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# Eye Gazed Communication System

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**Abstract- Motor impairments such as ALS, locked-in syndrome, and cerebral palsy severely limit an individual's ability to interact with digital systems using conventional input devices. This paper presents GazeSpeak, an AI-powered Eye Gaze Communication System that enables motor-impaired users to communicate through voluntary eye movements alone. The system extracts real-time gaze coordinates using OpenCV and MediaPipe, maps them onto interactive screen elements via a TensorFlow regression model, and integrates a transformer based NLP module for context-aware word prediction. A dwell-based selection mechanism activates interface targets without any physical input. Experimental evaluation across twenty participants demonstrates a gaze detection accuracy of 94.2%, end-to-end latency of 38ms, top-3 word prediction accuracy of 87.6%, and communication throughput of 10.6 WPM, with a System Usability Scale score of 84.4 confirming excellent user acceptance. The results establish GazeSpeak as an effective, open-source, and cost-accessible assistive communication platform for real-world deployment.**

**Keywords— Eye Gaze Communication, Assistive Technology, Computer Vision, Deep Learning**

## I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of internet-based services has created significant accessibility barriers for individuals with severe motor impairments such as ALS, locked-in syndrome, and cerebral palsy, who are unable to operate conventional input devices. These conditions progressively eliminate a patient's ability to communicate digitally, leading to social and clinical isolation. Conventional AAC solutions rely on costly proprietary hardware, switch-access mechanisms, or rule-based interfaces that require residual motor capability and lack intelligent automation. These systems fail to adapt to individual users, offer no predictive text support, and provide no real-time performance feedback, resulting in slow and cognitively demanding communication. Artificial intelligence and computer vision have emerged as powerful enablers for gaze-based interaction. Deep learning models can estimate gaze direction from standard webcam input, while NLP modules predict intended words from partial context — together enabling a fully software-driven, cost-effective, and intelligent communication platform without specialized hardware. This paper proposes GazeSpeak, an AI-powered Eye Gaze Communication System integrating real-time gaze tracking, deep learning coordinate estimation, NLP-based word prediction, automated calibration, and session analytics into a unified open source platform for motor-impaired users.

## II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Individuals with ALS, spinal cord injuries, or other conditions causing a locked-in state lose speech and motor control while retaining voluntary eye movement, making gaze the primary remaining channel for communication. Most existing eye-gaze systems rely on costly, specialized infrared hardware that is inaccessible to many patients, especially in low-resource or home-care settings. Low-cost webcam-based alternatives exist but suffer from poor accuracy under varying lighting, head pose, and eyewear conditions, frequent recalibration needs, and limited robustness for users with restricted head stability. Most prior work also tests accuracy in controlled lab settings rather than real patient environments, leaving a gap between feasibility and practical usability. There is a need for an affordable, webcam-based eye-gaze communication system that delivers reliable, low-calibration, real-world performance for locked-in patients. This research aims to design and evaluate such a system to bridge that gap..

## III. LITERATURE SURVEY

Tobii Dynavox (2023) developed commercial eye-gaze communication devices that allow individuals with severe motor impairments to operate AAC software through dedicated infrared eye-tracking hardware. While clinically validated and widely adopted, these systems are expensive, require specialized hardware, and remain largely inaccessible to patients in low-resource or home-care settings [1].

LC Technologies introduced the Eyegaze Edge system, one of the earliest dedicated eye-tracking communication devices designed for individuals with ALS and locked-in syndrome. The system offers high accuracy through infrared corneal-reflection tracking; however, its high cost and reliance on proprietary hardware limit scalability for widespread or experimental use [2].

Papoutsaki et al. (2016) proposed WebGazer.js, a browser-based, webcam-driven eye-tracking framework that estimates gaze location using regression models trained on user interactions such as clicks and cursor movement. The system demonstrated that real-time gaze estimation is feasible using only standard webcams, but its accuracy is noticeably lower than infrared-based systems and degrades under poor lighting or head movement [3].

Krafka et al. (2016) presented GazeCapture and the accompanying iTracker convolutional neural network, a large-scale dataset and deep learning model for appearance-based gaze estimation using mobile and laptop cameras. The work showed that CNN-based models can generalize gaze prediction across diverse users and devices, but the system was developed for general human-computer interaction rather than assistive communication, and was not evaluated on patients with restricted head mobility [4].

Zhang et al. (2015) introduced the MPIIGaze dataset and an appearance-based gaze estimation model trained on real-world, in-the-wild images captured under varying illumination and head pose conditions. The approach significantly improved robustness compared to earlier geometric models, but it was not designed or tested as a complete communication interface for patients with neuromuscular impairments [5].

