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A Review on Bridging Barriers in Communication

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ABSTRACT: Communication is the only medium by which we can share our thoughts or convey the message but for a person with disability (deaf and dumb) faces difficulty in communication with normal person. Because of this, a person who lacks in hearing and speaking ability is not able to stand in race with normal person. It is the most important difficulty faced with normal people and also every normal person does not know the sign language. Hearing-impaired people communicate through hand signs, which make it difficult for normal people to recognize their language. As a result, the system that recognize various voice and deliver information to disabled people are required. It's The sign language is used as a means of communication primarily for the disabled and hearing people, A popular demonstration of the capability of deep learning techniques is object recognition in image data. this deep learning application in python recognizes alphabet through gesture captured real-time on a webcam. The user is allowed to write the word on screen act as virtual board using the object-of-interest .it can also be used by people who can listen, objective of this project is to develop a communication system between these people This project aims to develop a communication system for the disabled people. It converts the audio message into the sign language. This system take audio as input, convert this audio recording message into text and display the relevant Indian sign language image or GIFs which are predefined. By using this system, the communication between normal and disabled people get easier.

I. INTRODUCTION

Bridging communication barriers involves fostering understanding across diverse modes, such as converting audio to sign language and vice versa. This inclusive approach ensures effective communication for individuals with different sensory needs, promoting accessibility and inclusivity. Techniques like audio to sign language and sign to audio language conversion play a crucial role in breaking down communication barriers for the deaf and hard of hearing, enhancing their interaction with the broader community. It is the responsibility of a business to ensure that the product provided to customers is safe to consume. In order to do this, proper food safety protocols must always be adhered to and followed. This includes ensuring that the product is not spoiled or expired. Best before dates, packaging dates and expiry dates are key to knowing what products are safe to use, and which ones should be disposed of. Different types of date markings on packages are used depending on the product. A best before date on a package states when the durable life period of the product ends. This date tells consumers that the unopened product should be of high quality until that specific date. The key with this date is that it is dependent upon the product being properly handled and stored based on the requirements of that particular food product. This means that failure to adhere to the guidelines for handling and storing a particular product will affect its quality by the best before date. This also means that the best before date no longer applies if a package is opened. An expiry date is not the same as a best before date. Bridging communication barriers is a crucial aspect of fostering effective interaction in our diverse and interconnected world. These barriers can manifest in various forms, including differences in language, culture, perspectives, and technological access. An overview of strategies to bridge these communication gaps reveals a multifaceted approach that encompasses cultural sensitivity, language accessibility, inclusive design, active listening, empathy cultivation, education, technology, clear communication channels, and feedback mechanisms. Cultural sensitivity is foundation to overcoming communication barriers. Recognizing and respecting diverse cultures is essential for building understanding and harmony. This involves acknowledging cultural nuances, customs, and norms, as they significantly influence how messages are conveyed and received. By embracing cultural sensitivity, individuals and organizations create an environment where diverse perspectives are valued, contributing to more effective communication. Language accessibility plays a pivotal role in breaking down communication barriers. This involves addressing differences in language proficiency by providing translation services, using clear and simple language, and incorporating visual aids. Language barriers often hinder effective communication, and ensuring accessibility helps create a more inclusive and

comprehensible exchange of information. Inclusive design is another key component of bridging communication gaps. By designing communication platforms, documents, and spaces with inclusive in mind, organizations can cater to a broader audience. This includes creating content in various formats, such as text, audio, and visual, to accommodate diverse needs, including those of individuals with disabilities. Active listening is a fundamental skill in overcoming communication barriers. It goes beyond simply hearing words; active listening involves paying attention to non-verbal cues, understanding context, and showing empathy. This approach fosters a deeper understanding of the complete message, reducing the risk of intercommunication and promoting effective dialogue. Cultivating empathy is essential for building connections across diverse backgrounds. Empathy enables individuals to understand and appreciate others' perspectives and experiences, fostering a sense of shared understanding. This emotional intelligence is a powerful tool for overcoming biases and creating a more inclusive communication environment. Education and training are instrumental in equipping individuals and organizations with the necessary skills to navigate diverse communication landscapes.

