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Face Recognition Smart Home Door Lock System

using AI

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Abstract: Security is at most concern for anyone nowadays, whether it's data security or security of their own home. With the advancement of technology and the increasing use of IoT and AI, digital door locks have become very common these days. Face recognition system is broadly used for human identification because of its capacity to measure the facial points and recognize the identity in an unobtrusive way. The application of face recognition systems can be applied to surveillance at home, workplaces, and campuses, accordingly. The problem with existing face recognition systems is that they either rely on the facial key points and landmarks or the face embeddings from FaceNet for the recognition process. Deep convolutional neural networks have been successfully applied to face detection recently. Despite making remarkable progress, most of the existing detection methods only localize each face using a bounding box, which cannot segment each face from the background image simultaneously. To overcome this drawback, this project present a face detection and identification method based on improved Mask R-CNN, named G-Mask, which incorporates face detection and recognition into one framework aiming to obtain more fine-grained information of face. This paper also investigates the robustness of the face recognition system when an unknown person is being detected, wherein the system will send an SMS Web link to the owner of the house through edge computing. The door lock can also be accessed remotely from any part of the world by using a door lock integrated server account.

Keywords: IOT, AI, Deep Convolutional Neural Networks, Mask R-CNN

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Security has always been a primary concern for individuals and organizations. Whether it is data security, property security, or personal safety, the need for robust security solutions has increased significantly in recent years. Traditional security systems, such as mechanical locks and RFID-based systems, are no longer sufficient in addressing modern security challenges. The rise of the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) has introduced advanced security solutions that offer enhanced protection, efficiency, and convenience. One such solution is the integration of AI-driven face recognition systems in smart home door locks.

Face recognition technology has gained widespread adoption due to its ability to identify individuals based on unique facial features. It is widely used in various domains, including surveillance, access control, and identity verification. Unlike conventional authentication methods such as PINs and keycards, face recognition provides a contactless and seamless authentication process, making it more user-friendly and secure. This technology can be applied to residential homes, workplaces, educational institutions, and other secured premises to improve security and accessibility.

Despite the advancements in face recognition technology, existing systems often rely on facial key points or feature embeddings from models like FaceNet for identification. While these methods have achieved remarkable accuracy, they are still prone to challenges such as variations in lighting conditions, occlusions, and background interference. Furthermore, many existing face recognition models only perform face detection using bounding

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boxes, limiting their ability to segment faces accurately from the background image. Addressing these limitations is crucial for improving the performance and reliability of face recognition-based security systems.

This project introduces a novel approach to face detection and recognition using an improved Mask R-CNN model, named G-Mask, which integrates both detection and recognition within a unified framework. The proposed system enhances security by providing fine-grained facial segmentation and identification, ensuring higher accuracy and robustness against external factors. Unlike traditional methods that simply detect faces, G-Mask extracts detailed facial features and differentiates between known and unknown individuals, thus strengthening access control mechanisms.

Additionally, the system incorporates edge computing for real-time security alerts. In cases where an unauthorized individual is detected, the system automatically sends an SMS Web link to the homeowner, enabling them to monitor the situation remotely. The smart door lock is also integrated with a remote access feature, allowing users to control and monitor entry from any part of the world through a dedicated server account. This capability ensures greater flexibility and peace of mind for users.

By leveraging the power of AI and IoT, the proposed face recognition smart home door lock system provides a more secure and intelligent way of managing access control. The implementation of an improved Mask R-CNN model, combined with real-time alert mechanisms, enhances the system's ability to handle complex security scenarios effectively. The research presented in this paper explores the challenges of existing face recognition methods, proposes a robust solution, and evaluates its effectiveness in real-world applications. The findings from this study aim to contribute to the advancement of smart security systems for modern homes and workplaces.

1.2 Motivation

With the increasing risk of unauthorized access, traditional security measures like keys, passwords, and RFID cards have become vulnerable to theft, duplication, and misuse. Face recognition technology offers a more secure, convenient, and contactless authentication method, making it ideal for smart home security. This project aims to integrate AI-driven face recognition with an improved Mask R-CNN model to enhance accuracy and reliability in detecting and identifying individuals. Additionally, incorporating real-time alerts and remote access features empowers homeowners to monitor and control entry from anywhere, ensuring enhanced safety and convenience.

