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Authorized Online Social Media Posting using Face Recognition Technique

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ABSTRACT: Online social media is becoming more and more prominent because of the allure of photo posting. Sadly, if users have unrestricted access to publish, remark, as well as label photos, their privacy may be compromised. In this work, we make an effort to resolve such problem, so anytime a user publishes a picture which also includes other people besides them; it is referred to as a "co-photo." We create a method that enables every person in the picture to be notified of the sharing activities & engages in the choice of publishing of the picture in order to avoid potential data leaks of the picture. We need a powerful Facial Recognition (FR) solution to identify each individual in the picture with allowed Picture publishing. More stringent privacy settings, meanwhile, might reduce the quantity of photographs that are made openly accessible for the FR system training. To solve this problem, our method makes an effort to leverage users' personal photographs to create a customized FR platform that is taught to distinguish between potential picture co-owners while maintaining users' privacy.

KEYWORDS: Photo posting, Online Social Media, Facial Recognition (FR) system.

I. INTRODUCTION

Online Social Media (OSM) have radically altered how we engage with one another & are now an essential portion of our routine activities, satisfying the basic social demands for tolerance, recognition, and socialization. Additionally, due to the essential aspect of social networks, increasing content, such as images, is posted to OSM with no consideration for its authenticity. But if anything is published on internet, like a picture, it remains a perpetual archive and could be exploited in ways we cannot imagine. For instance, a partying picture released online could indicate a famous person's involvement with the underworld. Due to how broad the impact of information posted by OSM members who might be negligent, data privacy across OSM constitutes a crucial concern. Co-photos can presently be shared without limitation; in fact, social platform services like Meta encourage members to submit co-photos as well as label their connections to engage additional individuals. If the co-owners of the picture are unwilling to post it on OSM, it is uncertain as to what might happen. Therefore, sharing this co-photo outside the co-owners' consent is an infringement of their privacy, especially if they restrict any say in which co-photos are shared. Consequently, individuals on the majority of existing OSM cannot select what data appears beyond of their private account. In comparison to earlier studies, the following is what we have contributed.

Without or with user-generated tagging, the accountable users of uploaded photographs can be instantly recognized in this study. We suggest generating a unique FR algorithm for each user out of their societal surroundings & confidential photographs in a way that protects their privacy. We suggest a discussion based approach that is contradictory to the conventional cryptography approach in order to obtain better performance & protection.

II. RELATED WORK

A common trait of several online networking websites is picture tags, which enables a user to clearly attach submitted pictures to every user's account by tagging the people in it. In this study, we look at the mechanics and privacy issues related to these labeled photographs. We investigated the wants & worries of users through a survey & came up with a

list of designing criteria for labeled picture protection. Following on our research, we next created a privacy improving technique & verified it through a combined techniques paradigm. According to our findings, tags causes social pressures, so privacy solutions are required to handle the social consequences of managing picture confidentiality [1].

FR can be applied to a wide range of systems, including smart cards, monitoring, legal investigation, & data protection. A learning-based FR system has lately been used on internet platforms that combine internet services plus facial identification. This research compares standalone with online media-based systems & presents a fresh joint FR approach that avoids duplicate tags by allowing users to share identifying details for quick updates on virtual media platforms. The suggested methodology has a faster completion duration for both testing & training, according to their trials utilizing a central registry, & also achieves a greater accuracy than the existing predictors SVM employing a quadratic kernels [2].

Web-based social networks (WBSNs) are virtual groups wherein members freely connect with others & exchange information over the Internet. Several WBSNs have adopted Semantic Web techniques in recent times, like FOAF, to capture customer info & connections, enabling data exchange between various WBSNs. We provide an access-control system for WBSNs in this study, whereby guidelines are represented as limitations on the types, extent, & severity of established connections. The usage of certifications for providing connections' legitimacy as well as the client-side implementation of access-control using a rule-based method is important aspects of our architecture. A person asking for accessibility to an item should prove that it possesses the legal authority for doing so [3].

