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Vision Based Attendance System Using NVIDIA with Automated Notifications

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***Abstract*—Attendance management in educational institutions is traditionally handled through manual or semi-automated systems that are often inefficient and prone to errors. This paper presents a smart attendance system based on Jetson Nano that utilizes facial recognition for real-time attendance marking. The system captures live video input, detects and recognizes faces using machine learning techniques, and automatically records attendancein acentralized database.Additionally, anautomated notification module informs students and administrative staff about attendance status through email or messaging services.The proposed solution reduces human intervention, enhances accuracy,andensurestransparencyinattendancemonitoring.**

***Index Terms*—Smart Attendance System, Facial Recognition, Jetson Nano, Edge AI, Computer Vision, Automation**

I. INTRODUCTION

Attendance is a very important factor in schools because it really shows whether the students have been involved, disci- plined and have good academic performance. Also, correctly recordingattendanceisusuallyconnectedwithmarksfor theinternalassessment, permissiontotaketheexams,and theschool'srequirements.Nevertheless,traditionalattendance systems like manual calling of names, paper, based registers, and RFID, based solutions are not only inefficient and time, consuming but also have several limitations. These methods can easily be manipulated for proxy attendance, have data inaccuracies, and human errors, and at the same time, they need to be constantly checked by the teachers thus, the time that could have been used for teaching is lost.

In order to overcome these problems, a variety of insti- tutionshaveimplementedsemi,automatedsolutionssuchas RFID cards and biometric fingerprint systems. While these systemslessenthemanualworkload,theyraisenewissueslike thelosingofthecard,unauthorizedusage,andtheproblem of hygiene resulting from physical contact. In addition, these systems still require users to deliberately interact with them, thus attendance marking may be slow in large classrooms and the system may not be easily scalable.

Thanks to the latest developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI)andcomputervision,facialrecognitionhasbecome a dependable and intelligent way to automatically manage attendance. Facial recognition is a non, invasive biometric technologythatusestheunique facialfeaturesofaperson to identify the individual without any physical contact or active participation. Thus, it is the best solution for classroom environments where speed, convenience, and hygiene are of the utmost importance. AI, powered systems can, therefore,by extracting facial features from the live video streams, automatically locate and identify the students who come into or stay in the class thus saving to a great extent the manual effort and at the same time increasing the accuracy and the consistency of the process.

Recent deep learning methods have significantly improved the efficiency of facial recognition systems. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and embedding, based models have the capability of extracting features very effectively, thus enabling the system to overcome challenges of the real world, forinstance,changesinlightingconditions,facialexpressions, occlusions,andminorposevariations.Thesefactorsaretypical ofrealeducationalenvironmentsandthustheperformance ofthetraditionalimage,processing,basedmethodsisoften degraded. However, deep learning, based recognition models havebettergeneralizationandaremorestableinsuchdynamic conditions.

Asubstantialnumberoffacialrecognition,basedattendance systems are still dependent on cloud computing for data processing and storage. Cloud, reliant systems, thus, pose problems like increased latency, higher bandwidth usage, de- pendenceonanuninterrupted internet connection,andpossible privacyrisksresultingfromthetransmissionofsensitivefacial data. These drawbacks may limit the system's ability to work in real, time and also cause worries about data security and compliance with regulations.

EdgecomputingplatformsliketheNVIDIAJetsonNanoare an efficient way to solve these problems. They can perform real, time processing right at the device level. When face detectionandrecognitionaredonelocally,edge,basedsystems lower the delay to a great extent and also decrease the needforcloudinfrastructure.

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Besidesspeedingupthesystem, the method employed here advances data protection as well, since sensitive biometric data stays in the local environment. Furthermore, edge computing guarantees that the system will work in situations where there is little or no internet connec- tion, thus it can be used for the deployment of devices in any educational institutions.

Transparency and communication on time are two very im- portant factors which, together with marking attendance, lead to the right management of student attendance. The collabora- tion of facial recognition with automated notification services that is realized in the proposed system, operating beyond its initial functions, is aimed at providing the stakeholders with instantaneous feedback. Students get immediate confirmation of their presence when their attendance is recorded, and at the same time, faculty members and administrators are provided withtimelysummariesandattendancereports.Thisautomated communicationtoolfreesthesystemofthetroublesrelated to attendance disputes, as well as the users' responsibilities increase,which,inturn,leadstotheemergenceoftrustamong and integrity of the system users.

