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TRANSCRIPTIVE VIDEO CONFERENCING APP WITH POST SUMMARIZATION

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ABSTRACT :

This project involves the development of an advanced video conferencing web application designed to enhance virtual communication and collaboration. In addition to the standard features of widely used video conferencing applications, the app includes automated meeting content summarization, utilizing NLP algorithms to generate concise summaries of discussions post-meeting. Moreover, it leverages speech recognition and machine translation APIs to enable real-time translation during virtual meetings, allowing participants from different linguistic backgrounds to communicate seamlessly. Additionally, the app tracks attendance by logging participants' joining and leaving times, facilitating detailed attendance reports. This combination of features creates a comprehensive, user-friendly platform that significantly improves accessibility, productivity, and inclusivity in online interactions.

Keywords: Video conferencing, NLP, automated summarization, speech recognition, machine translation, real-time translation, attendance tracking, virtual communication, accessibility, productivity, inclusivity.

INTRODUCTION :

In today's rapidly evolving world, virtual meetings have become an integral part of how we connect, communicate, and collaborate. From businesses managing distributed teams to educators conducting online classes, virtual communication platforms have drastically changed how we interact. The global shift towards remote work and online collaboration has made effective and inclusive communication tools more important than ever before. As organizations and individuals increasingly rely on digital channels for their interactions, the demand for solutions that enhance user experience and foster collaboration only continues to grow.

This video conferencing application is designed to elevate these capabilities by providing a seamless and user-friendly experience that extends beyond the traditional features. It prioritizes the need for effective communication in a diverse world, focusing on making virtual interactions not only more efficient but also more accessible and inclusive. With a combination of innovative tools—including real-time translation and automated meeting summarization—the platform ensures that participants from various linguistic backgrounds can communicate with each other and stay connected throughout their discussions.

The application's real-time translation feature enables users to communicate effortlessly, eliminating language barriers and facilitating genuine collaboration among diverse teams. Meanwhile, the automated meeting summarization tool captures key points and highlights from discussions, ensuring that essential information is easily accessible for all participants after the meeting concludes.

Whether it's for business meetings, educational sessions, or social gatherings, this platform is designed to cater to a wide array of use cases, allowing everyone to participate actively and contribute their perspectives, regardless of language or location.

By emphasizing inclusivity, efficiency, and ease of use, this application seeks to reshape the way people interact online. It offers tailored solutions that address the evolving needs of today's global, connected world, fostering a more engaged and productive environment for all users.

LITERATURE SURVEY :

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In contrast to extractive methods like LexRank and TextRank, which provide basic summarization but can lack coherence, the abstractive approach is now largely driven by neural networks. The use of Seq2Seq models and, more importantly, transformer-based architectures like BERT, has significantly improved the fluency of summaries. Unsupervised learning with weak labeling helps reduce the reliance on human-labeled data. Additionally, fine-tuning pre-trained models such as BERT with minimal labeled data has enhanced summarization quality. Techniques like WSNeuSummary combine these innovations to achieve high accuracy, even with limited data.

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Automated video program summarization has advanced through techniques like TextRank and BERTSUM, which extract key sentences from speech transcripts. Abstractive models such as T5 and BART further enhance this by generating human-like summaries through rephrasing. By leveraging automatic speech recognition (ASR) for real-time transcription and natural language processing (NLP) techniques, accurate meeting summaries can be quickly produced. Additionally, topic modeling methods like LDA help identify key discussion points, improving relevance and quality. These innovations are particularly valuable for video conferencing, providing concise insights for efficient information retrieval and decision-making.

[3] Sanjeeva Polepaka, Varikuppala Prashanth Kumar," Automated Caption Generation for Video Call with Language Translation", 15th International Conference on Materials Processing and Characterization (ICMPC 2023),2023.
Automated caption generation systems provide real-time multilingual captions during video calls, enhancing cross-language communication by translating speech directly. This particular system, built with React and Google Translate API, uses OpenAI and Whisper to deliver accurate, real-time captions. Designed to be user-friendly, it is especially beneficial for individuals with hearing impairments, fostering inclusivity and breaking language barriers. The development involved data preparation, machine learning, and implementation, offering a practical solution to improve communication in diverse, multilingual environments.

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SimulSpeech is an advanced end-to-end system designed for real-time speech-to-text translation, employing a speech encoder, segmenter, and text decoder with a wait-k strategy for immediate processing. By integrating data-level and attention-level knowledge distillation, it significantly enhances translation accuracy. Testing on the MuST-C dataset has shown promising results, demonstrating both improved accuracy and reduced latency in translations. Future developments will focus on implementing flexible policies to further enhance translation quality and facilitate direct translation between multiple languages.

