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# Abstract

The goal of this project is to design an integrated system that allows for fast and reliable processing of high quality video data and in doing so detect and react to the presence of a firearm or other weaponry when used in a threatening or dangerous manner. This is accomplished through the combined use of computer vision processing techniques implemented on an FPGA as well as a convolutional neural network trained to determine the presence of a threat.

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# Introduction

Public safety is a major concern in today's modern society. Modern weaponry and firearms pose serious threats to the safety and security of the everyday people, and recent events and media coverage have only further publicized the inherent dangers that one may face in even the most public of places. It is hoped that through the vigilance of the common citizen and the swift response of the authorities, violent perpetrators who threaten others with dangerous weaponry can be quickly and reliably apprehended and fatalities prevented. But often times, when threatened with the very real danger of a live firearm, people panic, and their justified self-preservation may prevent the proper authorities from being notified, causing small but noticeable delays in police response time at best and resulting in the loss of lives from failure to respond at worst.

These dangerous situations can often be prevented by proper monitoring technologies such as closed circuit television. However, there are many public and even private areas of trespass for which such technologies could not easily be implemented. A public park, for instance, cannot efficiently be monitored by CCTV systems with human operators due simply in part to their size. Trying to correct this issue by adding additional manpower costs both time and money and increases the chance that simple human error might occur due to negligence, absence, or simple misinterpretation of data. And when a single slip up could lead to death or injury, reliability and consistency becomes a very important factor.

As such, a system that removes humans from the equation may be an ideal solution. Using the CCTV model of approach, but then attempting to automate the process of observation and alert can help standardize and streamline the process, but at this current time the technology needed to do so is expensive, complicated and somewhat inaccurate due mostly to the limitations of current non-specialized software and hardware versus the principal challenge of processing large amounts of high quality video data continually over a small amount of time. The focus of our Major Qualifying Project is to design an integrated system that allows for fast and reliable processing of high quality video data and in doing so can detect and react to the presence of a firearm or other weaponry when used in a threatening or dangerous manner. The system would be designed to allow for easy integration in areas where public and private safety is a major concern such as parks, banks, schools and areas of transit. The system would also be designed to be as autonomous as physically possible, reducing the need for a centralized processing hub and allowing for quick and seamless integration in areas or buildings of varying size and complexity. It is hoped that through the design and implementation of such a system or device, we can come ever closer to ensuring the safety and security of everyday citizens at both the public and private level.

# **Background Information**

## Crime Statistics and Areas of Needed Improvement

Gun violence is an increasing problem in the United States in recent years. There were 372 mass shootings in the US in 2015, killing 475 people and wounding 1,870, according to the Mass Shooting Tracker[16]. As gun crime increases, the percentage of gun robberies also increases. According to the FBI in 2015 there were 4,091 bank robberies which 1,725 of them were perpetuated using a firearm[17]. Current systems that are implemented, such as silent alarms or panic buttons, rely in the fact that the silent alarm or panic button must be pressed. However this becomes harder when someone is pointing a gun at you. The Portland Police bureau[3] recommends remaining calm and following the robbers instruction as their guide to robbery response. Users might not have the chance to press the button which means that the authorities might not ever be called in for help. Or even if the button is pressed the time it took them to able to press it might be enough for the robbery or shooter to flee the scene or a tragic accident might happen. In places such as parks, or any public facilities where it is very hard to install these type of signaling devices a problem arises. In other areas that these type of alert of system are not implemented and someone using other devices tries signal for help, there lies a problem that can be solved. There are definitely areas of improvements that could save lives or prevent the robbery as a whole.

### Current Standards for General Weapons Surveillance

In attempts to combat gun crimes, a significant amount of research has gone into many gun detection and prevention based technologies. Most modern research into this field focuses on the detection of firearms in general, using technologies such as X-ray and Electro-magnetic scanning and profiling to identify and report when a weapon is found on a person's body. These technologies are excellent and profiling and identifying the presence of a firearm using various signals, sensors and profile recognition, but they do have some major drawbacks in terms of real world applications. The primary faults in these systems are that in many states and counties, open carry of weapons is allowed in banks, parks and other highly public places. A system that primarily focuses on automatically reporting a gun's presence and calling the authorities cannot be realistically implemented in these places because doing so for someone who simply "has a gun" can be viewed as an infringement on basic rights permitted by the 2nd amendment. It can also lead to numerous false flags in which police are called and their time occupied in chasing after someone who isn't causing an actual disturbance. In order for an efficient and fair auto-call type gun-detection system to be made, the system making a call has to not only identify that a gun is present but be able to make intelligent decisions based on the context of how that gun is being used. In this way, isolating detection solely to a set list of situations a gun is used in, false alarms and rights infringements can be reduced but to do so with many of the aforementioned technologies is almost impossible. Other

technologies do, however exist outside the current normal that should prove far more capable of accomplishing this complex task: namely systems dealing with processed vision and optical imaging.