The combination of AI, powered facial recognition, local computing, and automatic notification methods leads to a strong, efficient, and easy, to, use attendance management tool.Thisinnovationsignificantlyelevatestheaccuracyfactor and operation speed besides making the whole process more transparent,saferintermsofdatasecurity,andextendable in capacity. A technology of this kind is perfectly compatible withthefuturedevelopmentofthetechworldandmeetsthein- creasing need for intelligent, safe, and trustworthy attendance systems in the contemporary schools.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Over the past few years, the automation of attendance management has been a major focus, largely because of the growing demand for educational institutions to be more effi- cient,accurate,andtransparent.Theexistingmethodoftaking attendancethroughdirectcallsandpaperregistersisgenerally consideredtobeaninefficientprocessthatissusceptibleto errors. Therefore, scholarshave startedtolookattechnological solutions that can reduce the need for manual intervention while still providing dependable attendance records.

The initial automated attendance mechanisms were mostly basedonRFIDcardsandbarcodes.Eventhoughsuchsystems madeworklesslaborious,theycausedproblemslikelosingthe card, unauthorized card sharing, and fake attendance among others. To tackle the difficulties, biometric-based systemshave become more prevalent. Although fingerprint and iris recognition technologies have been suggested as more secure methods, they still require the user to make physical contact, whichmaycausehygienicissuesandtheprocessmaybetime- consuming, especially if applied in a large classroom.

Due to the progress in computer vision and machine learn- ing,facialrecognitionhasbeenconsideredapotentialsolution in attendance automation. In contrast to other biometric meth- ods, facial recognition does not disturb the user and identifi- cation can be done in a very smooth way without the user's direct involvement. The effectiveness of face recognition-basedattendancesystemsexecutingtraditionalimageprocess- ing methods like Haar cascade classifiers for face detection and Local Binary Pattern Histogram (LBPH) for recognition has been confirmed by several experiments. Although these algorithms are not very demanding in terms of computation, theireffectivenessmaybecompromisedbychangesofnatural or artificial light, different facial expressions or head poses.

Withouttheseflaws,thelatestresearchonfacialrecognition with deep learning has changed from traditional face recog- nition systems to deep learning-based ones. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and embedding-based architectures haverecognizedaccuracyandrobustnessastheirmainfeatures ofimprovement.Theyarealsoabletoextractdiscrimina- tive facial features and deal with the variations in the real world even more effectively. Notwithstanding that, most deep learning-based methods have a strong dependence on cloud infrastructure which eventually results in delay, higher band- width consumption, and may cause privacy issues due to the facial data being transmitted and stored.

III. RELATED WORK

Numerous research articles in the field of literature have explored the conception and the implementation of the at- tendance system based on face recognition, which is made possible by various hardware platforms. Examples of such hardwareplatformsincludeRaspberryPi,Arduino,andcloud- based servers. These systems are primarily intended to do away with the tedious manual attendance processes, which consume a lot of time, and thereby enhance the accuracy of results and general efficiency, not only in environments like academies but also in organizations.

With the passage of time, innovative technologies appliedto those kinds of systems have changed noticeably, mirror-ing breakthroughs in computer vision, machine learning, and embedded systems.

In initial research stages, most attendance systems utilizing facerecognitionwerebasedonconventionalcomputervision methods.Oneofthewidelyusedalgorithmsforfacedetection was the Haar Cascade Classifiers, as it was straightforward, required little computing power, and could operate in real- time on devices with limited resources. Methods like Local Binary Pattern Histograms (LBPH) were popular for face recognition because they were quite simple to execute and gavereasonablygoodresultsinacontrolledenvironment.The techniques were especially appropriate for settings where the lightwasconstant,thecameraanglewasalwaysthesame,and there were no significant changes in facial expressions.

Nevertheless, the traditional approaches that had been ini- tially triumphant, had drawbacks exposed in the face of real- life situations. Factors like light, pose, facial occlusions (e.g., masks or spectacles), aging, and background noise had amajorimpactonrecognitionaccuracy.Moreover,LBPH-based systems found it difficult to generalize large datasets. Hence, theywerenotgoodenoughforbigclassroomsororganizations with lots of users. Consequently, instances of false positives andfalsenegativesincreased,thusthereliabilityofthesystem and users' trust were lowered.

