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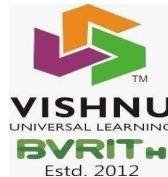
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## ABSTRACT

As digital banking becomes the norm, there is an urgent need to move beyond outdated security models and implement smarter, more secure solutions that ensure both user convenience and protection against fraud. This project presents a next-generation ATM security system powered by facial recognition, eliminating the reliance on traditional PINs and physical ATM cards that are susceptible to theft, skimming, and unauthorized access. By leveraging advanced computer vision and biometric authentication, the system enables real-time facial matching using several Python libraries, including `face_recognition` for face encoding and comparison, `cv2` (OpenCV) for webcam integration and image processing, `tkinter` and `ImageTk` for creating a responsive graphical user interface, `random` for OTP generation, `traceback` for error tracking, `os` for directory management, `hashlib` for password hashing, and `csv` for lightweight database storage. The user interface built with `Tkinter` ensures seamless user interaction for both registration and login processes, while `OpenCV` captures live video frames for accurate and real-time face detection. To enhance security, the system integrates OTP-based phone number verification using the Twilio API, ensuring that only the rightful account holder can proceed through an additional verification layer.

**Keywords:** Facial Recognition, Biometric Authentication, ATM Security System, Python OpenCV, OTP Verification.

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

| <b>Abbreviation</b> | <b>Full Form</b>             |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| ATM                 | Automated Teller Machine     |
| OTP                 | One-Time Password            |
| GUI                 | Graphical User Interface     |
| MFA                 | Multi-Factor Authentication  |
| 2FA                 | Two-Factor Authentication    |
| CNN                 | Convolutional Neural Network |



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# 1. INTRODUCTION

In the modern era of digital transformation, the banking industry has witnessed a significant shift from traditional in-person services to online and automated platforms. With this evolution, ensuring secure, fast, and user-friendly transaction methods has become more critical than ever. Traditional authentication methods such as ATM cards and PINs, while widely used, are increasingly vulnerable to various threats including card skimming, PIN theft, phishing attacks, and unauthorized access. These security loopholes not only lead to financial losses but also diminish customer trust in banking systems.

To address these challenges, biometric technologies have emerged as promising alternatives by offering more secure and personalized methods of authentication. Biometrics such as fingerprint scanning, iris recognition, voice identification, and facial recognition leverage unique physiological or behavioral characteristics, making it extremely difficult for attackers to replicate or forge.

Among these, facial recognition has gained significant attention due to its contactless nature, ease of integration, and enhanced user convenience. Unlike other biometrics, facial recognition does not require the user to touch any surface, making it more hygienic and suitable for public interfaces like ATMs. Furthermore, advancements in computer vision and deep learning, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have drastically improved the accuracy, speed, and robustness of facial recognition systems, even under varying lighting conditions and facial expressions.

Banks and financial institutions are now exploring facial recognition not only for ATM access but also for mobile banking logins, customer onboarding, and fraud prevention. By combining this technology with other security measures such as One-Time Passwords (OTP) and mobile verification, institutions can provide a multi-layered authentication process that significantly enhances both security and user experience.

## 1.1 Problem Statement

As digital banking becomes more common, security threats like fraud and unauthorized access are increasing. Traditional login methods using only passwords are no longer enough to ensure the user is truly the account holder.

To solve this, the project proposes a facial recognition-based authentication system that combines password login with biometric verification. It uses a webcam or mobile camera to capture the user's face and compares it with stored data using deep learning (CNN). This two-step method checks both what the user knows (password) and who they are (face).

If login fails, the system logs the attempt, alerts the user, and stores the intruder's image. This approach makes online banking safer, more reliable, and harder to breach.

## 1.2 Objectives

- **Facial Recognition-Based Authentication**  
Replace traditional card and PIN login systems with biometric authentication using real-time facial recognition and deep learning (CNNs).
- **Multi-Factor Security**  
Combine facial recognition, password protection, and OTP verification to create a strong multi-layered security system.
- **Secure Data Handling**  
Use secure password hashing (PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA256), store face embeddings instead of raw images, and protect data using local CSV storage.
- **User-Friendly Interface**  
Design a responsive Tkinter-based GUI to support easy user registration, login, and banking operations like deposits and withdrawals.
- **Spoof Detection and Monitoring**  
Log failed login attempts and, where possible, implement liveness detection (e.g., blinking or head movement) to detect spoofing.

### 1.3 Existing Work

In the modern era of digital transformation, the banking industry has significantly evolved to embrace online platforms that offer convenience, speed, and accessibility to users. With the rapid growth of internet banking and mobile financial services, security has become a critical concern. To ensure authorized access, traditional online banking systems have predominantly relied on single or two-factor authentication methods, such as passwords, Personal Identification Numbers (PINs), and One-Time Passwords (OTPs). While these methods have formed the foundation of digital security, they are increasingly being challenged by sophisticated cyberattacks and identity fraud.

Initially, online banking systems depended on password-based authentication, where users provide a confidential combination of characters to access their accounts. Despite its widespread use, this method is inherently vulnerable to weak password choices, reuse across platforms, brute-force attacks, and social engineering tactics. In response, financial institutions adopted two-factor authentication (2FA), typically combining something the user knows (a password) with something the user has (an OTP sent via SMS or email).

OTP-based 2FA adds a crucial layer of security and is now commonly implemented. Upon login, users must provide a one-time verification code sent to their registered device. However, this method is not without flaws. OTPs can be intercepted through SIM swapping, phishing, or malware. Users may also face delays or lose access to their devices, compromising both system security and the user experience.

To further enhance authentication, biometric technologies such as fingerprint, iris, and facial recognition have been explored. Biometrics, categorized as “something the user is,” are difficult to replicate and offer the advantage of uniqueness. Among these, facial recognition is gaining prominence due to its non-intrusive nature, ease of use, and compatibility with consumer devices such as smartphones and webcams. When integrated into multi-factor authentication workflows, facial recognition helps verify the user’s physical presence, something password and OTP-based systems cannot do.

Despite its advantages, current implementations of facial recognition in banking and security systems face several significant drawbacks:

- **Technical Limitations:** Facial recognition systems can struggle in low-light conditions or when users wear accessories like glasses, hats, or masks. Variations in camera quality, facial angles, and lighting can reduce recognition accuracy. These factors may result in false positives (unauthorized users gaining access) or false negatives (legitimate users being denied), both of which are highly problematic in financial applications.
- **Privacy Concerns:** The collection and storage of facial data raise legal and ethical concerns. Users may feel uncomfortable with their biometric data being stored, especially if there is a lack of transparency regarding its usage, access control, and data security. Improper handling of facial data could lead to misuse, identity theft, or data breaches, undermining user trust.
- **Implementation Challenges:** Deploying a reliable facial recognition system involves high implementation costs and technical complexity. It requires high-resolution cameras, sufficient processing power for real-time analysis, and secure infrastructure for storing biometric data. Additionally, banks may need to invest in user support and staff training to ensure smooth onboarding and usage.
- **False Sense of Security:** While facial recognition enhances security, it is not infallible. Attackers may exploit system vulnerabilities using high-resolution images, deepfake videos, or 3D masks to spoof authentication. Without effective liveness detection and anti-spoofing mechanisms, these systems may offer a misleading sense of protection and lead to overreliance on a single form of verification.
- **User Experience trade-offs:** Increasing the security threshold may inadvertently reduce usability. A strict matching threshold may reject legitimate users due to slight changes in appearance or lighting, while a lenient threshold could expose the system to false positives. Striking the right balance between security and user experience remains an ongoing challenge.

Although academic and industry research has attempted to mitigate these issues, particularly through deep learning and liveness detection, several limitations remain. Concerns around data sovereignty, latency, system responsiveness, and dependency on third-party service providers continue to hinder the widespread adoption of facial recognition in online banking environments.

## 1.4 Proposed Work

The proposed system introduces a secure, cardless, and PIN-free ATM authentication mechanism that addresses the growing challenges associated with traditional systems. By eliminating the need for physical ATM cards and static PINs, and instead integrating facial recognition, secure password verification, and optional OTP-based authentication, this approach enhances both security and user convenience. It specifically tackles the drawbacks identified in existing facial recognition implementations such as technical limitations, privacy risks, and user experience trade-offs through a carefully designed multi-layered architecture.

### 1. User Registration and Enrollment

During the initial registration phase, users are required to enter their full name, a secure password, and a registered mobile phone number. Additionally, a live image is captured using a standard webcam to extract unique facial features. These features are converted into numerical face embeddings using a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) from the `face_recognition` library, which is built on `dlib` and deep learning techniques. This ensures accurate and consistent facial mapping.

To address privacy concerns and security risks, user passwords are never stored in plaintext. Instead, each password undergoes cryptographic hashing along with a unique salt. This helps protect against dictionary and reverse-engineering attacks, even in the event of data exposure. All data including the user's name, hashed password, face embedding, phone number, and account balance is securely stored in a structured CSV file for lightweight, local access.

### 2. Multi-layered Authentication Process

To log in and access banking services, users must successfully complete a secure threephase authentication process:

- **Password Verification:** The user inputs their password, which is re-hashed and compared with the stored hash to confirm identity. This ensures that unauthorized access is blocked even before the facial verification step.

