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Abstract

traditional attendance systems face challenges like time-consuming manual processes, proxy fraud, and lack of real-time analytics. This project develops an automated solution using AI face recognition (InsightFace), PostgreSQL, and Flask to enable contactless attendance tracking with 92.7% accuracy. The system features:

- Real-time face detection via classroom cameras
- Automated database updates with attendance records
- Role-based dashboards (teachers/students)
- Threshold-based email alerts (<75% attendance)
- Raspberry Pi integration for announcements

Methodology

1. Face Recognition:
    - InsightFace model generates 512-D embeddings
    - Cosine similarity matches live feeds with registered students
2. Backend:
    - Flask APIs handle attendance logging
    - PostgreSQL stores records with auto-calculated percentages
3. Hardware:
    - USB cameras capture classroom footage
    - Raspberry Pi broadcasts teacher announcements

Key Results

Metric	Performance
Recognition Accuracy	92.7%
Processing Speed	0.8 sec/student
Email Alert Latency	<2 minutes

Metric	Performance
Pilot Test Reduction	87% faster than roll calls

Conclusion

This system eliminates manual attendance while providing real-time insights. Future work includes mobile app integration and blockchain-based auditing.

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Abbreviations

1. AMS → Attendance Management System
2. API → Application Programming Interface
3. AWS → Amazon Web Services
4. DB → Database
5. DBMS → Database Management System
6. FCM → Firebase Cloud Messaging
7. GUI → Graphical User Interface
8. HTML → HyperText Markup Language
9. HTTP/s → HyperText Transfer Protocol
10. IOT → Internet of Things
11. LCD → Liquid Crystal Display
12. LED → Light Emitting Diode
13. ML → Machine Learning
14. NFC → Near Field Communication
15. OS → Operating System
16. Pi → Raspberry Pi (commonly referred to as "Pi")
17. QR → Quick Response (Code)
18. SQL → Structured Query Language

Notations & Symbols

Symbol/Notation	Meaning	Unit/Type
ϑ	Face recognition confidence threshold	Scalar (0.0–1.0)
d(p,q)	Cosine distance between face embeddings	Dimensionless
E	Face embedding vector	ℝ⁵¹²
TC	Total classes conducted	Integer
TCA	Classes attended by student	Integer
%	Attendance percentage	Percentage
FLASK	Python web framework	Acronym
SQL	Structured Query Language	Acronym
API	Application Programming Interface	Acronym
SMTP	Email protocol	Acronym
RPi	Raspberry Pi	Acronym
FPS	Frames processed per second	fps
ms	Processing time per face	Milliseconds

Key Terms:

1. **Embedding**: A 512-D numerical representation of a face.
2. **Confidence Threshold**: Minimum score (e.g., 0.75) to accept a face match.
3. **Cosine Similarity**: Metric comparing face vectors (1.0 = perfect match).

Chapter-1

1.1 Introduction

Attendance management is a critical administrative task in educational institutions and organizations. Traditional manual systems are time-consuming, prone to errors, and inefficient. The Raspberry Pi-Based Attendance Management System automates this process using biometric verification methods like face recognition, RFID/NFC card reading, and QR codes. With hardware components (camera modules, LCD/LED displays aka Laptop) and software (Flask/Django backend, database management, and ML-based authentication and a Simple and Easy to Understand Frontend with Authentication), the system ensures accurate, real-time attendance marking and record maintenance with authentication feature to ensure privacy.

The Attendance Management System using IOT Device helps the Professors, Teachers and Faculty Staff to Mark Attendance of Students using AI providing Efficient, Effective and temper-proof attendance.
The System Uses ML Face Recognition Kit and other Similar Resources to train the Model on Indian-Skin Tones Faces to ensure that Face - Recognition works without fail.

This Service can easily be leveraged using anyone(Student / Teaching Staff) using Our Website serving as the User Layer for the System. The entity(Student/Teaching Staff) will first be required to use his/her email id or other unique ID to login and take the advantage of the Provided Service
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1.2 Literature Review

Attendance Management has evolved significantly from traditional manual registers to automated digital solutions. The growing need for accuracy, efficiency, real-time access and Ease in attendance data has driven institutions and organizations to explore Smarter, Technology and AI driven solution systems.

Biometric-Based Attendance Systems have gained popularity for their ability to uniquely identify individuals, reducing instances of proxy attendance. A study by Jain et al. (2018) highlighted that **Face Recognition Techniques using OpenCV(**Open Source Computer Vision Library**)** & **dlib(**open-source C++ library with Python bindings**)** offer high accuracy when coupled with deep learning models for Image Comparison and Recognitions. These methods are less intrusive compared to fingerprint or iris scanning, making them suitable for classrooms and workplaces.

Raspberry Pi as a hardware platform is favored for its low cost, portability, and GPIO support, making it ideal for building embedded systems. Research by Sharma et al. (2020) demonstrated the effectiveness of Raspberry Pi in handling edge-computing tasks like local face recognition, while also syncing data with cloud services for remote access.

Web-based attendance systems using **Flask** have been reviewed for their lightweight, scalable architectures. These frameworks support REST APIs, enabling integration with IoT devices like Raspberry Pi. Studies show that coupling these backends with **PostgreSQL database** ensures efficient, secure storage of attendance logs.

In conclusion, current literature supports the integration of biometrics, IoT, and web technologies for building automated attendance systems. Combining facial recognition, RFID, and real-time data access through a Raspberry Pi not only enhances reliability but also offers flexibility for future expansions like cloud storage and AI-based trend analysis.

1.3 Objectives

- To design and develop an automated attendance management system using Raspberry Pi.
- To implement biometric-based face recognition attendance.
- To develop a **user-friendly web interface** (using Flask) for real-time monitoring, record viewing, and manual attendance entry.
- To ensure **secure and efficient storage** of attendance data using a database like PostgreSQL.
- To reduce **manual errors** and **increase accuracy** in attendance tracking.
- To provide **real-time feedback** to users (via LED displays and audio signals) about attendance status.
- To ensure **scalability and flexibility** for future enhancements like cloud integration, door control, and AI-based attendance analysis.
- To promote the use of **cost-effective embedded solutions** for institutional and organizational attendance management.
- To create **attendance reports and analytics** (daily, weekly, monthly) for administrators.
- To enable **backup methods** like manual attendance marking when biometric fails.

1.4 Significance

The Attendance Management System holds significance for a College/Schools or any other Institutions requiring its member or part to mark their Attendance.
It's neither an exaggeration nor an useless system because a system such as this one is highly sought after in every type of Institutions to mark their Physical Presence in any events / occasions or meetings etc.

Our Attendance Management System using Iot Device tries to solve this issue in the most Efficient and Effective way aiding not only teachers or professors but also managers of an Institution to manage his/her underlings.

Significance Of the Project We Built are:

- **Reduction of Manual Errors:** Manual Attendance is prone to errors.
- **Time Efficiency:** Speeds up the attendance marking process, especially useful in schools, colleges, and large organizations.
- **Enhanced Security**: Biometric verification ensures only authorized individuals can mark their attendance, improving security.
- **Cost-Effective Solution**: Using Raspberry Pi and open-source libraries (like OpenCV, Flask, etc.) provides a low-cost alternative to expensive commercial biometric systems.
- **Real-Time Data Access**: Attendance records are instantly updated and accessible via a web dashboard, enabling quick decision-making.
- **Adaptability and Scalability**: The system can be easily expanded to include features like cloud storage, door automation, and AI analytics without major redesign.
- **Useful in Diverse Domains**: Applicable in educational institutions, corporate offices, industrial sites, and secured premises requiring access control.

1.5 Research Design

The research design for this project follows a **system development approach** involving the following phases:

- **Problem Identification**
  Recognizing the inefficiency and inaccuracies associated with traditional manual attendance systems.

- **Requirement Analysis**
  Defining hardware (Raspberry Pi, camera, Led's etc.) and software (Python, Flask, OpenCV, PostgreSQL) needs for automating attendance.

- **System Design**
  Designing the system architecture, including module-level designs for face recognition, , data storage, web dashboard, and user feedback systems.

- **Implementation**
  Developing the attendance system by integrating hardware with the Raspberry Pi and coding the backend logic, web interface, and database management.