To fix these deficiencies of the past, the researchers started heavily focusing on deep learning-based face recognition methods in their recent studies. The present-day systems employ Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to dive deep into facial characteristics and to create concise numerical representations, commonly called face embeddings. By train- ingondiscriminativefacialfeaturesthatareresistanteven to changing environmental conditions, models like FaceNet, DeepFace, and ArcFace have exhibited top-tier performance. With the use of these embeddings, recognizing the correct matchbecomespossibleevenwhenthefacesaresubjected to different lighting, pose, or expression changes, that is,these methods are feasible for real-world implementatio Inthe meantime, the discove ry of edge AI gadgets has been instrumental in the enhancement of system results and its extentofapplication,whichhasgonesidebysidewiththe development of the recognition algorithms. Edge devices like Raspberry Pi teamed up with AI accelerators, NVIDIA JetsonNano,andGoogleCoralenableexecutingdeeplearning models locally on the edge thus cutting down the need for cloud servers. The processing that happens at the edge lessens the time interval between requesting and getting a service, safeguards the data, and makes possible the recognition in the real-time uninterrupted by the internet connection that has to be consistent. So, attendance recording devices can be active in places where there is low bandwidth and still they do not lose efficiency.

Even after all these technological enhancements, many current systems still suffer from a significant omission: the absence of a mechanism for real-time alerting and user feed- back. The majority of present solutions prioritize primarilythe detection and recognition of faces, hence overlooking the necessity for the openness and the interaction with the users. Usually, students and employees are left in the dark as to whether their attendance has been recorded, thus resulting in thecreationofamisunderstandingandsometimesintheissu-ing of disproving statements. Also, administrators frequently are devoid of instant attendance insights and have to depend on hand-operated reports to obtain that information.

This shortcoming lowers users' participation and thus di- minishes the practical value of other recognition systems that arejustasinnovative.Withintoday'sdigitalenvironment,end- users are demanding more and more that they be instantly informedandthatthecommunicationbeautomated,i.e.,in the form of notifications, alerts, or confirmations. The implementation of such features can greatly improve trust, responsibility, and the ease of system use.

This research fills the crucial void by merging high- performance facial recognition methods with the creation of automated real-time notification tactics. The system through the combination of facial recognition and cloud services for sending messages and alerts lets attendance events be the first to be communicated to the people concerned, e.g., students, parents, or administrators. Besides serving as a means of attendance sufficiency confirmation, automated notifications are also opening the doors of transparency and therefore, the chances of disputes and errors are lessened considerably.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed system consists of the following main com- ponents:

- CameraModule:Captureslivevideostreamsofstudents entering the classroom.
- JetsonNano:Performsfacedetectionandrecognition using optimized deep learning models.
- AttendanceDatabase:Storesstudentdetails,times- tamps, and attendance records.
- NotificationModule: Sends attendance alerts and sum- maries to students and faculty.

V. METHODOLOGY

A. DatasetCollection

Facial images of registered students are collected under dif- ferentlightingconditionsandfacialexpressions.Dataaugmen- tation techniques such as rotation and brightness adjustment are applied to improve recognition performance.

B. FaceDetectionandRecognition

Face detection is performed using OpenCV-based deep learning models, while recognition is achieved through embedding-based techniques. Each detected face is converted into a feature vector and matched with stored embeddings using similarity measures.

C. AttendanceMarking

Once a face is recognized with confidence above a prede- finedthreshold,attendanceismarkedautomatically.Duplicate entries for the same session are prevented using time-based constraints.

