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## A Survey on Automated Attendance System Using Face Recognition

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**ABSTRACT:** The objective of this system is to present an automated system for human face recognition in real time background for an organization or institute to mark the attendance of their students or employees. This paper introduces face detection method using the Viola and Jones algorithm and recognition using correlation technique. The system will record the attendance of the students in class room environment. The above system is fully automated and easily deployable. User gets an authentication to upload the image containing file and also to view the attendance.

**KEYWORDS:** Automated, Face Detection, Face Recognition, Viola and Jones Algorithm, Correlation, Attendance.

### I. INTRODUCTION

In many Institution and Organization the attendance is a very important factor to maintain the record of lectures, salary and work hours etc. Most of the institutes and organizations follow the manual method using old paper and file method and some of them have shifted to biometric technique. The current method that colleges use is that the professor passes a sheet or make roll calls and mark the attendance of the students and this sheet further goes to the admin department with updates the final excel sheet. This process is quite hectic and time consuming. Also, for professors or employees at institutes or organizations the biometric system serves one at a time. So, why not shift to an automated attendance system which works on face recognition technique? Be it a class room or entry gates it will mark the attendance of the students, professors, employees, etc. This system uses Viola and Jones algorithm for detecting and recognizing the faces.

### II. RELATED WORK

First there are different techniques implemented to detect the object of any type. Object detection is the technique or process of perceiving or detecting the specimen of real world objects such as faces, bottles, traffic signs, buildings and many more things in images or videos. These object detection algorithms are basically used to extract the features of the objects and learn from those features to recognize the object. These algorithms are widely used in various applications like video surveillance, automated attendance system and security.

The various object detection algorithms are:

- Viola and Jones object detection algorithm  
It detect object by using its library and classifiers
- The Pascal VOC Challenge  
It provides the standard image data sets for object detection
- Image segmentation  
It is the technique of dividing the digital image into multiple segments or set of pixels called super-pixels.

### III. VIOLA AND JONES ALGORITHM

In project we are using Viola and Jones algorithm for object detection. The Viola–Jones object detection framework is the first object detection framework to provide competitive object detection rates in real-time proposed in 2001 by Paul Viola and Michael Jones. Although it can be trained to detect a variety of object classes, it was motivated primarily by



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the problem of facedetection. Viola and jones is currently one of the best algorithms to detect the faces of human. This algorithm mainly has following functionality.

## A. Face Detection

Integral image or summed area table is a data structure and algorithm for quickly and efficiently generating the sum of values in a rectangular subset of a grid. In the image processing domain, it is also known as an integral image.

Haar-like features are digital image features used in object recognition. They owe their name to their intuitive similarity with haar wavelets and were used in the first real-time face detector.

Adaboost (adaptive boost) meta-algorithm formulated by yoav freund and robert schapire which is use to improve the performance of other algorithm. Viola and jones extracts the millions of features (pixels) for comparison so, we adaboost to enhance the overall performance and calculation speed of the algorithm.

Cascade classifier is a particular case of ensemble learning based on the concatenation of several classifiers, using all information collected from the output from a given classifier as additional information for the next classifier in the cascade. Unlike voting or stacking ensembles, which are multi-expert systems, cascading is a multistage one.

## B. Face Recognition

Initially the ROI is extracted from the source face image, ROI is the sub image and is smaller than the original image

Normalized Cross-Correlation is performed on ROI and target image to find the peak coordinates

The total offset or translation is carried out based on the position of the peak in the cross correlation matrix.

Check for the successful extraction of face from target image and figure out where the face exactly matches inside of target image.

## IV. SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The System Architecture Consists of basically three layers that is, the Application Layer, the System Layer and the Databases layer.

### A. Application layer

There is the capturing phase in this the user captures the frames and using a web app that runs on almost all platforms upload the file to the server. Authentication is provided to the users.This web app is used to upload captured frames as well as to view the attendance.

### B. System layer

This is the layer where the processing is done that is the detection and recognition part at the server side. Viola and Jones algorithm is used to detect images from the frames. Initially an integral image is generated from the frame which simply assigns numbers to the pixels generated by summing up the values. Further to detect the objects from the frames the haar-like feature is generated and as millions of features being generated adaboost(boosting algorithm) is used to enhance the performance. The extracted features are passed through a trained classifier which detects the faces from the objects.

These detected faces are cropped and passed through the recognition module which by applying correlation to the cropped images and the images in the databases recognizes the faces.

### C. Database layer

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The Database layer is a centralized database system which consists of student database and their attendance. The student database is formed by initial feeding of the frames from which system detects faces crops them and stores it to the database and these stored images are hence forth used for the recognition part. The results of the face recognition module are compared with the images from the student database and after the successful comparison the attendance is updated to the database. The sheet is generated and uploaded to the web app.

