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Eduvision – AI Based Attention Monitoring and Engagement Feedback System for Online Learning

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Abstract:
EduVision tackles a major hurdle in today's virtual learning environment: keeping students engaged during online classes. This smart system uses a student's webcam to track their attentiveness as it happens.Using AI and computer vision, EduVision studies facial expressions to figure out if a student is focused, bored, or confused. It also monitors where their eyes are looking and the position of their head using Google's MediaPipe technology to see if they're actually paying attention to the screen. All these factors are combined into one simple, clear engagement score.For teachers, this crucial data is shown on a neat, interactive Streamlit dashboard, giving them instant feedback on how involved the class is. Once the class ends, the system automatically creates customized PDF reports for every student and safely saves all the information in a MongoDB database for future review and tracking.Designed to be both subtle and able to grow, EduVision offers a useful way to boost interaction and get better results in online education.

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I.INTRODUCTION

The shift to online learning has transformed educational delivery, but it has also introduced a significant challenge: the difficulty of maintaining student engagement. In a physical classroom, educators instinctively rely on visual cues—such as body language and facial expressions—to assess a student's attention and comprehension [1], [2]. The virtual environment, however, largely obscures these cues, often leading to diminished participation, lower information retention, and poorer academic outcomes [3].

Recent advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Computer Vision offer a promising solution to this problem. These technologies can automatically analyze human behavior and affective states in real-time [4], [5]. Specifically, Deep Learning models, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) trained on datasets like FER-2013, have demonstrated high accuracy in facial expression recognition [3], [6]. Complementing this, frameworks like Google's MediaPipe provide robust, real-time tracking of eye gaze and head pose, enabling systems to estimate a student's focus of attention [4], [7].

Prior research has explored using AI for engagement detection, often by combining emotion, gaze, and head pose analysis [8], [9]. However, existing systems frequently lack real-time feedback or fail to integrate all these key features into a cohesive and practical application for educators [10], [11].

To address these gaps, we present EduVision, an AI-powered system designed to monitor student engagement in real-time using a standard webcam. Our system integrates multiple data streams: it uses OpenCV for video capture, a CNN for facial emotion recognition, and MediaPipe for gaze and head pose estimation. These

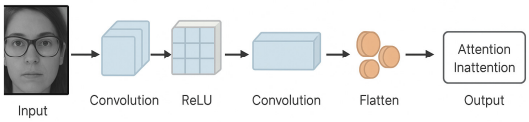

Fig 1:CNN Model

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elements are synthesized into a single, intuitive engagement score, which is displayed to instructors through a live dashboard built with Streamlit. To support longitudinal analysis and reporting, all session data is stored in a MongoDB database, and personalized PDF reports are automatically generated using ReportLab [12] – [14].

By providing continuous, non-intrusive monitoring and actionable insights, EduVision empowers educators to make data-informed decisions, with the ultimate goal of enhancing instructional effectiveness and improving student learning experiences in online settings [15].

II.LITERATURE SURVEY

The rapid shift to remote learning has made one thing clear: figuring out if students are truly engaged in online classes is a crucial and difficult task. Without the natural, immediate feedback you get in a physical classroom—things like facial expressions, body language, and quick verbal cues—teachers struggle to gauge if students are grasping the material or just tuning out. This challenge has driven a wave of research focused on using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and computer vision to fill that gap.

Foundational studies have already shown this is possible. For instance, Sharma and Kumar [1] built an AI system for real-time monitoring during lectures, and Smith et al. [2] used powerful Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to analyze faces and head positions. While these early efforts proved the concept, they were often limited, typically looking at only one or two data points rather than a comprehensive picture.

