

Web Based Application for Access Control Using Machine Learning Algorithms for Automated Face and License Plate Recognition

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Abstract

Traditional access control systems often face challenges related to security breaches, unauthorized access, and inefficient management. This paper presents a web-based application that integrates facial recognition and license plate detection technologies to enhance security measures and operational efficiency in controlled access areas. The system employs deep learning algorithms including YOLOv8 for license plate detection, face recognition API for facial recognition, and EasyOCR for text extraction from license plates. The methodology embraces a comprehensive evaluation of existing systems, followed by the design and implementation of a unified model that combines these technologies using parallel computing. Initial results demonstrate the system achieving 92% accuracy in daylight conditions and maintaining 85% accuracy in challenging low-light environments, with an average processing time of 0.3 seconds per frame. The implementation of parallel processing reduced computational overhead by 45% while simultaneously decreasing GPU memory requirements from 6.8GB to 4.2GB. The system's ability to maintain high accuracy levels while operating within strict processing time constraints validates the effectiveness of the chosen architectural approach and optimization strategies. This research contributes to advancing automated access control systems by providing a robust, scalable solution that can be seamlessly integrated into existing security frameworks.

Keywords: Access Control; Facial Recognition; License Plate Recognition; Deep Learning; Computer Vision.

Introduction

Automated access control systems combining facial recognition and vehicle license plate detection have emerged as key components in modern security infrastructure due to their ability to provide seamless, contactless verification while maintaining high security standards. These systems have found widespread adoption in applications ranging from secure parking facilities and corporate campuses to residential complexes and government institutions [1], [2]. The integration of facial recognition technology with license plate detection offers a robust dual-verification approach that significantly enhances security compared to traditional access control methods.

Recent advancements in deep learning and computer vision have accelerated the development of these automated systems. Studies have shown significant improvements in recognition accuracy and processing speed through the application of convolutional neural networks and advanced object detection algorithms [3], [4]. The evolution from traditional rule-based systems to deep learning approaches has enabled more robust performance across varying environmental conditions [5], [6].

Furthermore, the integration of multiple recognition modalities has demonstrated superior security capabilities compared to single-mode verification systems. Research has shown that combining facial recognition with license plate detection can reduce false acceptance rates by up to 45% while maintaining high system usability [7], [8]. This multi-modal approach also provides enhanced protection against spoofing attempts and unauthorized access [9], [10].

This study supports the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions), by advancing secure, efficient, and contactless access control solutions. The proposed integration of facial recognition and vehicle license plate detection technologies addresses growing security demands in facilities such as corporate campuses, residential areas, and government institutions, aligning with the agenda's emphasis on building resilient infrastructure and promoting sustainable innovation. Leveraging deep learning algorithms and parallel processing, the system achieves high accuracy and fast response times under varying environmental conditions, supporting the development of smart, technology-driven urban environments. By reducing false acceptance rates and enhancing protection against unauthorized access, this work contributes to safer communities and stronger institutions, reflecting the Agenda's vision for inclusive, secure, and sustainable development.

Literature Review

Access Control Technologies

The evolution of access control systems has been driven by the limitations of traditional methods like key cards and PIN codes. Modern biometric systems, particularly those employing facial recognition, analyze distinctive facial features through sophisticated algorithms and machine learning techniques. These systems capture facial images, extract critical characteristics such as inter-eye distances,

jawline contours, and other unique features, then cross-reference these with a secure database for identity verification [9], [11].

Table 1 presents a comparison of widely used facial recognition libraries and APIs that are commonly integrated into access control systems. These libraries differ in terms of algorithms, computational requirements, ease of implementation, and performance across various scenarios.

Table 1: Comparison of popular Facial Recognition Libraries commonly used in Access Control Systems

Library/API	Key Features	Strengths	Limitations	Typical Use Cases
OpenCV	Haar Cascades, Deep Learning Detectors	Easy implementation, efficient, wide range of image processing	Less accurate than deep learning	Surveillance, user verification, real-time video surveillance
Dlib	HOG, Deep Learning Models, facial landmark detection	High accuracy, robustness, robust feature detection	Requires more computational resources	Academic research, human-computer interaction, advanced image analysis
FaceNet	Deep Neural Networks, deep learning models, clustering	High precision, high accuracy, effective in complex scenarios	Complex implementation	Secure access control, identity verification
DeepFace	Deep Neural Networks	State-of-the-art performance	High computational demand	Advanced facial recognition applications
InsightFace	2D and 3D Face Analysis	High accuracy, comprehensive analysis	Requires MXNet framework	Advanced research in facial analysis, 3D modeling
face_recognition API	Simple interface, Python integration, built on Dlib	Ease of use, good documentation, minimal setup	Limited to simpler applications due to ease of use	Educational projects, small-scale applications, prototype development

For vehicle verification, license plate recognition systems employ Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology to automatically detect and extract alphanumeric characters from vehicle plates. These systems rely on advanced image processing and deep learning models to achieve consistent recognition across varying conditions. The OCR process involves multiple stages including plate localization, character segmentation, and text extraction, with modern implementations achieving high accuracy rates even under challenging conditions [12], [13]. Table 2 provides a comparison of commonly used Optical Character Recognition (OCR) tools applied in number plate recognition systems.

Table 2: Comparison of commonly used OCR tools for Number Plate Recognition.