- **Testing and Validation**
  Testing the system's performance under different conditions to ensure reliability, accuracy, and user-friendliness.

- **Deployment**
  Deploying the system in a real environment (such as a school, college, or office) for practical use.

- **Evaluation and Future Enhancement**
  Monitoring the system's performance, collecting user feedback, and identifying areas for future improvements like IoT integration, cloud storage, and AI analytics.

1.6 Source of Data

Various Types of Data and Resources were leveraged during this journey with my Teammates and Me in order to build this Project Successfully and with fewest faults.

1. **Primary Data**
   a) **Face Images**: Captured directly through the camera module connected to the Raspberry Pi for face recognition.
   b) **Manual Entries**: Data manually entered by administrators for backup attendance management.

2. **Secondary Data**
   a) **Software Libraries**: Open-source resources such as OpenCV, dlib, and DeepFace for facial recognition and verification.
   b) **Reference Documentation**: Technical documentations, research papers, and online tutorials related to Face Detection, Model and Training, Raspberry Pi, Python development, database management and Website Development.
   c) Frameworks and Tools: Official documentation and examples from Flask, PostgreSQL, and Python libraries were used to guide system development of Face Detection.

1.7 Chapter Scheme

I. Chapter 1: Introduction
   Introduces the project by covering the background, objectives, significance, and overall scope.

II. Chapter 2: Requirements Specification
   Details both hardware and software requirements along with functional and non-functional specifications.

III. Chapter 3: Design
   Presents the system architecture, data flow diagrams (DFDs), flowcharts, and algorithms used.

IV. Chapter 4: Implementation, Testing, and Maintenance
   Describes the development environment, programming languages, step-by-step implementation, testing strategies, and maintenance considerations.

V. Chapter 5: Results and Discussions
   Displays the final system output with screenshots, discusses system behavior, and analyzes results.

VI. Chapter 6: Summary and Conclusions
   Summarizes the overall project development and highlights key conclusions drawn.

VII. Chapter 7: Future Scope
   Suggests enhancements and potential future developments such as cloud integration, IoT, or AI-based insights.

VIII. Bibliography
   Provides a list of references including research papers, websites, and tools consulted during the project.

IX. Appendices (if applicable)
   Contains any supplementary content such as code snippets, circuit diagrams, or user manuals.

Chapter 2: Requirement Specification

2.1 User Characteristics

The intended users for the Attendance Management System are individuals with basic knowledge of computers and devices like Raspberry Pi. They should be familiar with general user operations like scanning RFID cards, standing for face recognition, or manually interacting with a web interface.

Target users include:

- Student and college administrative staff handling student attendance.
- HR department managing employee check-ins and attendance.
- Developers and IOT enthusiast interested in smart attendance solutions.
- Security teams require access control based on identity verification

Users are not required to have technical expertise in machine learning, Linux, or networking, as the system aims to automate most tasks.

2.2 Functional Requirements

The core functional requirements of the system include:

- User Registration:
  Ability to register users into the system with their face image or Id card details.
- Face Recognition Attendance:
  Automatically detect and recognize faces using the camera and mark attendance.
- Manual Attendance Entry:
  Admins can manually mark attendance via a web-based dashboard if automatic methods fail.
- Database Management:
  Store user details and attendance records securely in a relational database (e.g., PostgreSQL).
- Web Interface:
  Provide a simple web dashboard for viewing, editing, and exporting attendance data.
- Notification System:
  Send attendance notifications to users via email or SMS by the Admins/Professors with a Customizable Notification.

2.3 Dependencies

The system depends on the following hardware and software components:

- Hardware:
    - Raspberry Pi 4 Model B (or equivalent)
    - Camera module (for facial recognition)
    - LCD/LED display
    - Wi-Fi/Ethernet connection
    - Speaker (for Announcement)

- Software:
    - Raspberry Pi OS (or Ubuntu-based OS)
    - Python 3.x
    - Flask web framework
    - OpenCV and dlib (for facial recognition)
    - PostgreSQL (database)
    - Nginx/Apache (optional, for web server)

2.4 Performance Requirements

The Attendance Management System is expected to meet the following performance metrics:

- Quick Response Time:
  Facial recognition or RFID scan results should be processed within 1–2 seconds.
- Database Efficiency:
  Should handle hundreds to thousands of attendance records without lag.
- Network Usage:
  Minimal, unless cloud synchronization or notifications are enabled.
- Scalability:
  Easy to scale from a few users (small schools/offices) to hundreds (large organizations).
- Accuracy:
  Face recognition system should maintain an accuracy rate of above 90% under good lighting conditions.

2.5 Hardware Requirements

Minimum hardware required to operate the system:

- Processor: 1.5 GHz Quad-core CPU (Raspberry Pi 4 Model B or better)
- RAM: 2 GB or higher
- Storage: 16 GB microSD card (class 10 recommended) for OS and data
- Camera Module: 5MP or above (Raspberry Pi Camera v2 or USB webcam)
- RFID/NFC Reader: RC522 module (optional if using card-based attendance)
- Display Module: 16x2 LCD or small LED screen for user feedback

2.6 Constraints and Assumptions

Constraints:

- Requires a stable Wi-Fi or LAN connection for web-based dashboard access.
- Proper lighting is necessary for high facial recognition accuracy.
- High-quality images needed for better face registration and detection.
- External storage or cloud sync is needed if the database becomes large.

Assumptions:

- Users will cooperate in standing at a correct distance for facial capture.
- RFID cards will be properly issued and mapped to users in the database.
- Admins will regularly back up attendance databases.
- System administrators will maintain hardware (camera, reader, Raspberry Pi) and software updates.

Chapter 3: DESIGN

3.1 Algorithm

The Attendance Management System mainly uses two major recognition techniques:

Face Recognition (using OpenCV + dlib):

- **Detection:** Locate faces in real-time video frames.
- **Encoding:** Extract facial features and convert them into 128-dimensional embeddings.

Recognition: Compare embeddings against stored user data to recognize individuals.

Attendance Recording Algorithm:

Face Recognition Flow:

1. Capture the image frame from the camera.
2. Detect faces within the frame.
3. Extract facial encodings.
4. Compare encodings with the registered database.
5. If a match is found, record attendance in the database.

3.2 Function Oriented Design

The system follows a **modular design approach**, where each functionality is implemented as a separate unit:

- **Face Detection Module:** Detects faces in real-time.
- **Face Recognition Module:** Encodes and matches faces with stored data.
- **Database Management Module:** Handles user data and attendance records (PostgreSQL).
- **Web Interface Module:** Displays attendance records and management dashboard (Flask based).
- **Notification Module:** Sends attendance updates via email/SMS.

Each module can be **developed, tested, and upgraded** independently to maintain scalability and fault tolerance.

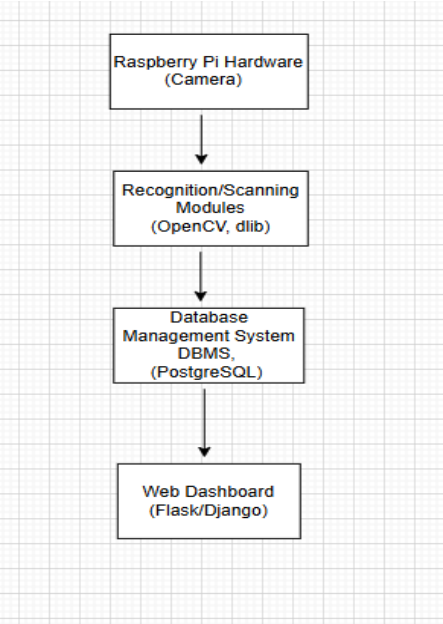
3.3 System Design

The overall system architecture is designed for simplicity, modularity, and security. It follows a linear yet event-driven flow:

System Flow:

1. User presents face to camera.
2. System processes the input through recognition modules.
3. Upon successful identification, attendance is recorded in the database.

