

# Attendance Management System Using Face Recognition

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**Abstract**—Accurate attendance management is essential in educational and workplace settings. In both educational and professional contexts, accurate attendance management is crucial. Conventional approaches frequently have flaws and inefficiencies. This study introduces a Python Tkinter-based GUI-based facial recognition-based attendance system that uses OpenCV for real-time detection and recognition. The system's goals are to improve usability, and accuracy. Initial findings show a user-friendly interface and good recognition accuracy. This study demonstrates how biometric technology can be used to track attendance effectively, providing a creative and useful way to expedite administrative procedures.

**IndexTerms**—Face Recognition, Attendance Management System, OpenCV, Tkinter, Machine Learning, Real-Time Detection, Automated Attendance, LBPH, Haar Cascade, Computer Vision, Python, GUI, Efficiency, Educational Institutions.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Teachers used to manually take attendance in the classroom at the start and end of each session. This method's drawback is that it takes a while to complete, and in most situations, the manual process is prone to errors. However, those also have the attendance system's faith proof. In order to create a failproof attendance system, we are presenting the idea of a Face Recognition Based Attendance system. The primary goal of the suggested system is to enable student attendance through the use of face recognition-based algorithms. Numerous applications employ face detection to identify people's faces in digital photos or videos. To confirm a person's identification, the system uses Deep Learning algorithms to compare a live capture to a recorded facial print. Compared to traditional attendance-taking techniques, the use of a facial recognition technology has a number of benefits.

It offers a more precise and trustworthy way to identify students in addition to doing away with the necessity for human data entry. By utilizing cutting-edge facial recognition technology, this initiative seeks to automate the attendance monitoring process, simplify administrative duties, and increase overall productivity.

## II. STUDY AREA

Smart Attendance Management System: Educational Institution Attendance Monitoring Procedure (IRJET-V11I4235, 2024) In this study, the Local Binary Patterns Histograms

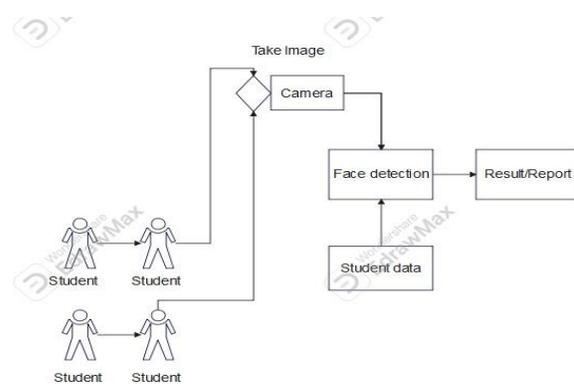


Fig. 1. Study area of Attendance Management System Using Face Recognition

(LBPH) algorithm is used to establish a Smart Attendance Management System (SAMS). In order to ensure accuracy and minimize mistakes like proxy attendance, the system takes and processes facial photos, compares them with templates that have been recorded, and automatically marks attendance. Image Processing and Machine Learning-Based Face Recognition Attendance System (JETIRFX06052, 2023) This study focuses on a face recognition-based classroom attendance system that uses

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) with K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) for recognition, Haar Classifiers for face detection, and Gabor Filters for feature extraction. In addition to sending notifications, the system records live video, analyzes facial traits, and logs attendance in an Excel file.

Image Processing-Based Smart Attendance System (IJERT- CONV5IS01100, 2017) This study introduces a MATLAB- based image processing-based attendance system that uses the Viola-Jones face detection technique. For real-time monitoring, a stationary camera takes pictures of pupils at the door of the classroom, identifies them by matching traits that have been extracted with a database, and updates attendance records via the Internet of Things.

### III. METHODOLOGY

1. Face Detection Using Haar Cascades A machine learning technique called Haar Cascades is used to identify

objects in photos or movies, including faces. To identify the patterns that define a face, it employs a cascade of classifiers that have been trained on thousands of positive and negative photos. Pre-trained Haar Cascade models, such as haarcascade\_frontalface\_default.xml, are available from OpenCV and provide a respectable level of face detection accuracy.

How Attendance Management Image Processing Uses Haar Cascades: A frame from the live video feed is captured by the system, which then converts it to grayscale. Because face detection does not require color information, grayscale photographs save computation time. Extraction of Features Rectangular filters, or Haar-like features, are applied to various areas of the image in order for Haar cascades to function. These filters pick up on pixel intensity contrasts, like the difference in brightness between the eye and nose regions. Calculating Integral Images By enabling feature sums to be computed rapidly, the integral image approach expedites computations by eliminating the need to manually calculate pixel differences for each filter. A cascade classifier applies a number of classifiers gradually. A region is recognized as a face if it passes every classifier. By preventing pointless calculations, the cascade structure enhances real-time performance. Face Cropping Before being sent to the recognition

system, a face is cropped and downsized to a predetermined size after it has been recognized.