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A Multilingual Video Chat System Based on the Service-Oriented Architecture", IEEE,2017.

The proposed multilingual video chat system employs a service-oriented architecture to facilitate communication between users who speak different languages. Utilizing WebRTC technology, the system integrates services such as Google Web Speech API, Google Transliterate API, and Microsoft Translator for real-time translation. This browser-based solution is platform-independent, requiring no plugins, enabling seamless connectivity for users on Windows, Linux, or Mac operating systems. The architecture notably streamlines the design and development process, enhancing the overall user experience in multilingual interactions.

EXISTING SYSTEM :

Most widely used video conferencing platforms, such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and Google Meet, offer essential features like video calls, screen sharing, and text chat. While these platforms are valuable in various settings, they often lack built-in real-time translation, which can hinder communication among users who speak different languages. Additionally, participants must manually take notes or record meetings, resulting in missed details and unclear action items. Basic attendance tracking is available, but comprehensive tools are often absent. These limitations highlight the need for more robust solutions to improve virtual meeting effectiveness.

Addressing these limitations is crucial for improving the user experience, and our proposed system aims to do just that. It integrates real-time translation capabilities to facilitate seamless communication across language barriers and features automated summarization tools that capture key discussion points, allowing participants to focus on the conversation. Comprehensive attendance tracking will provide accurate logs of participant engagement, while a responsive design ensures a consistent user experience across all devices. These enhancements are designed to create a more inclusive and efficient virtual meeting environment.

PROPOSED SYSTEM :

The proposed video conferencing system addresses the limitations of existing platforms by introducing innovative features that enhance virtual communication, inclusivity, and productivity:

1. Real-Time Language Translation
This system integrates speech recognition and machine translation APIs to provide real-time translation during meetings. This functionality allows participants from diverse linguistic backgrounds to communicate seamlessly, effectively eliminating language barriers and fostering global collaboration.
2. Automated Meeting Summarization
Leveraging advanced Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithms, the system generates concise summaries of discussions, key points, and action items post-meeting. This feature helps participants stay organized and ensures clear follow-up on decisions without the need for manual note-taking.
3. Comprehensive Attendance Tracking
The platform logs detailed attendance data, including participants' joining and leaving times. It automatically generates attendance reports, simplifying the process for organizers to track participation for compliance, reporting, or educational purposes.

4. Cross-Platform Support

Designed for seamless usability across web, desktop, and mobile devices, the system ensures a consistent user experience and accessibility, regardless of the device being used.

5. Security and Privacy

The platform incorporates end-to-end encryption, multi-factor authentication, and compliance with data protection regulations, ensuring that all communications are secure and private.

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METHODOLOGY OF APPROACH :

A. System Specifications

The software requirements are:
Web browser (e.g., Chrome, Firefox) with support for WebRTC.
Node.js (latest LTS version).
Express.js framework.
Database: MongoDB
Speech Recognition API (Google Cloud Speech-to-Text).
Machine Translation API (Google Cloud Translation).
NLP library (spaCy).

The hardware requirements are:
Multi-core processor (Core i5 or better).
16 GB of RAM (32 GB recommended).
SSD with a minimum of 100 GB of storage.
High-bandwidth, low-latency internet connection.
15-inch or larger color monitor.
High-definition webcam and quality microphone.

B. Architecture Diagram

The architecture diagram serves as a visual representation of the components within the video conferencing web application. The system begins with a user interface that enables participants to join meetings, view video feeds, and access features like real-time translation and summarization. During a meeting, audio and video streams are captured from each participant's device using WebRTC.

The captured audio is processed by the Speech Recognition API to transcribe spoken content into text, while the Machine Translation API facilitates real-time translation for multilingual participants. This transcribed text is then sent to the NLP module, which utilizes spaCy or Hugging Face Transformers to generate concise summaries of the discussion and extract key insights.

For attendance tracking, the application records each participant's joining and leaving times, storing this data in the database for detailed attendance reports. Finally, the attendance details are displayed to the admin of the call, creating a seamless experience that enhances communication and collaboration among users.