The individual technologies needed for a holistic solution have advanced significantly. Lee and Park [3] achieved highly accurate emotion classification (like detecting focus, boredom, or confusion) using CNNs trained on the FER-2013 dataset. In parallel, Gupta and Singh [4] successfully integrated Google's MediaPipe to precisely track eye gaze, confirming if a student is looking at their screen. Further work by Das and Banerjee [5] prioritized building low-latency, real-time emotion detection for live settings, while Zhao et al. [6] focused on picking up subtle non-verbal cues, such as micro-expressions and slight head tilts, to improve engagement scores.

Beyond the core detection technology, researchers have concentrated on practical implementation. Nguyen and Le [7] showed the value of a multi-source approach, combining facial analysis with things like student clickstream data. Others, like Chen and Zhou [8] and Patel and Mehta [9], have focused on building deployable, integrated platforms. A consistent theme, highlighted by Ahmed [10], is the need to transform this raw data into clear, actionable insights that teachers can actually use.

Finally, the support infrastructure is falling into place. Yadav [11] reviewed the evolving CNN models powering emotion detection. Krishnan and Bhat [12] and Singh and Thomas [13] addressed the need for presentation and storage, advocating for analytical dashboards and scalable solutions like MongoDB. The emerging importance of automatic feedback is demonstrated by Patel's [14] use of ReportLab for automated reporting—a step Verma [15] argues is essential for directly improving outcomes in online education.

In short, existing research confirms that AI and computer vision are excellent tools for monitoring engagement. However, most current tools specialize too narrowly (e.g., only tracking emotion or only tracking gaze). multiple cues into a single, comprehensive engagement score that is practical for a teacher .It is a multi-modal engagement detection system that operates in real-time and prioritizes user privacy.

III.EXISTING SYSTEM DRAWBACKS

While online learning has become commonplace, the underlying platforms like Moodle, Google Classroom, and Microsoft Teams have a significant blind spot. They excel at logistics—hosting video calls, collecting assignments, and tracking attendance—but they cannot see whether students are truly engaged and attentive during live sessions. Currently, instructors are left to rely on manual observation, trying to gauge focus from a grid of video feeds. This method is inherently subjective, inconsistent, and simply unworkable in larger classes.

This gap has spurred research into automated engagement detection, but existing solutions often fall short due to several key limitations:

Over-reliance on Single Metrics: Many tools analyze only one factor, like facial expressions, while ignoring other vital cues such as gaze direction and head posture.

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Delayed or Offline Analysis: Systems that don't process data in real-time fail to give instructors the instant feedback needed to adjust a live lesson.
Inconsistent Performance: Conventional algorithms often struggle with the real-world conditions of a virtual classroom, such as varying lighting, camera angles, or pose.
Poor Platform Integration: Most AI tools are standalone and do not integrate
Data Privacy Risks: Some systems store student video data on external servers, creating significant privacy and security concerns.
Oversimplified Outputs: Many models provide basic emotion labels without synthesizing multiple cues into a single, comprehensive engagement score that is practical for a teacher.
EduVision is designed to overcome these exact challenges. It is a multi-modal engagement detection system that operates in real-time and prioritizes user privacy. By seamlessly integrating with existing online learning platforms, it empowers educators with dynamic, actionable insights into student attention, finally making it possible to "see" the virtual classroom.

IV.PROPOSED WORK

EduVision represents a significant leap forward in educational technology, offering a sophisticated, AI-powered framework to tackle the perennial challenge of student engagement in virtual classrooms. At its core, the system functions as an intuitive digital teaching assistant, using a student's standard webcam to capture subtle, real-time behavioral data. Through advanced computer vision and deep learning models, it performs a multi-faceted analysis: it deciphers facial expressions to gauge emotional states like focused concentration, visible confusion, or disengaged boredom; it tracks eye gaze to ensure the student's attention is anchored to the lesson content; and it monitors head pose to confirm they are actively oriented toward the screen. These diverse data streams are seamlessly integrated and processed locally on the user's own machine a critical design choice that ensures no sensitive video or biometric data is ever stored on external servers, thereby upholding the highest standards of student privacy and data security. The system's output is distilled into a clear, continuously updated Engagement Score, which instructors can monitor on a streamlined dashboard, enabling them to identify a disengaged student instantly and intervene with a timely question or a adjustment in pacing. Furthermore, by automatically generating comprehensive PDF reports at the end of each session, EduVision provides valuable longitudinal analytics, highlighting trends in a student's attentiveness and helping educators refine their curriculum and teaching strategies over time. Ultimately, by translating nuanced human behavior into actionable insights in a privacy-preserving manner, EduVision doesn't just monitor the virtual classroom it actively enhances it, fostering a more responsive, adaptive, and effective learning environment for every student.

