



DETECTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT USING YOLO

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Abstract— The primary objective of this paper is to develop a robust ML model capable of accurately identifying whether workers are wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, including helmets, goggles, vests, gloves, and boots. The proposed system utilizes computer vision algorithms trained on a dataset of annotated images to recognize and classify different types of PPE. Additionally, the model incorporates real-time video processing to enable continuous monitoring of PPE compliance in dynamic work environments. Key components of the project include data collection, preprocessing, model training, and evaluation. Annotated images of workers wearing various PPE configurations are collected to construct a comprehensive dataset for training and testing purposes. Image preprocessing techniques are applied to enhance the quality and consistency of the data. Several ML algorithms, including you only look once (YOLO), are trained on the dataset to learn the visual features associated with different PPE items

I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we explore workplace safety is a fundamental concern across industries where employees are exposed to various hazards. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) serves as a critical line of defense against these risks, yet monitoring compliance with PPE protocols poses significant challenges. Manual inspection methods are often time-consuming, subject to human error, and may not provide real-time feedback necessary for proactive risk mitigation. In response to these challenges, advancements in Machine Learning (ML) and computer vision offer promising solutions for automating safety analysis processes. [1]

This project focuses on leveraging ML techniques, specifically the You Only Look Once (YOLO) algorithm, to enhance safety analysis through the automated detection of PPE in industrial settings. By integrating YOLO-based object detection within a comprehensive ML framework, the aim is to develop a system capable of accurately identifying and localizing various PPE items worn by workers. The significance of this project lies in its potential to revolutionize safety management practices by providing efficient, real-time monitoring of PPE compliance. By automating the detection process, organizations can not only improve the accuracy and reliability of safety inspections but also enable timely interventions to prevent accidents and injuries.

The performance of the developed model is evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Extensive testing is conducted in simulated and real-world environments to assess the model's robustness and generalization capabilities. Furthermore, the system's efficiency in detecting PPE compliance is compared against manual inspection methods to quantify its effectiveness in improving workplace safety practices. This project outlines the pressing need for automated safety analysis solutions, introduces the concept of PPE detection using YOLO-based Machine Learning, and sets the stage for the subsequent sections where the methodology, implementation, and evaluation of the proposed system will be discussed in detail. Through this endeavor, the project aims to contribute to the advancement of workplace safety practices and foster a culture of proactive risk management in industrial environments. [3]

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

literature sources provide foundational knowledge, insights, and methodologies relevant to the project on Safety Analysis with the detection of PPE using Machine Learning using YOLO. They offer valuable insights into object detection algorithms, techniques, and data sets that can inform the design, implementation, and evaluation of the PPE detection system.

"Real-Time Human Detection using YOLO" by Joseph Redmon, Santosh Divvala, Ross Girshick, Ali Farhadi (2016): YOLO (You Only Look Once), a real-time object detection algorithm that can detect objects in images with a single forward pass of a neural network. It provides insights into the architecture and performance of YOLO, which serves as the foundation for implementing PPE detection in the project. [1]

"YOLOv3: An Incremental Improvement" by Joseph Redmon, Ali Farhadi (2018): YOLOv3, an improved version of the YOLO object detection algorithm. It introduces enhancements to the architecture, including feature pyramid networks and improved bounding box prediction, leading to better detection accuracy and performance. Understanding these improvements is crucial for optimizing PPE detection in the project. [2]

"Feature Pyramid Networks for Object Detection" by Tsung-Yi Lin, Piotr Dollár, Ross Girshick, Kaiming He, Bharath Hariharan, Serge Belongie (2017): Feature Pyramid Networks (FPN), a framework for building object detection systems with high accuracy and efficiency. FPN improves the detection of objects at different scales by combining features from multiple levels of a convolutional neural network. Integrating FPN techniques may enhance the performance of PPE detection in the project. [3]

"Realtime Multi-Person 2D Pose Estimation using Part Affinity Fields" by Zhe Cao, Tomas Simon, Shih-En Wei, Yaser Sheikh (2017): an approach for real-time techniques can be beneficial for refining PPE detection, as it involves detecting the presence and configuration of human bodies, which are typically associated with wearing PPE. [4]

"Fast R-CNN" by Ross Girshick (2015): This paper introduces Fast R-CNN, a method for object detection that improves upon previous approaches by sharing convolutional features across proposals. While not directly related to YOLO, understanding the principles of Fast R-CNN can provide insights into alternative object detection techniques and their potential applications. [5]