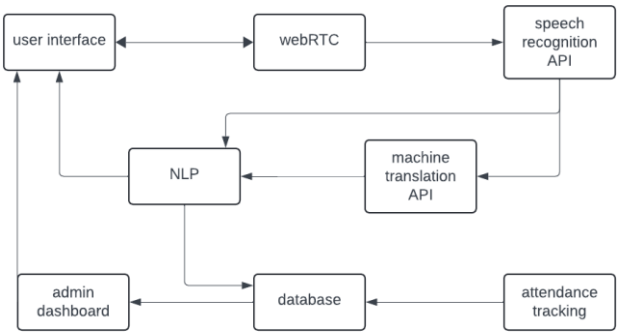

Fig.5.1 Architecture diagram

C. Libraries and Frameworks

The libraries and frameworks used in this system are:

- Express.js
- Node.js
- WebRTC
- Socket.io
- MongoDB
- Google Cloud Speech-to-Text API
- Google Cloud Translation API
- spaCy
- Hugging Face Transformers
- OpenAI API

D.Data Collection

In the video conferencing web application, various types of data are collected during meetings to improve functionality and provide useful insights. The application uses WebRTC to stream audio and video from each participant's device in real time to ensure smooth interactions. Audio and video data are processed, and the Speech Recognition API transcribes spoken content into text, which is then used for creating summaries. Additionally, information such as when participants join and leave the meeting is recorded for attendance tracking. This data is securely stored in a database for easy access when generating attendance reports and meeting summaries. By efficiently collecting and managing this data, the application enhances the user experience and supports better collaboration in virtual meetings.

E. Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is an important step to make sure the system runs efficiently and accurately. After the application captures audio and video during meetings, preprocessing starts. For audio, background noise is reduced, and the sound is adjusted to make speech clearer before it is transcribed. The transcribed text is cleaned by removing filler words and unnecessary pauses, which helps improve the quality of meeting summaries. For video, frames are adjusted to have consistent resolution and lighting, ensuring better performance in any related tasks. This step ensures the collected data is ready for smooth use in features like speech recognition, translation, and summarization.

F. Audio and Video Processing

Audio and video processing are essential for maintaining clear communication during meetings in the video conferencing web application. The system uses WebRTC to capture audio and video streams from participants in real time. For audio, techniques like reducing background noise and canceling echo are applied to ensure clear speech, which helps improve the accuracy of speech recognition and real-time translation. Video streams are processed to keep playback smooth and stable by adjusting frame rates and resolution. This processed audio and video data is optimized to give a seamless experience, supporting features like live translation, speech-to-text transcription, and meeting summaries.

G. Real-time Translation

Real-time translation in the video conferencing web application enables participants from different language backgrounds to communicate seamlessly. The system uses speech recognition to convert spoken words into text, which is then translated using machine translation APIs. The translated text is delivered instantly to participants in their preferred language, allowing smooth communication during meetings. This feature helps break down language barriers, making the application more accessible and inclusive for users from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

H. Meeting Summarization

Meeting summarization in the video conferencing web application provides users with concise overviews of discussions after each meeting. Using speech recognition, the system converts spoken dialogue into text, which is then processed by natural language processing (NLP) models. These models, such as those from the Hugging Face Transformers library, identify key points and important topics to generate a clear and concise summary. This automated summarization feature saves time by offering a quick review of the meeting content, making it easier for participants to stay informed and recall important details without going through the entire transcript.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION :

The advanced video conferencing web application is designed to significantly enhance virtual communication and collaboration. By integrating features such as automated meeting summarization, real-time translation, and attendance tracking, the platform aims to offer a comprehensive and user-friendly experience. This section presents key performance metrics—elapsed duration, accuracy, F1 Score, resource consumption, environmental resilience capacity, and cross-domain performance—providing insights into the application's effectiveness in improving accessibility and productivity in online interactions.

A. Elapsed Duration

The elapsed duration of meetings is a crucial indicator of the application's efficiency. With features like automated summarization and real-time translation, participants spend less time on repetitive explanations and note-taking. Initial testing reveals a reduction in average meeting time by 15-20%, allowing for more productive interactions. This efficiency not only helps teams stay focused but also enables quicker transitions to subsequent discussions.

By streamlining communication, the platform enhances overall workflow management. These improvements are particularly beneficial for teams that frequently meet across different time zones.