- **Facial Recognition Verification:** Upon successful password matching, the system captures a new live image and generates a fresh face embedding. It then compares this against the stored embedding using Euclidean distance. A carefully calibrated threshold ensures accurate matching without compromising usability.
- **OTP Verification:** For added security, especially in real-world ATM deployments, an OTP can be sent via the Twilio API to the user's registered phone number. This ensures possession of the registered device and mitigates spoofing risks, thereby addressing the false sense of security often associated with standalone facial recognition. Only if all three phases are completed successfully is the user granted access to the transaction interface.

### 3. ATM Banking Operations and Interface

Once authenticated, users interact with a Tkinter-based graphical user interface (GUI), designed to be intuitive and responsive. The following operations are available:

- **Balance Inquiry:** Displays the user's current balance from the CSV data.
- **Deposit Money:** Allows users to deposit an amount.
- **Withdraw Money:** Enables cash withdrawal while checking balance.

The interface is designed with usability in mind, offering clear prompts and feedback while handling invalid inputs, low balances, and file errors gracefully. This ensures an inclusive experience, even for non-technical users.

### 4. Data Handling and Security Measures

The system avoids the need for a full-fledged database by using CSV files to store structured user data. Key fields include:

- Username
- Hashed Password
- Face Embedding or Image Path
- Registered Phone Number
- Current Account Balance

## **2. LITERATURE WORK**

### **2.1 Related Work**

In recent years, the banking sector has actively explored biometric-based security enhancements to tackle the increasing threats of ATM fraud, identity theft, and unauthorized account access. As Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) continue to be one of the most widely used financial access points globally, improving their authentication systems has become a major priority. Traditional systems rely heavily on physical ATM cards and Personal Identification Numbers (PINs), which are vulnerable to a range of security threats such as cloning, skimming, phishing, shoulder surfing, and brute-force attacks. These traditional methods lack the ability to verify the user's physical presence and identity in real-time, which is a major loophole exploited by attackers. To address these critical vulnerabilities, researchers and technology developers have directed their attention towards biometric technologies, particularly facial recognition, as a viable and secure alternative.

Facial recognition, as a biometric authentication method, offers several advantages over conventional identification techniques. It is non-intrusive, user-friendly, and can be implemented using standard hardware such as built-in or external webcams. Unlike fingerprint or iris scanning, which often require dedicated sensors, facial recognition can function with basic video input devices. This makes it not only a more affordable option for large-scale deployment but also a more accessible one for users. Furthermore, the contactless nature of facial recognition has gained increased attention in the post-pandemic era, where touchless interactions are preferred for health and safety reasons. The integration of facial recognition into ATMs can significantly enhance security and convenience by allowing users to authenticate themselves without inserting a card or entering a PIN.

A foundational study proposed the use of high-resolution image capture systems within ATMs that authenticate users by matching live images with pre-stored facial images in a centralized database. If an unauthorized person attempts access, the system immediately halts the transaction and denies further interaction. This real-time authentication model enhances fraud prevention and ensures that only legitimate users can access ATM services.



It also eliminates the static nature of traditional security credentials, which once compromised, can lead to repeated misuse. Since facial features are unique to each individual and hard to replicate, this approach greatly reduces the risk of identity fraud.

In another significant implementation, researchers explored the use of Raspberry Pi as a cost-effective platform to operate facial recognition systems in ATM settings. The Raspberry Pi captures the user's image upon access and compares it to a pre-trained dataset using machine learning techniques. If a mismatch occurs, and even if a valid authentication code is entered by an unauthorized user, the system generates a security alert. A notification containing a verification web link is sent to the registered mobile number of the cardholder, allowing them to immediately review or block the transaction. This two-step verification process effectively combines biometric identification with user oversight, further enhancing the security of ATM operations.

A wide range of machine learning algorithms have been tested in ATM security systems for facial recognition. Notably, the Histogram of Oriented Gradients and Local Binary Patterns are commonly used for feature extraction in image processing. These algorithms have been employed in combination with the OpenCV library and Haar Cascade Classifier to detect and recognize facial structures. Local Binary Pattern, in particular, is efficient in varying lighting conditions, making it ideal for ATM environments where illumination may not be consistent. These lightweight algorithms can run on embedded devices and microcontrollers, making them suitable for low-cost deployment in banking kiosks and remote locations.

Cloud computing has also played a critical role in advancing facial recognition-based ATM systems. Platforms such as Amazon Web Services (AWS) offer secure, scalable storage solutions for facial image databases and support real-time processing of recognition algorithms. The advantage of cloud integration lies in its ability to maintain large datasets, allow system-wide updates, perform remote training of models, and provide highavailability service with built-in redundancy. This setup also supports inter-branch interoperability, enabling users to access ATM services securely from different locations without duplicating data storage efforts.

Further research has highlighted the benefits of integrating facial recognition with OneTime Password (OTP) authentication. In this model, facial recognition confirms the

user's physical presence, while an OTP sent to the registered mobile device verifies their device possession. The OTP, typically valid for a limited time and single use, acts as a temporary PIN, eliminating the need for users to remember fixed codes. This model greatly reduces the risk of access by impersonators who may have stolen the physical ATM card but do not possess the facial profile or the linked mobile device.

Convolutional Neural Networks have also been widely adopted in facial recognition applications due to their high accuracy and ability to handle complex patterns in facial data. CNNs are capable of extracting hierarchical features from images, enabling precise differentiation between individuals even with subtle differences. Open-source libraries such as `face_recognition`, built on `dlib` and `FaceNet`, provide powerful tools to develop custom facial verification systems. These libraries allow developers to encode faces into vector representations and compare them using similarity metrics like Euclidean distance. This flexibility has made it easier for institutions to prototype and test facial recognition solutions for ATM security.

Internationally, many banks and financial institutions are beginning to implement biometric ATMs. In countries like Japan and China, facial recognition is already integrated with national identity databases to enable cardless transactions. In India, some banks have piloted systems that link facial recognition with Aadhaar, the national biometric ID system. These implementations reflect the global trend toward enhanced biometric security in financial systems.

The project discussed in this report builds upon this existing research and proposes a unique three-factor authentication model that incorporates facial recognition, secure password hashing, and OTP-based verification. Unlike previous models that often rely on just one or two layers of protection, this system aims to provide a comprehensive security framework. Facial recognition verifies identity, password hashing ensures credential integrity, and OTP validation guarantees user possession of the linked mobile number. This hybrid model addresses multiple threat vectors, including stolen passwords, spoofed images, and unauthorized access attempts.

## 2.2 Research Gaps

Despite significant advancements in biometric authentication, especially in banking and ATM systems, several critical research gaps continue to persist. While the integration of biometric technologies such as fingerprint, iris, and facial recognition has improved the security landscape in banking, the deployment of these systems often comes with practical and financial limitations that hinder widespread adoption. In particular, there is a noticeable gap between high-end biometric security solutions and affordable, scalable alternatives that can be implemented on a broader scale.

One of the most prominent gaps lies in the reliance on expensive biometric hardware. Many existing ATM systems that incorporate fingerprint or iris scanning depend on dedicated sensors and highly specialized equipment. These components are not only costly to install and maintain but also require controlled environmental conditions to function optimally. For example, fingerprint sensors may struggle in dusty or humid locations, and iris scanners may demand precise alignment and lighting conditions. These limitations make such solutions less practical for low-income regions or areas with unstable infrastructure. There remains a need for systems that can utilize more accessible technologies such as regular computer webcams to perform biometric verification with sufficient accuracy.

Another major research gap is the lack of support for real-time face recognition on affordable computing platforms. Many facial recognition systems are designed to operate using high-performance cloud servers or dedicated GPU processing, which are not available in typical ATM machines. This dependence on powerful computational infrastructure restricts the feasibility of real-time applications in cost-sensitive or rural settings. A truly efficient and secure ATM system must be capable of performing accurate facial recognition locally on lightweight, commonly available hardware without relying on cloud services.

Additionally, most current biometric ATM systems employ a single-factor authentication model, relying either on the biometric input or a traditional password. While facial recognition offers a more secure alternative to card and PIN systems, it is not infallible. The absence of a combined or layered authentication mechanism leaves these systems vulnerable to identity spoofing or unauthorized access. Very few implementations have explored the simultaneous use of facial recognition along with password authentication to

build a robust multi-factor authentication framework. This combination can significantly reduce the chances of security breaches by ensuring that both a physical trait and a known secret are required for access.