"ImageNet: A Large-Scale Hierarchical Image Database" by Jia Deng, Wei Dong, Richard Socher, Li-Jia Li, Kai Li, Li Fei-Fei (2009): This paper introduces ImageNet, a large-scale dataset widely used for training and evaluating object recognition algorithms. ImageNet serves as a valuable resource for training the PPE detection model, providing diverse images of objects and scenes relevant to industrial environments. [6]

"ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge" by Olga Russakovsky, Jia Deng, Hao Su, Jonathan Krause, Sanjeev Satheesh, Sean Ma, ... & Fei-Fei Li (2015): This paper presents the ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC), an annual competition aimed at advancing the state-of-the-art in image classification and object detection. [7]

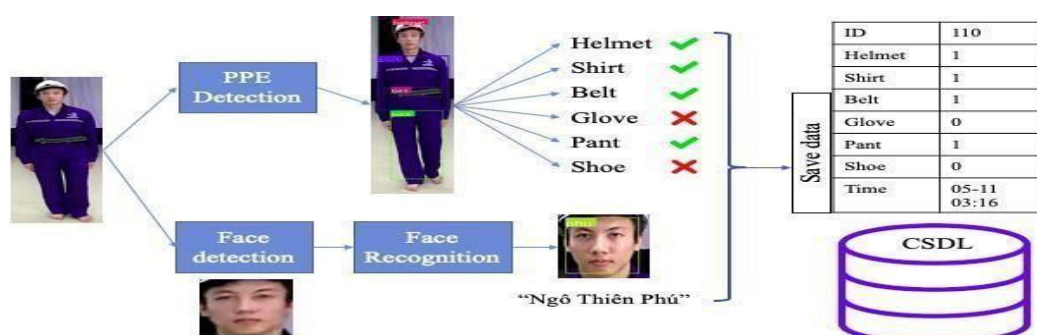


Figure 1 – Data Storage

III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The methodology for the safety analysis project focusing on the detection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) using Machine Learning (ML) involves several keys (figure – 2) steps. Firstly, a diverse dataset of images or videos capturing workers in various industrial settings wearing different combinations of PPE is collected.