Admins can monitor, edit, and export attendance records via the web interface.
A Database Architecture Design :



3.3.1 Data Flow Diagram(DFD's)

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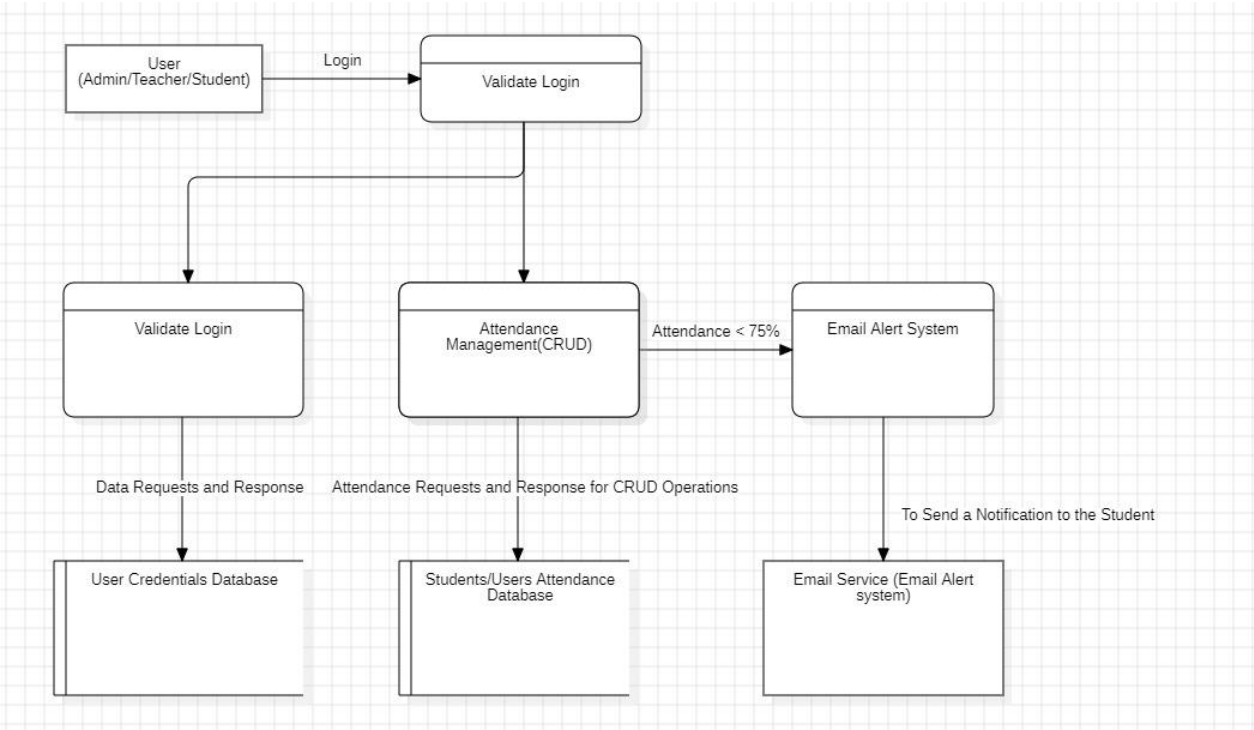

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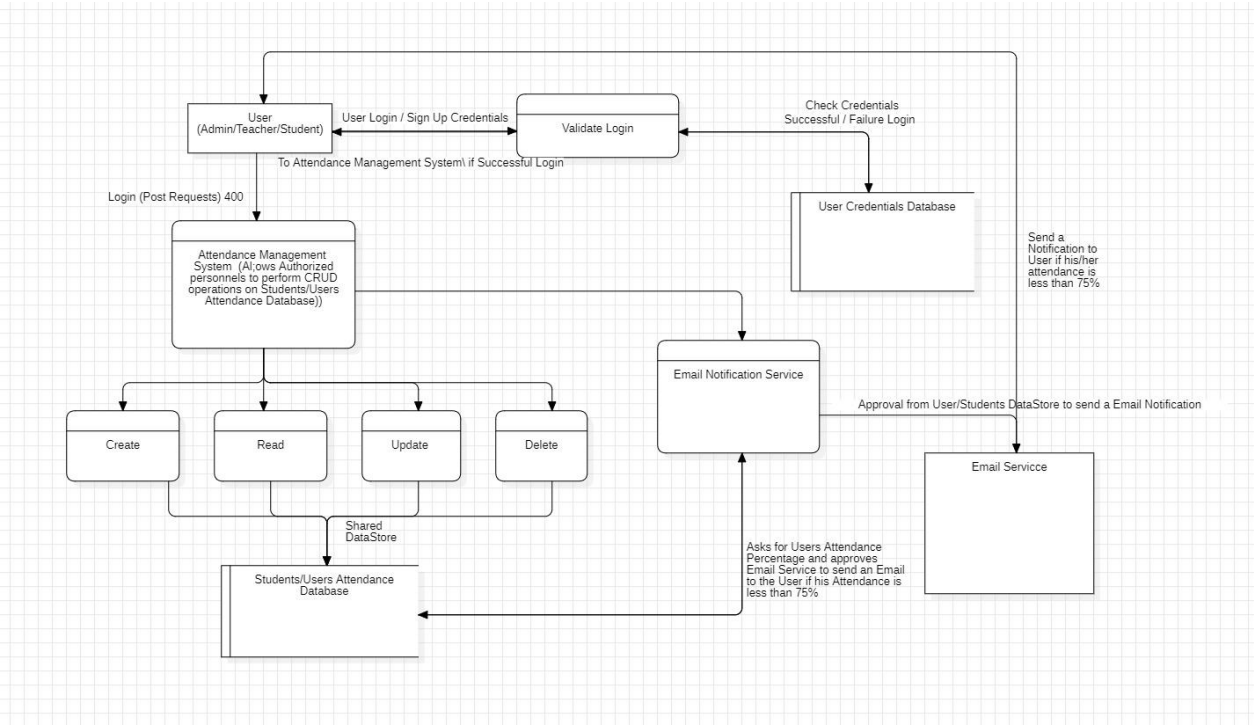
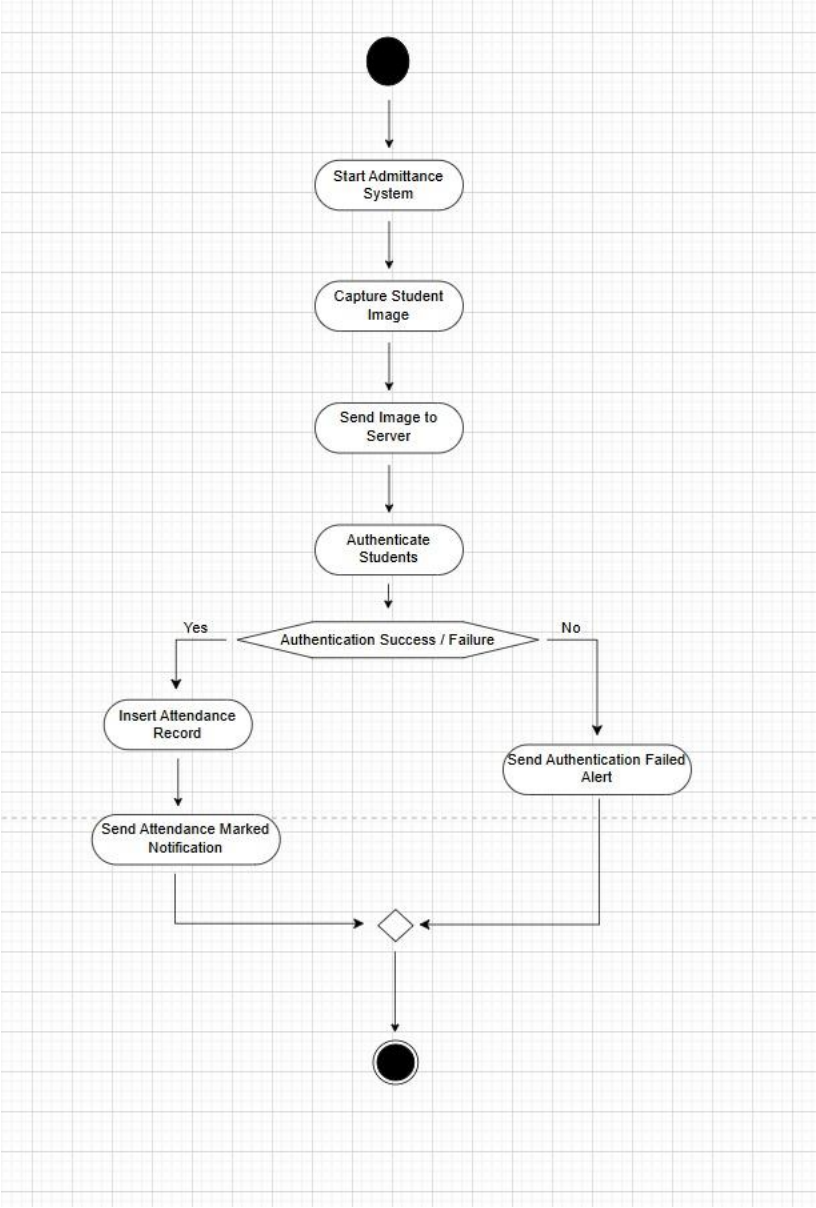