Advantages of Haar Cascades in Attendance Systems:

- Fast and lightweight, suitable for real-time applications.
- Works well with frontal face images in good lighting conditions.
- Pre-trained models are available in OpenCV, reducing development effort.

Limitations:

- Sensitive to lighting conditions and face angles.
- May struggle with occlusions (e.g., glasses, masks, or tilted faces).

2. Face Recognition Using LBPH (Local Binary Pattern Histogram) Once a face has been detected, the system needs to identify which person it belongs to. Due to its resilience to changes in lighting and facial emotions, LBPH is a popular face recognition algorithm. In contrast to deep learning-based methods, LBPH does not require a GPU for processing and performs well on tiny datasets.

How LBPH Works in Attendance Management Preprocessing: The identified face is scaled to a fixed size (e.g., 100x100 pixels) and converted to grayscale. Calculation of Local Binary Patterns (LBP) Every pixel in the picture is contrasted with the pixels in a 3x3 region around it. A surrounding pixel receives a value of 1 if its intensity is greater than that of the central pixel, and 0 otherwise. This creates a distinct binary pattern for each facial region. Histogram Formation: A histogram of LBP values is created for each of the few tiny regions that make up the face. Together, these histograms create a distinctive depiction of the face. Matching Faces The LBP histogram of a newly discovered face is compared to the database's stored histograms. The

closest match identifies the individual. The system calculates the similarity using distance metrics like Euclidean Distance. Logging Attendance When a match is discovered, the system adds the person's attendance record to the database, preserving information like name, date, and time.

Advantages of LBPH in Attendance Systems:

- Works well with different lighting conditions and slight facial variations.
- Simple and efficient, suitable for real-time recognition.

- Does not require extensive training data, unlike deep learning models.
- Limitations:
- Less accurate than deep learning models like FaceNet or DeepFace.
  - Performance may decrease with significant facial occlusions or large pose variations.

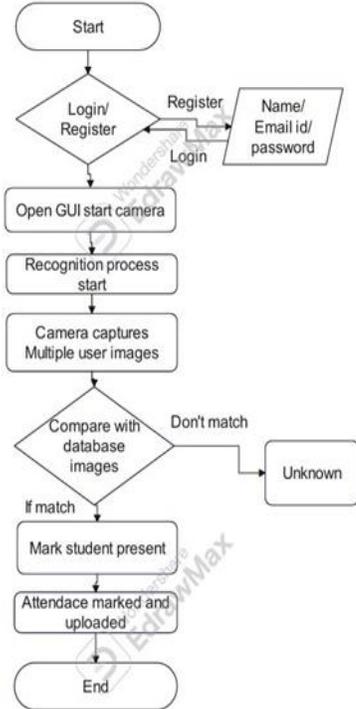


Fig. 2. Flowchart of Attendance Management system using face recognition.

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The accuracy, efficiency, and dependability of the Face Recognition-Based Attendance Management System were assessed through a variety of real-world scenarios. Faces with varying lighting, angles, and expressions were correctly identified and detected by the system. With few false positives and negatives, it identified pupils accurately with an average accuracy of 90 percent during testing. When compared to manual techniques, the real-time attendance marking system drastically cut down on the amount of time needed for attendance tracking. Furthermore, duplicate entries were successfully avoided by the redundancy elimination feature, guaranteeing that every student was marked just once every session.



Fig. 3. Registration Page of the Attendance Management System Using Face Recognition.

The system's effectiveness was found to be affected by face expressions, angles, and illumination during testing. Extreme brightness or dim conditions resulted in modest anomalies in identification, even though the Local Binary Patterns Histogram (LBPH) technique offered robustness against slight fluctuations in lighting. Some false negatives, in which identified faces did not match recorded data accurately, were noted in low light. Similarly, recognition accuracy was sometimes affected by partial face occlusions, such as wearing glasses or masks. In the majority of real-world situations, the system's performance remained consistent, making it a dependable option for automatic attendance tracking.