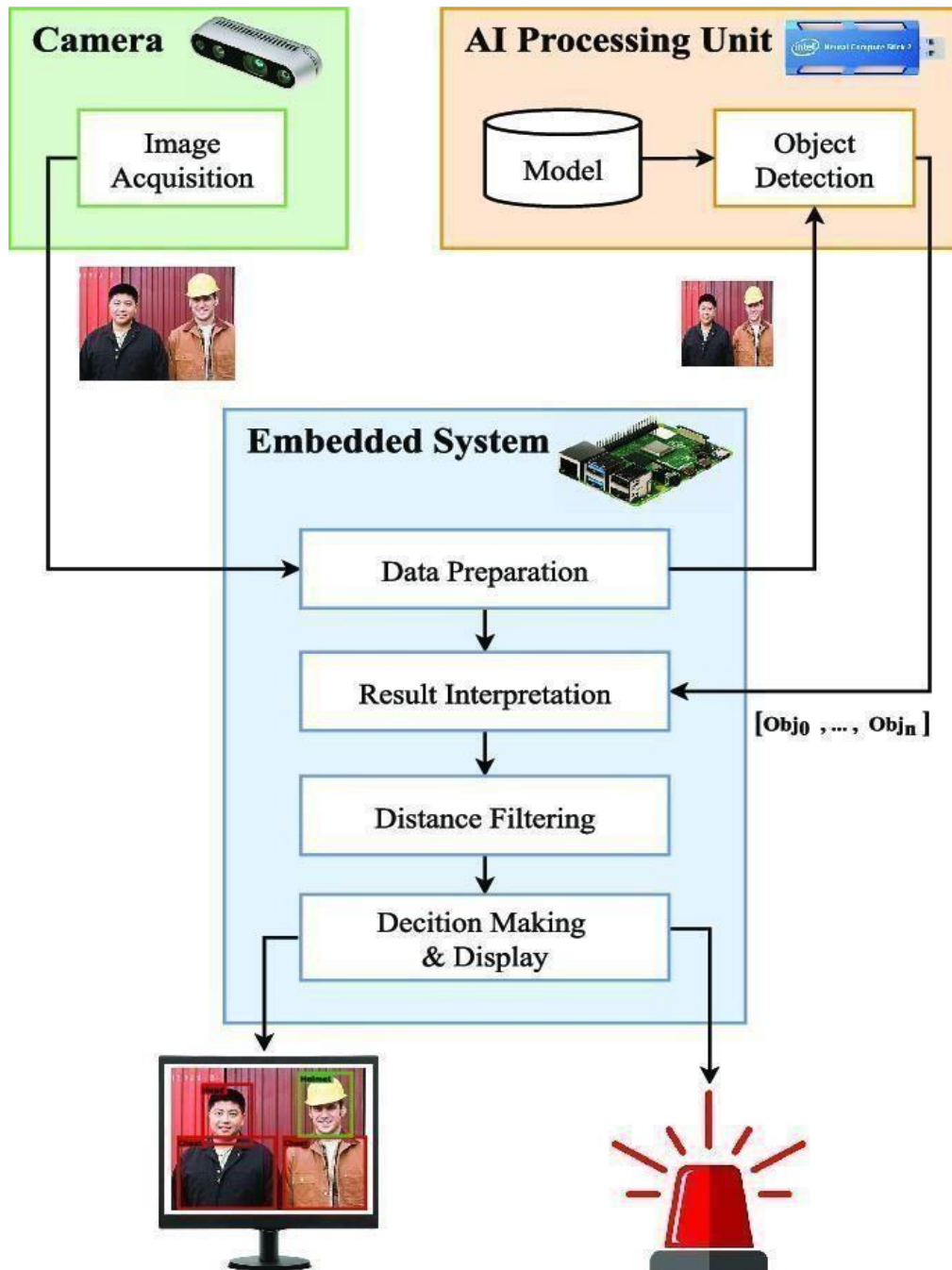


Figure 3 – Block Diagram

Figure 2 - Block Diagram

This dataset is meticulously annotated, with each PPE item labeled using bounding boxes to facilitate model training. Subsequently, the collected data undergoes preprocessing to enhance its quality and prepare it for training. This preprocessing may include resizing images, augmenting the dataset for increased diversity, and splitting it into training, validation, and testing sets (figure – 2). With the dataset prepared, a suitable ML model architecture is selected for PPE detection, considering factors such as real-time requirements and efficiency. The chosen model, often based on object detection frameworks like YOLO (You Only Look Once), is then trained on the annotated dataset using transfer learning techniques, fine-tuning model parameters to optimize performance. [9]

Following training, the model's performance is evaluated using metrics such as mean Average Precision (MAP), precision, recall, and F1-score on the validation set. Iterative refinement of the model architecture and training process may occur based on evaluation results. Once trained, the model is optimized for deployment, considering factors such as model size and computational complexity. Real-time inference capabilities are developed to enable the model to process streaming video data from industrial cameras, detecting PPE items with confidence scores. Integration with existing safety monitoring infrastructure or standalone deployment is carried out, followed by extensive testing in real-world industrial settings to validate system performance. Maintenance plans are established to ensure the model remains up-to-date and effective in detecting PPE compliance, with regular updates and monitoring for any drift in accuracy or performance. Through this methodology, the project aims to develop a robust ML-based PPE detection system, contributing to enhanced safety analysis and compliance monitoring in industrial environments. [7]

IV. **HARDWARE**

- **Camera**

Cameras or sensors are required for capturing images or video streams of workers wearing PPE in real-world environments. Depending on the deployment scenario, (figure – 2) the number and type of cameras or sensors may vary [3]

- **STORAGE**

Adequate storage space is necessary for storing datasets, trained models, and related files. Solid-State Drives (SSDs) or high-capacity Hard Disk Drives (HDDs) are recommended to ensure fast data access. (figure – 1) [5]

- **Memory**

Sufficient RAM is essential for handling large datasets during model training and inference. The amount of required RAM depends on the dataset size, model complexity, and batch size used during training. [5]

- **Processing Unit (CPU/GPU)**

High-performance CPU or GPU is recommended for training and inference tasks, (figure – 2) especially if working with large datasets or complex ML models. GPUs are particularly beneficial for accelerating neural network. [1]

V. SOFTWARE

Operating System:

A compatible operating system such as Linux (e.g., Ubuntu, CentOS) or Windows is needed for running ML frameworks, libraries, and related software tools. Linux is often preferred for its stability and performance in ML development environments. [6]

Development Environment:

Integrated Development Environments (IDEs) such as Jupyter Notebook, PyCharm, or Visual Studio Code are commonly used for ML model development, experimentation, and code debugging. [10]

ML Frameworks:

ML frameworks like TensorFlow, PyTorch, or Keras are essential for building, training, and deploying ML models. Choose the framework based on project requirements (figure – 6), familiarity, and community support. [6]

Object Detection Libraries:

Libraries such as OpenCV, TensorFlow Object Detection API, or Detectron2 provide pre- implemented algorithms (figure – 3) and tools for object detection tasks, including PPE detection. [4]

Annotation Tools:

Annotation tools like LabelImg, VGG Image Annotator (VIA), or LabelBox are required for annotating images or video frames with bounding boxes around PPE items during dataset preparation.