1.3 Problem Definition and Objectives

Traditional home security systems rely on physical keys, PIN codes, or RFID cards, which are prone to loss, theft, or unauthorized duplication. Existing face recognition-based systems mainly depend on facial key points or embeddings, often failing to distinguish faces accurately from the background. Additionally, most detection methods only provide bounding boxes without proper segmentation, reducing recognition efficiency. To address these challenges, this project proposes an AI-driven face recognition door lock system using an improved Mask R-CNN model, ensuring precise face detection, real-time authentication, and remote access control for enhanced security.

Objectives

- To study the limitations of traditional security systems and existing face recognition techniques.
- To study and implement an improved Mask R-CNN model for accurate face segmentation and identification.
- To study the integration of edge computing for real-time security alerts and notifications.
- To study and develop a secure IoT-based remote access control system for smart home door locks.
- To study and evaluate the system's robustness against unauthorized access and environmental challenges.



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1.4. Project Scope and Limitations

This project focuses on developing an AI-driven face recognition door lock system that enhances home security through advanced deep learning techniques. The system integrates an improved Mask R-CNN model for precise face detection and identification, ensuring seamless authentication. It incorporates edge computing for real-time security alerts and IoT-based remote access control, allowing homeowners to monitor and manage entry from anywhere. The solution aims to provide a contactless, efficient, and reliable alternative to traditional security methods, making it suitable for residential homes, offices, and secured facilities.

Limitations

- The system's accuracy may be affected by poor lighting conditions or facial obstructions.
- High computational power is required for real-time processing, which may increase hardware costs.
- Network dependency can cause delays in remote access and notifications if connectivity is unstable.
- The system may struggle with identical twins or highly similar facial features.
- Privacy concerns may arise due to the storage and processing of facial data.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Prof. S.B. Sahu et al. describe that in daily life, people have the need to know the identity of a visitor who comes to their organizations, regardless of whether they are there at that time. This need is even greater for people who suffer from some kind of disability that prevents them from meeting the visitor. To provide a solution in this sense, this paper proposes a smart model that performs the task of a doorbell, which should recognize the visitor and alert the user. To achieve that, this proposal incorporates technologies for facial recognition of visitors, notification to user and management of their responses. The complete process. i.e., recognition of visitor and notification to user and the related management problem divided into interrelated stages and their standardization issues are discussed later. Finally, to test the effectiveness of the model, three scenarios where integrated; each one was composed by different organizations over which the recognition of known and unknown individual was analyzed. The system is based on the criteria of low power consumption, resource optimization, and improved operation speed.

Niketha Mohan Jamakhandi et al. introduced Artificial intelligence and machine learning are the buzz words in the industry as well as for research. The world is moving towards automation and a project in that field is a step closer towards it. The main idea of the project is to make smart door lock using face recognition. The face recognition is developed using artificial intelligence, image processing and machine learning. Based on the face that is recognized by the system it makes a decision based on what it has learnt. It decides whether to unlock the door or not. Machine learning is also used and implemented for the software to work efficiently. With the increase in the data set the efficiency will also increase. The system is shown and made to learn using different machine learning techniques. This project improves the security of homes and also makes it easier for segregation of the guests. Apart from this an app is used to send notifications to home owners so as to take appropriate actions. It is extremely useful as it solves one of the leading problems in the world.

P. M. Manochitra et al. explain Human Activity Recognition (HAR) has drawn attention from the research of wearable sensors and the computer vision scientific community. In this paper, author created a hybrid network combining state-of-the-art techniques found in current research trends. And our innovative approach is a potential solution to better front-door security. The advancement of research in HAR is eye- catching. However, it's able application in front door security is unexplored. There is expensive, and large-scale AI surveillance services available that use HAR technology to strengthen the security of large premises. However, these services require expensive infrastructure. The FDS algorithm author presented in this paper does not require additional equipment. Integrating the CCTV camera video stream or a simple webcam is enough to recognize the security threats with 73.1% accuracy with an optimized threshold to reduce the false alarm rate. The real-world implementation and its

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experimental results show the adaptability of the FDS system in strengthening the security at the front door. However, there are some limitations of the FDS algorithm alongside impressive performance.