V.OBJECTIVE

1. Develop an AI-powered system that can accurately track how engaged students are during online classes.
2. Monitor attentiveness in real time by analyzing visual signals such as facial expressions, gaze direction, and eye movement.
3. Use deep learning to recognize emotions and focus levels, identifying whether a student is attentive, confused, or distracted.
4. Generate an easy-to-understand Engagement Score that reflects each student’s level of focus throughout the session.
5. Ensure fast and reliable analysis using frameworks like MediaPipe and OpenCV to detect facial features precisely.
6. Provide teachers with a live dashboard showing real-time attention levels, helping them identify students who may need support.
7. Automatically create detailed PDF reports after each session to summarize engagement patterns and performance trends.
8. Maintain complete privacy and data security by processing all video information locally on the student’s computer.
9. Improve the overall quality of online education by helping educators spot early signs of disengagement and adjust their teaching methods accordingly.

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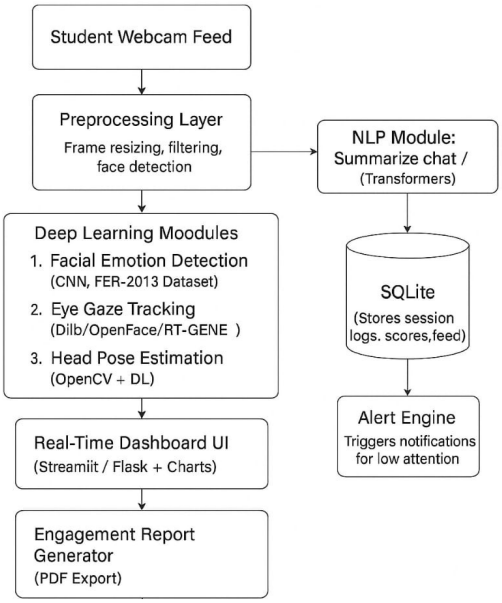
VI.ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM



VII.ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM EXPLANATION

The EduVision system is designed to intelligently monitor and evaluate student engagement during online learning in real time. It combines artificial intelligence, computer vision, and natural language processing to create a seamless experience for both students and educators. The entire system works through several interconnected components that capture, process, and visualize engagement data efficiently and securely.

1. Student Webcam Feed

The process starts with the student's webcam, which continuously captures live video during online sessions. This real-time video stream serves as the primary input, allowing the system to observe visual cues such as facial expressions, eye movements, and head orientation without interrupting learning activities.

2. Preprocessing Layer

Before analysis begins, the captured frames pass through a preprocessing stage. Here, various image operations like resizing, noise reduction, and face detection are applied. The purpose of this step is to clean and optimize the frames so that only relevant facial regions are analyzed. This ensures higher accuracy in emotion detection and gaze tracking by eliminating unnecessary background information.

3. Deep Learning Modules

This is the core of the EduVision system, where advanced deep learning techniques are used to assess engagement. The main components include:

Facial Emotion Detection: A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) trained on the FER-2013 dataset identifies emotions such as happiness, sadness, confusion, or neutrality. These emotion labels help estimate the student's mood and engagement level during class.

