

## **REAL-TIME STRESS DETECTION SYSTEM FOR HUMANS: AN IMAGE PROCESSING AND MACHINE LEARNING APPROACH**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In the fast-paced and demanding world of the technology often encounter high levels of stress due to heavy workloads, tight deadlines, and dynamic work environments. Prolonged exposure to such stress can negatively impact both personal well-being and professional productivity. Traditional methods of stress detection, such as self-reported questionnaires and physiological assessments, are often intrusive and lack real-time applicability. As a result, there is a growing need for more effective and less invasive stress monitoring solutions. This research aims to address this challenge by developing a novel stress detection system tailored specifically for peoples. Leveraging advances in image processing and machine learning, the system analyze facial expressions and visual cues that are indicative of stress. By employing sophisticated algorithms, the system can accurately classify and interpret stress levels in real-time. Furthermore, the system integrates continuous feedback mechanisms by regularly collecting employee surveys to track stress levels over time and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions. With its real-time capabilities and non-intrusive design, this system offers a significant improvement over conventional stress detection methods, providing employees and organizations with valuable insights to foster healthier work environments.

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Workers in the rapidly changing field of IT sector Employee and People are frequently exposed to stressful work situations and heavy workloads, which can raise stress levels. If this stress is not controlled, it can have a detrimental effect on one's productivity at work and personal well-being. The real-time application and intrusiveness of traditional stress detection techniques, including self-reports or physiological tests, are limited. Consequently, there is an increasing demand for more creative and useful methods of stress monitoring and management. By utilizing the most recent developments in image processing and machine learning technologies, our research seeks to meet this demand by creating a robust stress detection system designed especially for IT professionals. With its real-time monitoring and customized feedback features, this system is a major improvement over traditional stress detection techniques.

Our system's main function is to assess facial expressions and other visual cues that suggest stress using image processing. The technology uses machine learning algorithms to categorize and decipher these indicators in order to deliver precise and prompt stress assessments. The technology will also allow for the regular collection of employee feedback through surveys, allowing for an ongoing assessment of workers' stress levels and the efficacy of treatments

### **II. METHODOLOGY**

#### **Convolution Layer**

The first step in the process of extracting features from an image is by implementing a convolution. This involves learning the various features of the image using small squares of data. With the help of various filters, such as identity, edge detection, box blur, and Gaussian blur, it can perform various operations, such as sharpen, edge detection, and blur.

#### **Pooling Layer**

When the images are too large, pooling layers can minimize the number of parameters. This technique is called spatial pooling. It can also reduce the dimensionality of the map..

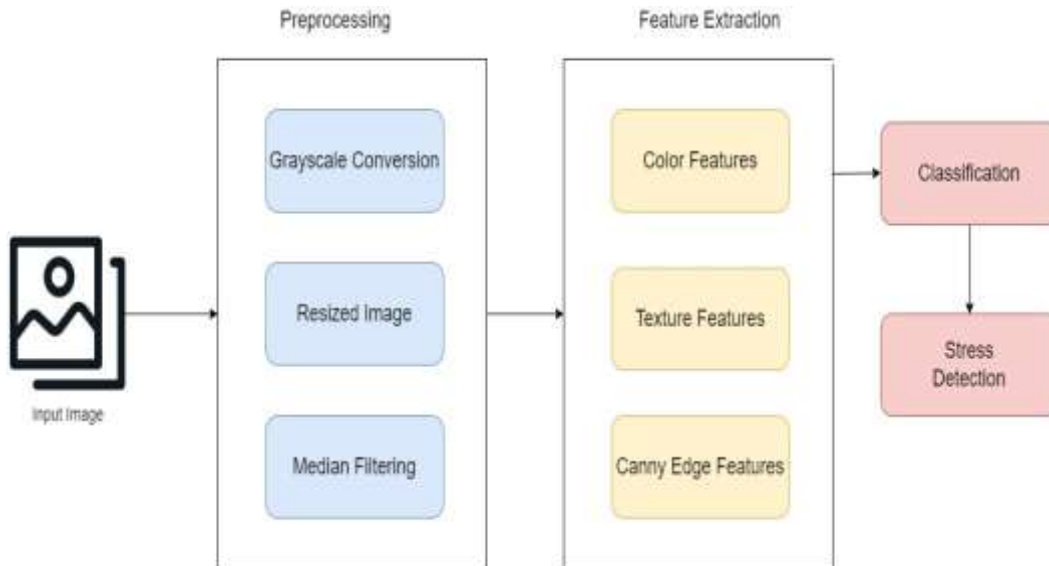
#### **Fully Connected Layer**

This feature map matrix will be transformed into vector form. We have connected the layers and created a model that takes advantage of this feature.

**Softmax Classifier**

At the end of the process, a classification function like softmax or sigmoid is employed to categorize the results.

**III. MODELING AND ANALYSIS**



1. **Input Image:** The process starts with an input image, which is the raw data needed for stress analysis.
2. **Preprocessing:** Preprocessing prepares the image by performing several steps to ensure that it is ready for feature extraction. The preprocessing steps are:
  - Grayscale Conversion:** The image is converted into grayscale, which simplifies the image data by reducing it to one channel (intensity) instead of three (red, green, and blue). This reduces computational complexity and helps focus on structural details rather than color.
  - Resized Image:** The image is resized to a standard dimension, ensuring uniformity in processing, which helps the system handle images of different sizes consistently.
  - Median Filtering:** This step applies a median filter to the image to reduce noise. Noise reduction helps in obtaining clearer and more distinct features, improving the accuracy of feature extraction in the next phase.
3. **Feature Extraction:** After preprocessing, the system extracts key features from the image. These features are crucial for identifying patterns related to stress. The types of features extracted are:
  - Color Features:** These features capture the color information in the image, which may include different shades and tones that could be indicative of stress (e.g., redness or paleness).
  - Texture Features:** Texture features analyze the patterns in the image, such as smoothness, roughness, or repetitive patterns. Texture analysis may provide clues about stress indicators, as certain textures or patterns could be linked to stress responses.
  - Canny Edge Features:** The Canny Edge Detection algorithm is used to find edges within the image. Edge features help highlight key structures or boundaries, which can assist in identifying significant areas or patterns in the image related to stress.
4. **Classification:**-The extracted features are then fed into a classification model. This model uses machine learning or statistical techniques to classify the data based on predefined categories (e.g., stressed vs. not stressed). The classifier is trained to recognize patterns in the features that are likely associated with stress.
5. **Stress Detection:**The final output of the classification process is used to detect stress. Based on the classification results, the system determines if the input image indicates signs of stress.
6. **Overall Flow:**-The input image undergoes preprocessing to enhance quality, then relevant features are extracted, which are used for classification. The classification results help in detecting stress, completing the process from raw image input to stress analysis output.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



## V. CONCLUSION

This project represents a significant step forward in the integration of machine learning and image processing technologies to address workplace stress among Employees and Peoples. By enabling real time stress detection and providing personalized interventions, the system aims to foster a healthier and more productive work environment. Despite its potential, the project also faces several challenges, including data privacy concerns, accuracy of stress detection, and the ethical implications of continuous monitoring. However, with careful implementation and ongoing refinement, the system has the potential to make a meaningful contribution to both technology and society. It not only enhances our understanding of stress management in high-pressure environments but also sets a foundation for future innovations aimed at improving employee well-being and organizational effectiveness

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