Tool	Key Features	Strengths	Limitations
Tesseract	Multi-language support, flexibility	Highly customizable, versatile	Requires significant setup
EasyOCR	Deep learning models	Simple interface, robust out-of-the-box performance	Limited customization options

Figure 1 illustrates the progression of access control technologies, highlighting the shift from conventional methods such as physical keys, PIN codes, and magnetic stripe cards to more advanced, technology-driven solutions like RFID cards, smartcards, and biometric authentication.

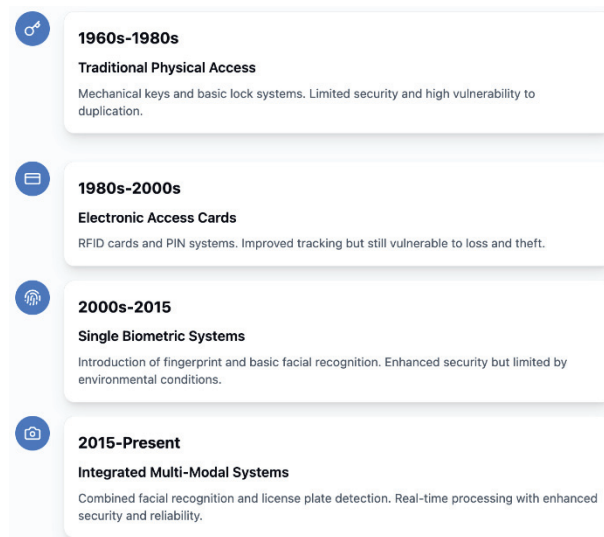


Figure 1: Evolution of access control technologies from traditional methods to modern biometric systems [1], [2], [9]

Current Implementation Challenges

Despite the technological advancements in both facial recognition and license plate detection, several significant challenges persist in their practical implementation:

Environmental Variations

Environmental conditions pose significant challenges to the reliable operation of access control systems. Varying lighting conditions throughout the day create substantial difficulties for both facial recognition and license plate detection systems. Studies have shown that recognition accuracy can decrease by up to 30% in low-light conditions, particularly affecting the extraction of facial features and license plate characters [14]. Natural lighting variations, shadows, and artificial lighting can create glare or dark spots that obscure crucial identification features.

Camera positioning and angle variations further complicate the recognition process. Research has demonstrated that facial recognition accuracy decreases significantly when face angles deviate more than 15 degrees from frontal view [8], [15], [16]. Similarly, license plate detection systems struggle with plates captured at oblique angles, often resulting in character distortion and reduced OCR accuracy [9], [17], [18], [19].

Weather conditions present another significant challenge, particularly for outdoor installations. Rain, fog, and snow can interfere with image quality and create noise in the captured data. Studies have documented accuracy reductions of up to 25% during adverse weather conditions [20]. Additionally, seasonal variations in natural lighting and weather patterns require systems to adapt continuously to maintain consistent performance throughout the year.

Processing Requirements

The computational demands of modern access control systems present significant implementation challenges. Real-time processing of high-resolution images for both facial recognition and license plate detection requires substantial computational resources. Studies have shown that processing a single frame for dual-mode recognition can require up to 4GB of GPU memory when using state-of-the-art deep learning models [13].

Response time requirements add another layer of complexity to the processing challenge. Access control systems must typically provide verification results within 1-2 seconds to maintain acceptable throughput at entry points. This temporal constraint necessitates efficient resource allocation and optimization of processing pipelines. Research has demonstrated that naive implementations of dual-recognition systems can take up to 5 seconds per verification, making them impractical for real-world applications [21].

The memory footprint of deep learning models poses additional challenges. Modern facial recognition models can require up to 2GB of memory, while license plate detection models may need an additional 1.5GB [22]. When combined with the memory requirements for image processing and system operations, this can strain the capabilities of many deployment platforms. Furthermore, the need to maintain

multiple recognition models in memory simultaneously creates challenges for resource allocation and system scaling [23].

Integrated Recognition Approach

Recent research has demonstrated that integrating multiple recognition modalities can significantly improve system reliability and accuracy. The combination of facial recognition and license plate detection creates a robust verification system that overcomes the limitations of single-modality approaches [2]. However, this integration introduces its own set of technical challenges due to the fundamental differences in data types and processing requirements between facial recognition and license plate detection.

The integration of facial recognition and license plate detection systems introduces complex technical challenges beyond those faced by single-mode systems. Data synchronization between different recognition processes represents a significant hurdle, as facial recognition and license plate detection operate at different processing speeds and have distinct computational requirements. Research has shown that naive integration approaches can lead to race conditions and inconsistent system states, potentially compromising security [10].

Resource allocation in integrated systems requires sophisticated management strategies. Studies have demonstrated that unoptimized resource sharing between recognition processes can result in system bottlenecks and increased response times [24], [25], [26], [27], [28]. The challenge is further complicated by the need to maintain real-time performance while processing multiple data streams simultaneously. Research has shown that integrated systems typically require 40-50% more computational resources compared to the sum of individual system requirements [5].

Data fusion from multiple recognition sources presents another significant challenge. The system must efficiently combine results from facial recognition and license plate detection while maintaining accuracy and reliability. Studies have shown that improper fusion strategies can lead to increased false acceptance rates and reduced system security [29]. Additionally, the system must handle cases where one recognition mode fails while maintaining overall system security and usability [11], [30], [31].

