

Missing Child Identification System using Deep Learning and Multiclass SVM

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Abstract: In India a countless number of children are reported missing every year. Among the missing child cases a large percentage of children remain untraced. This paper presents a novel use of deep learning methodology for identifying the reported missing child from the photos of multitude of children available, with the help of face recognition. The public can upload photographs of suspicious child into a common portal with landmarks and remarks. The photo will be automatically compared with the registered photos of the missing child from the repository. Classification of the input child image is performed and photo with best match will be selected from the database of missing children. For this, a deep learning model is trained to correctly identify the missing child from the missing child image database provided, using the facial image uploaded by the public. The CNN, a highly effective deep learning technique for image-based applications is adopted here for face recognition. Face descriptors are extracted from the images using a pre-trained CNN model VGG-Face deep architecture. Compared with normal deep learning applications, our algorithm uses convolution network only as a high-level feature extractor and the child recognition is done by the trained SVM classifier. Choosing the best performing CNN model for face recognition, VGG-Face and proper training of it results in a deep learning model invariant to noise, illumination, contrast, occlusion, image pose and age of the child and it outperforms earlier methods in face recognition based missing child identification. The classification performance achieved for child identification system is 99.41%. It was evaluated on 43 Child cases.

Introduction: The public is given provision to voluntarily take photographs of children in suspected situations and uploaded in that portal. Automatic searching of this photo among the missing child case images will be provided in the application. This supports the police officials to locate the child anywhere in India. When a child is found, the photograph at that time is matched against the images

uploaded by the Police/guardian at the time of missing. Sometimes the child has been missing for a long time. This age gap reflects in the images since aging affects the shape of the face and texture of the skin. The feature discriminator invariant to aging effects has to be derived. This is the challenge in missing child identification compared to the other face recognition systems. Also, facial appearance of child can vary due to changes in pose, orientation, illumination, occlusions, noise in background etc. The image taken by public may not be of good quality, as some of them may be captured from a distance without the knowledge of the child. A deep learning architecture considering all these constrain is designed here

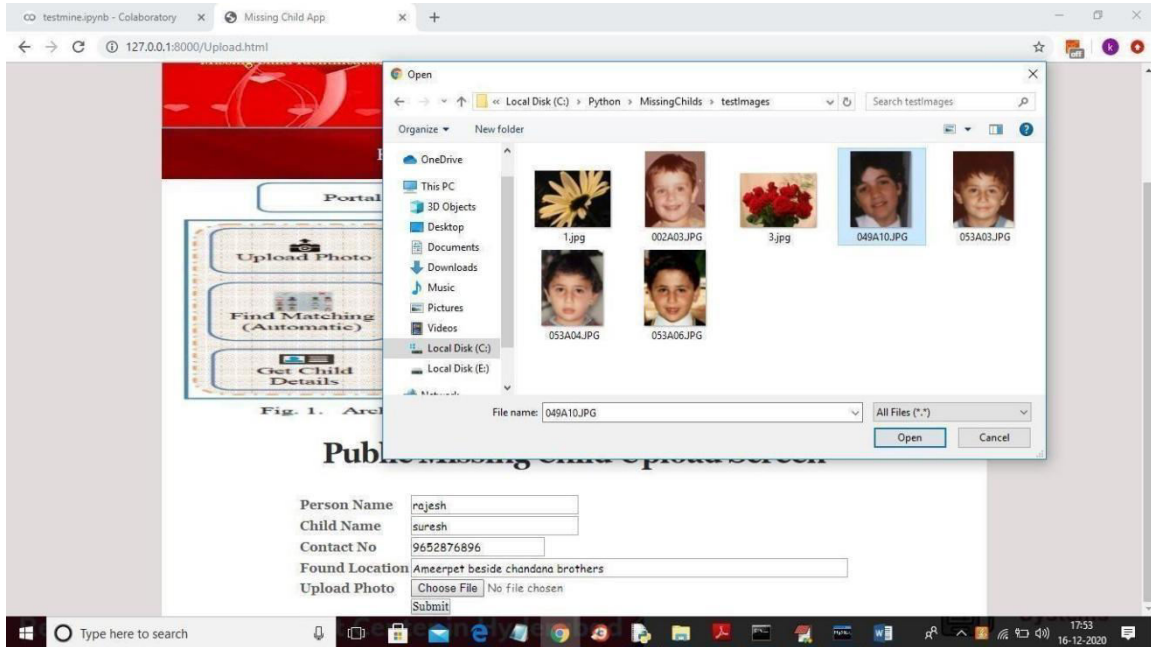
Literature Survey: Deep learning is based on the branch of machine learning, which is a subset of artificial intelligence. Since neural networks imitate the human brain and so deep learning will do. In deep learning, nothing is programmed explicitly. Basically, it is a machine learning class that makes use of numerous nonlinear processing units so as to perform feature extraction as well as transformation. The output from each preceding layer is taken as input by each one of the successive layers.