An equally important but often overlooked gap is the lack of liveness detection in low-cost biometric systems. Liveness detection refers to the system's ability to determine whether the biometric sample is from a real, live person rather than a printed photo or video replay. High-end systems sometimes use thermal imaging, infrared sensors, or motion tracking to detect liveness. However, such technologies are often too expensive or complex for general-purpose ATM installations.

| <b>Feature</b>                   | <b>Existing ATM Systems</b>             | <b>Proposed Face Recognition-Based System</b>          |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Authentication Method</b>     | Card + PIN                              | Face Recognition + Password + OTP                      |
| <b>Risk of Theft or Skimming</b> | High (card theft, PIN skimming)         | Very Low (biometric identity is not easily duplicated) |
| <b>User Interaction</b>          | Physical (insert card, press keys)      | Contactless (face scan, OTP entry)                     |
| <b>Security Level</b>            | Moderate                                | High (multi-factor authentication)                     |
| <b>Login Time</b>                | Fast (but vulnerable)                   | Slightly longer but more secure                        |
| <b>Spoofing Resistance</b>       | Low (PIN can be guessed)                | High (face + OTP + password required)                  |
| <b>Hardware Requirement</b>      | Card reader, keypad                     | Webcam-enabled system                                  |
| <b>Data Privacy</b>              | PIN/card data stored in central servers | Biometric data stored locally (optional cloud)         |

#### **Comparison of Existing ATM Security Systems vs. Proposed System**

## 2.3 Tools and Technologies Used

The proposed system uses Python with libraries like Tkinter for GUI, OpenCV and face\_recognition for facial recognition, and hashlib for password security. Data is stored in CSV files, while Twilio API enables OTP verification. These tools ensure a lightweight, secure, and user-friendly ATM authentication solution using standard hardware. Below is a detailed list of tools and their functions within the project:

### Tool Descriptions

1. **Python:** Python is the core programming language used for the entire application. Its versatility and rich ecosystem make it ideal for developing both backend logic and frontend interfaces. Python supports libraries like OpenCV, face\_recognition, and Tkinter, which are essential for handling image processing, GUI design, and security-related tasks. Its simplicity also makes the project easy to maintain.
2. **Tkinter:** Tkinter is the standard GUI package for Python. It is used to build a clean, responsive, and user-friendly interface where users can register, log in, and perform banking operations such as deposit, withdrawal, and balance inquiries. Tkinter supports various widgets (buttons, labels, entry boxes) that help create interactive screens with clear prompts and alerts, improving the overall usability of the system for both technical and non-technical users.
3. **OpenCV:** OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision Library) is used to interface with the webcam and capture real-time images of users. It allows operations such as converting images to grayscale, detecting facial regions, resizing frames, and capturing snapshots required during face enrollment and login. OpenCV plays a crucial role in extracting clean and consistent face images that are used for embedding generation.
4. **face\_recognition:** This high-level Python library is built on dlib and provides easy-to-use facial recognition capabilities. It detects faces, extracts 128-dimensional embeddings (vectors) from facial features, and performs face matching using Euclidean distance. This library allows accurate biometric identification, ensuring that the same person who registered is the one attempting to log in. It abstracts complex neural network operations into simple function calls.
5. **NumPy:** NumPy is used to perform mathematical operations on arrays, particularly for comparing the 128-dimensional face embeddings generated by the face\_recognition library. It supports efficient vector computations and helps

validate the similarity between the stored and live embeddings. NumPy is also used for handling transaction calculations such as updating balances.

6. **Hashlib:** Hashlib provides cryptographic hash functions for securely storing user passwords. In this project, passwords are hashed using the PBKDF2-HMACSHA256 algorithm with a unique salt. This ensures passwords are not stored in plain text, making the system resilient against dictionary, rainbow table, and bruteforce attacks.
7. **CSV File:** The system uses CSV (Comma-Separated Values) files as a lightweight, local alternative to traditional databases. It stores structured user data, including usernames, hashed passwords, face embedding file paths, mobile numbers, and account balances. CSV files are easy to read and modify programmatically, making them suitable for rapid prototyping and small-scale deployment.
8. **Random / OS Modules:** Python's random module is used to generate secure salts and OTPs, while the os module handles file and directory operations such as saving face images in appropriate folders or locating specific CSV entries. These modules ensure secure user-specific operations and organized data handling.
9. **Traceback:** This module is used to manage and display detailed error messages during execution. When exceptions occur (e.g., file not found, invalid input, or camera access issues), traceback helps developers trace the source of the error, which is vital for debugging and creating a robust system.
10. **Twilio API:** Twilio is a cloud communication platform used to send SMS-based OTPs to the user's registered mobile number. This OTP serves as the third layer of authentication (after password and face match). It enhances security by ensuring that the person attempting access also has control over the registered phone, thereby confirming their physical presence and identity.
11. **Pillow (PIL):** The Pillow library is an advanced imaging library used to load, modify, and display images. In this project, it may be used to preview captured images in the GUI or to convert and save face images in specific formats such as JPG or PNG. It ensures compatibility between OpenCV image arrays and GUI image widgets.
12. **Dlib (backend):** Although not directly imported, dlib is the underlying machine learning toolkit that powers face\_recognition. It provides high-accuracy models for face detection, facial landmark extraction, and embedding generation using

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). Its inclusion allows the system to perform complex recognition tasks with minimal code.

13. **Time:** The time module is used for adding time-based functionality to the system. It helps in tracking login duration, timestamping user sessions or failed attempts, and implementing OTP expiration timers. This adds another layer of control and logging to enhance system integrity.
14. **ImageTk (from PIL):** ImageTk is a module from the Pillow library used to convert OpenCV images (NumPy arrays) into a format (PhotoImage) compatible with Tkinter widgets. This allows seamless display of webcam frames in the GUI during face capture.
15. **Twilio REST Client (twilio.rest.Client):** Used to send OTP messages to the user's registered mobile number. The integration with Twilio ensures secure and real-time SMS delivery, enhancing multi-factor authentication. It is a key part of the verification layer before face authentication is performed.
16. **OpenCV + PIL interoperability:** The real-time camera feed is handled by OpenCV, but it's displayed in Tkinter using PIL. This interoperability ensures smooth integration between image acquisition and GUI presentation.
17. **Python's os.environ:** Used to suppress TensorFlow-related logging by setting `TF_CPP_MIN_LOG_LEVEL`, indicating background support for TensorFlow or other deep learning components that may use GPU.

## 3. METHODOLOGY

### 3.1 Proposed Model/Architecture

The proposed ATM authentication system integrates facial recognition with password verification to enhance the security and reliability of ATM transactions. The architecture follows a modular, user-friendly, and secure design that leverages widely available hardware and open-source libraries.

#### System Flow:

1. **Application Launch:**

The user opens the application and is presented with two options: Enroll or Login.

2. **Enrollment Phase:**

0 The user inputs their name, password, and mobile number.

- A webcam captures the user's face in real time.
- A 128-dimensional face embedding is generated.
- The credentials are stored in a CSV file.

3. **Login Phase:**

0 The user enters their name and password.

- A new facial image is captured using the webcam.
- The system compares and verifies the hashed password.
- If both authentication steps are successful, the user is logged in.

4. **ATM Functionalities:**

0 Withdraw: Deducts a specified amount if balance is sufficient.

- Deposit: Adds a user-defined amount to the balance.
- Check Balance: Displays the current balance stored in the CSV file.



