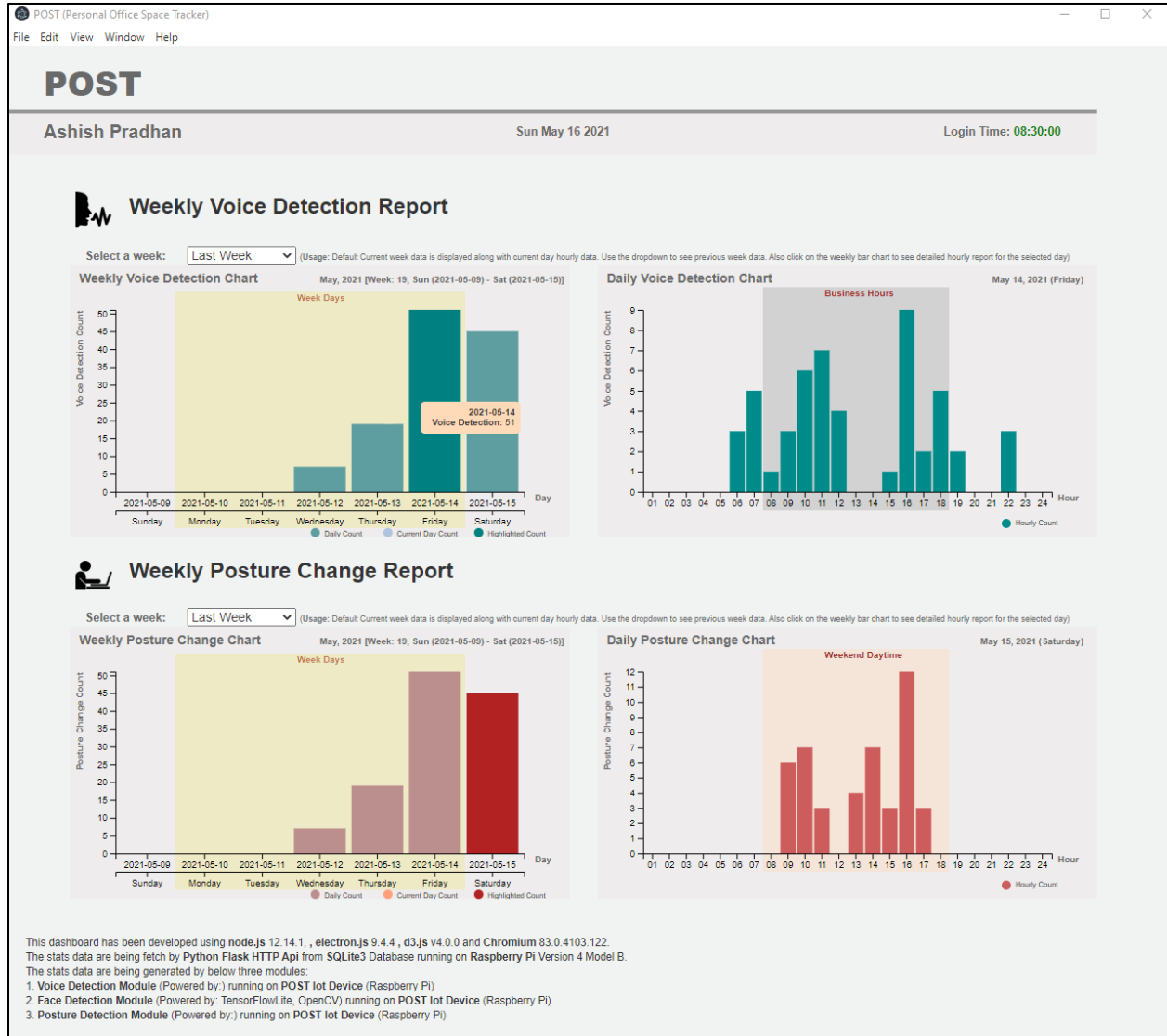


4. The weekly and daily posture data is grouped into the below steps:
 - a. The “get weekly posture data” module calls the POST API to get the posture change detection data for the current week.
 - b. The “get daily posture data” module calls the POST API to get the posture change detection data for the current day.
 - c. The current week posture change detection data gets displayed. However, if user wants to display any previous week data, user can select from the dropdown to select any specific week. Based on the selected week the dashboard will call the POST service with previous week dates to get corresponding voice data. By default, on the daily chart the current day data will be displayed. But user can click any bar (day) from the weekly chart to see the hourly voice count for that day in the daily chart. The weekly posture change detection chart are user interactive charts and based on user inputs updated data visualization will be displayed. Below is the snapshot of the weekly posture change detection report that displays two charts. The left chart is the weekly posture change detection report, and the right chart is the selected day hourly posture change detection report.



5. At any given instance user can terminate the POST GUI Dashboard and launch again.

Below snapshot shows the complete view of the POST GUI Dashboard. The data visualization are animated displays to keep the user entertaining while displaying the analytical data. The chart visualization was doing using d3.js library. User interactive instruction are provided in the form of Usage for each section. The daily data is displayed for the highlighted day in weekly. The tooltip on the chart provides on-demand additional information when user hovers the mouse pointer over the charts.



10. Conclusion

POST is a first of its kind device that can assist a person working from home improving the lifestyle showing the daily voice and posture graphs. User can see daily data and also weekly data for comparisons. User also gets notification email if joined late at work and also gets notification if the office place has been visited by an authorized person. Many cool features can be built on top of the device which are discussed in next two sections.