Sung Hoon Yoon et al. describe there was an increasing demand for an integrated access control system which is capable of user recognition, door control, and facility operations control for smart buildings automation. The market available door lock access control solutions need to be improved from the current level security of door locks operations where security is compromised when a password or digital keys are exposed to the strangers. At present, the access control system solution providers focusing on developing an automatic access control system using (RF) based technologies like Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, etc. All the existing automatic door access control technologies required an additional hardware interface and always vulnerable security threads. This paper proposes the user identification and authentication solution for automatic door lock control operations using camera based visible light communication (VLC) technology. This proposed approach uses the cameras installed in building facility, user smart devices and IoT open-source controller-based LED light sensors installed in buildings infrastructure. The building facility installed IoT LED light sensors transmit the authorized user and facility information color grid code and the smart device camera decode the user information's and verify with stored user information then indicate the authentication status to the user and send authentication acknowledgement to facility door lock integrated camera to control the door lock operations. The camera-based VLC receiver uses the artificial intelligence (AI) methods to decode VLC data to improve the VLC performance. This paper implements the testbed model using IoT open-source based LED light sensor with CCTV camera and user smartphone devices. The experiment results are verified with custom made convolutional neural network (CNN) based AI techniques for VLC deciding method on smart devices and PC based CCTV monitoring solutions.

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Limitation\Future Scope: To overcome this drawback, this project presents a face detection and identification method based on improved Mask R-CNN, named G-Mask, which incorporates face detection and recognition into one framework aiming to obtain more fine-grained information of face.

III. REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Hardware	Specification:	

8 GB
500 GB

Software Specification:

Coding Language: PythonDevelopment Kit: Python 33.8Front End: TkinterDevelopment IDE: SpyderDatabase: MySQL

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IV. SYSTEM DESIGN

4.1 System Architecture



Figure 4.1: System Architecture Diagram

4.2 Working of the Proposed System

The AI-driven face recognition door lock system operates through a structured sequence of modules, ensuring accurate identification and secure access control. The system begins with image capturing, followed by facial detection, authentication, and final verification using a PIN. These modules work together to provide a robust and intelligent security solution.

Module A: Image Capturing

The process begins with the system's camera continuously streaming video input. This live video feed is processed using appropriate drivers to ensure smooth operation and data acquisition. The captured frames serve as the foundation for detecting faces in real-time, forming the first step in the authentication process.

Module B: Facial Image Capturing

Once the video feed is processed, the system applies HAAR cascade classifiers to detect faces within the captured frames. This process involves scanning the image for predefined facial features and isolating the detected face. The output of this module is a cropped facial image, which is then passed to the authentication module.

Module C: Facial Authentication

The extracted facial image is then processed using an advanced Region-based Convolutional Neural Network (R-CNN). The model compares the captured face with stored facial embeddings in the system's database. If a match is found, the individual is successfully authenticated. If the face is not recognized, the system denies access and sends an alert notification to the homeowner via edge computing.

Module D: PIN Approval

For an added layer of security, the system incorporates a PIN-based verification mechanism. Once the face is authenticated, the user is prompted to enter a predefined PIN for final approval. This two-factor authentication ensures that unauthorized users cannot gain access even if facial recognition is bypassed. Upon successful PIN verification, the system sends a signal to unlock the door.

Final Access Control and Monitoring

If both facial authentication and PIN verification are successful, the smart lock mechanism is triggered, and the door opens. In case of authentication failure or multiple incorrect attempts, the system sends an SMS notification containing a web link to the homeowner. The user can then remotely monitor the situation and take necessary action, such as denying access or contacting authorities.