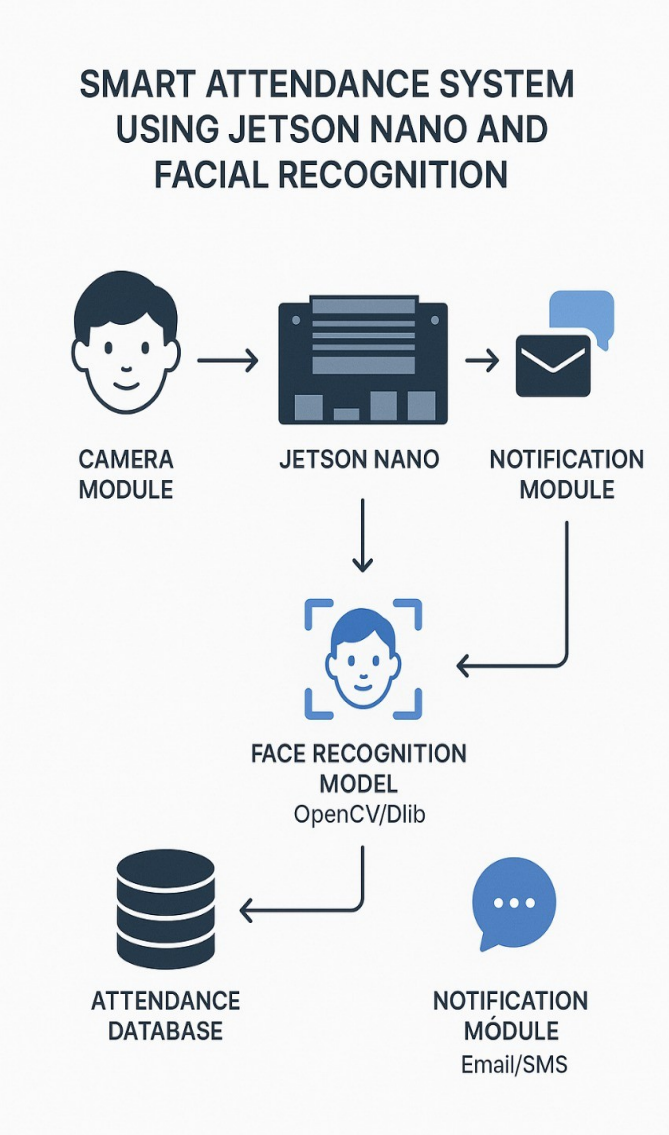


Fig.1:SystemArchitectureoftheSmartAttendanceSystem

D. NotificationSystem

The notification module sends instant confirmation mes- sages to students upon attendance marking and periodic sum- maryreportstofacultymembersviaemailormessaging APIs.

Listing1:SampleEmailNotificationScriptinPython

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importsmtplib
fromemail.mime.textimportMIMEText
msg=MIMEText("Yourattendancehasbeen marked successfully.")
msg['Subject']="AttendanceNotification" msg['From'] = "system@college.edu" msg['To'] = "student@email.com"
server = smtplib.SMTP('smtp.gmail.com', 587) server.starttls() server.login("system@college.edu","password")
server.sendmail(msg['From'], msg['To'], msg.
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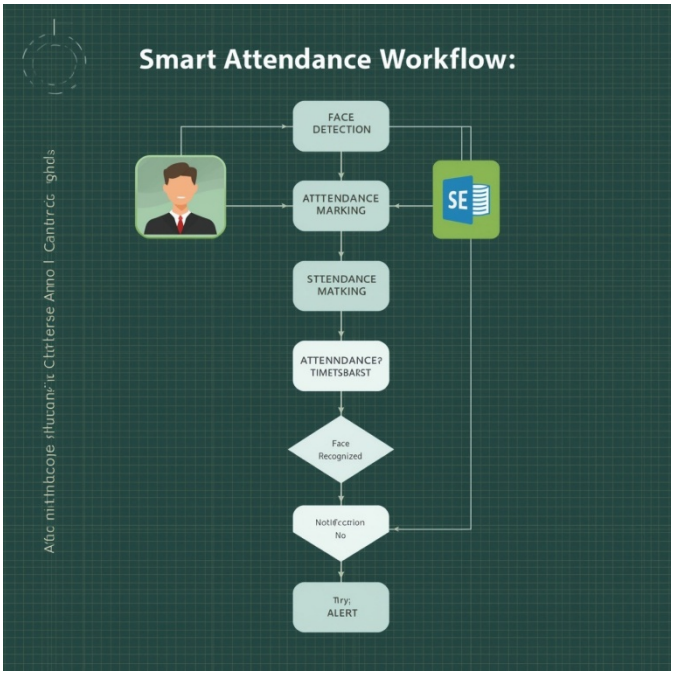


Fig.2:WorkflowofAttendanceDetectionandNotification Process

VI. IMPLEMENTATION

TheproposedschemeusesPythonasthemainprogramming language because it is very flexible, has a wide range of libraries, and has a very strong ecosystem for computer vision and deep learning applications. Python allows for very easy integrationofmachinelearningmodels,databasemanagement, hardware level operations, and external services which makes it an ideal language for the whole attendance automation system.

The main library OpenCV is used for image acquisitionand preprocessing. OpenCV is responsible for face detection from real-time video streaming, camera frame resizing, nor- malization, and bounding box extraction. OpenCV performs equally well on very powerful machines and on edge devices with limited resources due to its fast C++ backend andPython bindings. OpenCV is also very important for variable lighting and camera angles handling through preprocessing steps like grayscale conversion, histogram equalization, and noise reduction.