As more & more private pictures are being taken digitally, our software methods for finding, viewing, then exchanging such pictures are making it difficult to keep up. Automated FR is one potential method that will enable photographs to be arranged according to the identification of the people they feature. It might appear to be a difficult undertaking to achieve correct identification at the level of the Internet because it calls for making choices amongst a large number of people. This study makes the case that OSM background could be the secret to successful massive FR. OSM are used to publish private pictures, allowing us to take advantage of their assets & organizational framework to increase FR rates on the posted picture. We evaluate the accessibility of materials to enhance FR and explore methods for using these materials using actual photograph sets via participants who are users of a well-known OSM. [4].

It is explored how useful OSM setting is for the issue of automated facial identification in individual photos. They use a conditional random field (CRF) approach to identify faces in images from the well-known OSM like Facebook, that is currently the most used picture-posting website on the Internet with trillions of images overall. This model combines FR results with socializing setting. We show that the efficiency of our straightforward strategy for improving FR using OSM background significantly outperforms that of baseline FR methods [5].

III. OPENCV TECHNOLOGY

A cross-platform package called OpenCV allows us to create real-time computer vision programs. The primary areas of focus are photo processing, video capturing, plus evaluation, which includes tools for objects & facial recognition. In regards of the features of the architecture existing in the scenario, computer vision could be described as a field which describes how to rebuild, disrupt, and then comprehend a Three -dimensional image out of its Two-Dimensional images. It focuses on simulating & reproducing human visual utilizing computer's software & hardware. Picture to picture translation is a part of picture processing. Pictures serve as both the input as well as the outcome of picture processing. The primary OpenCV library sections are shown below.

- **Core Functionality:** The package provides the fundamental data forms which are needed to create OpenCV systems, like Scalar, Points, Ranges, etc. It also contains the multi-dimensional array's called Mat that is employed to hold the photos, additional to all of these. This unit is available as a component with the title org.opencv.core in the OpenCV Java package.
- **Image Processing:** The section includes a broad range of picture processing techniques, including histograms, colour scale conversions, picture filters, and geometry-based picture modifications. This unit is available as a bundle with the title org.opencv.imgproc in the OpenCV Java toolkit.
- **Video:** The techniques of movement forecasting, backdrop reduction, including item monitoring are covered in this section. The OpenCV Java package includes this feature as a package the title org.opencv.video.

- **Video I/O:** Utilizing the OpenCV package, this section describes video recording & coding. This unit is available as a bundle under the title `org.opencv.videoio` in the OpenCV Java toolkit.
- **calib3d:** The package contains methods for fundamental numerous view topology, singular & stereo based camera certification, objects posture assessment, stereo compatibility, & 3-Dimensional restoration components. This feature is provided like a bundle having the prefix `org.opencv.calib3d` inside the OpenCV Java toolkit.
- **features2d:** The ideas of extracting features & characterization are covered in this section. This unit is contained in a bundle having the prefix `org.opencv.features2d` inside the OpenCV Java toolkit.
- **Objdetect:** The identification of elements & examples of preset categories, including eyes, noses, cups, humans, vehicles, and so on., is included in this unit. This package is contained in a bundle having the title `org.opencv.objdetect` in the OpenCV Java toolkit.
- **HighGUI:** This user-friendly design has basic UI features. The functionality of this unit are contained into two separate bundles in the OpenCV Java toolkit, notably as `org.opencv.videoio` & `org.opencv.imgcodecs`.

Algorithms

The following two algorithms are used for the detection of face in the picture posted on OSM. These algorithms are provides functionalities by the OpenCV technology.