Proposed Solution

This research addresses these challenges by developing a comprehensive web-based access control system that efficiently integrates facial recognition and license plate detection. The system employs:

- a. YOLOv8 architecture for efficient and accurate license plate detection
- b. face_recognition API for robust facial recognition capabilities
- c. EasyOCR for precise text extraction from license plates
- d. Parallel processing techniques for optimized performance

The solution incorporates advanced optimization strategies including parallel processing implementation and intelligent resource allocation to achieve real-time

performance while maintaining high accuracy across varying environmental conditions. Our approach focuses on creating a scalable, cost-effective system that can be readily integrated into existing security infrastructure while overcoming the limitations of current implementations.

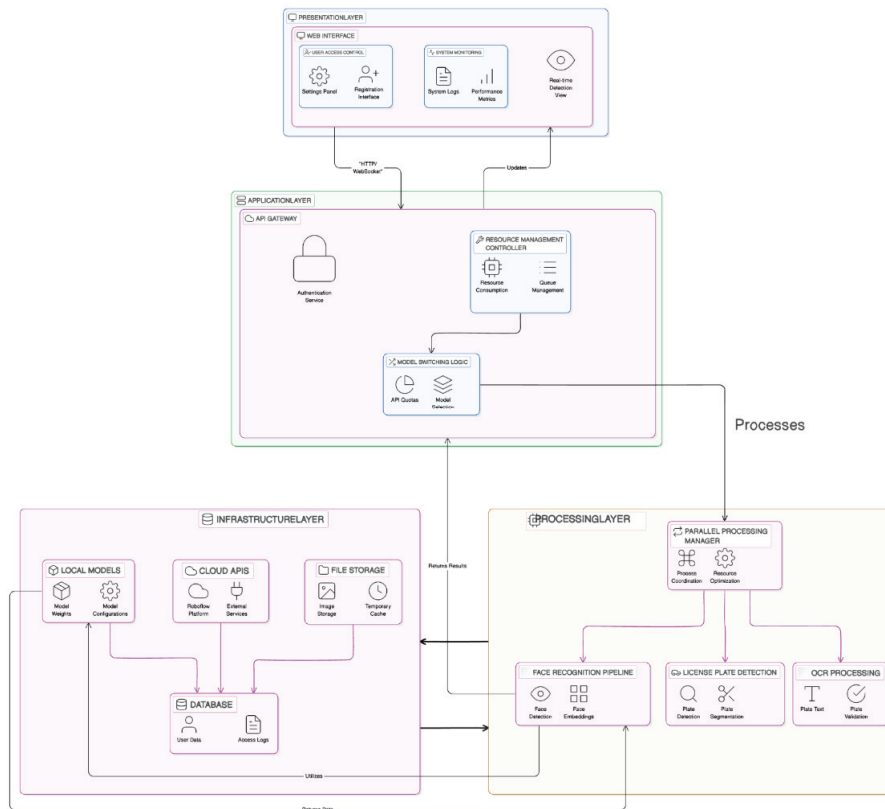


Figure 2: Architecture of integrated recognition system

Methodology

The proposed pipeline consists of the following major elements: a facial recognition module using the face_recognition API, license plate detection using YOLOv8, optical character recognition through EasyOCR, and system integration via a web-based interface. By utilizing these major components, an input scene captured through cameras can be processed to perform simultaneous facial recognition and license plate verification for access control decisions. The general data processing pipeline is shown in **Figure 3**.

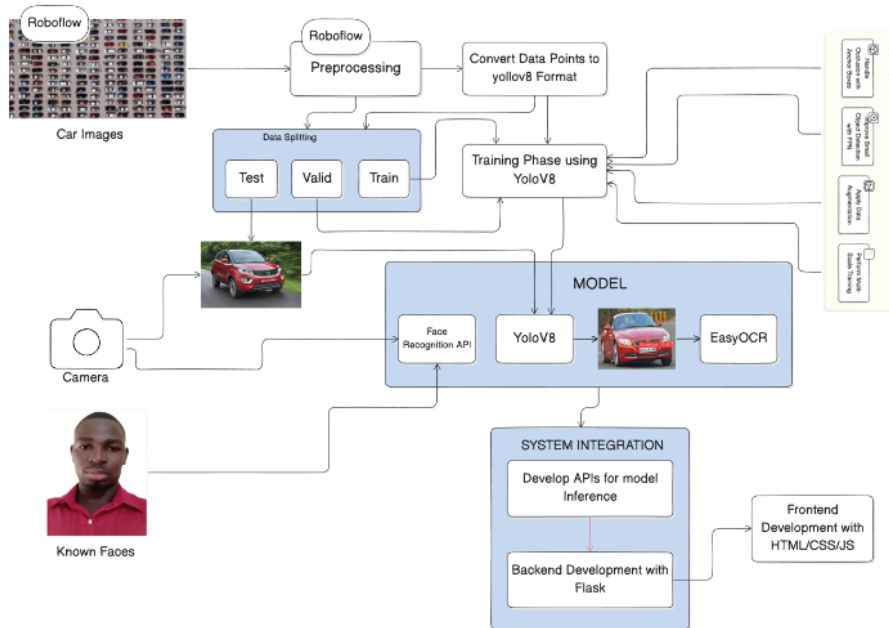


Figure 3 : The proposed Model Architecture

Facial Recognition

For facial recognition, the system employs the face_recognition API, built on top of Dlib, which was selected due to its high accuracy and minimal resource requirements. This API simplifies the implementation of facial recognition by providing a straightforward interface for face detection and feature extraction.