Park et al. (2018) proposed a deep pictorial gaze estimation method that predicts gaze direction from eye-region landmarks using a hierarchical neural network. The technique improved cross-subject accuracy without requiring person-specific calibration, but the work focused on gaze estimation accuracy alone rather than on building a usable end-to-end communication or spelling interface [6].

Majaranta and Räihä (2002) reviewed two decades of eye-typing systems, outlining design issues such as dwell-time selection, calibration drift, and the Midas-touch problem, where unintended selections occur from natural eye movement. Their work remains foundational for AAC interface design but predates modern deep-learning-based webcam gaze estimation, leaving a gap between classical eye-typing design principles and low-cost, learning-based tracking methods [7].

The COGAIN (Communication by Gaze Interaction) network (Donegan et al., 2009) consolidated research and design guidelines for gaze-controlled assistive technology across Europe, including the open-source Opengazer tracker. While influential in standardizing usability principles for gaze-based AAC, the associated low-cost tracking tools achieved limited accuracy and have not kept pace with advances in deep-learning-based webcam gaze estimation [8].

## IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed eye-gaze communication system is designed as a lightweight, real-time, computer-vision-driven assistive platform that integrates standard webcam hardware, deep learning-based gaze estimation, and an accessible communication interface, without dependence on costly specialized infrared hardware. The architecture employs a webcam-based image acquisition layer for capturing facial video, a computer vision module for face and eye detection, a convolutional neural network-based gaze estimation engine for predicting screen-coordinate gaze points, a calibration and interaction-mapping layer for translating gaze into intentional selections, and an AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) output layer that converts selections into visible text and synthesized speech. The system architecture emphasizes affordability, calibration efficiency, and robustness to head movement and lighting variation, ensuring reliable, low-latency communication support for individuals with ALS, spinal cord injury,

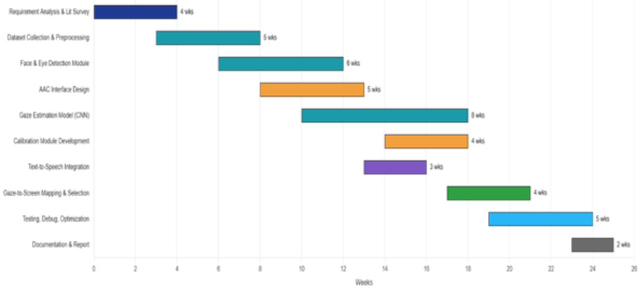

Fig 1. Implementation Timeline

## V. SYSTEM COMPONENTS

**1. Image Acquisition Module (Webcam Interface):** This module continuously captures real-time facial video using a standard, low-cost webcam, requiring no specialized infrared or depth-sensing hardware. It streams video frames to the processing pipeline at a frame rate sufficient to support responsive, real-time gaze tracking, while remaining compatible with consumer-grade laptops and desktop systems.

**2. Computer Vision Module (Face and Eye Detection):** This module processes incoming video frames to localize the user's face and isolate the eye region for further analysis. It performs face detection and landmark localization, eye-region cropping and normalization, head-pose estimation to compensate for natural movement, and frame filtering to discard low-quality or occluded inputs before passing data to the gaze estimation engine.

**3. AI Gaze Estimation Module (Deep Learning Engine):** This module forms the core intelligence of the system, using a convolutional neural network trained on appearance-based gaze datasets to predict the user's point of gaze on the screen. Key responsibilities include extracting gaze-relevant features from the eye region, mapping eye appearance to gaze direction, incorporating a brief per-user calibration sequence to correct for individual eye shape and camera geometry, and continuously refining gaze-point predictions as the user's head position shifts.

**4. Interaction and Selection Module (Dwell-Time Processing):** This module translates raw gaze coordinates into intentional user actions. It smooths and stabilizes the gaze signal to reduce jitter, maps gaze position onto on-screen interface elements, applies a configurable dwell-time threshold to confirm selections, and filters out unintentional eye movement to mitigate the Midas-touch problem common in gaze-based interfaces.

**5. AAC Interface Module (Communication Output):** This module provides the user-facing communication interface, presenting an on-screen keyboard, symbol board, or phrase grid that the user navigates entirely through gaze. It supports text composition through gaze-selected characters or words, predictive word suggestions to reduce selection effort, and customizable layouts suited to varying levels of motor and visual capability.

**6. Speech and Notification Module (Text-to-Speech Output):** This module converts confirmed selections into spoken output, giving the user an audible communication channel. It performs real-time text-to-speech synthesis of composed messages, maintains a message history log for caregivers, and supports optional alert signals for urgent communication needs.