IV. RANSAC ALGORITHM

A recurrent technique called Random Sample Consensus (RANSAC) is used to determine the variables of a quantitative system with a collection of recorded information that includes misfits. It's a non-deterministic method in the notion that an acceptable output will only be produced with a specific chance, and as more repetitions are permitted, this likelihood rises. Fischler & Bolles at SRI Institute released the method, the first time in 1980s. The Location Determination Problem (LDP), whose objective is to identify the coordinates in a spatial region which reflect upon a picture into a collection of locations having defined positions, was solved using RANSAC.

A fundamental premise that the information is divided into "inliers," or information dispersed could be described with a particular collection of modeling variables, although it could be prone to disturbance, plus "outliers," or information which don't match the modeling. The oddities may result either faulty readings, excessive distortion numbers, or inaccurate theories regarding how to understand the information. RANSAC also implies if there be a method for estimating the variables of modeling which thus best describes or matches data based on few inliers collected.

4.1 SURF Detection Algorithm

A quick and reliable approach for localized, invariant's resemblance representation & assessment of pictures is the Speeded Up Robust Features technique titled as SURF. Like a picture sensor and predictor, SURF could be applied to a variety of fascinating computer vision applications, including item detection and 3D restructuring. The scale invariant feature transform descriptor titled SIFT, that David Lowe released in 1999, served as one of its main sources of inspiration. This SURF technique is regarded as the best effective features finder currently in use. The SURF's key appeal is its ability to compute operations quickly utilizing boxes filtering, allowing real uses like monitoring & item detection. The H. Bay Ph.D. thesis [ETH Zurich, 2009], which served as the foundation for the SURF architecture is discussed in this study. The two processes of SURF are extracting and characterization of features. The method for keypoint identification in extraction of features involves a very simple estimate of a Hessian matrices. OpenCV offers SURF capabilities.

Proposed System

Among the most used functions in OSM like Meta is picture distribution. Regrettably, negligent picture publishing may expose people's identity in a published picture. We suggested allowing anyone who might be in the picture to grant authorization prior sharing a co-photo in order to stop the data leaks. To locate people in a co-photo, we created a privacy contained FR method. Reduced processing costs & training dataset secrecy are two advantages of the suggested technique. We anticipate that our suggested system would be highly helpful in preserving individuals' privacy when uploading photos and videos on OSMs. The Suggested Method has the benefit in restricting any distribution of pictures

lacking authorization. Additionally, it offers excellent protection regarding personal information in OSMs, making the method highly effective. The suggested system design is shown in Fig. 1.

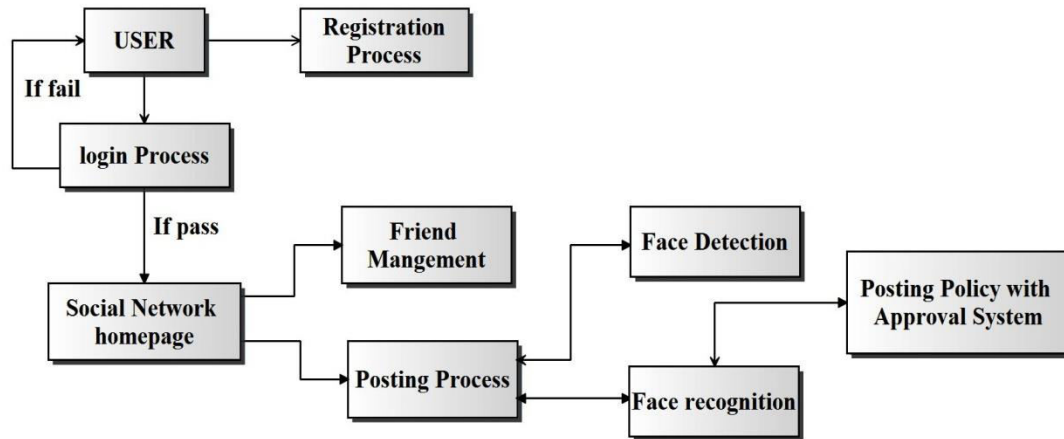


Fig 1: System Architecture

The modules included in the proposed method are as follows:

- **User Registration process:** Users can register themselves in this module by providing basic details such as a user ID, email address, username, & password.
- **Friends (Group Management):** Users in this module have the ability to add others to their friend lists as well as form friendship groups when they receive connection requests from other users.
- **Posting process:** This module user can post the image to another user using my privacy my decision technique. If user will accept then the posting request positive marks will increase, if reject then the negative score will increase based on this group member decision we can decide the posting process. The Fig 2 shows the data flow diagram for the post creation process.
- **Face Detection process:** The OpenCV technologies are employed in this method to find the person's face in the picture. To find the facial area, Opencv would scan the picture files. For the purpose of identifying front or profiles images, OpenCV additionally includes processed files. Using OpenCV, the source picture is resized to only include the Facial landmarks.
- **Face Recognition Using RANSAC and SURF Method:** This section compares 2 pictures inputted with a dataset picture, and we employ the SURF recognition method to count the number of matched pixels. Upon locating the appropriate spot, the information will be revised in the database. The SURF re-sampling method produces potential answers by employing the fewest possible samples such as data points to determine the model's essential variables. SURF starts with the lowest collection & then grows it using reliable data bits. The smallest quantity of pixels necessary to identify & account for the model's variables is randomly chosen by SURF. It establishes the number of bits from the total collection of bits that fit inside a certain range. Again assess the modeling variables utilizing each of the discovered inliers if indeed the ratio of the quantity of inliers to the overall amount of pts in the collection surpasses a predetermined limit, and afterwards stops. We also create the matched spots among the two pictures utilizing the RANSAC method.
- **Approval system and Decision making:** After the compare process. Finding the averaged matched spots among dataset pictures allows us to choose the categorization label & show username when the mean crosses the limit.

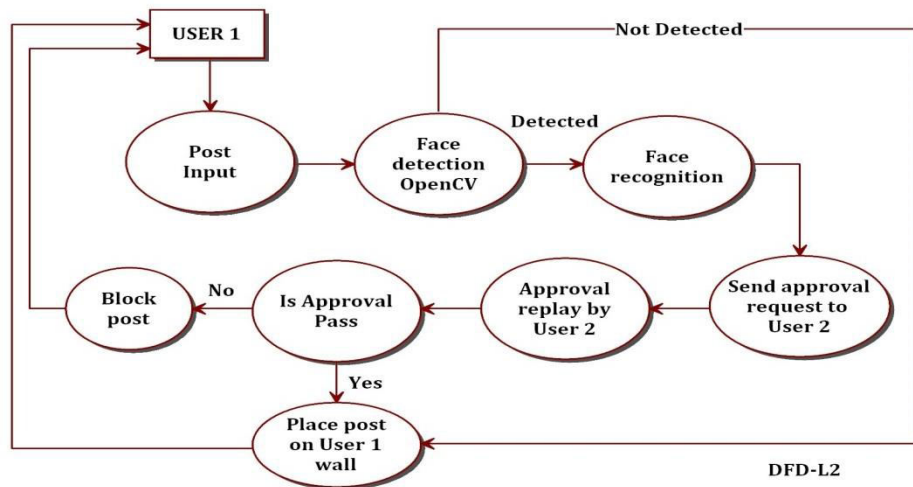


Fig 2: Post Creation Process DFD

V. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

This system is deployed and tested with OpenCV integrated web application; it meets all the requirement specifications. All the user functionalities are working properly.

