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Air-Writing Recognition using Deep Learning and Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract: This research introduces a real-time air-writing recognition system that allows users to write letters and numbers in the air using intuitive hand gestures captured via a webcam. By fusing computer vision with deep learning techniques, the system bypasses the need for physical contact or writing surfaces, providing a hygienic and accessible solution ideal for interactive learning, accessibility tools, and creative expression. MediaPipe is utilized for efficient hand landmark detection, while OpenCV and PyGame support a dynamic virtual drawing interface. Deep learning models—based on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)—classify air-drawn alphabets and digits with high accuracy using EMNIST and MNIST datasets. A lightweight Flask-based web interface ensures easy deployment across platforms. Our implementation maintains real-time responsiveness, averaging under 100 ms prediction latency while operating smoothly at 30 FPS. Experimental results validate the feasibility and reliability of air-writing recognition in constrained environments, positioning this system as a promising tool for natural human-computer interaction.

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