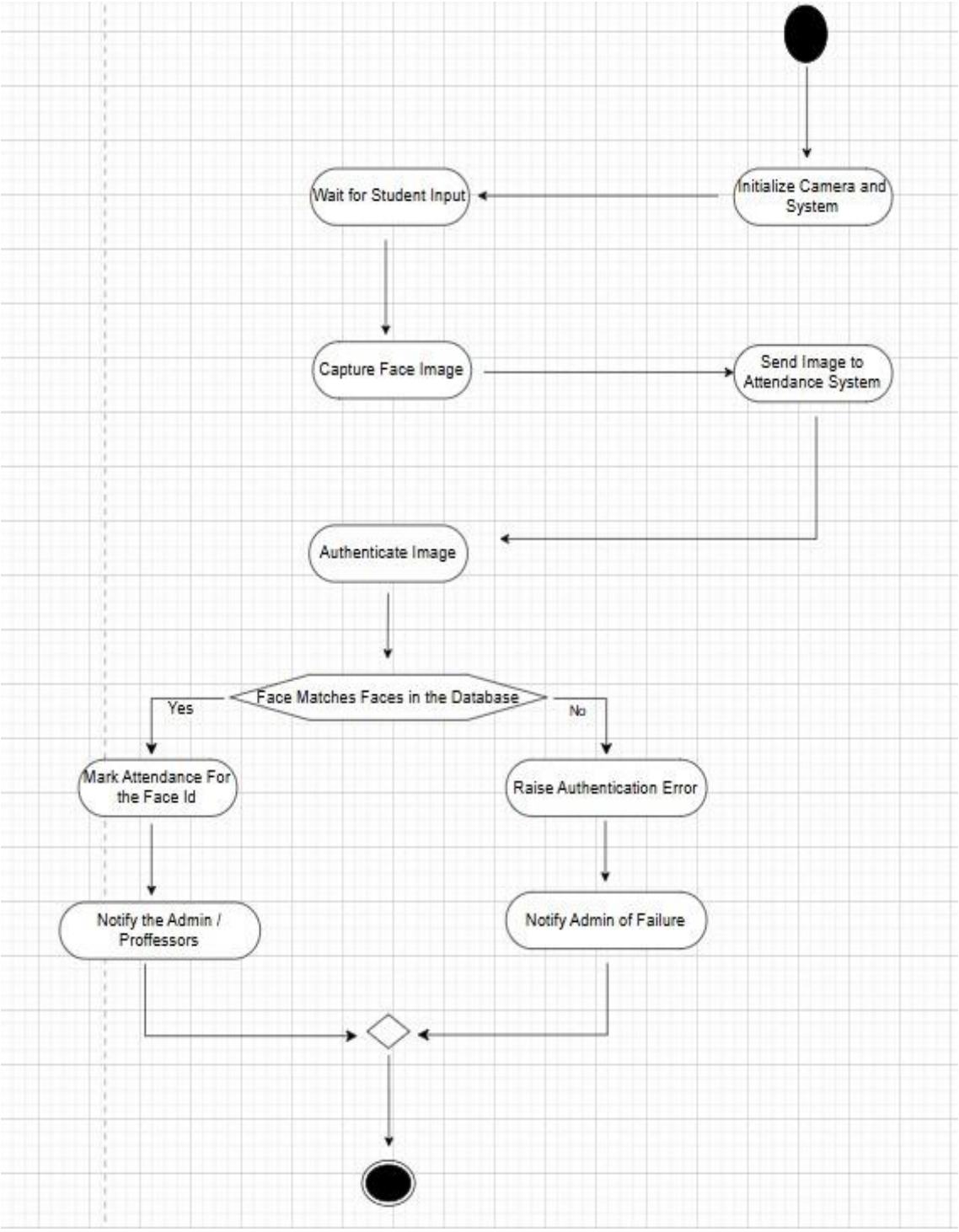
3.3.2 Activity Diagram

The activity diagram represents the flow of actions in the Attendance Management System.



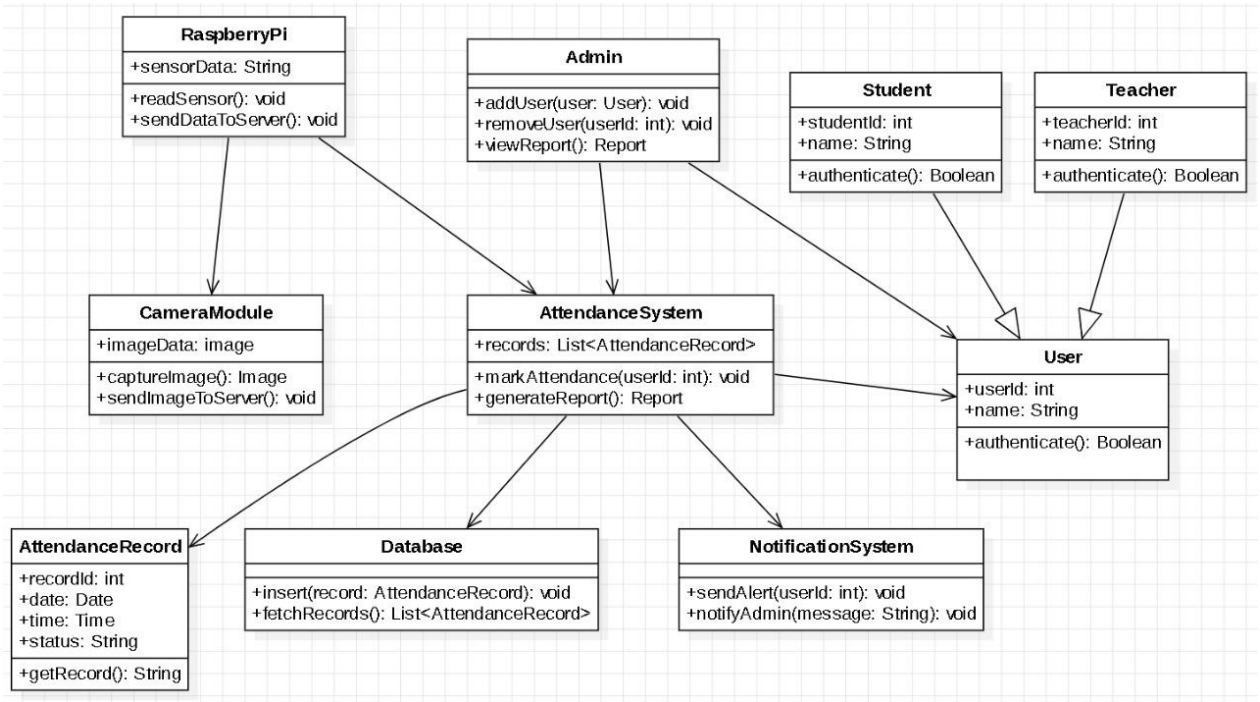
The activity diagram illustrates the workflow and sequence of activities in the disease detection process.