Deployment Tools:

Tools for deploying ML models in production environments, such as TensorFlow Serving, ONNX Runtime, or Docker, (figure – 2) may be needed to deploy the PPE detection system on edge devices or cloud platforms. [4]

Documentation and Version Control:

Utilize documentation tools (e.g., Sphinx) and version control systems (e.g., Git) to maintain project documentation and track changes to code, datasets, and model configurations. [1]

Communication and Collaboration Tools:

Collaboration platforms (e.g., GitHub, GitLab) and communication tools (e.g., Slack, Microsoft Teams) facilitate collaboration among team members and streamline project management tasks [1]

VI. Working

Data Collection:

Gather a diverse dataset of images or videos (figure – 1) showcasing workers wearing various PPE configurations in industrial settings. [7]

Data Annotation:

Annotate each image or video frame by marking bounding boxes around PPE items, including helmets, goggles, vests, gloves, and boots [7]

Data Preprocessing:

Resize images, augment datasets, and normalize pixel values to prepare the data for training. [7]

Model Training:

Utilize the YOLO algorithm to train the ML model on the annotated dataset, (figure – 4) enabling it to recognize and localize PPE items. [5]

- **Model Evaluation:**

Assess the trained model's performance using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1- score to ensure effective PPE detection. [5]

- **Real-time Inference:**

Deploy the trained model for real-time inference on streaming video data, allowing it to detect and localize PPE items in industrial environments. [2]

- **Visualization and Alerting:**

Visualize detected PPE items in real-time on video feeds and trigger alerts for non-compliance with safety protocols. [1]

- **Deployment and Integration:**

Integrate the ML-based PPE detection system into existing safety monitoring infrastructure or standalone applications. [7]

- **Testing and Validation:**

Conduct extensive testing to validate the system's performance under various conditions and ensure reliability in real-world scenarios. [4]

- **Maintenance and Updates:**

Regularly update the model and system to adapt to changing workplace conditions and PPE requirements, ensuring ongoing effectiveness and accuracy. [10]