## Computer Vision: An Alternative Approach to Surveillance

Computer vision (CV) technologies are nowadays commonly used as an effective approach to automated vision processing. CV algorithms can analyze input video streams using models of human behavior to provide high-level information of the recorded events. Effectively, CV offers contextual understanding as part of detecting potential threats. As a result, recent years have seen intelligent video surveillance (IVS) systems being developed to replace the current CCTV systems. By implementing CV technologies, these IVS systems can efficiently monitor an area without requiring human agents for their operation.

Most automated surveillance systems are organized in a similar manner "with low-level image processing techniques feeding into tracking algorithms which in turn feed into higher level scene analysis and/or behaviour analysis modules" [1]. The process, in more detail, can be visualized in figure 2-1 below:



Figure 2-1: Flow diagram of the computer vision pipeline for a security application [2]

The video input from a recording device is processed by the background model generation

module, which looks at whether the present pixels differ from the typical ground-truth values. The different pixels are called foreground and are grouped to form into blobs. Blobs are tracked throughout the stream and classified as targets, whose behavior is documented in the output video metadata. With this process, the vast data that is generated by the current CCTV solutions can be handily filtered and anything important is succinctly summarized in the video metadata, the output of the low-level content analysis component. As long as the CV algorithm is fast enough to process the data in real-time, an IVS system can monitor all operating video cameras simultaneously.

The metadata generated gets processed by a high-level algorithm in order to detect if any event has occurred. The rules for an event are set up by the developers of an IVS during its configuration. Based on these rules, the algorithm can then trigger any appropriate response to the events detected. An IVS can, therefore, sound an alarm when it detects a breach of security. Given that the rules implemented can accurately predict the respective events, an IVS can successfully replace human agents who are necessary for current CCTV surveillance systems.

### **Current Approaches to CV Surveillance**

After consideration, we believe that with computer vision we are able to bring our projects ideas to fruition. By adopting the computer vision techniques, we would be able to correct and build upon the ideas and concepts that would bring us closer to a safer and smarter world. With the aid of computer vision, a project was able to identify basic skeletal parts of human beings, the head and the 4 limbs. They were then able to identify the different poses of multiple people in the camera's view to determine a selection of poses that may be deemed as threatening and dangerous or peaceful and harmless to society. Being able to distinguish between a person pointing a gun at someone and the victim having their hands raised, as opposed to non-threatening poses, paves a great way for the authorities to be alerted, when malicious actions are taking place. There were 5 instances used in this project, 80% of the algorithm detections for the 5 body parts were correctly

positive, the 20% that could not be detected, had problems because the body parts were not distinguishable due to shadows and arms being very close to the body [13]. Also, In a study in AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, Poland, titled Automated Detection of Firearms and Knives in a CCTV Image, a team was able to use computer vision through sliding window mechanisms, background detection and canny edge detection from already existing surveillance cameras, CCTV cameras. This project was based on detecting both knives and firearms. The way the computer vision worked was that from the frames it is fed, it would search for human beings, once found, it would search for the arms of that person and then try to determine if they are holding any objects, if so, they would cross reference the object with their database of positive and negative results of either knives or firearms. This project yields a specificity and sensitivity of knife detection algorithm of 94.93% and 81.18% respectively whilst having a specificity and sensitivity of firearm detection algorithm of 96.69% and 35.98% respectively for the video containing dangerous objects and a firearm detection algorithm 100% specificity for video with harmless objects. Meaning that when detecting the firearms, all the cases that were detected where 100% firearms, but not all the cases where firearms were present, were they reported [12]. From these statistics, it can be seen that the guns were a more detectable object than the knives were. These are due to a number of facts, including the database of knives and guns, not being of a broader spectrum of situations, for example indoors vs outdoors, time of day, weather patterns etc. The main issue is that they are using camera images from CCTV camera recording, which suffer from low resolution and blurriness due to poor quality and inexpensiveness of the cameras. With all of these problems the project faced, they decided to send an alert to a human operator, who would make the decision to call the police or not. To solve all of these problems we aim on getting higher quality cameras that would provide our algorithms with more detail to clearly and more accurately identify the difference between dangerous and harmless objects to furthermore safeguard societies citizens. With an extremely accurate system, the time difference that the middleman, operator, introduces when

making the final judgement call to call the police or not could be eradicated, thus decreasing the time it takes for the police to get there from when a threat is detected.