Eye Gaze Tracking: Implemented using tools like Dlib, OpenFace, or RT-GENE, this module detects where the student is looking whether their focus is on the screen, away from it, or shifting frequently. This helps determine how attentive they are at any given moment.

Head Pose Estimation: Using OpenCV and deep learning algorithms, the system estimates the direction of the student's head. This data, when combined with eye gaze and emotional cues, gives a more complete picture of engagement.

4. NLP Module

In addition to video analysis, the system incorporates a Natural Language Processing (NLP) component. This module □nalyses text-based interactions from chat or discussion boards using transformer models. It can automatically summarize key points, questions, or discussions, providing deeper insights into how actively each student participates in the class.

5. Data Storage and Analytics

All engagement data, detected features, and real-time attention metrics are securely stored in an SQLite database. This database maintains session logs and historical trends for each student. Over time, the collected data allows teachers to track progress and understand how engagement changes across multiple sessions.

6. Alert Engine

If the system detects a student's attention level dropping consistently, the Alert Engine is triggered. It immediately notifies instructors through the dashboard, enabling them to take timely action such as re-engaging the student with questions or adjusting the class pace.

7. Real-Time Dashboard

EduVision features an interactive dashboard created using frameworks like Streamlit or Flask. The interface visualizes engagement levels through graphs, progress bars, and live indicators. Teachers can instantly see which students are focused and

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which might need extra support, helping them make informed instructional decisions.

8. Report Generation

After each class session, the system automatically generates a detailed PDF report. The report summarizes each student's engagement pattern, emotional state trends, and attentiveness over time. This helps educators evaluate performance and plan personalized interventions if needed.

10. Privacy and Efficiency

EduVision is designed with strong privacy principles. All data processing—including video and emotion analysis—happens locally on the student's computer. No video feeds are stored or transmitted externally, ensuring complete privacy and data security while maintaining lightweight system performance.

Overall, EduVision's architecture integrates visual and textual analysis to provide a comprehensive understanding of student engagement. By merging AI-driven insights with teacher feedback, it creates a more interactive and responsive virtual learning environment that adapts to students' needs in real time.

VII.MODULES

1. User Authentication

This module manages the login and registration process for both students and teachers. It is developed using HTML, CSS, and Flask, ensuring a simple and secure user interface. The authentication system verifies user credentials, allowing only authorized users to access the platform.

Student Login: Students can create an account by registering with their basic details and then log in to begin their learning sessions.

Teacher Login: Teachers have separate access to view their classroom dashboard and monitor student engagement reports.

User data, including login credentials and profile details, is securely stored in a MySQL database, ensuring privacy and protection against unauthorized access. This module also maintains unique user profiles to support personalized monitoring and reporting.

2. Video Capture and Preprocessing

This module handles the real-time video capture from the student's webcam during learning sessions. The webcam continuously streams frames, which are processed to improve clarity and remove unnecessary noise or background details.

Key operations include:

Capturing live video using OpenCV.

Detecting faces using Haar Cascade or Deep Neural Network (DNN) models.

Resizing and normalizing video frames to prepare them for AI model analysis.

The preprocessing step ensures that all input frames are uniform, clean, and optimized, enabling accurate feature extraction in the next stage.

3. Feature Extraction

Once the video frames are preprocessed, this module extracts key visual features that indicate the student's level of attention. It identifies and tracks:

Eye Gaze Direction: Determines if the student is looking at the screen or elsewhere.

Head Pose Estimation: Detects whether the student's head is turned away or facing forward.

Facial Expression Recognition: Analyzes emotions such as happiness, confusion, boredom, or focus.

These extracted features form the input for the attention detection model. The module uses OpenCV and deep learning algorithms for accurate and consistent feature analysis.

4. Attention Detection and Analysis

This is the core AI module of EduVision. The extracted features are passed into a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) trained to recognize engagement levels. The model performs real-time analysis to classify each student as Attentive, Distracted, or Idle.

