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Affordably Priced Mobile Application Camera System to Track Vehicle Activity in Residential Communities

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A B S T R A C T

The process involves the system has still images as the input, and extracts a string corresponding to the plate number, which is used to obtain the output user data from a suitable database. The system extracts data from a license plate and compare it with the user database if it matches the it will store the details of that vehicle and if it is not matched means that while does not belong as that society then it will generated a message and send it to the culministrator. License plate extraction is based on plate features, such as texture, and all characters segmented from the plate are passed individually to a character recognition sage for reading.

The system involves extracting data from license plates and comparing them with a user database to determine if the vehicle belongs to the society. If it matches, the system stores the details of the vehicle, and if it does not, a message is generated and sent to the administrator. License plate extraction is based on plate features, such as texture, and all characters segmented from the plate are passed individually toa character recognition suite for reading. The proposed system aims to improve the security and efficiency of residential societies by detecting unauthorized vehicles, identifying vehicles involved in criminal activity, reducing congestion, improving traffic flow, and providing residents with peace of mind knowing that their community is being monitored.

Keywords: License plate recognition, plate number, image processing, society security, database.

1.Introduction:

The modern challenges faced by residential societies in ensuring security against unauthorized vehicle access and theft have spurred the development of innovative solutions. One such critical solution is the "SocietySafeDrive" vehicle monitoring and identification system. This system is designed to revolutionize security measures within residential communities, specifically tailored to address the pressing concerns surrounding illegal parking and vehicle-related security lapses.In contemporary residential settings, issues such as unauthorized vehicle entry, parking congestion, and vehicle theft have become increasingly prevalent. Existing methods for monitoring and managing vehicles, including camera-based systems, RFID solutions, and license plate recognition, often come with limitations. These methods encounter challenges in accuracy, cost-effectiveness, or scalability,"SocietySafeDrive" aims to bridge this gap by offering a comprehensive, cost-effective, and user- friendly system. By leveraging advancements in image processing, mobile application development, and analytics, this innovative solution promises accurate identification of vehicles entering and exiting residential areas. Real-time notifications to residents via a mobile application enhance security measures while providing convenience and peace of mind.

The system's core functionalities include an Image Processing Module for license plate recognition, a Database Management Module for storing resident and vehicle data, and a User-friendly Mobile Application for seamless communication and notifications. Additionally, Security Features and Analytics Modules bolster the overall system, ensuring robust security measures and valuable insights into vehicle movement patterns.

"SocietySafeDrive" intends to empower residential communities by offering an accessible tool that not only addresses vehicle-related security concerns but also contributes to improved management, convenience, and overall safety within these societies. The system's affordability, accuracy, and scalability aim to redefine residential security paradigms and set new standards for effective vehicle monitoring systems.

2.Literature Review:

[1] The study proposes a novel solution to addressing the issues of Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems, which are frequently created for specific countries and are not adaptable to multinational license plates. The proposed deep ALPR system follows a three-step procedure that includes YOLO networks for LP detection and character identification. Tiny YOLOv3 is used for LP detection, while YOLOv3-SPP, which includes the spatial pyramid pooling (SPP) block, is used for unified character recognition. To address the problem of improper sequence prediction, a layout identification

approach is proposed. The system's examination includes varied datasets from five nations, including South Korea, Taiwan, Greece, the United States, and Croatia, demonstrating its versatility.

[2] This paper examines the increased demand for Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems, which are critical for jobs in law enforcement, surveillance, and toll booth operations due to rising vehicle numbers. The study examines existing ALPR techniques while taking into account the different operational needs, which range from mobile devices to cloud servers, as well as harsh climatic circumstances. Despite significant advances, there is still a gap in handling complications, notably sensitivity to lighting changes and daylight reliance. The study uses critical analysis to identify open difficulties, providing insights for researchers and developers.

[3] This study investigates the pervasive function of license plate recognition systems in current smart cities, which enable services such as toll and parking charge payment and residential access control. Recognizing the flaws in previous algorithms, particularly in real-world circumstances characterized by light, shadow, and backdrop complexity, the study focuses on the use of deep learning to improve license plate recognition. It overcomes technological issues including skew, noise, and blur by categorizing deep learning methods into direct and indirect detection categories. Comparative assessments of various algorithms, datasets, workstations, and system performance provide insights that will guide future research paths in the field of license plate recognition technology.

[4] This paper discusses the critical role of Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) in intelligent transportation systems, focusing on applications in traffic control, security, e-payment, toll systems, and parking. Despite the maturity of license plate recognition (LPR), flaws remain, prompting research into refining the system. Taking advantage of advances in deep learning and the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) sensors, the study presents a full ALPR system with four unique steps: license plate extraction, image pre-processing, character segmentation, and character recognition. The character identification stage includes a variety of algorithms, including Convolution Neural Network (CNN), MobileNet, Inception V3, and ResNet 50, demonstrating the paper's dedication to researching new methodologies in the deep learning era.