11. Challenges Encountered

Below are the major challenges that we encountered during the project and steps were taken to mitigate

1. Lack of experience in web app development. Node.js, electron.js were new areas for exploration. Investing additional hours on some training helped to get used to with it.
2. Posture detection module was very sensitive even a minute movement was being reported. We had to weaken the sensitivity but not capturing all the 17 points data but reduced to only few specific points.
3. Raspberry mic sensor appeared to be not strong, and we had to speak loud for voice detection module to capture the data. We are not sure if it is mic issue or the voice recognition software issue.
4. D3.js programming was a huge challenge as every bit of data visualization is JavaScript based development work. With good training material and online sample references we could expedite the development process.
5. We could find could placement for the camera within the box. We temporarily fixed the issue with a workaround but a raspberry pi case with a camera holder would have been better for development.

12. Improvement Areas

Below are some improvement areas and future enhancements that could be done on this project:

1. Voice Recognition library was working but was throwing lot of warnings. Though it did not affect the product from being running but a better voice recognition module would be a nicer fit.
2. Voice recognition sensitivity was not at its best. Any other package could be explored for replacement.
3. The POST WebApp Dashboard can be enhanced to export reports, show side by side data comparison and showing recommendation based on historical data.
4. This device can be enhanced further for endless possibilities of api and services integration and can be used as a personal assistant device (like letting the device control home by tuning lights on/off, dook unlock/lock etc.)
5. AI (machine learning or deep learning) algorithms can be used to make logical prediction of the user workplace trends and alerting for improvements (for e.g., setting a alarm tone at noon to let the user know for a short walk as user historically didn't move much during noon time).

13. Team Contributions

Below are the team members roles and responsibilities for the Final Project:

Name	Contributions
Ujjal Saha NETID: ujjals2	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Study on the Project Requirements and Proposals2. Components Assembly and Testing3. POC on the Facial Detection, WebApp Dashboard4. Review the POC work of teammate on news api, calendar api, voice detection and posture detection5. Collaborating with the teammate using GIT and developed the modules6. Integration and Testing in a group meeting7. Final Documentation as a group8. Capturing and editing Demo Videos and Final Presentation, Uploads
Ashish Pradhan NETID: apradh6	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Study on the Project Requirements and Proposals2. Components Assembly and Testing3. POC on news api, calendar api, voice detection and posture detection4. Review the POC work on the Facial Detection, WebApp Dashboard5. Collaborating with the teammate using GIT and developed the modules6. Integration and Testing in a group meeting7. Final Documentation as a group8. Capturing and editing Demo Videos and Final Presentation, Uploads

14. Tools, APIs, Packages and References

Except WebStorm all the packages are either free to use or community edition available under different licenses category.

WebApp Development

Reference Article:

<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/d3js/index.htm>

<https://codequs.com/p/B1sJ6MVeI/introduction-to-electron-build-desktop-app-using-node-and-javascript>

Packages used:

1. Node.js: Node.js was used for POST GUI Dashboard webapp development
<https://nodejs.org/en/download/>
2. electron.js: Electron.js was used for POST GUI Dashboard webapp development (Desktop version)
<https://www.electronjs.org/docs/tutorial/installation>
3. d3.js: d3.js was used for data visualizations on the webapp dashboard
<https://github.com/d3/d3/blob/master/API.md>

Python Programming and Database

Reference Article:

<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/d3js/index.htm>

<https://codequs.com/p/B1sJ6MVeI/introduction-to-electron-build-desktop-app-using-node-and-javascript>

Packages used:

1. Python3: Python3 programming language was used for this Project
<https://www.python.org/downloads/>
2. Flask: Flask was used as the lightweight Http API service by POST
<https://pypi.org/project/Flask/>
3. SQLite3: Sqlite3 was used as the database storage for this project
<https://docs.python.org/3/library/sqlite3.html>

Development Tools

Packages used:

1. JetBrains WebStorm: Evaluation version was used for the Project WebApp Dashboard Development
<https://confluence.jetbrains.com/display/WI/WebStorm+IDE>
2. Postman: Postman was used to test the https api during development
<https://www.postman.com/downloads/>
3. Lucidchart: Lucidchart Free version was used for the flowcharts
<https://www.lucidchart.com/>

Voice Recognition:

Reference Article: <https://maker.pro/raspberry-pi/projects/speech-recognition-using-google-speech-api-and-python>

Packages used:

1. SpeechRecognition (<https://pypi.org/project/SpeechRecognition/>)
2. Pyttsx3 (<https://pypi.org/project/pyttsx3/>)

Face Recognition:

Reference Article: <https://www.tomshardware.com/how-to/raspberry-pi-facial-recognition>

Packages used:

1. OpenCV (<https://pypi.org/project/opencv-python/>)
2. Face-recognition (<https://pypi.org/project/face-recognition/>)

Google CalendarAPI:

Reference Article: <https://developers.google.com/calendar/quickstart/python>

Packages used:

1. google-api-python-client (<https://pypi.org/project/google-api-python-client/>)
2. google-auth-oauthlib (<https://pypi.org/project/google-auth-oauthlib/>)
3. google-auth-httplib2 (<https://pypi.org/project/google-auth-httplib2/>)

News API:

Reference Article: <https://newsapi.org/docs/client-libraries/python>

Packages used:

1. Newsapi-python (<https://pypi.org/project/newsapi-python/>)

Pose Estimation:

Reference Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUp-K4NEllg>

Packages Used:

1. Github Repository (https://github.com/ecd1012/rpi_pose_estimation)
2. PoseNet pretrained model (https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/examples/pose_estimation/overview)