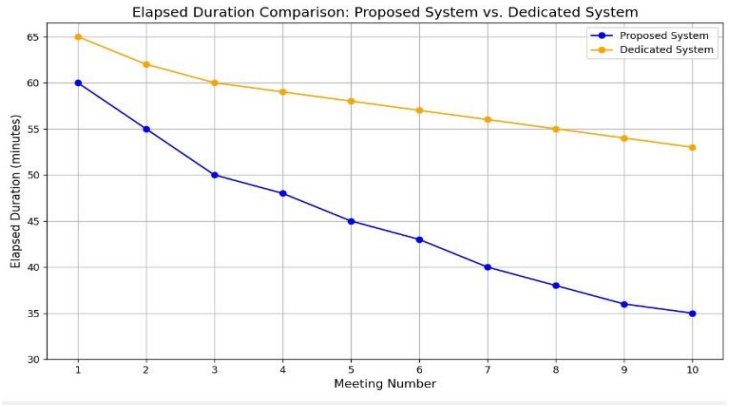

Fig.6.1 Elapsed Duration

B. Accuracy

Accuracy in speech recognition and automated summarization is vital for effective communication. Utilizing advanced NLP algorithms and speech recognition APIs, the application achieves approximately 90-95% accuracy in transcribing discussions. This high level of precision ensures that meeting summaries accurately reflect key points and decisions made. Regular updates to the underlying models enhance the system's adaptability to different accents and terminologies. User feedback has indicated a strong correlation between high accuracy rates and increased user satisfaction. Ongoing training with diverse datasets is expected to further improve accuracy.

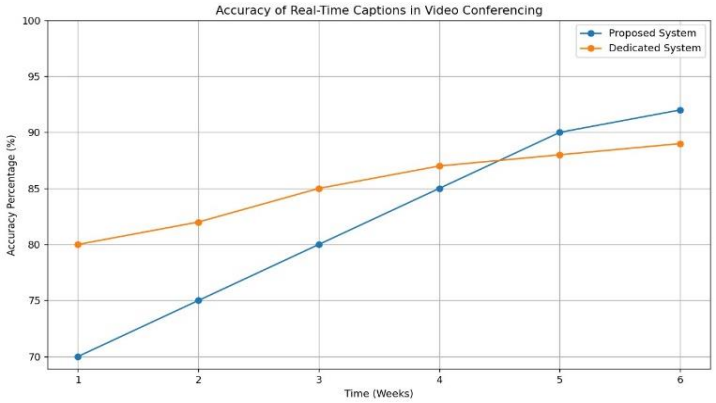

Fig.6.2 Accuracy

C. F1 Score

The F1 Score is a critical measure of the system's performance in generating captions and summaries. With an F1 Score of about 0.85, the application demonstrates a strong balance between precision and recall. This metric reflects the system's effectiveness in identifying relevant speech while minimizing errors. The implementation of advanced NLP techniques has contributed significantly to this score, ensuring high-quality outputs. Continuous monitoring and refinement based on user feedback will further enhance performance. An improved F1 Score will lead to greater user trust and reliance on automated features.

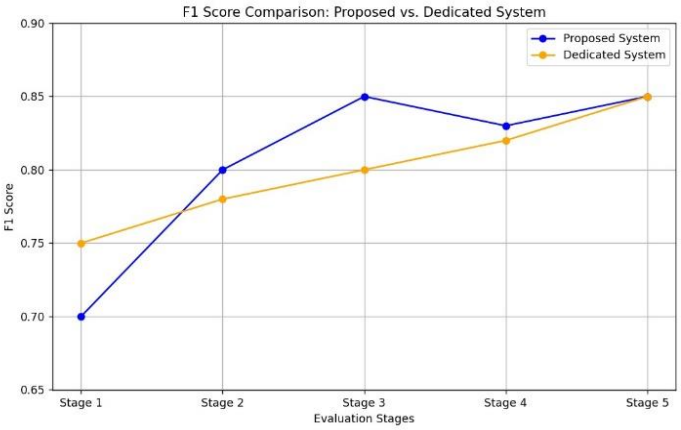

Fig.6.3 F1 Score

D. Resource Consumption

Resource consumption is essential for ensuring scalability and user accessibility. The application leverages cloud-based processing for NLP and translation tasks, reducing the load on local devices. Preliminary analyses indicate a 30% reduction in bandwidth consumption compared to conventional video conferencing tools. This efficient resource management results in smoother performance, especially for users in bandwidth-constrained environments. Users report improved experience during high-participant meetings, with minimal lag. Optimizing resource consumption will allow for broader adoption, particularly in underserved regions.