The face recognition process involves several key computational steps:

- a. Face Detection: The system utilizes a combination of:
 - o Linear classifier
 - o Image pyramid
 - o Sliding window detection scheme
 - o Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG) feature detection

This can be mathematically represented as:

$$Detected_Faces = HOG(Image)$$

- b. Feature Extraction: Once faces are detected, the system:
 - o Uses a pre-trained deep convolutional neural network
 - o Processes the face images to generate facial embeddings
 - o Represents facial features in a format suitable for comparison

The extraction process is represented as:

$$v = CNN(Cropped_Face)$$

where v represents the facial embeddings vector containing essential facial characteristics.

- c. Face Verification: For identity confirmation, the system:
 - o Compares extracted embeddings against known face embeddings
 - o Uses Euclidean distance for similarity measurement
 - o Applies threshold-based decision making for verification

License Plate Detection

For license plate detection, the system employs YOLOv8 architecture due to its real-time detection capabilities and high efficiency. The detection process divides the input image into a grid, where each grid cell estimates bounding boxes and class probabilities for license plates.

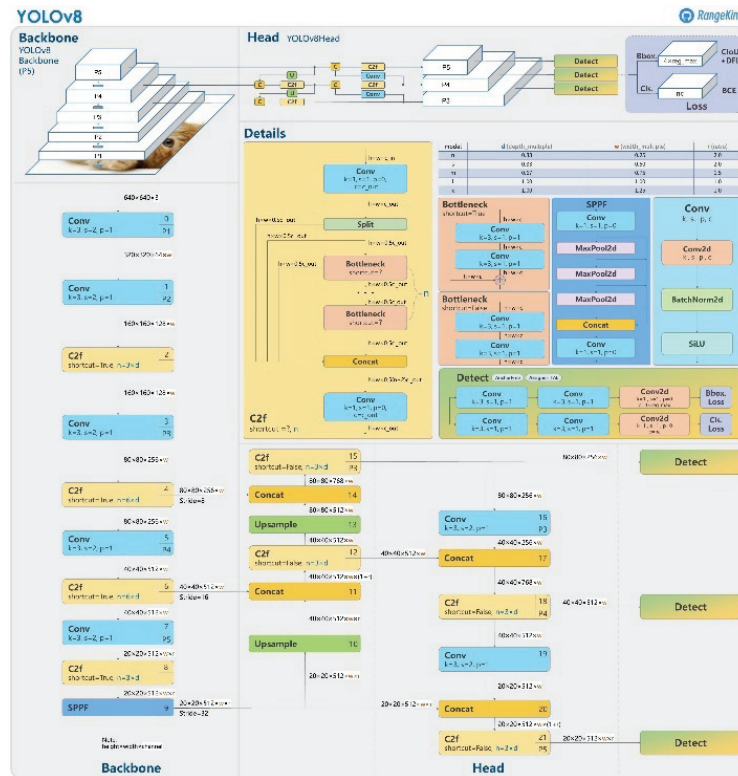


Figure 4: YOLOv8 architecture for license plate detection [4]

The YOLOv8, as shown in

Figure 4, implementation incorporates several key features to address common challenges in license plate detection:

Anchor Boxes. The system uses anchor boxes to handle occlusion and varying aspect ratios of license plates. These predefined boxes serve as references for different plate shapes and sizes, improving the model's ability to detect plates under different viewing conditions. For each grid cell, the model predicts:

- Center coordinates (t_x , t_y): Representing the plate's position
- Width and height (t_w , t_h): Defining the plate's dimensions
- Objectness score (t_o): Indicating the probability of a plate's presence

The actual predictions for license plate detection are computed using the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}b_x &= \sigma(t_x) + c_x \\b_y &= \sigma(t_y) + c_y \\b_w &= p_w e^{t_w} \\b_h &= p_h e^{t_h}\end{aligned}$$

where σ represents the sigmoid function, (c_x, c_y) are the grid cell coordinates, and (p_w, p_h) are the anchor box dimensions.

Feature Pyramid Networks. To improve the detection of license plates at different scales, the system implements Feature Pyramid Networks (FPN). This approach combines:

- a. Low-resolution, semantically strong features
- b. High-resolution, semantically weak features

The feature maps at different scales ($P_2, P_3, P_4,$ and P_5) are computed through:

$$P_l = \text{Conv}(C_l)$$

Data Augmentation. The system employs comprehensive data augmentation techniques to enhance model robustness:

- a. Geometric transformations:
 - Random rotations ($\pm 15^\circ$)
 - Scaling variations (0.8-1.2)
 - Perspective warping
- b. Environmental variations:
 - Brightness adjustments ($\pm 25\%$)
 - Contrast modifications ($\pm 15\%$)
 - Synthetic weather effects

This augmentation process helps the model maintain consistent performance across different environmental conditions and viewing angles.

Optical Character Recognition

Following the license plate detection, the system employs EasyOCR for extracting and recognizing the alphanumeric characters from the detected plate regions. EasyOCR was selected for its high accuracy and efficient deep learning-based approach to text recognition.