II. RELATED WORKS

Bridging Communication Barriers enables inclusive communication in audio to sign language and sign to text and speech conversion. By this innovative communication bridge system we think we can transform the communication barrier for a deaf person in the society. The paper introduces a web application for translating audio or English text to Indian Sign Language. It uses a parser to convert input data into a grammatical format, incorporates stemming and legitimization, and matches words against a video dictionary. This system is more innovative and efficient than existing methods, as it translates phrases into Indian sign language grammatical order. It is web-based, platform-agnostic, and offers real-time translation capabilities, making it accessible and versatile. [1]

The paper discusses the development of a web-based audio to sign language translator web application, enabling communication between hearing-impaired individuals and the general population. The system utilizes parsing and linguistic elements to convert spoken language or English text into Indian Sign Language, enhancing accessibility. It offers real-time translation capabilities, making it a versatile and efficient solution. The second paper explores a software solution that converts speech into Indian and American Sign Languages (ISL and ASL). This software can aid people with speech impairments and facilitate communication in various settings, including educational institutes, hospitals, and daily life conversations, making it a valuable tool for accessibility. [2]

The book, "Media for All: Subtitling for the Deaf, Audio Description, and Sign Language" by Jorge Díaz-Cintas, Pilar Orero, and Aline Remael, provides a comprehensive overview of media accessibility research and practices, covering audio description for the blind, sign language, and subtitling for the deaf and hard-of-hearing across various media. It addresses academics, practitioners, media scholars, and those involved in making content accessible to visually and hearing impaired individuals. The book has been influential in the field of audiovisual translation and media accessibility. [3]

This journal - Becky Sue Parton's article discusses the progress in computer-based sign language recognition and translation, covering various projects, from robotics to natural language processing, and their potential applications in education. Becky Sue Parton's article reviews the progress in computer-based sign language recognition and translation, covering various projects, including avatars and educational applications. [4]

The paper "Multimodal synthesizer for Russian and Czech sign languages and audio-visual speech" discusses a computer-animated avatar model for these sign languages, emphasizing its potential for use by deaf, blind, and non-disabled individuals. The report "Vision-based sign language translation device" presents a mobile system for translating Indian sign language into spoken English, enabling communication between hearing and speech-impaired individuals. The system is efficient and has high precision. [5]

III. SYSTEM DEVELOPMENTS

PROPOSED MODEL

Automatic audio to sign language translation is a groundbreaking technology that holds immense promise for the deaf community. This innovation aims to bridge communication gaps by converting spoken words into sign language, offering a transformative solution for those who rely on visual communication. One key advantage of automatic audio to sign language translation is its potential to enhance accessibility. Deaf individuals often face challenges in understanding spoken language, making everyday communication difficult. This technology acts as a mediator,