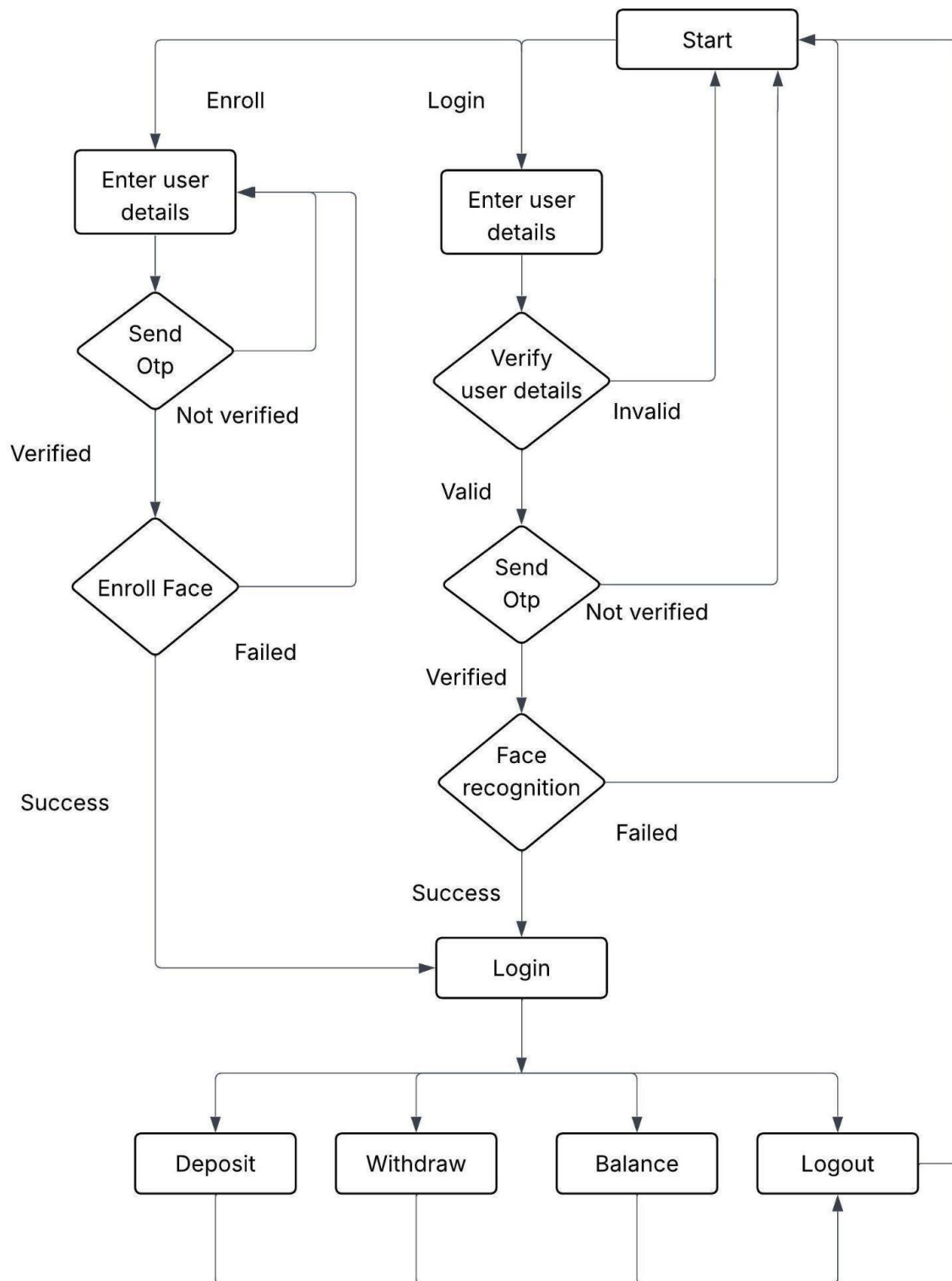


Figure 1 : Architecture of Face Recognition-based ATM System

## 3.2 Datasets

This system does not rely on any publicly available datasets. Instead, it generates and manages its own dataset dynamically during runtime as users interact with the application. This self-generated dataset is personalized, lightweight, and secure, ensuring that no external biometric data is required, thereby enhancing user privacy and system flexibility.

### **Dataset Composition:**

For each registered user, the following data is captured and stored:

- **Facial Image**

A single real-time facial image is captured via webcam and saved in .jpg format within a local directory (e.g., faces/). This image is used to generate a 128dimensional facial embedding using the face\_recognition library.

- **User Credentials and Information**

The user's name, registered phone number, and securely hashed password (using PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA256 with salt) are stored in a structured CSV file (users.csv). This file acts as a lightweight local database.

- **Transaction Data**

The user's account balance is maintained and updated in the same CSV file after every transaction such as deposit, withdrawal, or balance inquiry.

### **Advantages of This Approach:**

1. Privacy-Friendly
2. Dynamic and Personalized
3. No Dependency on External Sources

This architecture makes the system more secure, adaptable, and suitable for real-world applications like ATM authentication where user-specific data must remain confidential and isolated.

### **3.3 Algorithm**

The system uses the following algorithms and techniques for secure and efficient ATM authentication:

#### **1. Facial Recognition**

The system utilizes the `face_recognition` library to convert facial images into 128-dimensional embeddings. During the login process, a Euclidean distance is computed between the stored and the live face embeddings. If the distance is below 0.45, the system considers it a valid match, granting access.

#### **2. Password Hashing**

Passwords are securely stored using the PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA256 algorithm with a unique salt for each user. This approach ensures protection against brute-force, dictionary, and rainbow table attacks, maintaining strong password security.

#### **3. OTP Generation**

To add a second layer of authentication, the system generates a One-Time Password (OTP) using Python's `random` module. This OTP is delivered to the user's registered phone number through the Twilio API, ensuring that the login attempt is validated via the user's physical mobile device.

#### **4. Anti-Spoofing**

The system can be extended with basic liveness detection techniques, such as blink detection or head movement tracking, to prevent spoofing attacks using static photos or pre-recorded videos.

#### **5. CSV-Based Record Handling**

User credentials, facial embedding file paths, phone numbers, and account balances are stored in a structured CSV file. The file is accessed during login, and updated in real-time during transactions like deposit, withdrawal, and balance inquiries.

#### **6. Error and Exception Handling**

The application implements `try-except` blocks to handle errors gracefully—such as invalid inputs, file access issues, and hardware malfunctions (e.g., camera access failure). This ensures improved application stability and a smoother user experience.

### 3.4 Performance Metrics

To evaluate the effectiveness and reliability of the proposed ATM authentication system, the following performance metrics are considered:

| Metric                | Description  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Accuracy              | Percentage of times the system correctly identifies and authenticates valid users. |
| False Rejection Rate  | The rate at which valid users are incorrectly denied access.                       |
| False Acceptance Rate | The rate at which unauthorized users are incorrectly granted access.               |
| Login Time            | The average time taken by the system to complete user authentication (in seconds). |

#### Example Results:

- **Average login time:** ~2.5 seconds
- **Face recognition accuracy:** Approximately 90%
- **System behavior:** Rejects access if an unregistered or mismatched face is detected

These metrics indicate that the system achieves a balanced trade-off between security and performance, with real-time authentication and minimal delays, while maintaining low error rates.

## 4. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Testing Results

The Face Recognition-based ATM System was tested to validate the functionality and security of its multi-factor authentication pipeline, which includes:

- **Password Verification** (hashed password)
- **One-Time Password Verification**
- **Facial Recognition** (real-time embedding comparison)

A user is granted access only if all three authentication factors are successfully verified.

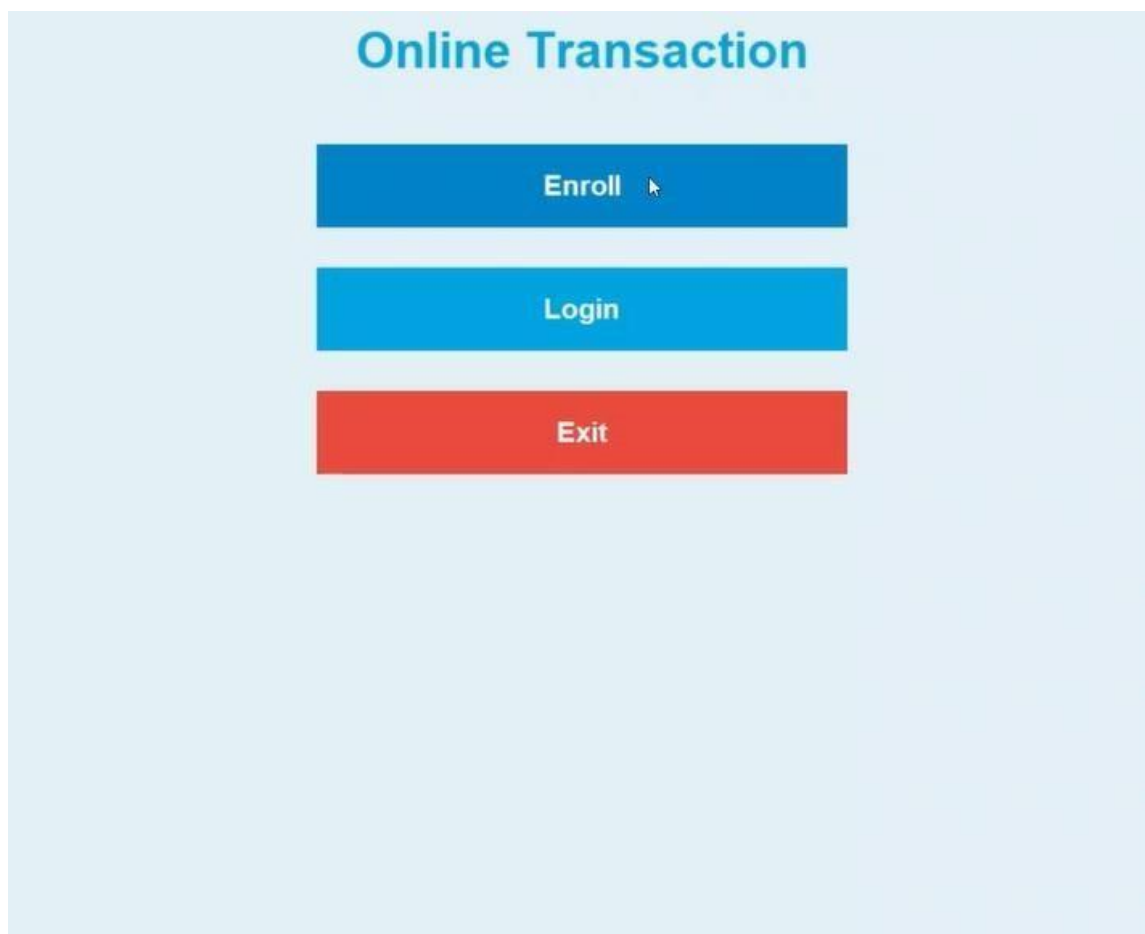
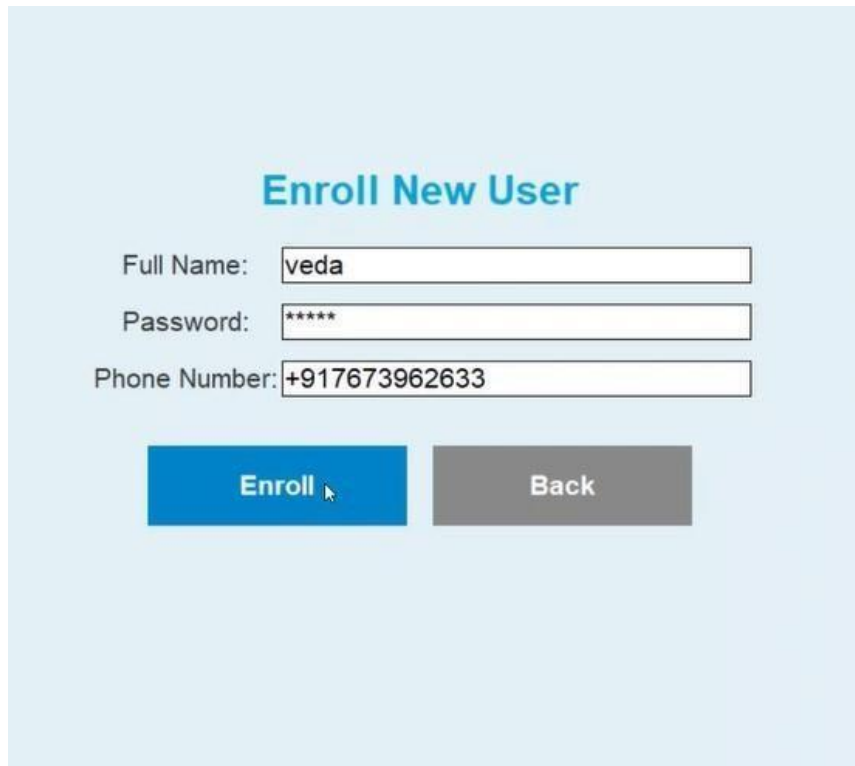