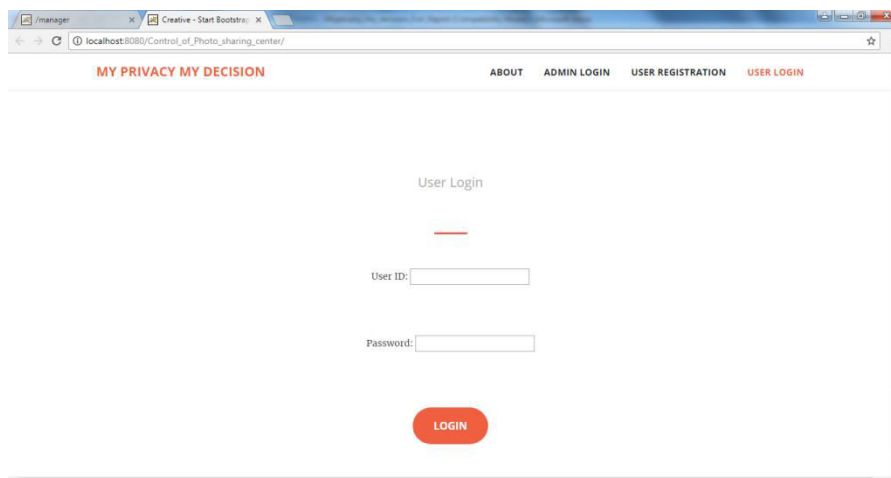


Fig 3: User Login

Fig 3 shows the User Login Page with other modules on the header being Admin Login, User Registration. Once the user has registered by filling all the details and uploading the profile picture, all these details are stored in the database. The user click on the user login page and enter the credentials such as User ID and Password and go to the user home page.

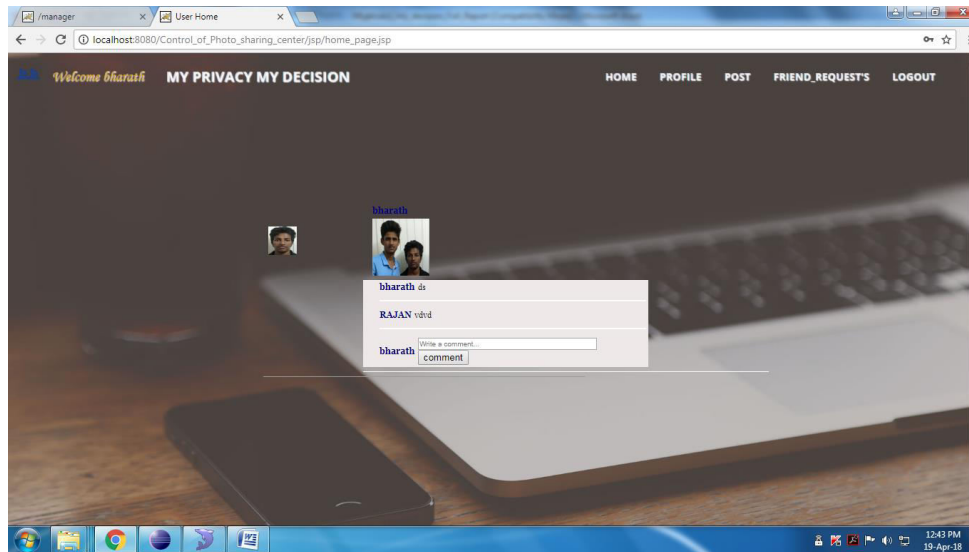


Fig 4: Upload Post

Fig 4 shows the post upload page. Once the user enters the user home, the user can check the profile details, view the friend requests and upload the post consisting of image. The uploaded image can be posted once the co-owners also give the authorization or permission. The face detection is done first using OpenCV and then the face recognition will be happening.

VI. CONCLUSION

Although the look of private images varies greatly, they get posted more frequently in OSM & include a plethora of details concerning the subjects as well as their private details. This system uses OpenCV technology in the face recognition of the images posted on OSM and provides privacy for the people in the image to allow if they want provide permission to post the picture of them being tagged. The co-photo could only be published on the Web app by having the consent of all co-owners. For individuals who wish to limit the sharing of their photographs among many user profiles while still retaining their confidentiality, this approach is excellent. In order to secure users' confidentiality when uploading pictures on OSM, we anticipate that our suggested system will be quite helpful.

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