Deep learning models are capable enough to focus on the accurate features themselves by requiring a little guidance from the programmer and are very helpful in solving out the problem of dimensionality. Deep learning algorithms are used, especially when we have a huge no of inputs and outputs. Since deep learning has been evolved by the machine learning which itself is a subset of artificial intelligence and as the idea behind the artificial intelligence is to mimic the human behavior, so same is "the idea of deep learning to build such algorithm that can mimic the brain". Deep learning is implemented with the help of Neural Networks, and the idea behind the motivation of Neural Network are the biological neurons, which is nothing but a brain cell.

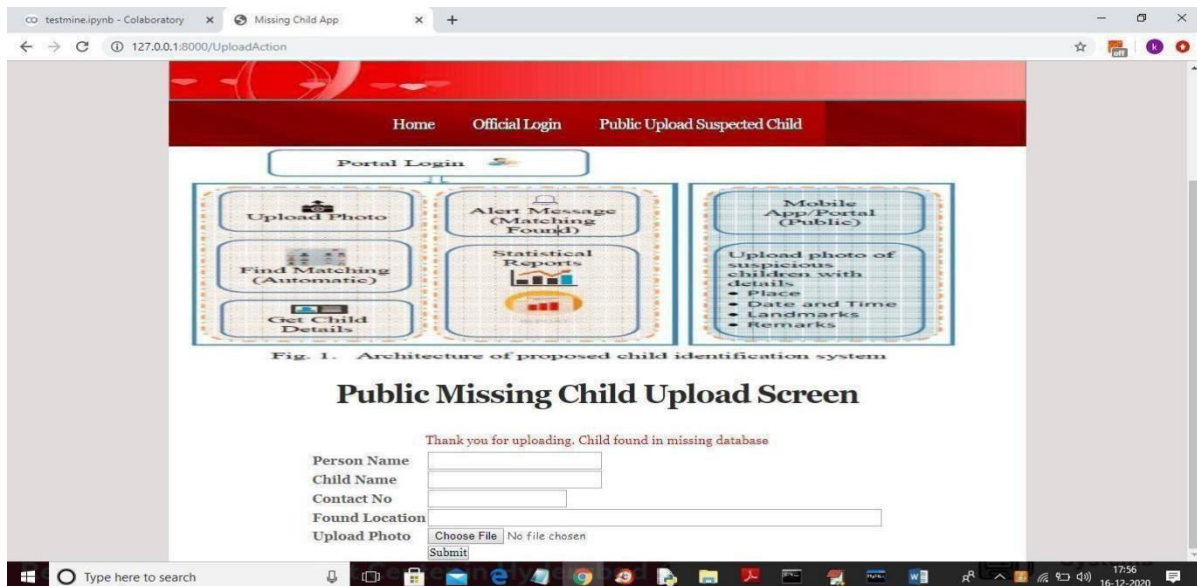
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Results



:a. Uploading a Child Image



Upload Person Name	Child Name	Contact No	Found Location	Child Image	Uploaded Date	Status
rajesh	suresh	9652876896	Ameerpet beside chandana brothers		2020-12-16 17:54:25	Child not found in missing database
john	freddie	1234543212	Ameerpet beside chandana brothers		2020-12-16 17:55:35	Child not found in missing database
johny	jojo	9652876896	Ameerpet beside chandana brothers		2020-12-16 17:56:06	Child found in missing database

c.View Uploaded Images

Conclusions : A missing child identification system is proposed, which combines the powerful CNN based deep learning approach for feature extraction and support vector machine classifier for classification of different child categories. This system is evaluated with the deep learning model which is trained with feature representations of children faces. By discarding the SoftMax of the VGG-Face model and extracting CNN image features to train a multi class SVM, it was possible to achieve superior performance. Performance of the proposed system is tested using the photographs of children with different lighting conditions, noises and also images at different ages of children. The classification achieved a higher accuracy of 99.41% which shows that the proposed methodology of face recognition could be used for reliable missing children identification.

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