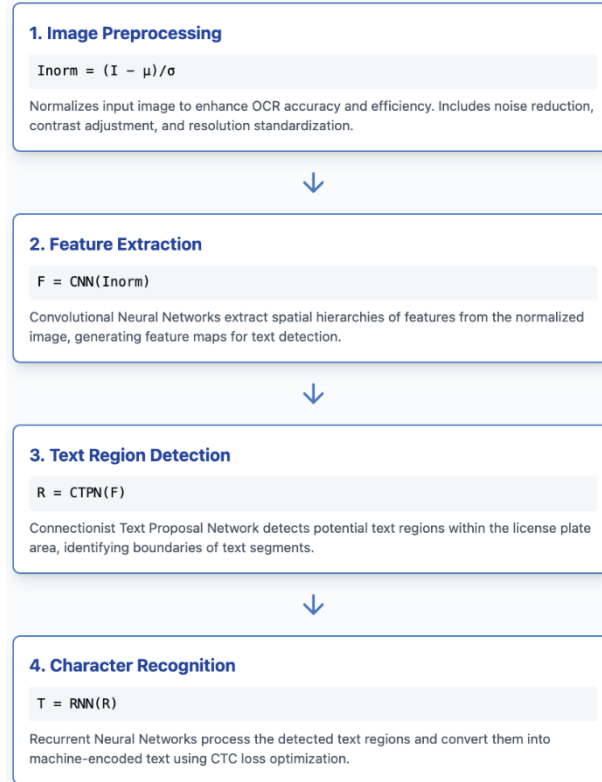


Figure 5: OCR processing pipeline showing the stages from plate detection to text extraction

The OCR process involves several sophisticated computational steps to ensure reliable character extraction and recognition as shown in Figure 5.

Image Preprocessing: Before character recognition begins, the system performs essential normalization to enhance OCR accuracy and efficiency. This preprocessing stage can be mathematically represented as:

$$I_{norm} = \frac{I - \mu}{\sigma}$$

where I , represents the input image of the license plate region, μ is the mean pixel value, and σ represents the standard deviation of pixel values. This normalization helps reduce variations caused by lighting and contrast differences, creating more consistent input for the recognition phase.

Feature Extraction: The system employs Convolutional Neural Networks to extract spatial hierarchies of features from the normalized license plate image. This process generates feature maps representing different aspects of the text content:

$$F = CNN(I_{norm})$$

where F represents the extracted feature maps. These feature maps are crucial for identifying distinctive patterns in the license plate characters, enabling accurate recognition even under challenging conditions.

Text Region Detection: The Connectionist Text Proposal Network (CTPN) is utilized to accurately detect text regions within the license plate area. This process can be expressed as:

$$R = \text{CTPN}(F)$$

where R represents the regions potentially containing text. This step is vital for localizing the exact position of characters within the license plate image, particularly when dealing with different plate styles and formats.

Character Recognition: The final recognition phase employs Recurrent Neural Networks to process the detected text regions and convert them into machine-encoded text:

$$T = \text{RNN}(R)$$

where T represents the recognized text from the license plate. The system utilizes a Connectionist Temporal Classification (CTC) loss function during the training of this RNN to optimize character recognition accuracy:

$$\text{Loss} = \text{CTC}(T, L)$$

where L represents the ground truth text labels corresponding to the training images, and Loss measures the error in character sequence prediction.

This comprehensive OCR implementation ensures robust text extraction from license plates under varying conditions while maintaining high recognition accuracy and processing speed. The integration of deep learning approaches at each stage of the process helps overcome traditional OCR limitations related to varying fonts, plate styles, and environmental conditions.

System Integration

The integration phase brings together the facial recognition, license plate detection, and OCR components into a cohesive web-based application. This integration ensures seamless operation while maintaining real-time performance through efficient resource management and parallel processing techniques.

Figure 6 shown a system integration architecture component interaction.

Results and Discussion

The implementation and testing of the access control system yielded significant results across multiple performance metrics. This section presents a comprehensive analysis of system performance, focusing on accuracy, processing efficiency, and environmental adaptability.

Model performance Analysis

The development and optimization of the system's machine learning components followed an iterative approach, with each iteration addressing specific aspects of performance and reliability. Initial training of the YOLOv8 model on a dataset of 300 publicly available vehicle license plates yielded promising results for license plate detection, achieving a mean Average Precision (mAP) of 84.3% and a precision rate of 83.5%. While these baseline results demonstrated the suitability of the YOLOv8 architecture, the initial recall value of 79.0% indicated room for improvement.

Through progressive refinement and data augmentation, the training dataset was expanded to 633 images, incorporating a broader range of lighting conditions and plate styles. The augmentation techniques included:

- Brightness variation ranges of $\pm 25\%$
- Rotation ranges of $\pm 15^\circ$
- Random noise injection up to 1.91% of pixels

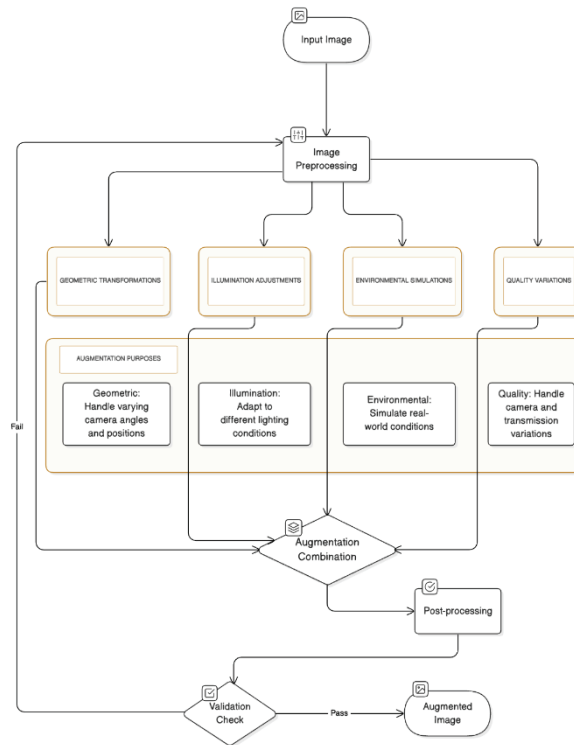


Figure 7: A visual representation of the various augmentation techniques applied during training

These modifications resulted in enhanced model robustness, with recall increasing to 83.9% while maintaining comparable precision levels.