[5] This research focuses on improving license plate detection (LPD) technologies for successful use in difficult traffic situations. The suggested methodology introduces a resilient preprocessing improvement method that incorporates Gaussian filtering, cumulative histogram equalization, and contrast-limited adaptive histogram equalization. The system extracts essential characteristics from various license plate resolutions using local binary patterns and median filters, as well as an oriented gradient descriptor histogram. These features are used as input for a support vector machine classifier. Additional processing approaches, such as a position-based approach, are used to reduce unnecessary bounding boxes and false positives. Evaluation across multiple databases under varying settings reveals significant performance gains, beating cutting-edge approaches in both detection rate and processing time.

[6] This study addresses the difficulty of recognizing license plates in natural landscapes from arbitrary viewpoints, filling a substantial gap in current research that has primarily concentrated on frontal plate photos. Concentrating on slanted Chinese license plates, the suggested method detects and corrects several plates with significant distortion in a single image. Unlike previous approaches, the system uses affine transformations during detection to correct distorted license plate photos and improve recognition accuracy. A complete Chinese license plate recognition dataset is also introduced, which includes a variety of settings and weather situations. Extensive experiments have demonstrated the efficiency of the proposed strategy

[7] To address problems in standard license plate recognition, this work provides an end-to-end deep learning model for accurate and fast recognition in natural circumstances. The model extracts features effectively by improving the YOLOv5 framework's channel attention mechanism and adding position information. To maximize efficiency, parameters are simplified and a single class is defined in the YOLO layer. The inclusion of GRU+CTC in the recognition network enables character segmentation-free recognition, which improves training speed and overall accuracy. Experimental findings demonstrate the model's exceptional performance, with recognition precision of 98.98% in difficult situations.

[8] Using the Chinese City Parking Dataset (CCPD), this article addresses the issues of license plate identification and recognition under a variety of non-restrictive situations, such as dark, bright, and rotational settings. The proposed robust model uses Bi-LSTM for character localization and 1D-Attention to improve usable features, achieving high recognition rates of 99.3%, 98.5%, 98.6%, 96.4%, 99.3%, and 86.6% in various CCPD sub-datasets. The algorithm is both effective and robust, demonstrating its potential for accurate license plate detection in demanding circumstances.

[9] This study addresses the constraints of existing License Plate (LP) recognition systems by focusing on naturalistic contexts and low-resolution photos. By combining single-stage character segmentation and recognition with adversarial Super-Resolution (SR) techniques, the suggested models (YOLOv5, YOLOv6, and Faster RCNN) improve LP quality by producing realistic high-resolution images. Experiments show that effective network modifications, such as changes in layers, activation functions, and Total Variation (TV) loss regularization, contribute to higher LP identification accuracy than other systems.

[10] In response to the issues of traffic infraction monitoring in India, this study presents an AI-based system for automatically detecting two-wheeler violations such as helmet noncompliance, phone usage, triple riding, wheeling, and unlawful parking. Using custom-trained Yolo-v4 + DeepSORT for violation detection and tracking, as well as Yolo-v4 + Tesseract for number plate extraction, the system achieved high detection accuracy, with a mean average precision of 98.09%. With no false positives in real-world circumstances, the created system shows promise for automated traffic violation ticketing, which contributes to improved road safety.

[11] This study addresses the difficulty of efficiently integrating several web application programming interfaces (APIs) into mobile apps. Recognizing the NP-hard difficulty of merging existing web APIs, the proposed Efficient Web APIs Recommendation (E-WAR) strategy uses locality-sensitive

hashing to suggest suitable and diversified APIs to developers. Emphasizing privacy protection, particularly when dealing with confidential information, E-WAR provides an innovative and efficient way for making web API recommendations.

3. Proposed Work:

3.1 Data Collection and Preprocessing:

• Acquire a diverse dataset of vehicle images containing number plates, considering variations in lighting, weather, and vehicle types.

• Preprocess the dataset by standardizing image resolution, enhancing contrast, and addressing potential noise to ensure optimal performance during the object detection.

3.2 Technology Selection and System Design:

• Research and evaluate available technologies, considering image processing algorithms, database systems, mobile app frameworks, and security protocols.

• Design the system architecture considering scalability, affordability, and compatibility with diverse hardware and software components.

3.3 Image Processing Development:

• Develop and fine-tune image enhancement, segmentation, and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) techniques for improved accuracy.

3.4 Database Management System Implementation:

• Set up a robust and secure database management system to store resident and vehicle data.

• Design database schemas and implement access controls to ensure data integrity and privacy compliance

3.5 Mobile Application Development:

• Design and develop a user-friendly mobile application for residents and security personnel.

• Incorporate features for vehicle registration, real-time notifications, and access to analytics, ensuring an intuitive interface.

3.6 Integration and Testing:

• Integrate hardware components such as cameras, sensors, and networking equipment with the software system.

• Conduct rigorous testing to validate system functionalities, ensuring accuracy, real- time notifications, and seamless integration.