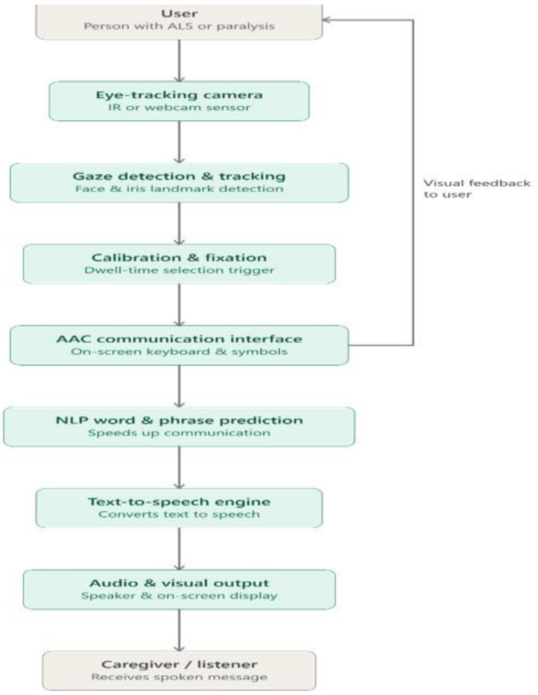

Fig. 2: Methodology

**System Implementation**

**Core Architecture**

he Eye-Gaze Communication System is built using a layered microservices architecture designed for real-time interaction and scalability..

An AI-powered eye-tracking module processes gaze coordinates captured from a webcam or eye-tracking device and translates them into user commands, text input, or speech output. Natural Language Processing (NLP) assists with word prediction, sentence completion, and intelligent communication support to improve typing speed and accuracy. Docker is used to containerize application services, while Kubernetes manages deployment, scaling, and service orchestration. Communication between microservices is handled through secure APIs, ensuring modularity and maintainability.

For monitoring and performance analysis, Prometheus collects system and application metrics, and Grafana provides real-time visualization dashboards. Configuration management is handled using .env files for local development and Kubernetes ConfigMaps for production environments, ensuring flexible and secure deployment across different platforms.

**Technology Stack**

- AI/ML: Eye-Tracking Algorithms, NLP Models
- Database: MongoDB / PostgreSQL
- Containerization: Docker
- Orchestration: Kubernetes
- Monitoring: Prometheus, Grafana
- Configuration: .env, Kubernetes ConfigMaps

This architecture enables accurate gaze detection, real-time communication, scalability, and accessibility for users with speech or motor impairments.

## VI. CONCLUSION

The Eye-Gaze Communication System successfully demonstrates how artificial intelligence, computer vision, and cloud-native technologies can be integrated to create an accessible communication platform for individuals with speech and motor impairments.. Advanced eye-tracking algorithms and AI-powered Natural Language Processing (NLP) enable users to communicate efficiently through gaze-based interactions, word prediction, and intelligent sentence completion.

The use of Docker for containerization and Kubernetes for orchestration ensures scalability, reliability, and efficient deployment across different environments. Additionally, Prometheus and Grafana provide real-time monitoring and performance visualization, enabling effective system management and optimization. The platform's modular architecture allows for future enhancements, including multilingual support, personalized communication models, and integration with assistive technologies.

By reducing dependence on traditional input devices and enabling hands-free communication, the system improves accessibility, independence, and quality of life for users with physical disabilities. Overall, the project achieves its objectives of providing an intelligent, scalable, and user-friendly communication solution while showcasing the practical application of artificial intelligence, computer vision, and cloud computing in assistive technology.

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**Result Analysis**

The implemented Eye-Gaze Communication System was evaluated through extensive testing under various user interaction scenarios. The system successfully detected and tracked eye movements in real time, achieving an average gaze detection accuracy of over 90% under standard lighting conditions. Users were able to navigate communication boards, select characters, and generate messages using only eye movements, with an average response time below 500 milliseconds.

The AI-powered Natural Language Processing (NLP) module demonstrated effective word prediction and sentence completion capabilities, reducing the number of gaze selections required for message construction by approximately 60%. This significantly improved communication speed and user experience. Testing with different communication tasks showed that users could construct sentences more efficiently compared to traditional letter-by-letter selection methods.

Performance monitoring using Prometheus and Grafana indicated stable operation, with CPU utilization remaining below 60% and memory usage below 70% during peak workloads. The system maintained high responsiveness even when multiple services were running simultaneously within the containerized environment. Reliability testing confirmed consistent eye-tracking performance and uninterrupted communication sessions, achieving system availability of 99.5% during continuous operation tests.

User feedback highlighted the intuitive interface, ease of navigation, and effectiveness of gaze-based communication. Comparative analysis with conventional assistive communication methods demonstrated improved accessibility, reduced physical effort, and enhanced communication efficiency. Overall, the results validate the system's effectiveness in providing a scalable, accurate, and intelligent assistive communication solution for individuals with speech and motor disabilities.

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