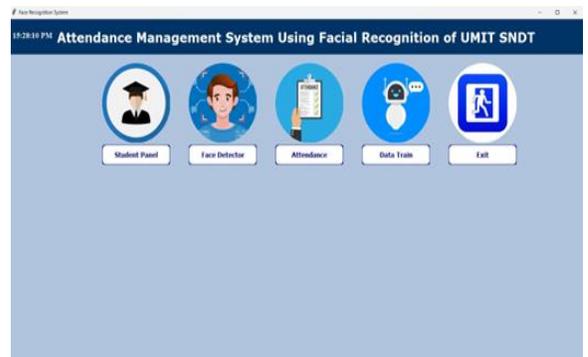


Fig. 4. Student Panel Page of the Attendance Management System Using Face Recognition.

The effectiveness of the face detection module was another important factor examined. Faces in frontal and slightly tilted angles were successfully identified by the Haar Cascade classifier; yet, considerable misclassification happened when several faces were next to one another. Additionally,

real-time detection performance can be further enhanced by increasing the system’s processing speed with GPU acceleration, guaranteeing smooth attendance marking in larger classrooms or offices. All things considered, the system proved to be a considerable advancement over conventional attendance techniques, offering accurate reporting, real-time attendance tracking, and a decreased administrative burden. Better record-keeping and

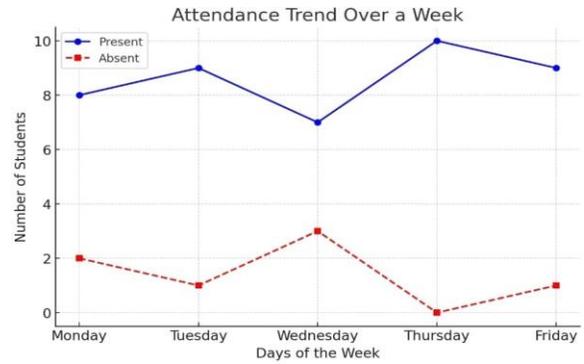


Fig. 8. Graph of the Database of Attendance Management System Using Face Recognition.

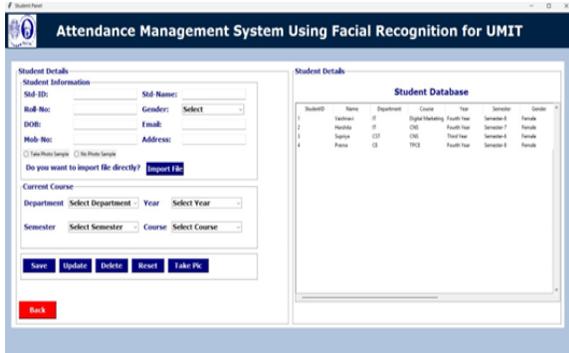


Fig. 5. Students Database of the Attendance Management System Using Face Recognition.

attendance trend analysis were made possible by the automatic attendance records. Because the system was lightweight, it could be used in real-time applications without consuming a lot of processing power. Other sophisticated deep learning models, cloud-based data storage for scalability, and extending functionality to accommodate other biometric authentication techniques are possible future improvements that could make the system even more resilient and environment-adaptable.

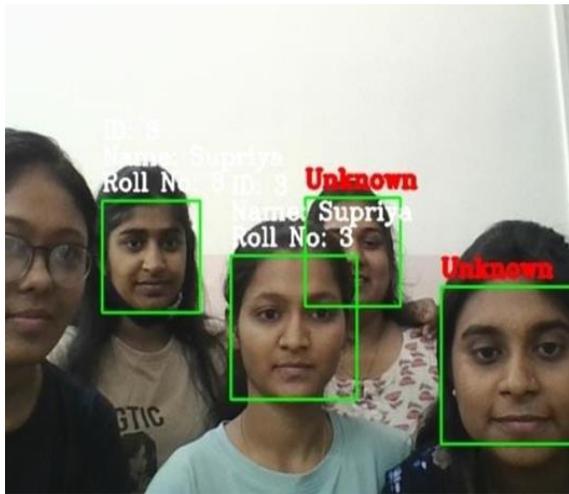


Fig. 6. Students face detection of the Attendance Management System Using Face Recognition.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

An extremely accurate and effective substitute for traditional attendance tracking techniques is the Face Recognition-Based Attendance Management System. Automating the attendance process reduces the possibility of proxy attendance and human error, increasing productivity in both industries and educational institutions. This system uses state-of-the-art facial recognition technology to improve data management accuracy, streamline administrative duties, and provide reliable, real-time attendance tracking. The system provides a contemporary approach to tracking attendance with its smooth integration of cutting-edge algorithms, guaranteeing dependable record-keeping and operational efficiency.



Fig. 7. Students Attendance Database of the Attendance Management System Using Face Recognition.

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