The face recognition module uses deep learning libraries that are optimized for the NVIDIA Jetson Nano platform such as TensorFlow, PyTorch, or ONNX Runtime. These libraries allow for the easy deployment of a pre-trained or a fine-tunedconvolutionalneuralnetworkmodelforfaceembedding extraction.TogetabetterthroughputTensorRTaccelerationis usedaswell.TensorRTimprovesthetrainedneuralnetworkby doing layer fusion, precision calibration (FP16 or INT8), and memory optimization. Therefore, the time taken from input to output is greatly shortened, making it possible for the system todofacerecognitioninrealtimeevenwhenthevideoiscontinuous.

Thisisaveryimportantfeatureifwewantthe systemtoworksmoothlyinliveclassroomsorworkplaces without dropping frames or waiting for long processing times. Afterfacerecognitioniscompleted,thesystemlogsthe attendanceinformation.

Theimplementationofthisstepcan vary from a local database (such as SQLite or MySQL) to acloud-basedspreadsheetservicelikeGoogleSheets,depending ondeploymentconditions.Structuredstorageofinformation is the key to data consistency, quick data access, and keeping therecordsforalongtime.Typically,eachattendancelog will contain data such as the person's name or ID, date, time, andrecognitionconfidencescore.Besidesthat,cloud-based storage facilitates remote access, real-time changes, and easy sharingofattendancerecordswithadministratorsorauthorizedpersonnel.

One of the benefits of the attendance system is that itcreates a transparent system that motivates the users through an engagement approach. The system uses automated no- tification services to do this. Email notifications are donewith the help of the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), whichallowsthesystemtosendconfirmationmessageswhen- ever attendance is successfully recorded. Besides that, third- party APIs—that is good for messaging or notification plat- forms—may be used if someone wants to receive the fastest possiblealertsbyemail,SMS,ormessagingapplication.These alerts confirm to the sources of attendance (students, employ-ees, or guardians) that they have successfully checked in thus eliminating vagueness or possible disputes that might arise between them.

VII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Experimental evaluation shows that the system achieves high recognition accuracy in controlled classroom environ- ments. The edge-based approach reduces latency and depen- dency on internet connectivity. Challenges such as poor light- ing and occlusions can affect accuracy but can be mitigated through better data collection and model tuning.

Anothermajoradvantagethatwasnoticedduringtheassess- ment is the lesser need for a permanent internet connection.Asmostoftherecognitionworkisdonelocally,thesystem is operational even in places with weak or no network access. The connection to the internet is needed only for activitiesthat are not mandatory like cloud-based data synchronization or sending of automated notifications. With this decision inthe design, the system becomes a great choice for schools in villages or areas with low bandwidth, where the use of cloud- only solutions may be difficult.

VIII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper introduced the design and implementation of a cost-effective smart attendance system utilizing facial recog- nition technology deployed on the NVIDIA Jetson Nano platform. The system, through the use of deep learning-based face embeddings and edge computing capabilities, effectively overcomes the shortcomings of the traditional attendance methodslikemanualrollcallsandRFID-basedsolutions.

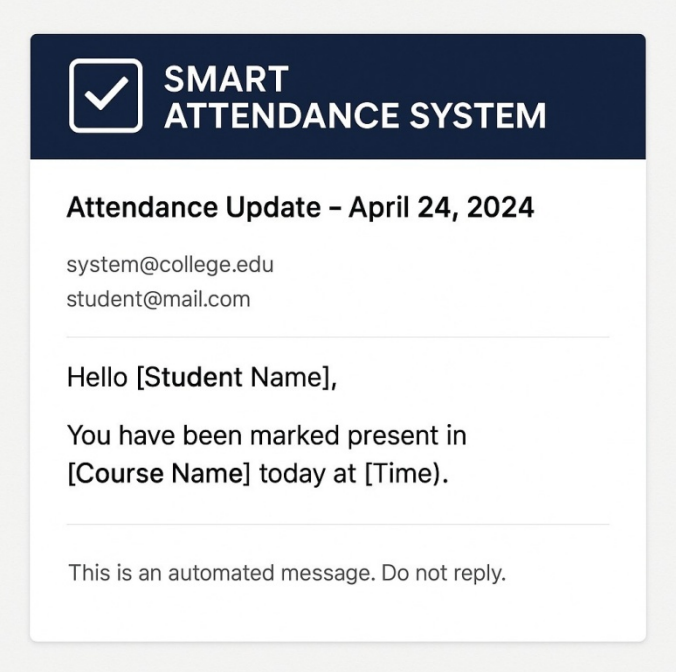


Fig.3:sampleemailnotification

Edge-based inference allows real-time face recognition with minimal delay, and the system can also function in scenarios where the internet connection is weak or unstable.