VII. Results

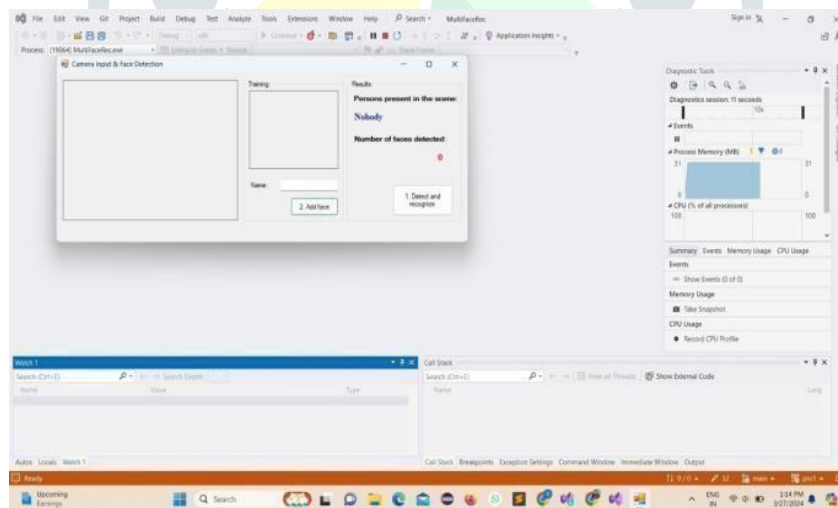


Figure 3 – Backend

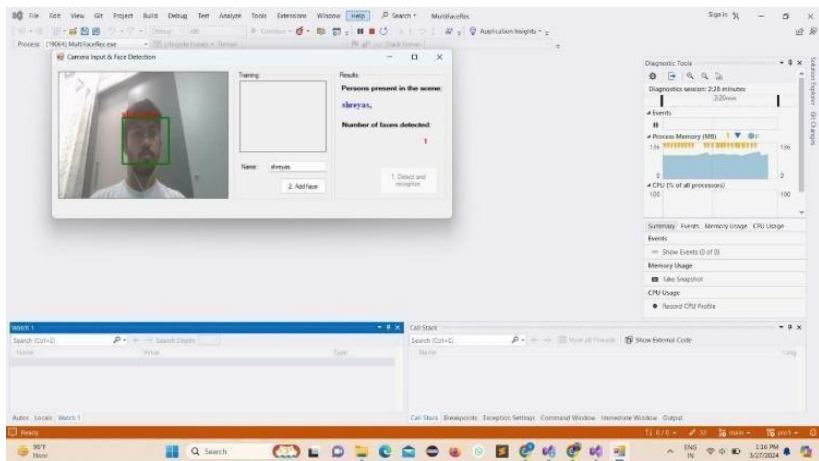


Figure 4 – Model Training



Figure 5 – Frontend

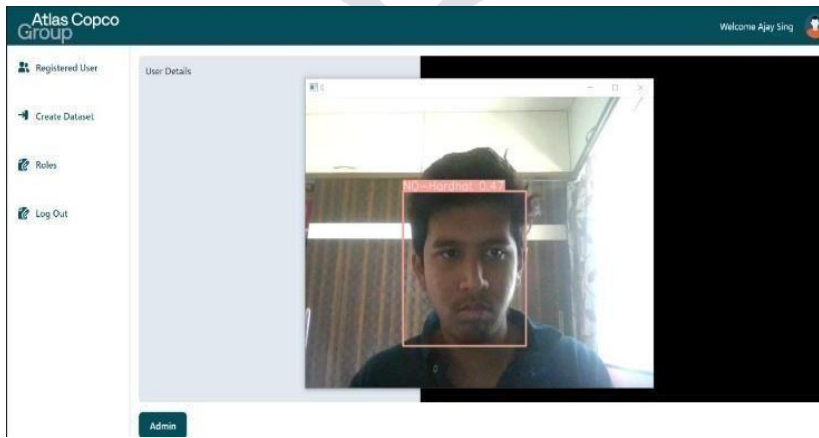


Figure 6 – Model Testing

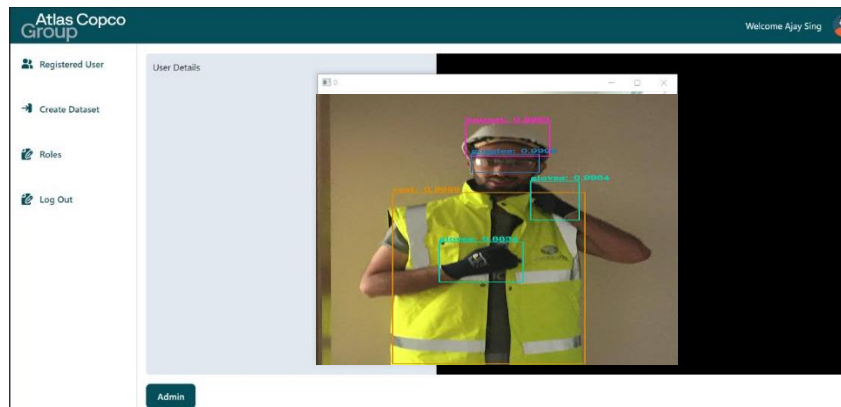


Figure – 7 Real Time Application

VIII. FUTURE SCOPE

In future endeavors, the scope of work for the project on safety analysis, specifically targeting the detection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) using Machine Learning (ML), offers promising avenues for advancement. Further exploration could involve extending the capabilities of the PPE detection system to encompass a broader spectrum of PPE items beyond the standard ones such as helmets, vests, goggles, gloves, and boots. This expansion may include specialized PPE tailored to specific industries or environments, thereby enhancing the system's applicability across. [8]

diverse work settings. Additionally, future work could delve into fine grained classification distinguishing between various types and variations of PPE items to provide more detailed insights into compliance levels. Semantic segmentation

x. Conclusion

The project focusing on safety analysis through the detection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) using the YOLO (You Only Look Once) algorithm, several key findings emerge such as the performance evaluation of the ML-based PPE detection system reveals promising results, (figure – 6) with high accuracy, precision, recall, and F1- score achieved across various PPE categories.

techniques could be explored to precisely outline the boundaries of PPE items within images or video frames, offering a finer level of analysis. Integrating anomaly detection algorithms would enable the system to identify irregular or non- standard PPE usage patterns, facilitating early intervention in safety violation

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