Other projects like Terahertz detection of illegal objects disperses high range frequencies from 100GHz to 500GHz for scanned imaging to be able to detect metal and dielectric objects under clothing. These frequencies use the reflections from the high frequencies to create an image that is then used as input to detect the different dangerous object that are being carried under people's clothing [11]. Our project specifically does not want to use any invasive techniques/methods to detect dangerous weapons. We would not want our project to alert if a concealed weapon is being carried. This not only touches upon privacy issues but also create false alarms in our system because carrying a concealed weapon does not mean the weapon is going to be used for malicious intent, thus the police do not need to be alerted. It is only when this weapon is being wielded in the open that it then becomes a threat to the surrounding people, thus, needs to trigger an alert.

### Improving the Standard: Hardware Acceleration and the FPGA

Of previous projects, the one most similar to the project we intend to undertake is the Automated Detection of Firearms and Knives in a CCTV Image project out of AGH. Fundamentally, both their and our projects seek to solve the same problem, information overload of a human operator of a CCTV or similar system. Both projects aim to automate the weapon detection in these systems. Ultimately, though, the system developed at AGH was found to be unusable for firearm detection. The system resulted in too many false positives and was deemed unusable as a result. We seek to outperform their project by removing one major limitation for the system, the lack of use of specialized hardware. We intend to create a better system by utilizing hardware preprocessing on the images before sending them off for software processing resulting in a faster and more consistent reading of weapons.

# **Project Methodology**

# System Overview, Design Specification, and the Computer Vision Pipeline

Based on our research findings we formulated a block diagram of our IVS system. The basic functional requirements can be met with one recording unit, capturing video stream, and a processor, running the computer vision algorithms. A response system is also needed to appropriately address detected events. Specialized hardware is used to handle the preprocessing of the images, in an attempt to improve the system's performance both in terms of processing speed and detection accuracy. The resulting block diagram is shown in figure 3-1 below:



Figure 3-1: Basic block diagram of our IVS system.

The input data acquired by the camera gets quickly processed by the specialized hardware, which efficiently filters it. The filtered video gets more slowly processed by the high-level CV

algorithms. Based on the detected events, the central processing system can call the response system to trigger an alarm or send an emergency message. All system modules will be separately connected to the power system.

#### Camera / Image Sensor Requirements

The camera is the main and only input device used in the project. Therefore the criteria needed for the camera was investigated to find the specifications needed for a camera that fits our needs. The criteria for a camera are its resolution, sensor size, mono or color and CCD(charged couple device) or CMOS(complementary metal-oxide semiconductor) sensor[18]. Each of the specifications mentioned above were needed to find the optimal camera however the price was the deciding factor.

In terms of the resolution of the camera, its a measure of the detail of the image being captured. However, you could also explain resolution of camera as how large the image taken can be reproduced. This means that the higher the resolution of the camera the higher the output printed image size is. For this project there was no need to have a very high resolution camera since the pre-processing stage of the system filtered and trimmed down any unnecessary pixel that input image contains. Also the memory had to be taken into consideration since the higher resolution camera produce a bigger file. The camera resolution should have been between 1 and 10 megapixels. [19]

Also the sensor size needed to be taken into consideration when selecting the camera. The sensor size was important since a bigger sensor area will capture an image with higher quality, however it required a larger diameter. This made the lens of the camera bulkier as the size grew. For example, the Samsung Galaxy S6 has a sensor area of 22.5 mm[20]. Therefore the suggested sensor size should be in the range of 15mm and 80mm. For this range every high end phone lies within it. Cameras that are used in the top of the line phones tend to be cheaper and produce mid to

high resolution images.

In addition, the camera can either be mono colored or colored. In relation to the project a colored was ideal. With a colored camera there was access to more pre-processing algorithms and object recognition algorithms. This was due to the body of the person holding the gun being able to be filtered as a pink blob.

Finally, the type of image sensor CCD and CMOS is another feature that needed to be considered when choosing the best camera suited for the project. CCD sensor create a higher quality image with low noise which help reduce the preprocessing stage since there is less noise to be filtered. This was identified as the ideal type of sensor to be used since CMOS sensors need more light to create a low image. For the CMOS sensor, the extra noise caused by low light needs to be dealt with in the preprocessing stage. After further research, a lot of surveillance cameras use CCD sensors since they need to work 24 hours a day including night time where there are small amounts of light present. However, in the current camera market CMOS cameras comprise of almost every digital camera out in the market. [21]

The camera interface that the camera and the FPGA needed to communicate affected which board was bought. If the camera chosen had a micro-USB to USB interface, the board would have needed to have a USB port. The interface would not have been a problem if the chosen camera was a current FPGA module such as the OV5640[21], which is a 5-megapixel FPGA camera module. However, if we chose this module the FPGA that is going to be chosen should have enough power.