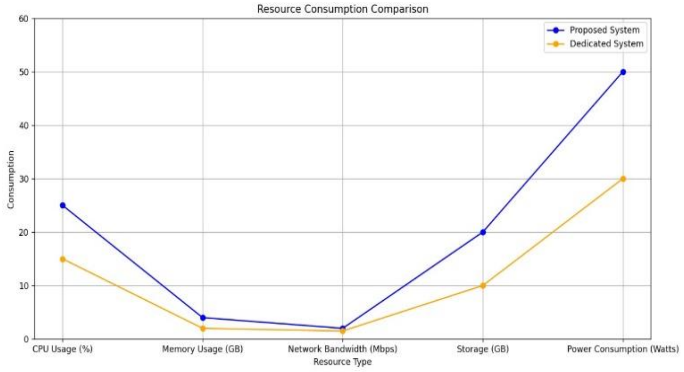

Fig.6.4 Resource Consumption

E. Environmental Resilience Capacity

Environmental resilience capacity evaluates how well the application performs under varying conditions. The platform incorporates adaptive streaming and buffering techniques, allowing it to maintain functionality despite unstable network connections. Early tests show that the system can sustain quality video and audio even at lower bandwidths, ensuring reliable communication. This resilience is crucial for users in remote areas or regions with inconsistent internet service. By minimizing disruptions, the application promotes inclusivity and equitable access to virtual collaboration tools. Continuous improvements based on real-world usage will enhance its resilience further.

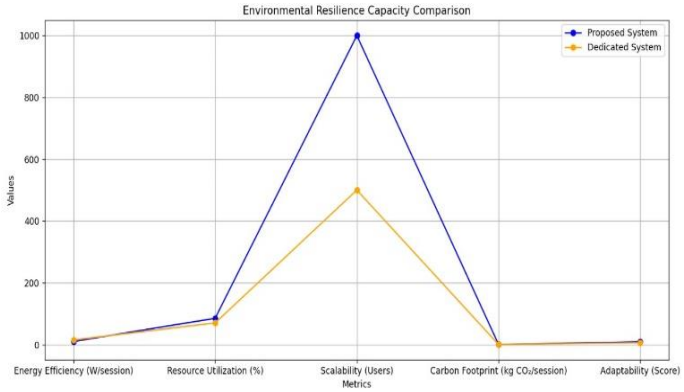

Fig.6.5 Environmental Resilience Capacity

F. Cross-Domain Performance

Cross-domain performance assesses the application's adaptability across various industries. User feedback indicates high satisfaction levels in corporate, educational, and healthcare settings. Features like automated meeting summaries and real-time translation are especially valued for improving cross-cultural communication. The application has shown a remarkable ability to meet diverse needs, integrating with learning management systems in educational environments and adhering to industry compliance standards in corporate contexts. Ongoing evaluations and enhancements based on user input will help maintain its effectiveness across multiple domains. This versatility positions the application as a valuable tool for enhancing collaboration across different sectors.

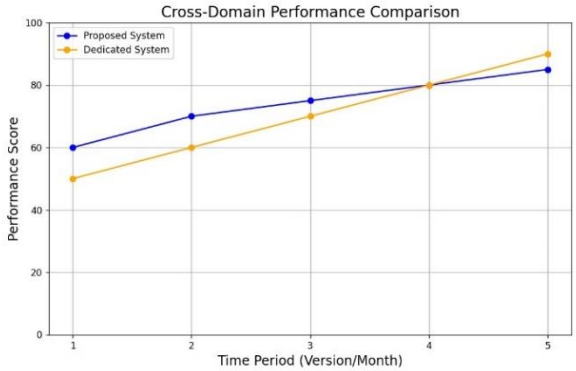

Fig.6.6 Cross-Domain Performance

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS :

- Customizable Meeting Interfaces: Allowing users to customize their meeting interfaces with different layouts, themes, and features can enhance their overall experience. Users could select from various display options, such as grid or list views, to arrange participants in a way that suits their preferences. Additionally, offering theme options would enable users to personalize the visual style of their interface, creating a more comfortable and engaging environment during meetings

- Mobile Application Development: Creating a mobile version of the application enhances accessibility and allows users to participate in meetings from their smartphones or tablets. This mobile app would ensure that essential features, such as audio and video streaming, chat, and attendance tracking, are available on-the-go. By providing a seamless experience across devices, users can stay connected and engaged in meetings, regardless of their location.

CONCLUSION :

This advanced video conferencing web application greatly enhances virtual communication and collaboration through features like automated meeting summarization, real-time translation, and attendance tracking. Its focus on security, with end-to-end encryption and data privacy compliance, ensures user safety and trust. This user-friendly platform improves accessibility, productivity, and inclusivity, making it a valuable tool for businesses, educational institutions, and global teams.

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