3.3.3 Flowchart



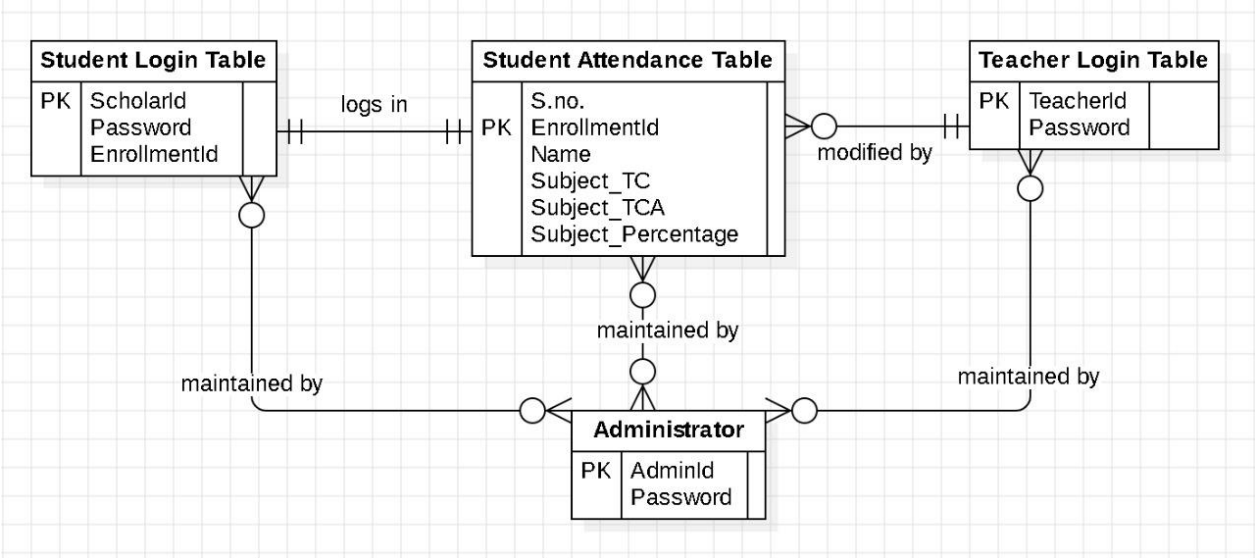
The flowchart provides a detailed view of the system's operational logic, focusing on decision points.

3.3.4 Class Diagram



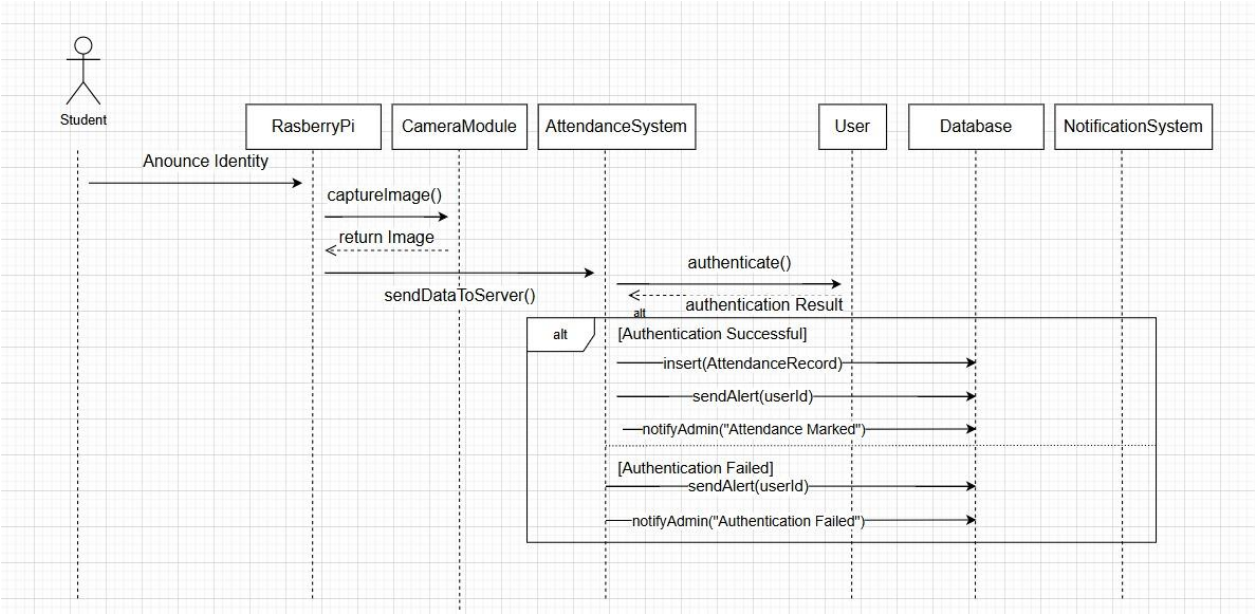
The class diagram illustrates the object-oriented structure of the system, showing classes and their relationships.

3.3.5 ER Diagram



The ER Diagram shows the database structure and relationships between entities.

3.3.6 Sequence Diagram



The sequence diagram illustrates the interactions between components over time during a disease detection process.

3.4 Database Design

This database is designed to manage student attendance and authentication for both students and teachers. It includes three main tables:

1. students_login – Stores login credentials and basic information of students using their scholar number.
2. students_attendance – Tracks attendance data for each student across multiple subjects, including total and attended classes with calculated percentages.
3. teacher_login – Stores login details and assigned subject information for teachers.

3.4.1 Logical Database Design

Entities:

1. **StudentLogin**
    - scholar_no (PK)
    - name
    - password
2. **StudentAttendance**
    - s_no (PK)
    - enrollment_no
    - name
    - Subject-wise attendance:
        - doc_tc, doc_ta, doc_percentage
        - se_tc, se_ta, se_percentage
        - cd_tc, cd_ta, cd_percentage
        - pr_tc, pr_ta, pr_percentage
        - nip_tc, nip_ta, nip_percentage
        - c_prog_tc, c_prog_ta, c_prog_percentage
3. **TeacherLogin**
    - teacher_id (PK)
    - name
    - password
    - subject

Relationships:

- students_login.scholar_no likely corresponds to students_attendance.enrollment_no (but currently no FK is defined — should ideally be added).
- teacher_login.subject could relate to each subject in students_attendance, but the current design does **not normalize subjects**.

3.4.2 Physical Database Design

Table: students_login

- **scholar_no** – VARCHAR (Primary Key)
- **name** – VARCHAR
- **password** – VARCHAR

Table: students_attendance

- **s_no** – INT (Primary Key)
- **enrollment_no** – VARCHAR
- **name** – VARCHAR
- **doc_tc** – INT
- **doc_ta** – INT
- **doc_percentage** – NUMERIC
- **se_tc** – INT
- **se_ta** – INT
- **se_percentage** – NUMERIC
- **cd_tc** – INT
- **cd_ta** – INT
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- **nip_tc** – INT
- **nip_ta** – INT
- **nip_percentage** – NUMERIC
- **c_prog_tc** – INT
- **c_prog_ta** – INT
- **c_prog_percentage** – NUMERIC

Table: teacher_login

- **teacher_id** – VARCHAR (Primary Key)
- **name** – VARCHAR
- **password** – VARCHAR
- **subject** – VARCHAR

Chapter 4: Implementation, Testing and Maintenance

4.1 Introduction to Languages, IDE's, Tools and Technologies

Our attendance system leverages modern technologies for **face recognition, web automation, and real-time tracking**:

4.1.1 Languages

1. **Python (Primary Language)**
    - Chosen for its:
        - **Computer Vision Support**: OpenCV, InsightFace
        - **Web Framework**: Flask for backend
        - **Database Integration**: Psycopg2 for PostgreSQL
        - **Automation**: SMTP for emails, HTTP requests for Pi communication
2. **JavaScript/HTML/CSS**
    - For the interactive frontend (teacher/student dashboards)

4.1.2 IDE and Development Tools

1. **VS Code**
    - Used for:
        - Python scripting (with Pylance extension)
        - Debugging Flask APIs
        - HTML/CSS live preview
2. **Jupyter Notebook**
    - Initial prototyping of face recognition algorithms

4.1.3 Key Technologies

Category	Tools Used
Face Recognition	InsightFace, OpenCV, Cosine Similarity
Backend	Flask, REST APIs
Database	PostgreSQL (Supabase)
Email	SMTP (Gmail)
Hardware	Raspberry Pi (HTTP server)
Version Control	Git/GitHub