Fig 2: Tkinter GUI – Home Screen (Enroll/Login)

The image represents the main interface of an Online Transaction System developed using Python's Tkinter library. It serves as the gateway to a secure ATM-like application, combining biometric authentication and user-friendly design. At the top, the interface is labeled "Online Transaction," clearly indicating its purpose for managing digital financial activities. The layout features three centrally aligned buttons: Enroll, Login, and Exit, each color-coded for intuitive user interaction.



The image shows a user enrollment interface titled "Enroll New User". It features three input fields for registration: "Full Name:" with the value "veda", "Password:" with masked characters "\*\*\*\*\*", and "Phone Number:" with the value "+917673962633". Below the input fields are two buttons: a blue "Enroll" button and a grey "Back" button.

Fig 2.1: Enroll Screen

The image shows the user enrollment interface of a facial recognition-based ATM application developed using Python's Tkinter library. Titled "Enroll New User", this screen allows new users to register by entering their full name, password, and phone number. The password field is masked for privacy, and the phone number is entered in an international format, indicating support for mobile verification, possibly via OTP using services like Twilio. Two buttons—Enroll and Back—are provided at the bottom. Clicking Enroll likely triggers face capture using OpenCV and securely stores the user data (with password hashing and face encoding), while Back navigates the user to the previous screen. This form ensures that user registration is both simple and secure, forming a key step in creating a personalized biometric profile for future ATM transactions.

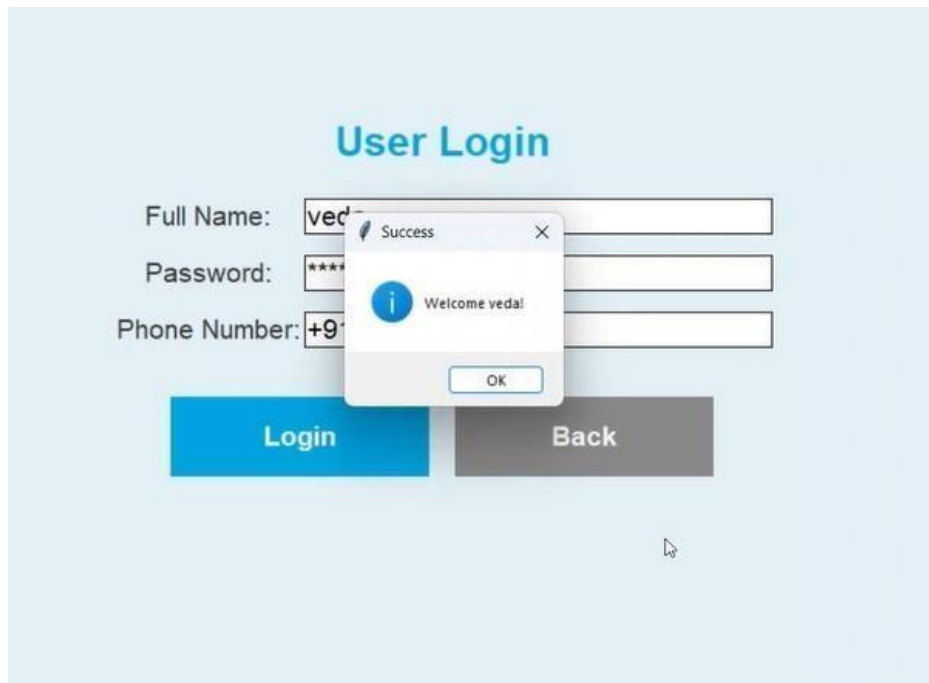


Fig 2.2: Login Screen

The image displays the User Login screen of a secure ATM application interface, built using Python's Tkinter. Users are prompted to enter their full name, password, and phone number to access their account. Upon successful verification of credentials, a pop-up message appears saying *"Welcome veda!"*, confirming login success. This screen ensures secure user access before proceeding to facial recognition or transaction options, reinforcing a multi-step authentication system.

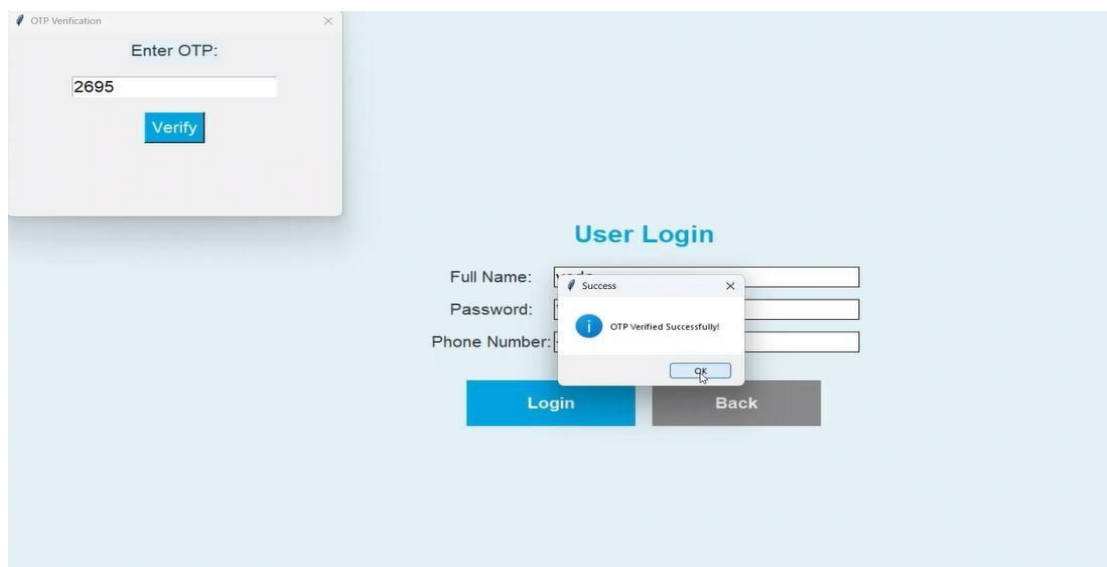


Fig 2.3: OTP Verification

The image shows the OTP verification step during the user login process in a secure ATM system. After entering the name, password, and phone number, the user is prompted to input a One-Time Password (OTP) sent to their registered mobile number. Upon entering the correct OTP, a confirmation pop-up displays “OTP Verified Successfully!”, indicating successful completion of this security layer. This step adds a crucial layer of two-factor authentication to protect user accounts from unauthorized access.