seamlessly converting spoken words into sign language, thereby empowering the deaf to comprehend and respond effectively. Moreover, this innovation promotes inclusivity by breaking down communication barriers. By providing real-time sign language interpretation, it enables deaf individuals to participate more actively in various settings, such as educational institutions, workplaces, and social gatherings. This not only fosters a sense of belonging but also contributes to a more inclusive and diverse society. The implementation of automatic audio to sign language translation also has profound implications for education. Deaf students can benefit from synchronized sign language interpretation in classrooms, ensuring they receive information in a format that aligns with their primary mode of communication. This, in turn, can improve educational outcomes and open up new opportunities for academic and professional success. Automatic sign language to text and speech conversion plays a crucial role in enhancing communication for the deaf community. This innovative technology bridges the gap between sign language users and those who rely on spoken or written language, fostering inclusivity and accessibility. One key aspect of this technology is computer vision, which employs advanced algorithms to interpret and translate sign language gestures into text. Cameras or sensors capture the movements and expressions of the signer's hands, face, and body, and the system translates these into meaningful linguistic elements. This process allows for real-time conversion, enabling seamless communication between deaf individuals and the broader community. Moreover, natural language processing (NLP) algorithms are employed to convert the interpreted sign language into written or spoken words. These algorithms consider grammar, syntax, and context to ensure accurate and coherent translations. The result is a dynamic system that not only recognizes the signs but also conveys the intended meaning effectively. The impact of automatic sign language conversion extends beyond individual interactions. Deaf individuals can now participate more fully in various domains, including education, employment, and social activities. In educational settings, students who use sign language can access lectures and class discussions effortlessly, breaking down barriers to learning. In the workplace, communication becomes more fluid, fostering collaboration and ensuring that deaf employees are integrated into the professional environment.

EXISTING SYSTEM

Manual sign language interpretation for the deaf is a vital communication bridge that involves skilled interpreters facilitating communication between deaf individuals and those who do not know sign language. These interpreters use a combination of hand gestures, facial expressions, and body movements to convey spoken words into a visual language accessible to the deaf. Firstly, interpreters undergo extensive training to master sign language, which varies across regions and countries. American Sign Language (ASL) and British Sign Language (BSL) are examples of distinct sign languages with their own grammatical structures and vocabulary. Interpreters must become proficient in these languages to accurately convey the nuances of spoken words. During interpretation, the process involves actively listening to the speaker and simultaneously converting spoken language into sign language. This requires not only linguistic expertise but also the ability to convey the emotions, tone, and subtleties of the spoken message through appropriate facial expressions and body language. Manual sign language interpreters use their hands and fingers to produce signs that represent words, phrases, and even concepts. The position, movement, and orientation of the hands, as well as facial expressions, contribute to the richness of the communication. For instance, signers may use different facial expressions to distinguish between questions, statements, or expressions of emotions. Real-time inclusive communication is crucial for fostering a more equitable and accessible society, particularly for individuals with disabilities deaf. In the digital age, advancements in technology have opened new avenues for communication, but it is essential to ensure that these channels are inclusive for everyone. One key aspect of real-time inclusive communication is the use of accessible platforms. This involves designing communication tools and technologies that cater to diverse needs, including those of individuals with different types of disabilities. For deaf individuals, this may involve features such as screen readers, text-to-speech capabilities, and compatibility with assistive devices. Additionally, real-time communication platforms should prioritize language inclusivity. This means considering various communication styles, such as sign language for those with hearing impairments, and providing alternative text for images to accommodate individuals with visual impairments. The integration of multiple communication modalities ensures that information is accessible to a broader audience. Inclusive communication also involves fostering a culture of respect and understanding. Real-time interactions should be conducted in a manner that considers the diverse backgrounds and abilities of participants. Sensitivity to different communication preferences and needs is essential for creating an environment where everyone feels valued and heard. Furthermore, collaboration between technology developers, accessibility experts, and individuals with disabilities is crucial in refining and enhancing real-time communication tools. Regular feedback loops help identify areas for improvement and ensure that updates address the evolving needs of the deaf community. In education and professional settings, real-time inclusive communication is a cornerstone of equal opportunities. Virtual classrooms and online workplaces should implement features that support deaf individuals, such as captioning for video content, accessible document formats, and flexible communication channels. In conclusion, real-time inclusive communication for deaf is not merely a technological imperative but a societal one. By embracing

inclusive design principles, fostering a culture of respect, and prioritizing collaboration, we can build communication platforms that empower individuals of all abilities to engage fully in the digital age