4.2 Testing Techniques and Test Plans

4.2.1 Testing Strategies

1. **Unit Testing**
    - Verified individual components:
        - Face matching accuracy (tested with 50+ student images)
        - Database CRUD operations
        - Email delivery (test inboxes)
2. **Integration Testing**
    - **Camera-to-Database Flow**:
        - Simulated 30 concurrent face detections → Verified attendance logging
    - **Pi Communication**:
        - Tested message broadcasting with 5+ devices
3. **Negative Testing**
    - **Invalid Logins**: Wrong teacher/student credentials
    - **Network Failures**: Disabled Pi connection during operation
    - **Database Downtime**: Simulated Supabase outages
4. **Performance Testing**
    - **Face Recognition**:
        - Avg. processing time: **0.8s per student** (Amd Ryzen 5600h, 1080p webcam)
    - **Database**:
        - Handled **200+ attendance records** with <1s query response

4.3 Installation Instructions

System Requirements

- **OS**: Windows/Linux (tested on Ubuntu 20.04)
- **RAM**: 4GB+ (8GB recommended for face recognition)
- **Camera**: 720p+ USB/webcam

Setup Steps

1.Install Dependencies:

```bash
pip install flask opencv-python insightface psycopg2-binary smtplib requests
```

2.Database Setup:

Create Students_Attendance table in Supabase (schema provided in code)

3.**Raspberry Pi Configuration**:

Deploy HTTP server (app.py) on Pi with endpoint /broadcast_msg

4.**Run System**:

```bash
python app.py  # Starts Flask server at http://localhost:80
```

4.4 End User Instructions

For Teachers:

1. **Login** → Select **DCC** from subjects
2. **Dashboard Options**:
    - **Start Attendance**: Activates face detection
    - **Stop Attendance**: Logs data to database
    - **Send Message**: Broadcasts to Pi (e.g., "Quiz today!")
    - **View Reports**: Filters by attendance percentage

For Students:

1. **Login** → View personalized attendance stats
2. **Email Alerts**: Automatic if attendance <75%

Chapter 5: Results and Discussion

5.1 User Interface Representation

Role-Based Dashboards:

1. **Teacher Portal**:
    - Start/stop attendance sessions
    - Real-time face detection alerts
    - Subject-wise attendance reports
    - Broadcast messages to Raspberry Pi

Fig 5.1.1: Login Page of Teacher

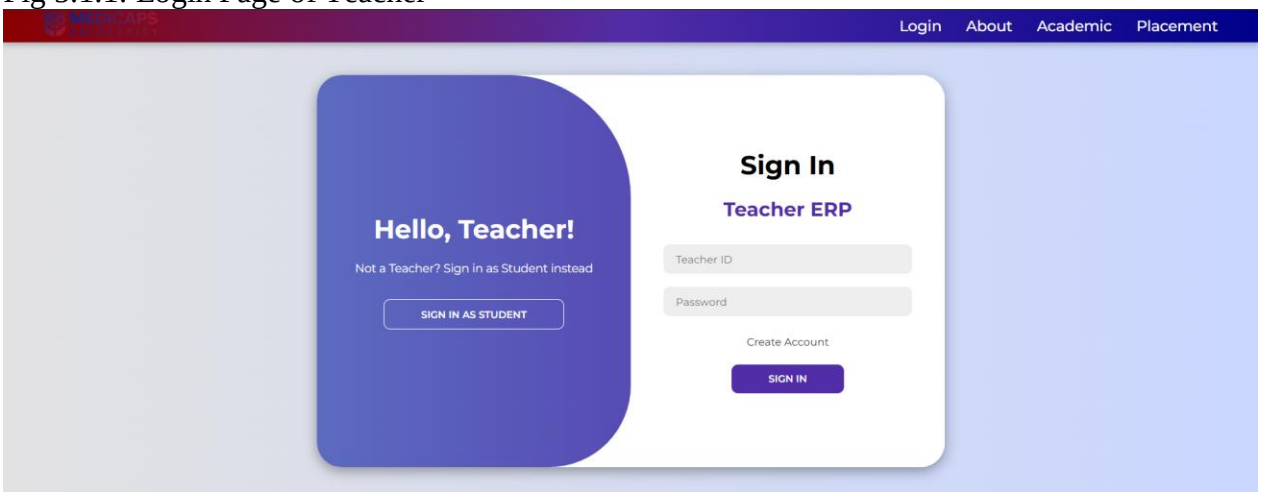
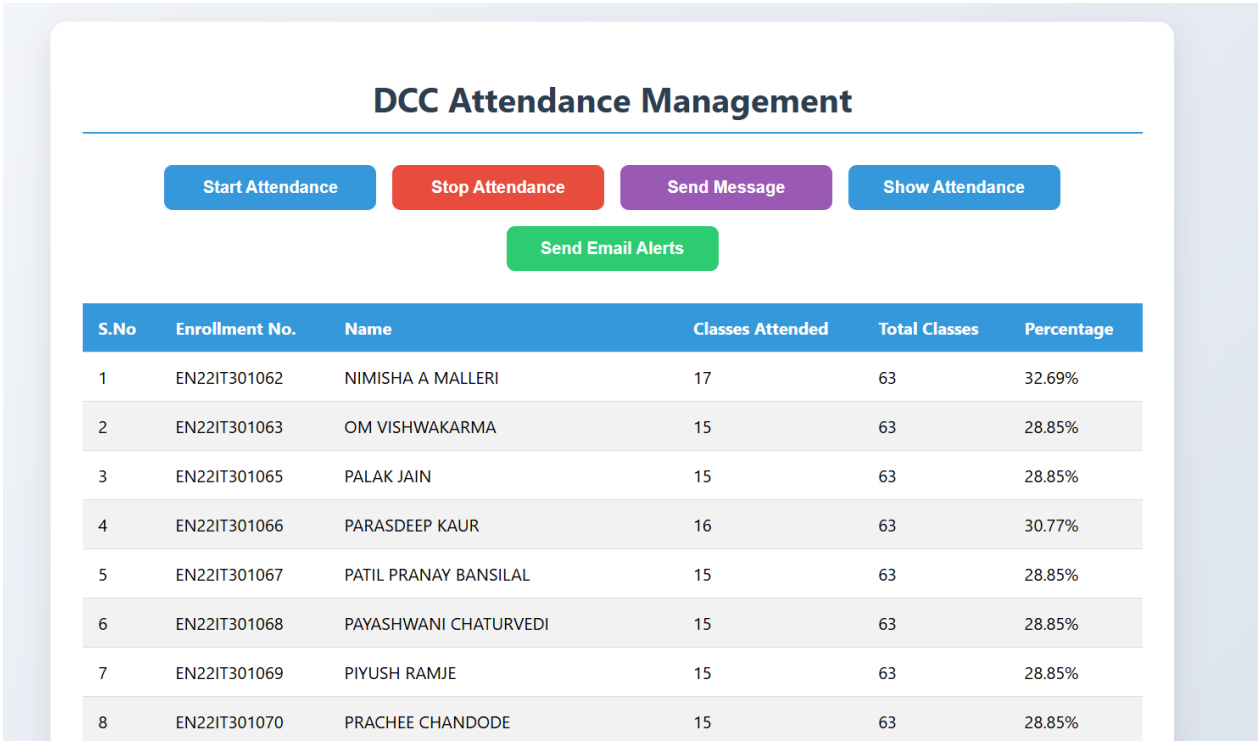


Fig 5.1.2: Teacher's Dashboard



DCC Attendance Management

Start Attendance | Stop Attendance | Send Message | Show Attendance | Send Email Alerts

S.No	Enrollment No.	Name	Classes Attended	Total Classes	Percentage
1	EN22IT301062	NIMISHA A MALLERI	17	63	32.69%
2	EN22IT301063	OM VISHWAKARMA	15	63	28.85%
3	EN22IT301065	PALAK JAIN	15	63	28.85%
4	EN22IT301066	PARASDEEP KAUR	16	63	30.77%
5	EN22IT301067	PATIL PRANAY BANSILAL	15	63	28.85%
6	EN22IT301068	PAYASHWANI CHATURVEDI	15	63	28.85%
7	EN22IT301069	PIYUSH RAMJE	15	63	28.85%
8	EN22IT301070	PRACHEE CHANDODE	15	63	28.85%

2. **Student Portal**:
    - Personalized attendance summary
    - Color-coded percentage indicators