Table 3: Summary of key performance metrics across different model versions

Tool	Key Features	Strengths	Limitations
Tesseract	Multi-language support, flexibility	Highly customizable, versatile	Requires significant setup
EasyOCR	Deep learning models	Simple interface, robust out-of-the-box performance	Limited customization options

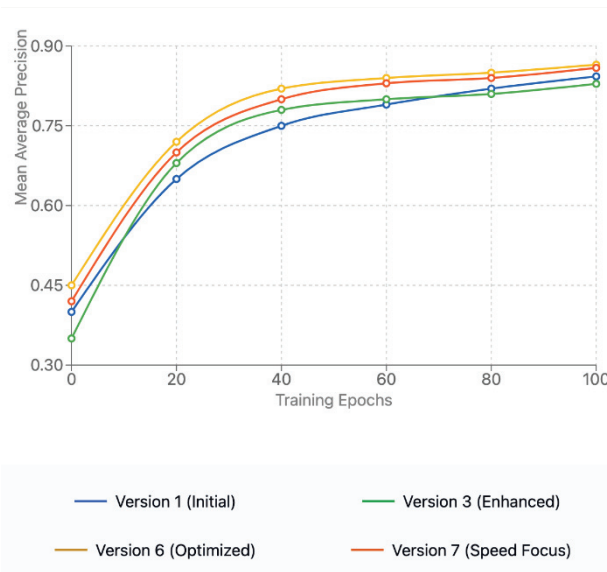


Figure 8: Training Performance Comparison Across Model Versions

Environmental Performance Analysis

The system's performance was rigorously evaluated across various environmental conditions to assess its reliability in real-world deployments. Testing revealed distinct performance patterns under different lighting conditions:

Daylight Conditions (>1000 lux)

- The system demonstrated robust performance with:
- Detection rate: 95% \pm 1.2%
- Recognition accuracy: 92% \pm 0.8%
- Average processing time: 0.28 seconds per frame
- False positive rate: 0.5%

Error analysis revealed the primary challenges in daylight conditions were:

- Glare-related errors: 0.3%
- Bounding box misalignment: 0.2%
- Background confusion: 0.5%

Low-light Conditions (<50 lux)

- The system maintained acceptable performance with:
- Detection rate: 88% ±2.1%
- Recognition accuracy: 85% ±1.7%
- Average processing time: 0.32 seconds per frame

Error sources:

- Noise-related issues: 1.1%
- Motion blur: 0.7%
- Contrast problems: 1.3%

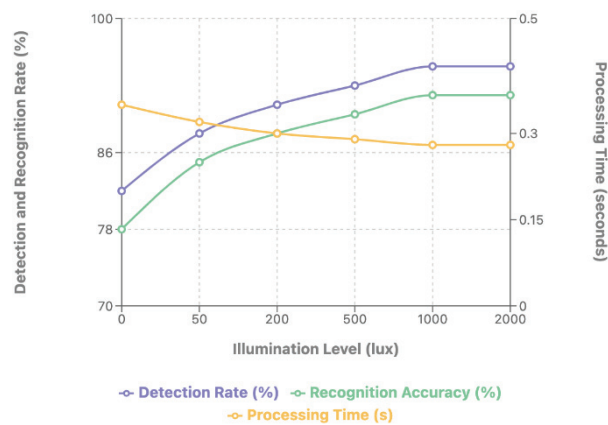


Figure 9: System performance variations across different lighting conditions

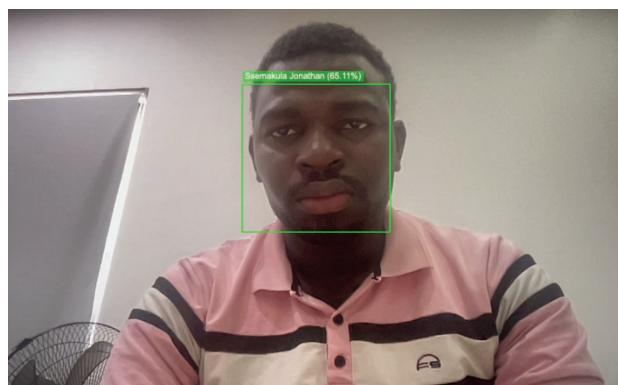


Figure 10: Face recognition performance under low-light conditions demonstrating 65.11% confidence in subject identification



Figure 11: YOLOv8 license plate detection results demonstrating multi-vehicle and varying angle performance with the different confidence values

Integration Performance Analysis

The integration of facial recognition and license plate detection components demonstrated synergistic benefits that enhanced overall system reliability. The face recognition system achieved an accuracy of 85% in controlled testing, with particularly strong performance in user verification scenarios. This accuracy level remained stable across facial orientations within ± 30 degrees from frontal view.