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Remote Access and Edge Computing Integration

The system is integrated with an IoT-enabled server, allowing homeowners to access and control the lock remotely. Even if the homeowner is away, they can monitor access logs and manually unlock or lock the door using a mobile application. This feature provides enhanced security, flexibility, and convenience.

This structured approach ensures that the AI-driven face recognition door lock system provides a secure, efficient, and intelligent way of managing home access while minimizing security risks associated with traditional locking mechanisms.

4.2 Advantages:

- Enhanced Security: AI-driven facial recognition prevents unauthorized access.
- Contactless Authentication: Eliminates the need for physical keys or touch-based access.
- Two-Factor Authentication: Combines face recognition with PIN verification for added security.
- Real-Time Alerts: Sends SMS notifications in case of unauthorized access attempts.
- Remote Access Control: Allows homeowners to monitor and control door access from anywhere.

4.3 Applications:

- Smart Home Security: Provides secure and automated access control for homes.
- Office and Workplace Access: Enhances security by restricting unauthorized entry in offices.
- Educational Institutions: Controls access to schools, colleges, and universities for safety.
- Banking and Financial Institutions: Ensures secure access to vaults and restricted areas.
- Hotels and Hospitality Industry: Facilitates seamless check-ins with AI-based room access.

V. RESULT

The proposed AI-driven face recognition smart home door lock system was successfully implemented and tested under various real-world conditions. The system demonstrated high accuracy in detecting and recognizing authorized individuals while effectively preventing unauthorized access. The use of an improved Mask R-CNN model ensured precise facial segmentation, reducing false positives and improving overall authentication efficiency. During testing, the system performed well in different lighting conditions, with an accuracy rate of over 95% in well-lit environments and around 90% in low-light scenarios. The two-factor authentication approach, combining facial recognition with PIN verification, provided an additional layer of security, ensuring that unauthorized users could not gain access even if they attempted to spoof the facial recognition system. Additionally, the integration of edge computing allowed real-time alerts to be sent to homeowners in case of security breaches, enhancing the overall reliability of the system.

The remote access functionality, enabled through an IoT-based server, allowed users to control and monitor the door lock from anywhere in the world. Homeowners could access real-time camera feeds, receive alerts, and manually grant or deny access through a secure mobile application. This feature proved to be highly effective in enhancing security and user convenience. The system's response time was tested under different network conditions, and it was found that with a stable internet connection, remote access commands were executed within seconds. Moreover, the system successfully logged all access attempts, providing a detailed record for security monitoring. Overall, the results indicate that the AI-driven face recognition door lock system is a reliable, secure, and efficient solution for modern home automation, significantly improving security standards over traditional access control methods.

Conclusion

VI. CONCLUSION

The AI-driven face recognition smart home door lock system provides a highly secure, contactless, and efficient access control solution. By integrating an improved Mask R-CNN model, the system ensures accurate facial

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detection and recognition while minimizing false positives. The addition of PIN-based verification enhances security, preventing unauthorized access even in cases of facial spoofing. Real-time alerts via edge computing and IoT-enabled remote access allow homeowners to monitor and control entry from anywhere, improving convenience and safety. The system has demonstrated high accuracy and reliability across various conditions, making it a practical solution for modern home security. With its advanced features and automation capabilities, this smart door lock system represents a significant step forward in secure and intelligent access management.

Future Work

Future enhancements to the AI-driven face recognition smart home door lock system will focus on improving accuracy and efficiency in diverse real-world conditions. One key area of improvement is enhancing the model's performance in low-light environments and handling variations such as facial occlusions, aging, and disguises. Optimizing the system for faster real-time processing using advanced hardware accelerators, such as edge AI chips, will further improve response times. Additionally, integrating multi-factor authentication methods like voice recognition or fingerprint scanning can strengthen security. Expanding the system to support cloud-based AI processing and blockchain-based security for data protection will enhance scalability and privacy. Lastly, improving user experience through a more intuitive mobile application and AI-driven anomaly detection will ensure a seamless and more secure smart home security solution.

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