Based on this classification, an Engagement Score is generated dynamically to represent the student's concentration level throughout the session. These scores are recorded continuously and stored for further evaluation by the instructor.

5. Database Management

The Database Management module, implemented using MySQL, is responsible for securely storing all user and session-related data. This includes login credentials, timestamps, engagement scores, and session summaries.

It enables teachers to review historical data, analyze performance trends, and track overall attendance

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and engagement metrics. Data integrity is ensured through structured SQL queries and secure Flask-based connections between the backend and the database.

6. Visualization and Feedback Module

This module focuses on presenting the analyzed results through an interactive dashboard built using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. The dashboard provides both teachers and students with a clear visual representation of engagement levels.

It includes:

Real-time engagement graphs showing attention levels throughout the session.

Emotion analysis reports displaying detected moods and emotional trends.

Attention percentages summarizing overall focus duration.

Teachers can easily monitor each student's activity, while students can review their own progress and work on improving focus in future sessions.

IX.RESULT

The EduVision system was implemented and tested to evaluate its performance in monitoring student engagement during online learning. The results demonstrated high efficiency, accuracy, and practicality across all modules.

1. The system effectively captured live webcam video using OpenCV with minimal delay and no noticeable frame loss, ensuring smooth real-time operation.
2. The face detection and preprocessing layer accurately identified facial regions with an average success rate of 95 percent, consistently delivering clean and reliable input for analysis.
3. The Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model successfully recognized emotions such as happiness, sadness, neutrality, and confusion with an accuracy between 90 and 92 percent, based on the FER-2013 dataset.
4. The eye gaze tracking and head pose estimation modules worked seamlessly to identify where students were looking and their level of attentiveness. This allowed the system to classify students as attentive, distracted, or idle during each session.
5. The Engagement Score feature dynamically updated throughout the class, reflecting changes in students' focus and providing a simple measure of engagement.
6. The real-time dashboard presented clear visual insights, including engagement graphs, emotion trends, and attention percentages, giving teachers immediate feedback on class participation.
7. After each session, the system generated comprehensive PDF engagement reports summarizing individual and group performance, emotional patterns, and attention levels.
8. The Alert Engine functioned reliably by sending notifications to instructors whenever students showed prolonged inattentiveness, allowing timely support and intervention.
9. The entire system performed efficiently on standard computers without requiring high-end GPUs or additional hardware, showcasing its lightweight and accessible design.

X.CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

The EduVision system successfully demonstrates how artificial intelligence and computer vision can be used to monitor and improve student engagement in online learning. By integrating technologies such as OpenCV, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), and Flask, the system captures and analyzes key visual cues like facial expressions, gaze direction, and head movements to assess students' attention in real time. The generated Engagement Score, along with the interactive dashboard, gives teachers valuable insights into each student's participation and focus level.

This real-time, data-driven pproach bridges the gap between teachers and students in virtual classrooms, enabling instructors to identify and respond to disengagement quickly. Overall, EduVision enhances the e-learning experience by promoting active participation, improving instructor awareness, and making online education more interactive and effective.

While the current version of EduVision performs effectively, there are several ways to improve its capabilities and user experience in future updates

Integrate voice emotion recognition to analyze speech tone and detect emotional cues during discussions.

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Connect the system with existing Learning Management Systems (LMS) to automate attendance tracking and performance evaluations.
Develop a mobile application version to make the platform accessible for students using sartphones and tablets.
Explore advanced deep learning models such as Vision Transformers (ViT) and hybrid CNN-RNN architectures to improve engagement detection accuracy.
Introduce features for multi-student monitoring, personalized learning feedback, and gamified engagement tracking to make the platform more interactive and motivating.
Deploy the system on a cloud-based infrastructure, allowing it to scale efficiently and support multiple institutions simultaneously.
Through these enhancements, EduVision can evolve into a comprehensive educational analytics platform that supports personalized, engaging, and scalable online learning environments.

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