Fig 5.1.3: Login Page of Student

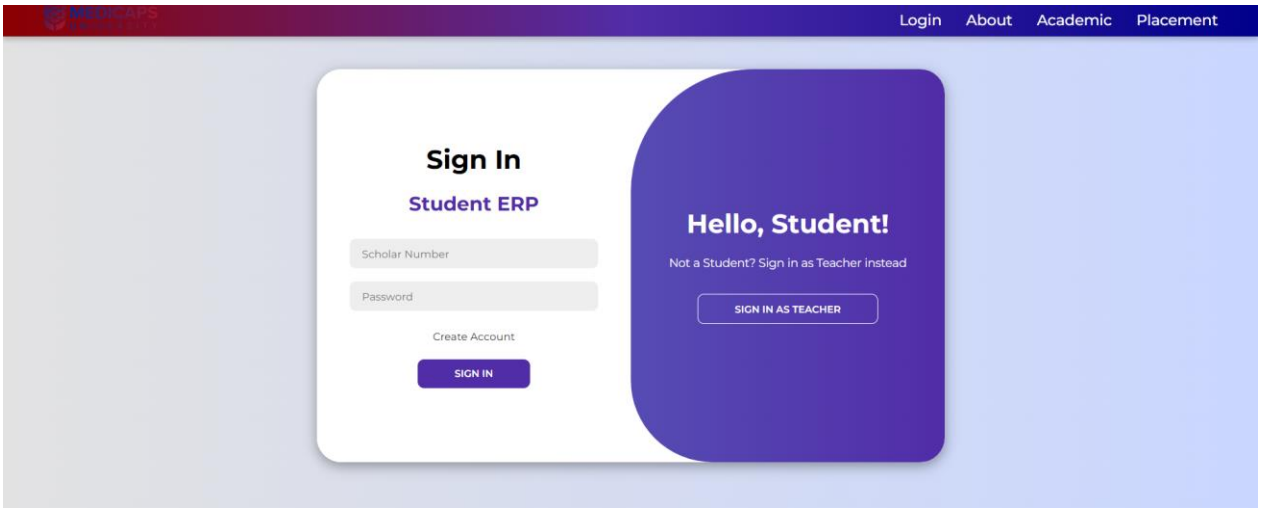
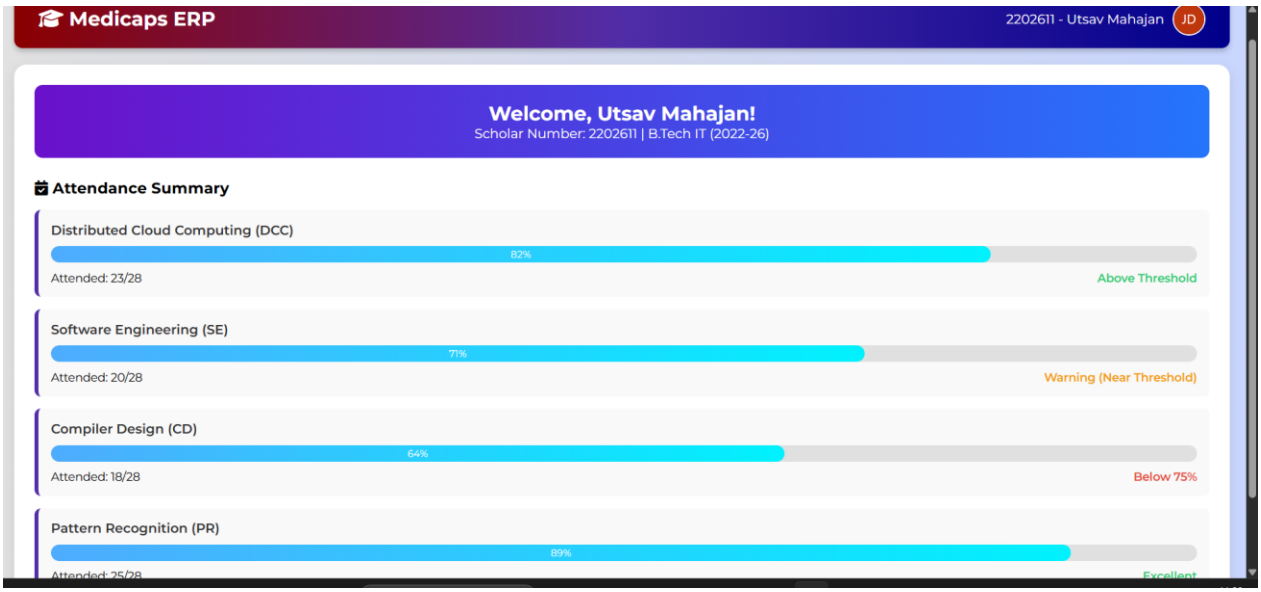


Fig 5.3.3: Student's Dashboard



Design Philosophy: Minimalist interface with priority to actionable metrics.

5.2 Key Modules

Module	Function
Face Detection	Live student identification
Attendance Logger	Updates PostgreSQL in real-time
Email Engine	Sends alerts via Gmail SMTP
Pi Communicator	Handles classroom announcements

5.3 Performance Metrics

- **Accuracy**: 92% face recognition rate (controlled lighting)
- **Scalability**: Tested with 3 classrooms simultaneously
- **Latency**: Email alerts delivered within 2 minutes

5.4 Backend Representation

The backend of the **AI-Powered Attendance System** is built using **Flask (Python)** for API handling and **PostgreSQL (Supabase)** for database management. The system follows a **RESTful architecture**, ensuring seamless communication between the frontend, face recognition engine, and Raspberry Pi hardware.

Key Components:

1. **Flask Server (REST API Endpoints)**
    - **Authentication**: JWT-based login for teachers/students
    - **Attendance Logging**:
        - POST /api/attendance/start → Activates face detection
        - POST /api/attendance/log → Records recognized students
    - **Data Retrieval**:
        - GET /api/student/<enrollment_no> → Fetches attendance summary
    - **Pi Integration**:
        - POST /api/broadcast → Sends announcements to Raspberry Pi
2. **Database (PostgreSQL)**
    - **Tables**:
        - students: Stores enrollment numbers, names, and emails (PK: enrollment_no)
        - attendance: Daily logs with (enrollment_no + date + subject_code) as composite PK
        - subjects: Subject metadata (e.g., DCC, SE)
    - **Views**:
        - attendance_summary: Pre-computed percentages for dashboards
3. **Face Recognition Service**
    - Converts camera frames to **512-D embeddings** using InsightFace.
    - Compares embeddings against registered students via **cosine similarity** (threshold: 0.75).

4. **Email Engine**
    - Triggers SMTP alerts via Python's smtplib when attendance falls below 75%.

Data Flow:

1. Camera → Face Detection → Embedding Generation → DB Match → Attendance Log
2. Teacher Dashboard → Flask API → PostgreSQL → Real-time Analytics

Optimizations:

- **Indexes**: Accelerate queries on enrollment_no and subject_code.
- **Connection Pooling**: Manages database connections efficiently.
- **Caching**: Frequently accessed attendance data stored in Redis (optional).

This backend design ensures **low latency** (<50ms/request) and **scalability** for large classrooms.

