Contactless Smart Attendance System Using Facial Recognition and QR Code



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Abstract: Over the years manual attendance management has been carried out across most educational institutions. To overcome the problems of manual attendance, I have developed a Smart Attendance System Using Facial Recognition [2][5] & QR Code [1]. Attendance monitoring is one of the crucial administrative processes in all educational institutions and organizations. A wellstructured system will enable the institutions to grow increasingly. It helps the students, teachers, and parents in all ways to progress in attendance and security, thereby reducing the teachers' time and effort. The traditional method of checking the student's IDs and marking their presence/absence is a routine process followed regularly. A contactless smart Attendance system is proposed using facial recognition and QR codes. Firstly, a database containing the facial images and QR scanner of the students in a particular class is constructed. This system is designed to improve the students' engagement time inside the university, to communicate with the parents frequently, to avoid proxy attendance, and to generate detailed reports for future reference.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Attendance Management System is a software developed for daily evaluation of students in their continuous assessment record and performance by the principle of the institution. It is facilitated to access the performance and information on attendance of a particular Student in a particular semester of study. The information is sorted by the teachers, instructors, and advisors, as provided by the student for a particular day throughout a complete semester. This system will also enable the evaluation of students' regular presence in various lectures which will determine the eligibility of the student to sit for a semester examination. Attendance Management System [3] has three main modules for proper functioning

• First module is admin which holds the key for editing and updating information. The admin has absolute rights to all the users which are the Teachers and Students.

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• Second module is handled by the user which can be a teacher or Instructor. This user has a right to make daily attendance, updating, editing and generating reports to the students.

• Third is handled by a user which is the student, he has less privilege to access the system; the student can only view his record by providing his username and password. He will be able to see the percentage of his attendance as well as his results. If any comment or change of class schedule the student can see it in his profile only. This user can receive alerts/messages from his teachers related to his attendance performance [6]. Students with poor attendance will see their attendance in a red warning table that can make the student careful not to miss classes anymore.

Facial Recognition-Based Attendance System Facial recognition [4] technology leverages artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms to identify and verify individuals based on their facial features. This technology has gained significant traction due to its non-intrusive nature and high accuracy. By capturing and analyzing the unique facial characteristics of each individual, the system can automatically mark attendance with minimal human intervention.

The process typically involves:

Image Capture: Using a camera, the system captures an image of the individual's face. Feature Extraction: Key facial features are extracted from the captured image. Database Matching: The extracted features are compared against a preregistered database of faces. Authentication: If a match is found, the individual's attendance is recorded. This method ensures quick and reliable attendance marking, enhances security, and reduces the possibility of proxy attendance.

QR Code-Based Attendance System Quick Response (QR) codes [1] are two-dimensional barcodes that can store information, such as URLs, text, or other data, in a machinereadable format. QR code-based attendance systems utilize this technology to streamline the attendance process. The typical workflow involves QR Code Generation: Each individual is assigned a unique QR code. [Scanning: At the time of attendance, the individual scans their QR code using a scanner or a mobile device equipped with a QR code reader. Data Logging: The system reads the QR code, verifies the individual's identity, and logs the attendance. Integration of Facial Recognition and QR Code Technologies Combining facial recognition and QR code technologies can create a comprehensive attendance management system that maximizes the strengths of both methods. Such an integrated system can offer enhanced security, user convenience, and scalability.

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II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Face recognition is crucial in daily life to identify family, friends, or someone we are familiar with. We might not perceive that several steps have been taken to identify human faces. Human intelligence allows us to receive information and interpret the information in the recognition process. To overcome human limitations, computers with almost limitless memory, high processing speed, and power are used in face recognition systems. The human face is a unique representation [5] of individual identity. Thus, face recognition is defined as a biometric method in which the identification of an individual is performed by comparing real-time capture images with stored images in the database of that person. The current attendance system is manual and time-consuming, prone to errors. Lecturers record attendance manually, leading to errors and time-wasting. The proposed QR code system aims to verify students' identity and prevent cheating and records will be instantly available to students and lecturers, reducing manual effort in attendance tracking. Sarker D K, Hossain N I, and Jamil I A et.al, (2021) [1] created a smart attendance system using QR codes. The system includes a backend and frontend, uses unique QR codes to prevent proxy attendance, and can be integrated with other software tools. It ensures accuracy, real-time monitoring, high security, and cost-effectiveness. Attendance systems with facial recognition are more efficient than traditional methods, focusing on accuracy and limitations. Image processing aids in automated attendance monitoring in classrooms and surveillance systems [2]. Machine Learning improves attendance systems by addressing pose, facial expression, illumination, and occlusion issues. The paper reviews advancements and discusses ML's role in reinforcement for accuracy evaluation. Smart Attendance Monitoring System uses Face Recognition for classroom attendance, emphasizing the importance of regular attendance.

The proposed CNN shows better accuracy and robustness in complex environments. Sarker D K, Hossain N et.al introduced a smart attendance system in Bangladesh using RFID, biometric fingerprint sensors, and password technologies to improve efficiency. Hung, Shih-Hsuan; Yao et.al [7] presented a method to create high-quality micrography QR codes by warping letters and adjusting font weights. Chen, Rongjunet. Al [8][11][12][13][14][15] proposed an adaptive binarization approach for QR codes in warehouse systems to handle uneven illumination effectively. A new method for face recognition from connected devices is suggested, involving HOG features, SVM, Face Net neural network, and QR code-based smart attendance system. Kadry, Seifedine et.al [9] proposed a wireless iris recognition attendance system based on Daugman's algorithm to improve attendance accuracy and effectiveness.