IV. IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS

Output for a given English text is produced by generating its equivalent sign language depiction. The output of this system will be a clip of ISL words. The predefined database will be having video for each and every separate words and the output video will be a merged video of such words. shows the front end of the system is designed using EasyGui. Front shows speech which is taken as input through microphone uses PyAudio package. Google Speech-to-Text feature converts audio to text by applying neural network models in an easy-to-use API. Google Speech-to-text 4) The text is then pre-processed using NLP (Natural Language Processing). As we know that Machine can only understand binary language (i.e.0 and 1) then how can it understand our language. So, to make the machine understand human language NLP was introduced. Natural Language Processing is the ability of the machine where it processes the text said and structures it. It understands the meaning of the words said and accordingly produces the output. Text preprocessing consists of three things. Tokenization, Normalization and Noise removal. Natural Language processing which is the mixture of artificial intelligence and computational linguistics. But actually how it works with our project is most important. NLP can do additional functions to our language. We will get our information after giving audio input based on the NLP devices to understand human language. Speech to Text It is not an easy task for the machine to understand our language but with the help of NLP, it becomes possible. Actually We give audio as input to the machine. The machine records that audio input. Then machine translates the audio into text and displays it on the screen. The NLP system parses the text into components; understand the context of the conversation and the intention of the person. The machine decides which command to be executed, based on the results of NLP. Actually NLP is process of creating algorithm that translates text into word labelling them based on the position and function of the words in the sentences. Human language is converted meaningfully into a numerical form. This allows computers to understand the nuances implicitly encoded into our language. Dictionary based machine translation is done finally. When you speak “How Are You” as input into the microphone, the following output pops up as separate letters.

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1. Machine learning models have shown promising results in accurately recognizing diverse sign language gestures
 2. The availability and quality of datasets for training purposes meet the necessary requirements. Diverse datasets encompassing various signing styles and linguistic nuances contribute to the model's adaptability
 3. The hardware specifications for real-time processing have been carefully considered and optimized. The system is designed to perform efficiently, with scalability options for potential future expansions
 4. Software Compatibility: The selected software components align well with each other, providing a coherent and stable platform Operational Feasibility The positive operational feasibility assessment reflects a system that aligns with user expectations, is easy to use, and is prepared for future growth. As the project progresses, continuous engagement with the user community and proactive support measures will be integral to sustaining operational success.
1. User Acceptance and Readiness: User surveys and preliminary feedback sessions indicate a high level of acceptance and enthusiasm among the target user group. Individuals with hearing impairments express a willingness to embrace and integrate the proposed communication system into their daily lives
 2. Usability and Accessibility: The system has been designed with a user-centric approach, featuring intuitive interfaces and accommodating a range of user preferences.
 3. The architecture is flexible, allowing for seamless expansion to accommodate a growing user base Economic Feasibility The economic feasibility assessment underscores a well-balanced approach, where the benefits derived from the proposed system align with the incurred costs.

V. CONCLUSION

Sign language translator is very useful in various areas. In schools, colleges, hospitals, universities, airports, courts anywhere anyone can use this system for understanding the sign language to communicate. It makes communication between a normal hearing person and a hard to hearing person easier. The future work is to develop an application where in the news channels can use it while giving news, in one corner of the screen it will be displayed in sign

language for deaf people. Write now only DD news is using this kind of presentation but they are using a human being showing signs according to the speech of the person giving news live. So this will be better idea which we can give to news channels. We look forward to expand the project by also including facial expressions into the system. In conclusion, communication barriers for the deaf pose significant challenges, hindering effective interaction in various aspects of life. From limited access to information to societal misconceptions, these barriers underscore the importance of fostering inclusivity. By promoting awareness, embracing technology, and fostering a more understanding environment, we can work towards dismantling these barriers and ensuring equitable communication for the deaf community, the barriers faced by the deaf in communication are significant and multifaceted. From societal misconceptions to limited accessibility, these obstacles hinder effective interaction. Embracing inclusive communication strategies, promoting awareness, and leveraging technology can collectively dismantle these barriers, fostering a more inclusive and communicatively equitable society for the deaf community.

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