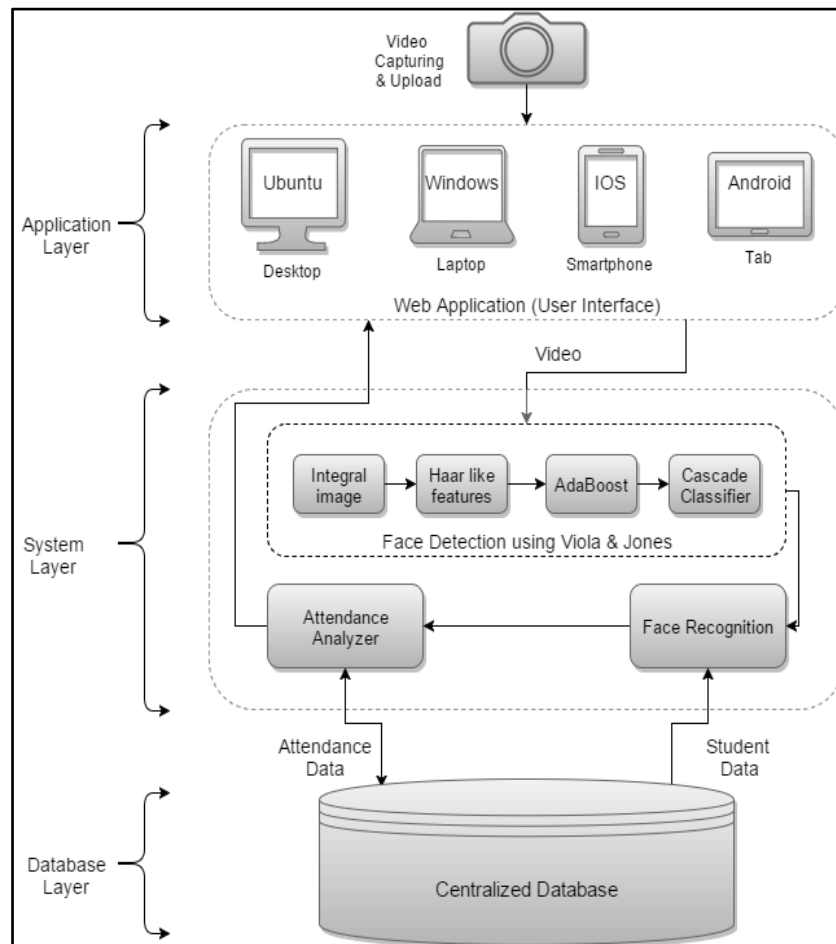


Figure 1: System Architecture

## V. METHODOLOGY

The proposed system introduces an automated attendance system which integrates a web app and face recognition algorithms. Any device with a camera can capture an image or a video and upload to the server using web app. The received file undergoes face detection and face recognition so the detected faces are extracted from the image. The extracted faces are then compared with the saved faces of the database and on the successful recognition the database is updated with the attendance and a sheet is generated and displayed on the web app.

This work is being carried out in five stages:

Step 1: Generating Data for Training

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Initially the system is trained that is the cropped images are saved to the database and they undergo detection and recognition. Further this data will be used to compare the detected images in all the uploaded files and mark the attendance.

## Step 2: Capturing

In this the capturing of the video or image will be done using a device and the captured file is uploaded to the server using web app.

## Step 3: Face Detection

The file uploaded to the server undergoes face detection using Viola and Jones algorithm. The frames received are checked for the faces and those are cropped for further recognition.

## Step 4: Face Recognition

The detected images undergo correlation with the trained images of the databases. By this the detected images are now recognized.

## Step 5: Attendance Marking

After the recognition process the students recognized are searched in the database and their attendance is marked.

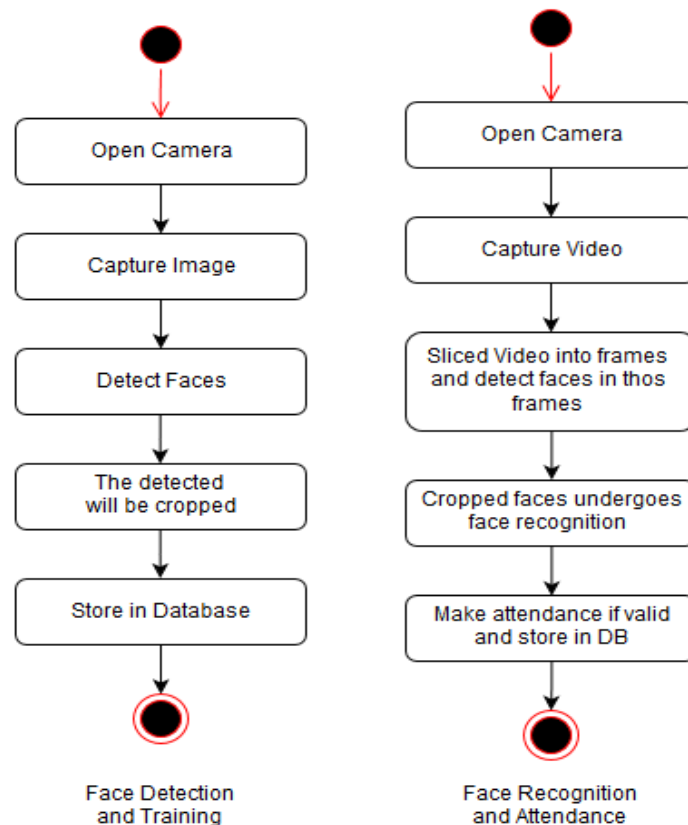


Figure 2: Training and Face Detection & Recognition

## VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In order to maintain the attendance this system has been proposed. It replaces the manual system with an automated system which is fast, efficient, cost and time saving as replaces the stationary material and the paper work. Hence this



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system is expected to give desired results and in future could be implemented for logout. Also the efficiency could be improved by integrating other techniques with it in near future.

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