Thus, combining all this literature, we have made a proposed system consisting of two modules: a mobile face detector captures and stores student faces, while a desktop application recognizes faces, marks attendance, and stores result in a database.

III. SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

Facial recognition technology has become increasingly ubiquitous in a variety of contexts, including security, surveillance, user authentication, and personalized marketing. The process of facial recognition comprises

Retrieval Number: 100.1/ijeat.F451613060824 DOI: <u>10.35940/ijeat.F4516.13060824</u> Journal Website: <u>www.ijeat.org</u> multiple essential stages, each playing a role in the precise identification of individuals based on their facial characteristics. Let us delve into these stages via a visual representation:

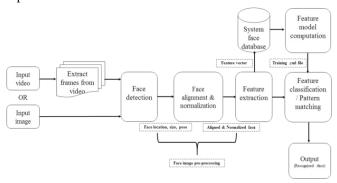


Figure: 3.1

Step 1: Facial Detection occurs by employing computer vision algorithms to identify faces in an image or video frame. If no faces are detected, the process halts.

Step 2: Preprocessing involves enhancing the quality of facial images and standardizing their appearance by normalizing lighting conditions, aligning facial features, and eliminating noise or background distractions.

Step 3: Feature Extraction includes extracting crucial features from pre-processed facial images such as distances between facial landmarks and the overall shape and texture of the face.

Step 4: Feature Matching compares extracted features with a database of recognized faces to identify potential matches based on similarity scores or distances.

Step 5: Verification or Identification is executed based on the context, where the system either verifies if the input face corresponds to a specific individual's face in the database or scans the entire database to identify the closest match.

Step 6: Decision-making is based on the outcomes of feature matching and verification/identification. The system makes decisions concerning the identity of the input face, prompting further actions like granting access, issuing alerts, or logging attendance.

In conclusion, facial recognition [10] technology provides a potent mechanism for automating various activities linked to identity verification and authentication. By adhering to the steps delineated in this flowchart, facial recognition systems can precisely and effectively identify individuals based on their facial attributes, facilitating a broad array of applications across diverse sectors.

IV. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

A. Facial Recognition

Facial recognition technology identifies individuals by analyzing unique facial features. It works by capturing a face image and comparing features with a database for a match. Components include hardware for image capture and software for data analysis. Applications range from security to marketing, raising privacy concerns and ethical considerations. Legal regulations are being introduced to address privacy and ethical concerns.

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Technological advancements in facial recognition include improved accuracy and speed with the help of machine learning and AI. Challenges include bias, accuracy across demographics, and privacy concerns. Adoption of facial recognition technology requires careful consideration of ethical, legal, and privacy implications.

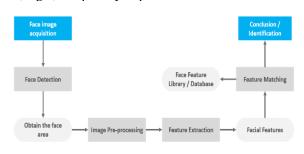
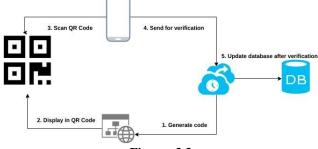


Figure: 3.2

B. QR Code Verification

Three different components constitute the solution: a web module, a mobile module, and a backend service module. The Quick Response code (QR code) generated by the backend service module is displayed by the web module. To prevent fraud, the QR code is updated every 10 seconds.





Students can verify their attendance by scanning a QR code with the mobile module. After that, the request is forwarded to the backend service module for confirmation. The backend service module will update the database containing the attendance records after the verification of attendance. Taking attendance should take less than five minutes overall, which is far faster than the previous method.

V. RESULTS

The results for the proposed model consist of three stages first stage consists of taking data from the user for the database second stage consists of recognizing the face, and finally third stage consists of marking his or her attendance.



Figure: 4.1

After this, the actual attendance taking by facial recognition stage which is shown in Figure 4.2



Figure: 4.2

Finally, the mail is sent to their parents about the presence or absence of their child with roll no. of student and presence status.

Attendance Report Index	
	info@ellantraautomation.com 4:44 pm Student Roll No : 1234 Attendance Status :Present
R	info@ellantraautomation.com 4:56 pm Student Roll No : 1234 Attendance Status :Absent
R	info@ellantra 9:16 pm ⓒ ← : to me ↓
	ull No : 1234 e Status :Present

Figure: 4.3

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The development and analysis of our facial recognition system have provided valuable insights into the capabilities and limitations of this technology. Throughout the project, we have achieved several key milestones and made significant contributions to the field. Firstly, our system demonstrated robustness and accuracy in recognizing faces across various environmental conditions, including different lighting conditions, angles, and facial expressions. This indicates the effectiveness of the algorithms and techniques employed in our implementation. Secondly, through rigorous testing and evaluation, we have identified areas for improvement, particularly in enhancing the system's performance with diverse demographics, including different age groups, ethnicities, and genders. Addressing these challenges will be critical for ensuring the inclusivity and fairness of facial recognition technology. Moreover, our project highlighted the importance of ethical considerations in the deployment of facial recognition systems. We recognize the potential risks associated with privacy invasion and algorithmic biases, and we are committed to implementing measures to mitigate these concerns.

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This includes incorporating privacy-preserving techniques and conducting thorough impact assessments to ensure the responsible use of the technology.

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