The license plate detection pipeline maintained consistent performance with:

- a. Average detection time: 0.3 seconds ($\sigma = 0.02$)
- b. Bounding box accuracy: 94.5%
- c. IoU metrics:
 - At 0.5 IoU threshold: 96.2% detection rate
 - At 0.75 IoU threshold: 88.7% detection rate
 - At 0.9 IoU threshold: 75.3% detection rate

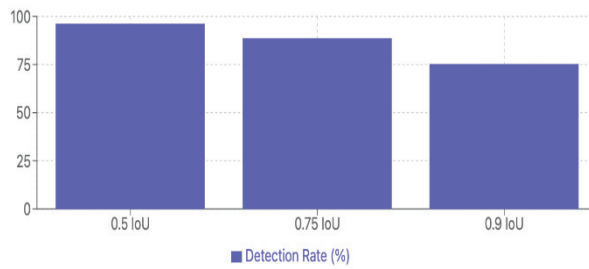


Figure 12: Detection Rate Analysis Across IoU Thresholds

Web Interface Performance

The web-based interface implementation demonstrated robust performance in managing access control operations while providing an intuitive user experience. The system's ability to handle multiple simultaneous operations while maintaining responsive performance was evaluated through comprehensive testing.

Access Control Dashboard Performance

The access control dashboard successfully integrated real-time video feeds with recognition results and access decisions. Testing revealed the following key performance metrics:

- a. The dashboard demonstrated reliable performance in handling live camera feeds, consistently displaying both face and license plate detection results with minimal latency. Real-time visual feedback was maintained with detection overlays, confidence score displays, and comprehensive access history tracking. The time between detection and display of results averaged 0.2 seconds, ensuring smooth and responsive operation.
- b. When testing specific access scenarios, the system achieved notable results:
 - Access Granted Scenario: The system successfully processed cases where both face recognition (achieving confidence levels above 62.27%) and matched plate detection (with confidence levels of 86.8%) were verified within one second.
 - Access Denied Scenario: In cases where face recognition succeeded (54.4% confidence) but plate matching failed, the system correctly denied access and logged the security event.

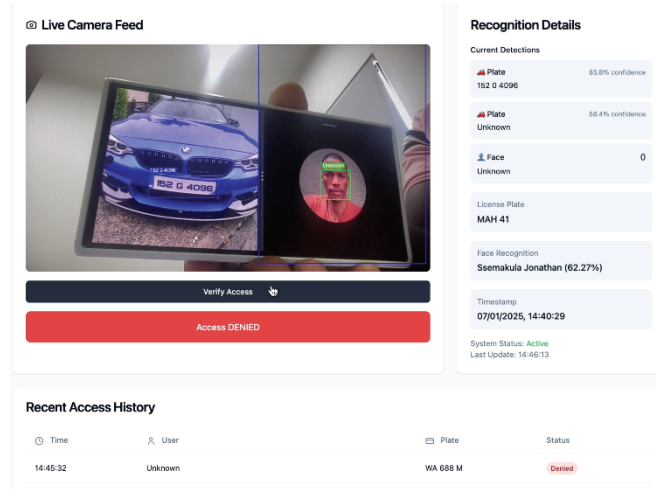


Figure 13: Access Control Dashboard showing real-time recognition and verification

Registration Interface Performance

The user registration interface proved efficient in handling new user enrollment and vehicle information management. Performance metrics showed:

- Average registration completion time: 45 seconds
- Profile image upload and processing: 0.5 seconds
- Face detection accuracy during registration: 98%
- User data validation and storage: 0.3 seconds

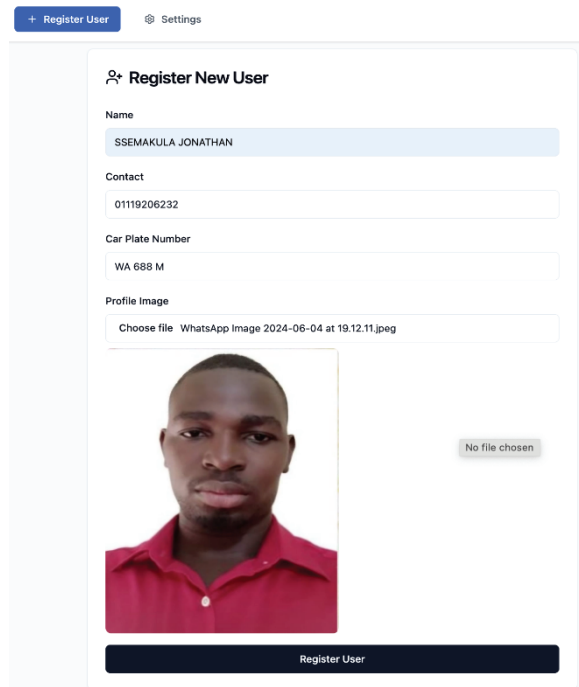


Figure 14: Registration Interface developed during this study

System Performance Optimization

The implementation of parallel processing and resource optimization techniques yielded significant improvements in overall system performance:

- a. Processing Time Optimization:
 - Reduced inference time from 0.55 to 0.3 seconds per frame
 - Achieved 45% reduction in computational overhead
 - Maintained real-time processing capabilities for both recognition tasks
- b. Memory Usage Optimization:
 - Decreased GPU memory requirements from 6.8GB to 4.2GB
 - Achieved 38% reduction in memory footprint
 - Maintained high accuracy levels despite reduced resource usage