Oneofthemainelementsofthisresearchisthecombination ofautomatednotificationmethodswithfacialrecognition. By delivering instant attendance confirmation via email or messagingservices,thesystembecomesmoretransparentand, thus, increases user engagement of students, staff, and admin- istrators.Apartfromthefactthatthisfeaturecreatestrust in the system, it also lessens the attendance-related conflicts, thus contributing to the improvement of the administrative staff'swork.Moreover,theorganizationofattendancerecords guarantees the simpleness of the access, traceability, and the system as a tool for long-term record management.

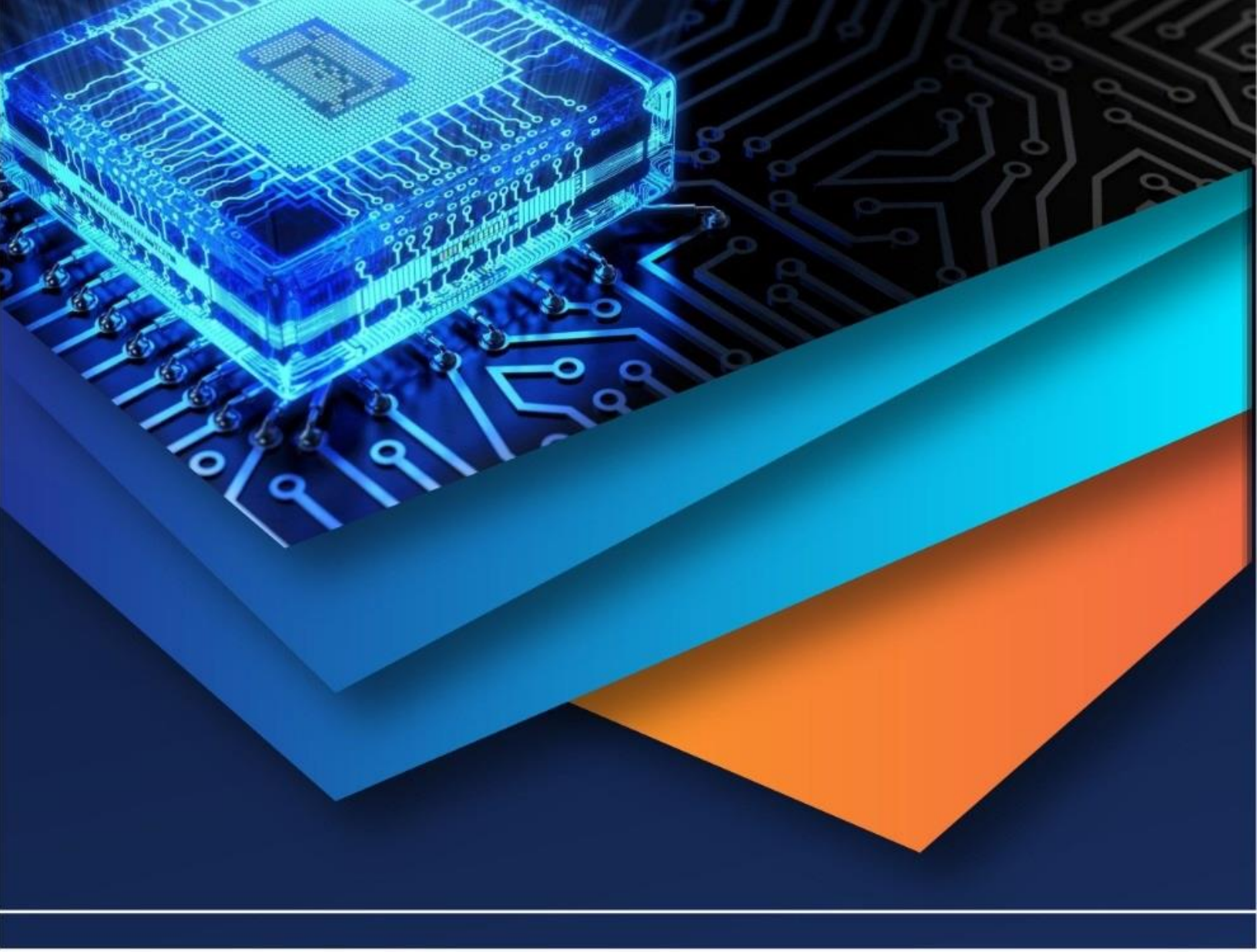
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