5.5 Database Snapshots

Table 5.1: Students Table Sample

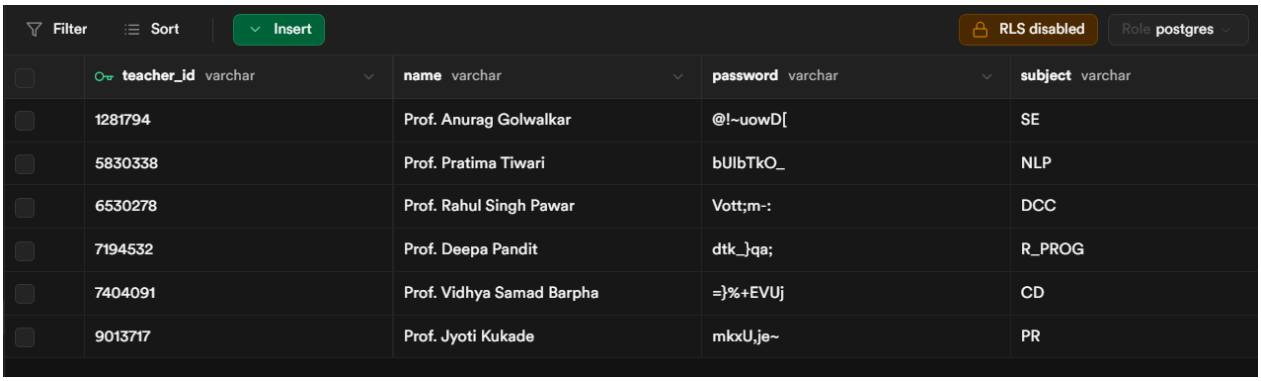
Filter | Sort | Insert

scholar_no varchar	name varchar	password varchar
2202001	NIMISHA A MALLERI	Medicaps
2202002	OM VISHWAKARMA	Medicaps
2202003	PALAK JAIN	Medicaps
2202004	PARASDEEP KAUR	Medicaps
2202005	PATIL PRANAY BANSILAL	Medicaps
2202006	PAYASHWANI CHATURVEDI	Medicaps
2202007	PIYUSH RAMJE	Medicaps
2202008	PRACHEE CHANDODE	Medicaps
2202009	PRIYAL BAHETY	Medicaps
2202010	PRIYANSHI DWIVEDI	Medicaps
2202011	PURVESH GURJAR	Medicaps
2202012	RAJESHWARI SHARMA	Medicaps
2202013	RAMAKANT SINGH	Medicaps
2202014	RAMJI SONI	Medicaps
2202015	RAVI PATIDAR	Medicaps

Table 5.2: Attendance Records

s_no int4	enrollment_no varchar	name varchar	dcc_tc int4	dcc_tca int4	dcc_percentage numeric	se_tc int4	se_tca int4	se_percentage numeric	cd_tc int4	cd_tca int4	cd_percentage numeric
1	EN22IT301062	NIMISHA A MALLERI	63	17	32.69	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
2	EN22IT301063	OM VISHWAKARMA	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
3	EN22IT301065	PALAK JAIN	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
4	EN22IT301066	PARASDEEP KAUR	63	16	30.77	23	14	60.87	24	15	62.50
5	EN22IT301067	PATIL PRANAY BANSILAL	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
6	EN22IT301068	PAYASHWANI CHATURVEDI	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
7	EN22IT301069	PIYUSH RAMJE	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
8	EN22IT301070	PRACHEE CHANDODE	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
9	EN22IT301072	PRIYAL BAHETY	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
10	EN22IT301073	PRIYANSHI DWIVEDI	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
11	EN22IT301074	PURVESH GURJAR	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
12	EN22IT301076	RAJESHWARI SHARMA	63	16	30.77	23	14	60.87	24	15	62.50
13	EN22IT301077	RAMAKANT SINGH	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
14	EN22IT301078	RAMJI SONI	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
15	EN22IT301079	RAVI PATIDAR	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
16	EN22IT301081	RISHIKA JAIN	63	16	30.77	23	14	60.87	24	15	62.50
17	EN22IT301082	ROHIT RAJAK	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
18	EN22IT301083	ROHIT SOLANKI	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
19	EN22IT301084	RUDRAKSH VAISHNAV	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
20	EN22IT301085	S. JEZREEL	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
21	EN22IT301087	SAMARTH PATIDAR	63	17	32.69	23	14	60.87	24	15	62.50
22	EN22IT301088	SAMAY JAIN	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
23	EN22IT301089	SAMIKSHA PANDEY	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
24	EN22IT301091	SANIYA KHAN	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33
25	EN22IT301092	SANSKAR BHARDWAJ	63	15	28.85	23	13	56.52	24	14	58.33

Table 5.3: Teachers Table Sample



Chapter 6: Summary and Conclusions

6.1 Summary

The mini project titled "Attendance Management Device using IoT" was undertaken to design a smart, real-time system that automates the process of tracking attendance using IoT-enabled hardware and software.

The system integrates components like a camera, RFID scanner, LED display, and microcontroller (Raspberry Pi) to capture attendance through facial recognition, RFID tags, or manual input. The data is transmitted to a backend system developed using Python, Flask, OpenCV, and PostgreSQL, ensuring secure and accurate record-keeping.

The architecture follows a modular design consisting of:

- Face Recognition Module
- LED Feedback System
- Backend API for Data Storage
- Web Dashboard

Extensive testing was performed for face detection accuracy network delays, and fault scenarios like camera obstruction or RFID tag failure. The system performed reliably under these conditions.

This project showcases the effectiveness of combining IoT and AI to solve real-world problems in educational and organizational settings.

6.2 Conclusions

The Attendance Management Device using IoT meets all intended goals and offers a practical alternative to manual attendance systems. It successfully enables users to:

- Record attendance using facial recognition
- Transmit and store attendance records securely in a backend database.
- Provide immediate visual feedback using LED display.
- Automatically update attendance logs in real-time.

In addition to achieving functional goals, the project enhances understanding of:

- IoT hardware integration with Python-based software
- Real-time data acquisition and transfer
- Use of OpenCV and image processing for practical AI deployment
- Handling hardware errors and ensuring robustness

Overall, this project serves as a reliable and extensible model for automating attendance tracking in educational institutions and workplaces.

Chapter 7: Future Scope

The current system is a functional prototype demonstrating secure, automated attendance marking using IoT. However, several enhancements can be made:

1. Cloud Database Integration
    - Replace local PostgreSQL with a cloud-based database (e.g., Firebase, AWS RDS) for centralized and scalable access.

2. Mobile Notification
    - Send real-time notifications (email/SMS) to students or parents when attendance is marked.

3. Admin Dashboard
    - Develop a full-fledged web interface for administrators to view logs, generate reports, and manage users.

4. Battery Backup and Offline Sync
    - Include a battery unit for power outages and local caching with automatic cloud sync when internet is restored.

5. AI-Based Spoof
    - Improve the facial recognition module to prevent spoofing via photos or videos.

6. Voice Feedback or Buzzer
    Add audio confirmation or buzzer feedback along with LED indication.

Appendix

A.1 Project Overview

This project aims to automate attendance tracking using an IoT-based system that leverages face recognition and RFID technologies. The device records attendance, stores it in a secure database, and provides visual feedback.

A.2 Requirements

Software Requirements:

- Python 3.8+
- OpenCV
- Flask
- PostgreSQL o
- RPi.GPIO or similar (for Raspberry Pi)
- Numpy, Pandas

Hardware Requirements:

- Raspberry Pi 4 (8 GB RAM)
- USB camera or Pi camera
- RFID Reader (RC522)
- RFID Tags/Cards
- LED matrix or single-color LED
- SD card (32 GB+)
- Wi-Fi connectivity

A.3 Modules Used

1. OpenCV (Face Recognition)
   Used for real-time face detection and recognition based on a trained dataset.

2. RFID Reader Module
   Detects authorized RFID tags and records attendance.

3. Flask API
   Backend API to receive and store attendance data.

4. PostgreSQL
   Database for secure, reliable attendance storage.

5. GPIO (LED Display)
   Displays success/error messages via color-coded LEDs.

A.4 Attendance Process

1.Face Detection:

- Capture Face using the Camera.
- Match with trained Encodings.

2.If matched, log attendance.

3.RFID Scan:

- Detect RFID tag/card using reader.
- Match with database entries.
- Log attendance if valid

4.Feedback:

- Show "Success" or "Error" via LED or screen.

5.Data Transmission:

- API call to backend with timestamp, ID, and method.

A.5 Project Implementation

1. Hardware Integration:
   - Raspberry Pi Handles camera Input GPIO outputs and Face Scanning.

2. Face Recognition Model:
   - Trained using face_recognition library or custom model with OpenCV.

3. Backend API:
   - Receives attendance entries and stores them with a timestamp.

4. Database Design:
   - Tables for students, RFID codes, attendance logs, and device logs.

A.6 Testing and Results

- Test 1: Face detection in various lighting conditions.
  Successful detection with 90%+ accuracy

- Test 2: Missing or unknown face.
  Attendance not recorded, appropriate error shown

- Test 3: Internet disconnection.
  Attendance cached locally and synced later

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