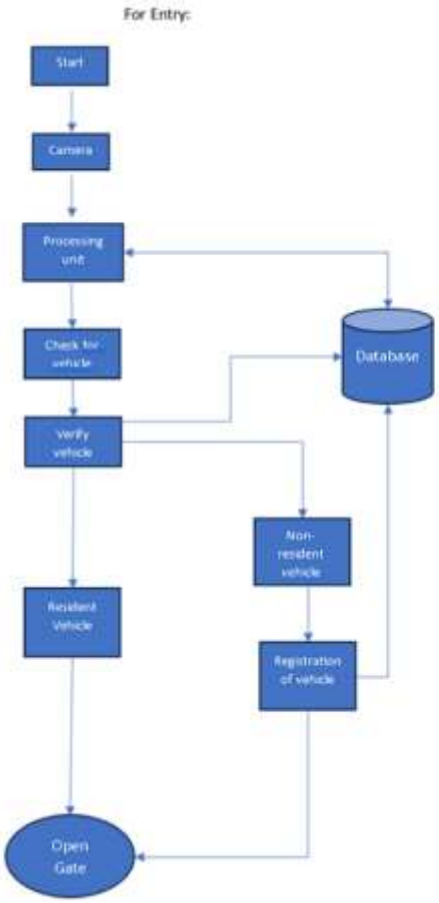
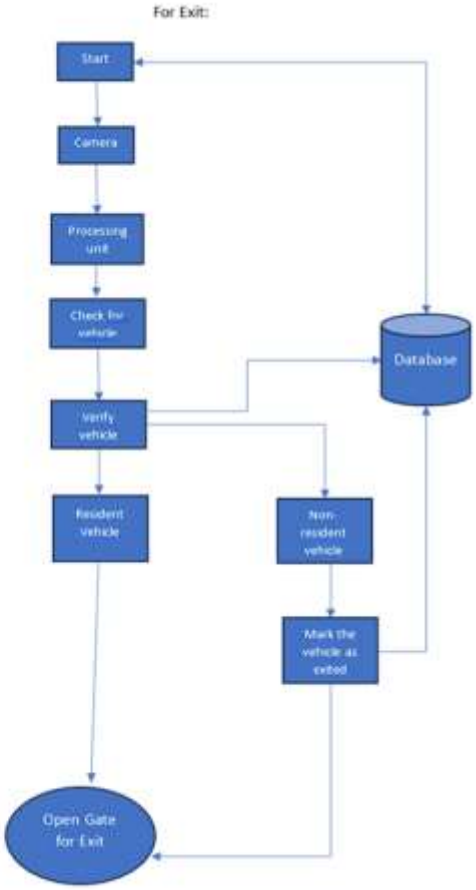


Figure 1 (Flowchart for Entry)



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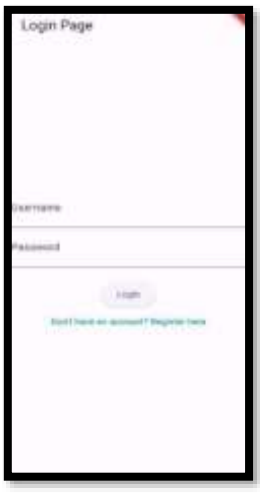
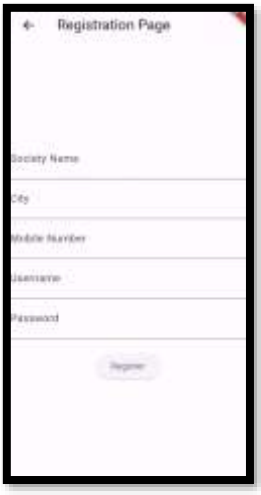


Figure 3 (Login Page)



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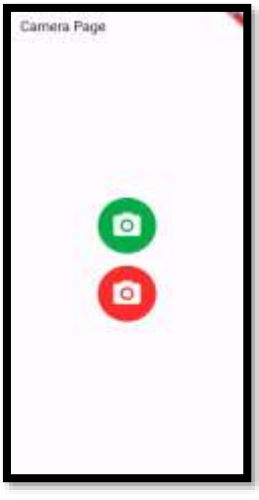

Figure 5 & 6 (Number plate detection)

4. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the proposed project aims to develop an innovative and affordable vehicle monitoring and identification system for residential societies, addressing the pressing concerns of illegal vehicle parking, theft, and security lapses. The objective is to provide an efficient, cost-effective, and user-friendly solution that leverages image processing, mobile application development, and analytics to enhance security and convenience within residential communities, with a specific focus on the Indian market.

To address the critical issue of insufficient authentication procedures during exit, the system introduces a comprehensive approach. Authorization for exit is granted when vehicle and individual data align with the database records. In cases of mismatch, the system prompts manual verification by security personnel, ensuring a robust security protocol.

Real-time object detection and precise character recognition, facilitated by Python, and Easy OCR, elevate the system to unparalleled levels of performance and reliability. This integration has proven highly effective in capturing and processing vehicle number plates.

In summary, this project aspires to make a meaningful impact by providing a comprehensive and accessible solution to the security challenges faced by residential societies in India and potentially elsewhere, contributing to safer living environments and empowering communities to take proactive measures in vehicle management and security.

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