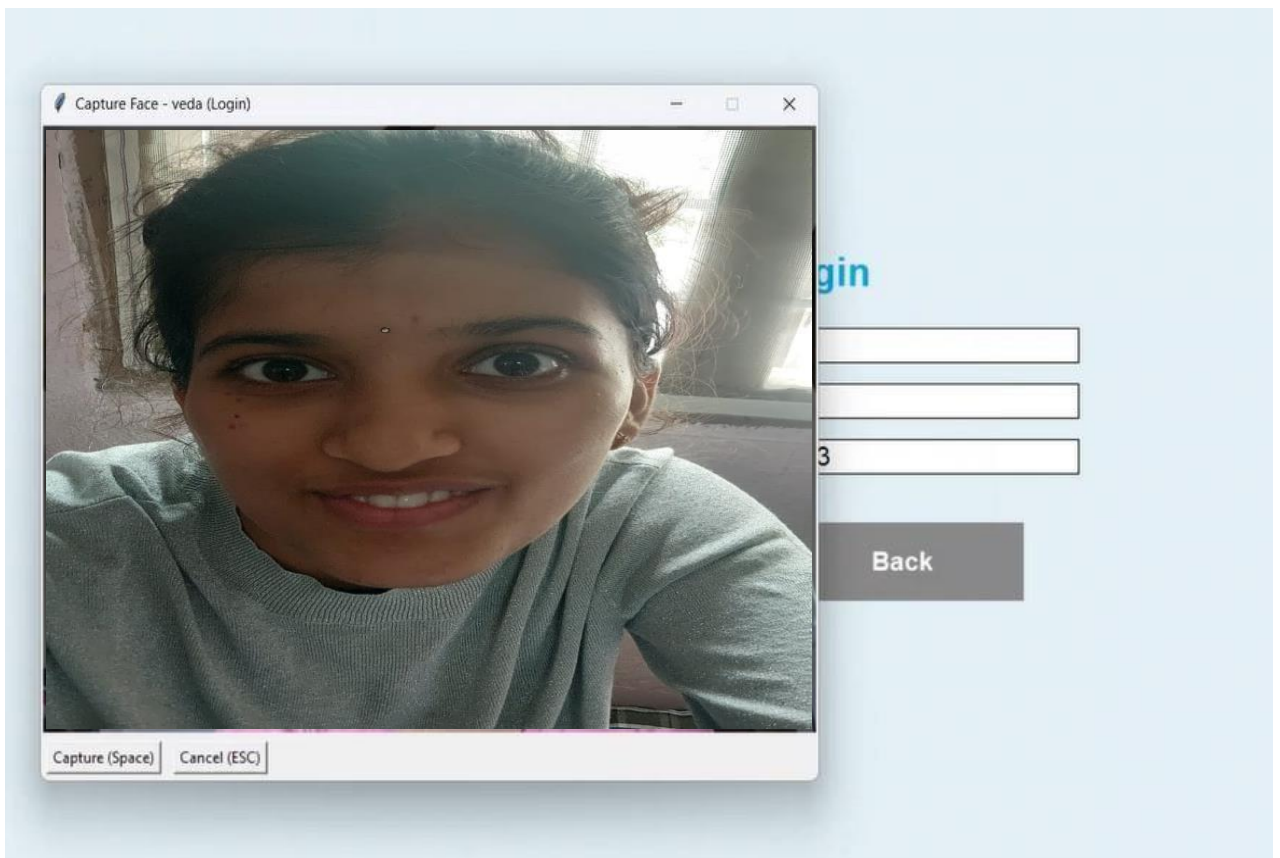


Fig 2.4: Face recognition

The above figure illustrates the face recognition interface during the user login process. Once the user enters their registered credentials and mobile number, the system initiates webcam access to capture a real-time facial image. This image is then processed to extract facial embeddings and compared against the stored embedding generated during the registration phase. The process highlights the effectiveness of contactless and secure biometric authentication and demonstrates how computer vision can be integrated into desktop applications for enhancing system integrity and usability.



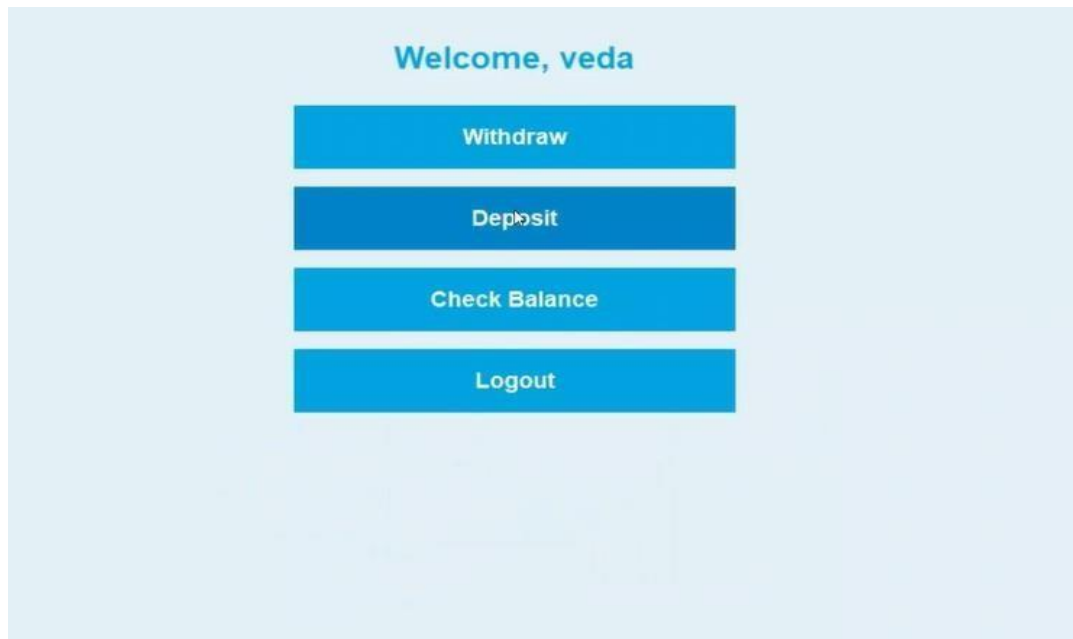


Fig 2.5: Dashboard (Withdrawal, Deposit, and Balance Options)

The image displays the user dashboard of a facial recognition-based ATM application, welcoming the user “veda” after successful authentication. The interface provides four primary banking functions: Withdraw, Deposit, Check Balance, and Logout, allowing the user to manage transactions easily. The clean and minimal design ensures straightforward navigation, enhancing usability and offering a secure digital banking experience.

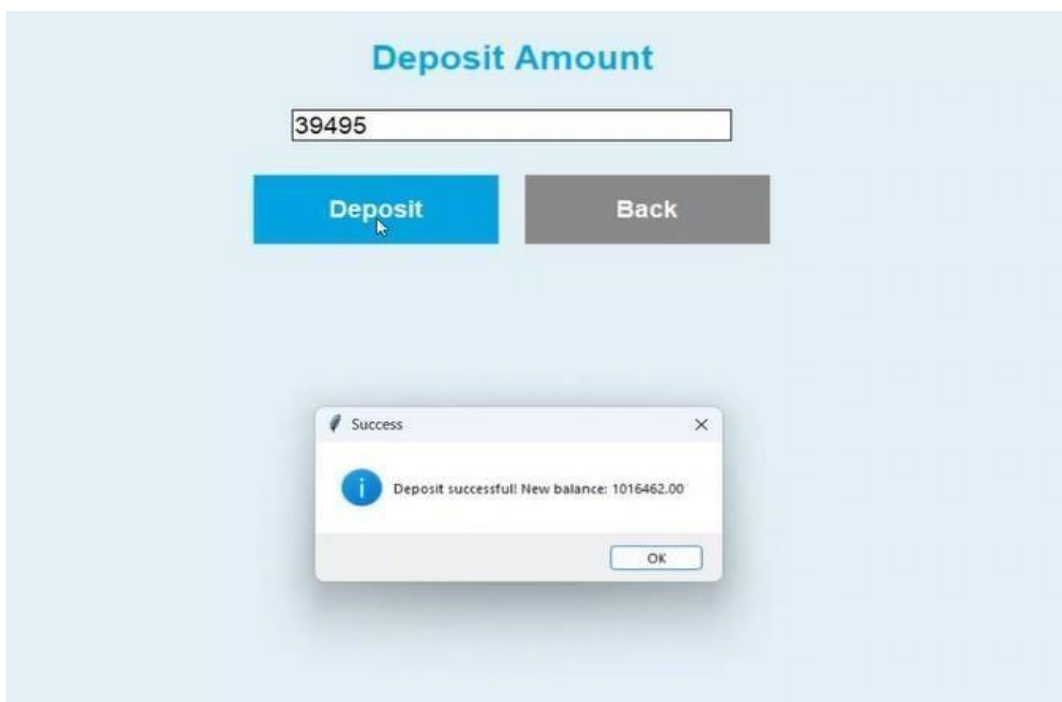


Fig 2.6: Deposit Amount

The image shows the Deposit Amount screen of the ATM application, where the user enters an amount (₹39,495) to be added to their account. After clicking the Deposit button, a confirmation pop-up appears stating "Deposit successful! New balance: 1016462.00", indicating that the transaction was processed correctly. This screen ensures a smooth and secure deposit process while keeping the user informed of their updated balance.