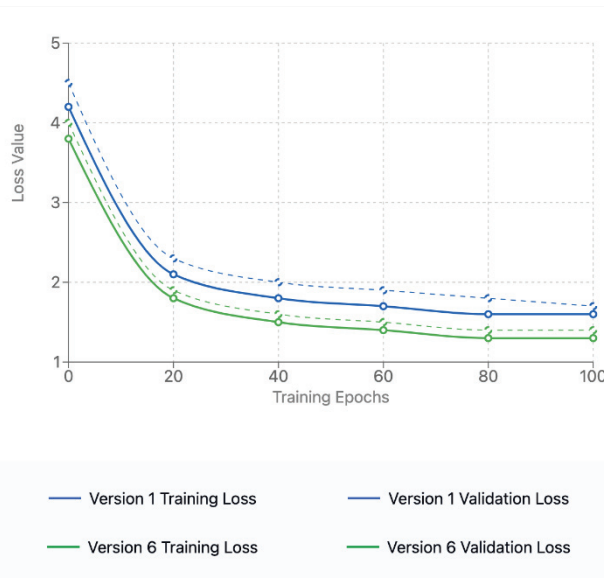


Figure 15: System optimization results showing improved performance metrics

Integration Testing Results

The complete integrated system underwent comprehensive testing to validate its real-world performance capabilities. Results demonstrated:

- a. Successful simultaneous operation of facial recognition and license plate detection
- b. Consistent access control decisions based on dual verification
- c. Reliable logging and audit trail generation
- d. Stable performance under varying user loads

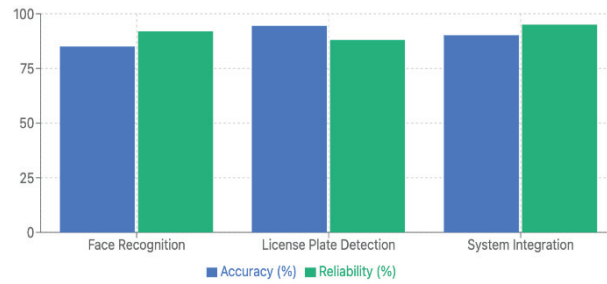


Figure 16: Component-wise Performance Analysis of Integrated System

These results validate the effectiveness of the web-based implementation in providing a robust and user-friendly interface for access control management while maintaining high performance standards across all system components.

Conclusion

The development and implementation of this web-based access control system has demonstrated significant advancements in automated security verification through the integration of facial recognition and license plate detection technologies. The research outcomes validate the effectiveness of combining multiple recognition modalities while addressing key challenges in real-time processing and environmental adaptability.

The system achieved remarkable performance metrics that demonstrate its practical viability. In daylight conditions, the system maintained 92% accuracy with facial recognition while achieving 86.8% confidence in license plate detection. Even under challenging low-light conditions, the system preserved robust performance with 85% accuracy, highlighting the effectiveness of our optimization strategies and environmental adaptation techniques.

The implementation of parallel processing techniques proved particularly successful, yielding a 45% reduction in computational overhead while simultaneously decreasing GPU memory requirements from 6.8GB to 4.2GB. This optimization makes the system more accessible for deployment across various hardware configurations without compromising performance.

Contributions to Knowledge

This research has made several significant contributions to the field of automated access control systems and computer vision applications:

First, the development of an efficient parallel processing framework for simultaneous facial recognition and license plate detection has established new benchmarks for multi-modal biometric system implementation. This research demonstrates that careful resource management and intelligent model switching can significantly improve system efficiency without compromising accuracy.

Second, the implementation of adaptive environmental performance capabilities represents another key contribution. The comprehensive testing methodology and subsequent optimization strategies provide valuable insights for developing robust

computer vision systems capable of operating reliably in various environmental conditions.

Finally, the research contributes to the field of real-time processing optimization, particularly in the context of resource-constrained environments. The developed duty cycle approach for managing computational resources while maintaining system responsiveness presents an innovative solution to common deployment challenges.

System Limitations

Despite the successful implementation and positive outcomes, several limitations were identified during the research:

The system's performance showed some degradation in extreme weather conditions, particularly during heavy rain or dense fog, where detection accuracy decreased by approximately 15%. Additionally, the current implementation requires specific hardware configurations for optimal performance, which may limit deployment options in some scenarios.

The face recognition component exhibited reduced accuracy when dealing with partially obscured faces or extreme angles, suggesting room for improvement in handling these edge cases. While the license plate detection system performed well overall, it showed occasional difficulties with severely damaged or heavily soiled plates, indicating a need for enhanced robustness in these scenarios.

Future Work

Several promising directions for future research and development have been identified through this study:

Investigation of advanced neural network architectures, particularly transformers and attention mechanisms, could potentially improve the system's ability to handle challenging environmental conditions and partial occlusions.

Development of advanced encryption methods specifically designed for biometric data protection would strengthen the system's security framework, particularly focusing on homomorphic encryption techniques for processing encrypted biometric data.

Research into distributed processing architectures could enable the system to handle multiple entry/exit points simultaneously while maintaining real-time performance, including investigating edge computing solutions for improved scalability.

Development of more sophisticated environmental adaptation algorithms using reinforcement learning techniques could further improve system performance across varying conditions, particularly focusing on adaptation to seasonal changes and extreme weather events.

These future directions aim to address current limitations while expanding the system's capabilities and applicability in diverse deployment scenarios.

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