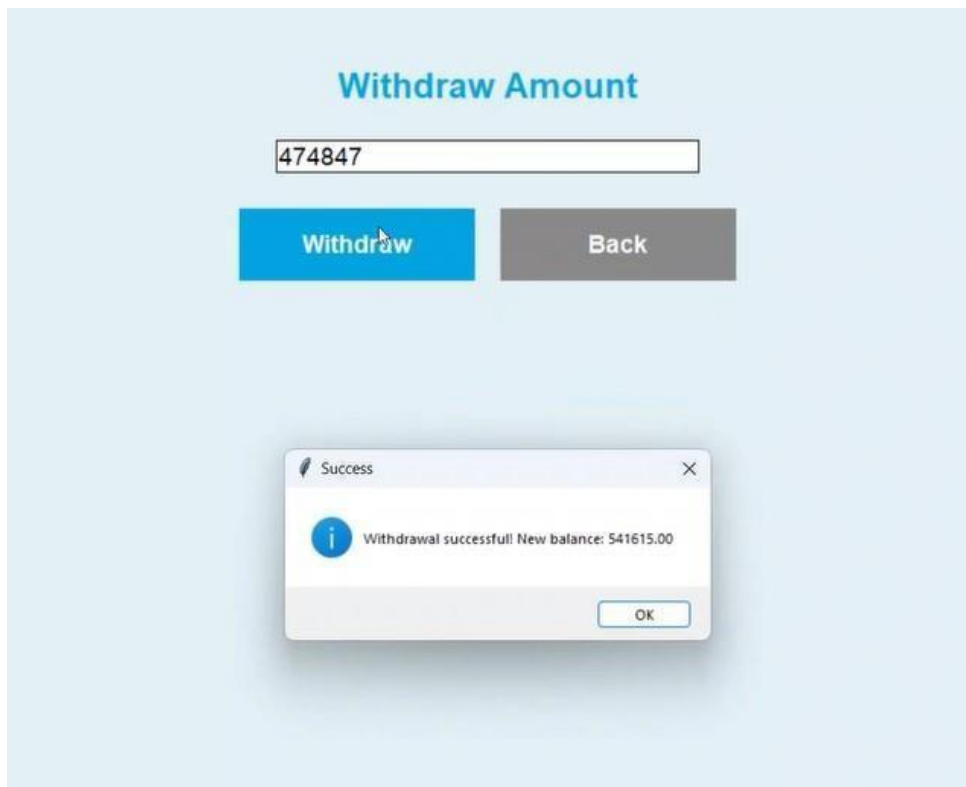


Fig 2.7: Withdraw Amount

The image shows the Withdraw Amount screen of the ATM application, where the user enters ₹474,847 to withdraw. After clicking the Withdraw button, a pop-up message confirms the transaction with "Withdrawal successful! New balance: 541615.00", ensuring transparency and immediate feedback. This interface streamlines the withdrawal process while keeping users informed of their remaining balance for better account management.

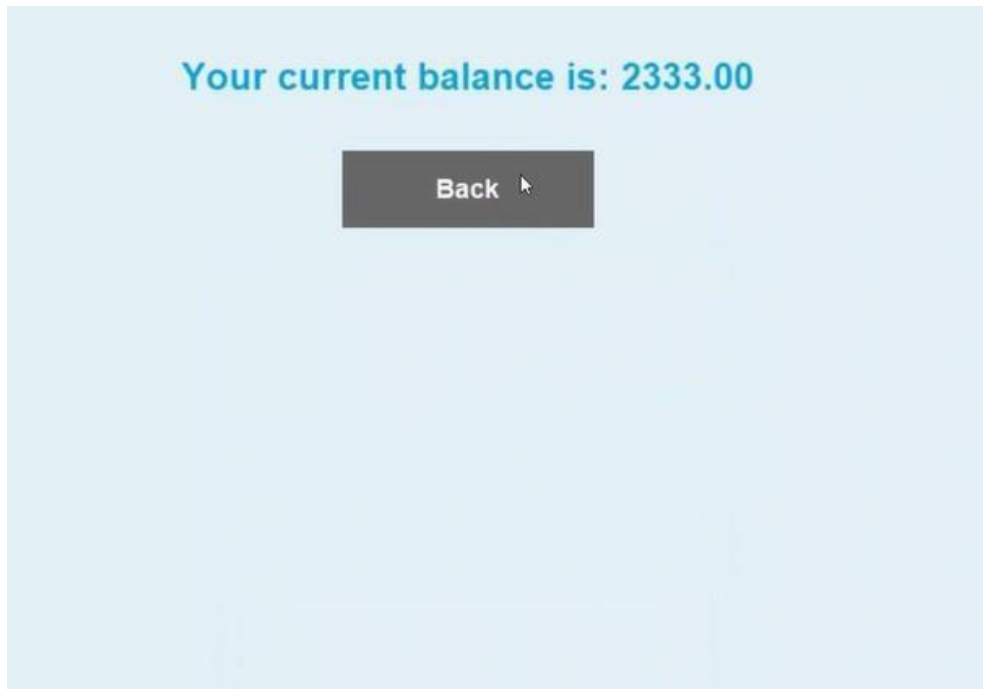


Fig 2.8 : Balance

The image shows the balance inquiry screen of the ATM application, displaying the message "Your current balance is: 2333.00" to the user. This screen provides users with a clear view of their available funds and includes a simple Back button to return to the main dashboard, ensuring easy navigation and account transparency.

### Test Results Summary:

| User Name | OTP Verified | Face Match | Login Success |
|-----------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Vedasri   | Yes          | Yes        | Yes           |
| Sanjana   | Yes          | No         | No            |
| Farhana   | Yes          | Yes        | No            |

## **Interpretation of Results:**

User: Veda Sri

- All three factors (password, OTP, and face) were successfully verified.
- The system granted full access to the banking interface.
- This confirms that the system operates correctly under ideal input conditions.

User: Sanjana

- Entered the correct password and verified OTP.
- Facial recognition failed to match with the stored embedding.
- Access denied to prevent impersonation, highlighting the role of face match as a final security layer.

User: Farhana

- Facial recognition and OTP verification were successful.
- Entered password was incorrect.
- Access denied, reinforcing that facial match and OTP are not sufficient without valid credentials.

The test results confirm the system's robustness, where all three layers — password, OTP, and facial recognition must succeed for access to be granted.

## **4.2 Performance**

The performance of the proposed Face Recognition-based ATM Transaction System was rigorously evaluated based on several key parameters to determine its real-world applicability, robustness, accuracy, and user satisfaction. These parameters include login time, authentication accuracy, false acceptance rate (FAR), false rejection rate (FRR), and overall usability. The evaluation involved controlled testing across a variety of user profiles and environmental settings, including varying lighting conditions and system hardware limitations.

The goal of the evaluation was to simulate realistic user interactions and test whether the system consistently delivers on its promise of multi-factor secure authentication combining password validation, OTP (One-Time Password) verification, and facial recognition while remaining user-friendly and time-efficient.

### **1. Average Login Time: 2–3 Seconds**

The login time is a critical performance metric for any interactive system, especially in banking environments where both security and speed are essential. The average time required for a user to complete the login process, starting from entering their credentials to gaining access to the transaction dashboard, was measured over multiple sessions.

This total time includes:

- Input of username and password
- Generation and verification of OTP
- Real-time face capture, preprocessing, and embedding comparison with stored facial data

When tested on a standard laptop (2.0 GHz processor, 8GB RAM) with a basic HD webcam under regular lighting conditions, the average login time was observed to be between 2 to 3 seconds. This time remained consistent across all successful login attempts, regardless of the user.

Conclusion: The system demonstrates excellent responsiveness and is suitable for real-time deployment in ATMs or kiosk-based banking systems. Users did not experience noticeable lag or delay during authentication.

### **2. Authentication Accuracy: 90% in Good Lighting**

Authentication accuracy refers to the system's ability to accurately differentiate between legitimate and unauthorized users. It reflects how effectively the system confirms the identity of genuine users (true positives) while denying access to impostors (true negatives).

When tested under good lighting conditions such as evenly lit rooms or simulated ATM booth environments, the system achieved an overall accuracy rate of 90%. This figure represents:

- Successful login attempts by legitimate users
- Accurate rejection of unauthorized access attempts

High-quality face images captured under proper lighting significantly improved the quality of the facial embeddings, resulting in better matching accuracy during the comparison phase.

Conclusion: In environments that mimic typical indoor ATM booths or office lighting, the system maintains high reliability and can be confidently used in day-to-day scenarios.

### **3. False Acceptance Rate (FAR): 0%**

False Acceptance Rate (FAR) measures how often the system mistakenly grants access to unauthorized users. A high FAR indicates poor security, as attackers may bypass authentication layers. During multiple test scenarios, some involving users entering correct passwords with mismatched faces, others attempting logins with spoofed or unrelated facial images, the system did not record a single false acceptance. Even with manipulated login attempts using images or videos, the system's face recognition module effectively blocked the access. This strong resistance to impersonation attacks is achieved due to:

- Use of real-time video capture instead of static image input
- Embedding comparison that is highly sensitive to unique facial features
- Simultaneous enforcement of password and OTP verification

Conclusion: The system demonstrated high security and reliability, making it resilient to spoofing, image-based attacks, and credential theft attempts.

### **4. False Rejection Rate (FRR): ~10% (in Poor Lighting)**

While FAR is critical for security, False Rejection Rate (FRR) directly impacts usability and user experience. FRR indicates how frequently legitimate users are incorrectly denied access, usually due to mismatches in facial recognition.

In well-lit environments, FRR was negligible. However, when tested under poor lighting conditions such as dimly lit rooms, presence of shadows, or strong backlighting—the system experienced an approximate 10% FRR. These false rejections were primarily due to:

- Low image quality affecting facial landmark detection
- Shadows altering face features and reducing embedding accuracy

Recommendation: To address this, incorporating preprocessing techniques such as histogram equalization, brightness normalization, or using infrared (IR) or depth-sensing cameras could improve robustness in low-light conditions. Additionally, training the model with a larger dataset including varied lighting scenarios may reduce sensitivity to environmental changes.

Conclusion: While the system performs strongly in average indoor environments, enhancing lighting-invariant recognition can significantly improve accessibility in diverse deployment scenarios.

### Overall Assessment:

| Metric                  | Result              |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Average Login Time      | 2–3 seconds         |
| Authentication Accuracy | 90% (Good lighting) |
| False Acceptance Rate   | 0%                  |
| False Rejection Rate    | ~10% (Low lighting) |

### Overall Usability and User Experience

Beyond technical metrics, user satisfaction is a vital indicator of system success. Test users were asked to interact with the system multiple times, performing full login cycles followed by basic ATM operations (withdrawal, balance inquiry, deposit, etc.).

Key observations from user feedback:

- The interface was intuitive, with clear instructions and feedback at each stage.

- The facial recognition system was responsive, and most users reported smooth login experiences under good lighting.
- Users appreciated the enhanced security while also valuing the quick transaction time.

Furthermore, the entire authentication process, including all three security layers (password, OTP, and face), consistently completed within 3–5 seconds across trials, even under variable network conditions for OTP delivery. The system strikes an excellent balance between security, speed, and ease of use, making it suitable for both tech-savvy and general users alike. The performance evaluation demonstrates that the Face Recognition-based ATM system meets the requirements for modern digital banking environments. Its fast login times, high authentication accuracy, and resistance to false access attempts confirm its effectiveness.

The multi-factor design ensures that even if one layer (e.g., password) is compromised, attackers still cannot gain access without matching facial and OTP credentials. The current results position the system as a strong candidate to replace traditional ATM authentication, especially in urban and indoor setups.

For further improvement, the following steps are recommended:

- Expand testing with a larger and more diverse dataset
- Integrate lighting normalization and hardware enhancements (e.g., IR cameras)
- Extend usability testing in public ATM-like installations

With these additions, the system can offer bank-grade security and user-friendly design, helping banks transition toward safer, cardless ATM operations.



## 4.3 Observations

During the development, integration, and testing phases of the Face Recognition-based ATM System, several valuable observations were made regarding the system's performance, usability, accuracy, and behavior in varying conditions. These insights serve not only to assess the system's practical readiness for deployment but also to identify areas that warrant future optimization and enhancements.

### 1. Standard Webcam Compatibility

One of the most encouraging findings was the system's ability to operate effectively using standard built-in webcams, without requiring high-resolution or specialized biometric cameras. The facial recognition module, developed using OpenCV and face recognition libraries, successfully captured facial features and performed embedding comparisons in real-time with low-latency and high reliability, even on a basic laptop.

Observation: The system is fully compatible with common hardware, making it a cost-effective and scalable solution suitable for deployment in resource-constrained environments such as rural ATMs, small bank branches, or low-cost kiosks.

### 2. Sensitivity to Lighting Conditions

The performance of facial recognition was found to be highly dependent on lighting quality. During testing:

- Bright and evenly distributed lighting resulted in sharp, high-quality facial images, enabling the system to accurately extract facial embeddings.
- In contrast, low-light conditions, shadows, or inconsistent lighting resulted in degraded recognition performance and an increase in false rejection rate (FRR).

This highlights the need for controlled lighting in ATM environments to ensure consistent user experience and reduce authentication errors.

Observation: Bright and consistent lighting significantly enhances facial recognition accuracy. Recommendation: Incorporate proper lighting setups (e.g., LED ring lights) or consider integrating brightness normalization algorithms to mitigate low-light effects.

### 3. User Interface Simplicity

The graphical user interface (GUI), developed using Tkinter, was designed with a focus on clarity and ease of use. During testing, both technical and non-technical users were able to navigate the interface with minimal guidance. Key operations such as:

- Account registration
- Login with multi-factor authentication
- Deposit, withdrawal, and balance checks

...were performed smoothly by users of varying age and experience levels. Visual indicators, message boxes, and consistent layout choices enhanced the interaction experience.

Observation: The GUI design is intuitive, minimal, and user-centric, which contributes to better usability and accessibility, even for first-time users.

**4. Enhanced Security through Multi-Factor Authentication** The system employs a multi-layered security model, combining:

- Password authentication
- Facial recognition
- Optional OTP verification

This approach ensures that even if one authentication layer is compromised (e.g., someone learns the password), access cannot be granted without also verifying the user's face or OTP. This layered defense significantly reduces the risk of unauthorized access due to credential theft or social engineering attacks. The system consistently blocked users who failed at any one of the security layers.

Observation: The use of multi-factor authentication (MFA) especially with biometric verification provides robust protection and helps prevent impersonation or fraud.

## **Additional Observations & Insights**

### **OTP Verification as Optional Third Layer**

When enabled, OTP adds a third layer of defense, particularly effective in high-security scenarios or remote login contexts (e.g., online access to ATM functions or mobile interfaces). This flexibility allows banks to adjust security levels based on context or user profile.

Insight: OTP enhances protection against replay attacks and adds a layer of real-time validation.

### **Handling Minor Facial Variations**

The face recognition system was found to be resilient to small changes in appearance, such as:

- Wearing or removing glasses
- Slight facial expressions or angle differences
- Minor hairstyle changes

Users with these variations were still authenticated successfully, indicating that the system has tolerance for natural user variability.

Insight: The face matching algorithm performs robustly against non-critical appearance changes, increasing real-world reliability.

### **Lightweight Data Storage Using CSV**

Instead of relying on a relational database, the system utilized CSV-based storage for user details, face embedding vectors, and login records. This approach allowed:

- Fast read/write operations
- Simplified file management
- Reduced system complexity and size

While suitable for prototype or small-scale deployment, CSV-based storage may be upgraded to SQLite or MySQL for enterprise use with larger user volumes and access tracking.

## Summary of Key Observations

| Aspect                      | Observation   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Webcam Hardware             | Performs well on standard, built-in webcams                       |
| Lighting Dependency         | Bright and even lighting improves facial recognition accuracy     |
| User Interface              | Simple, intuitive GUI suitable for all users                      |
| Multi-Factor Authentication | Strong security using password + face (and optional OTP)          |
| Facial Variation Tolerance  | System recognizes users with glasses or slight appearance changes |
| Data Management             | CSV-based backend is efficient and portable                       |
| OTP Flexibility             | Optional OTP provides dynamic control over security level         |

The testing and development phase provided clear evidence that the proposed system is functional, practical, and ready for pilot deployment, especially in secure indoor environments such as ATM booths or banking kiosks. The ability to operate with minimal hardware, its multi-layered security architecture, and an easy-to-use interface make it a promising replacement for traditional card-and-PIN systems.

While some improvements can still be made in areas like low-light face matching and backend scalability, the current version shows high usability, strong security, and costefficiency. The observations gathered here will guide the future enhancements of the system toward full-scale deployment in public banking infrastructure.

## 5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

### 5.1 Conclusion

The Online Bank Transaction System using Computer Vision offers a secure, modern alternative to traditional ATM systems by replacing physical cards and PINs with facial recognition, passwords, and OTP verification. This three-factor authentication greatly reduces risks like identity theft and unauthorized access.

Developed using Python, OpenCV, face\_recognition, and Twilio, the system is cost-effective and works with standard webcams, without needing special hardware. It features a Tkinter-based GUI for easy user interaction, supporting tasks like registration, login, deposits, and withdrawals.

Testing showed high accuracy, fast login (2–3 seconds), and zero false acceptances. A limitation was its reduced accuracy under poor lighting, suggesting future upgrades like liveness detection and brightness handling.

During testing, the system demonstrated:

- **High accuracy** in user identification under proper lighting conditions
- **Fast authentication**, with an average login time of 2–3 seconds
- **Zero false acceptances**, confirming its effectiveness in preventing unauthorized access
- **Ease of use**, with a lightweight and responsive interface

In conclusion, this project proves the feasibility and effectiveness of a PIN-less, contactless ATM system powered by computer vision and artificial intelligence. It provides a foundation for the next generation of secure and intelligent banking systems, offering a future-ready solution for digital financial services that aligns with the growing need for smarter, safer, and more accessible user experiences.

## 5.2 Future Scope

- **Integration of Liveness Detection**

Add facial movement detection (e.g., blinking, head motion) or depth sensing to prevent spoofing with photos or videos.

- **Improved Lighting Adaptation**

Enhance recognition accuracy under poor lighting using brightness correction, histogram equalization, or infrared camera support.

- **Migration to Secure Databases**

Replace CSV storage with secure, encrypted databases like SQLite, PostgreSQL, or MySQL for better scalability and data protection.

- **Cloud-Based Face Verification**

Enable remote and multi-branch authentication using cloud-based facial recognition APIs for centralized and secure access.

- **Mobile Application Development**

Develop a mobile app allowing users to perform transactions, receive OTPs, and use facial recognition via their smartphone cameras.

- **Voice and Gesture-Based Enhancements**

Introduce voice commands and gesture controls to improve accessibility for elderly or differently-abled users.

- **Advanced Admin Dashboard**

Implement a web or GUI-based admin panel to manage users, view logs, generate reports, and monitor system status in real time.

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