### Image Pre-Processing and Filtering

The signal received from the camera will be subjected to two stages of preprocessing, one for general image correction and enhancement and one for data extraction and alteration to prepare the image for efficient analysis. Though the camera we hope to use would be of a high resolution, distortions can still be introduced to the signal that would decrease the probability of detecting the firearm or the poses of a potential perpetrator. Techniques must therefore be applied to correct the contrast, color, and sharpness and determine different depths in the frames of the video signal. Applying such techniques allows the incoming image signal to remain consistent across multiple light conditions / settings / times of day while still being accurate to the reference images used to train the systems reference profile. Once this is determined, the image can be processed with a higher detection rate to determine edges of objects within the frames and can further detect the different shapes and objects in the frames.

The first thing that would need to be done to augment the image signal would be to correct its color. Color hue is typically one of the more difficult attributes to correct but redistributing the color saturation or correcting for illumination artifacts in the intensity channel would help our later algorithms and processes. Color intensity is usually the only color information that should be enhanced since it carries a lot of the information required for our processes and is the most readily adjustable. When working with the RGB channels it is normally advised to convert them into a certain color space and making alterations strictly to that color space before converting it back to RGB. Doing otherwise could cause serious, unwanted alterations to be made to the signal. [CV Metrics pg 56-57 Properly adjusted color information within the image can help the system differentiate between certain objects more so than would grayscale alone. Skin tones for instance can be used to identify the presence of a human body in the image and the positioning of the body therewithin. Guns themselves generally tend to fall within the black - silver spectrum of colors and can be more readily located by matching profile color palettes to that of the image object being analysed. Color can also be used subtractively, flagging and removing irrelevant data and shapes in the image such as plants, flooring, furniture and other objects whose color profiles do not match with those found in a person holding a gun.

Noise, as a consequence of the nature of light and the many sources of it and of false reflections / scattering there within, would inevitably be present in the signal and would require

removal so as to increase the accuracy of the image signal under scrutiny. The goal of basic image noise removal is to remove the noise present without distorting the underlying image heavily. One way this could be achieved is through contrast correction. Contrast correction can be implemented using thresholding, which segments the image at certain intensity levels to reveal features of foreground background and certain objects. There are several forms of thresholding: floor, the lowest pixel intensity allowed, ceiling, the highest pixel intensity allowed, ramp, shape of the pixel ramp between the floor and the ceiling like linear or log, point, may be a binary threshold point without a floor ceiling or ramp. Global Thresholding technique Lookup Tables(LUTs) are good for contrast remapping. First iterative experimentation is used to find the best floor, ceiling and ramp, then the LUTs can be generated into data tables which would then be used to set thresholds in fast code. Below (Figure 3-1) is an example of linear ramp function used.



**Figure 3-1: example of a linear ramp function used for contrast correction[34].** (*Left*) Original image shows palm frond detail compressed into a narrow intensity range obscuring details. (Center) Global histogram equalization restores some detail. (Right) LUT remap function spreads the intensity values to a narrower range to reveal details of the palm fronds. The section of the histogram under the diagonal line is stretched to cover the full intensity range in the right image; other intensity regions are clipped. The contrast corrected image will yield more gradient information when processed with a gradient operator such as Sobel

Most of these Computer Vision algorithms processes mentioned are fairly large processes

that must be repeatedly implemented across a two dimensional array of constantly updating data. Implementing the necessary functions required to extract information from an image frame, such as whether or not a pre-defined item is present within that frame, would therefore take an incredibly long time to implement in purely serial hardware as each individual pixel in an 1080 x 1920 video pixel video feed would then need subjected to the same process one at a time. And while doing so is possible across the fastest cpus / serial processors on market, it often comes at the expense of higher power draw and increased chip size. In most embedded platforms and applications, these trade offs cannot be made with the limited resources available, leading to a desperate need for more power / size efficient hardware to better divide the processing time via another method.

#### Softcore Processing: FPGAs and HDLs

FPGAs are reprogrammable hardware logic circuits made up of arrays of hardware logic gates and lookup tables and help improve performance of a computerized system by adding a adjustable hardware resources to the design space. They are blank slates that can be designed to either augment existing serial hardware or to create complete implementations of logical operations in stand alone. It differs to a microcontroller such that a microcontroller is an already pre-designed circuit that you are unable to alter the main capabilities of and can only instruct and re-allocate resources based on the code that you write. For an FPGA however, you would have to design the hardware of the circuit to do exactly what you want it to do, including all signal paths, voltage considerations and system lag. There are two most popular types of Hardware Description Languages (HDLs) used nowadays to configure FPGAs, Verilog and VHDL. The HDL is then synthesized into a bit file that is then used to configure the FPGA. This synthesis process is creating gate level representations from a higher-level description of design like the HDL.

An advantage of an FPGA is that it runs faster than a microprocessor as it is a hardwarebased implementation, but a disadvantage is that, the configuration is created using (HDL) that is

stored on the RAM, so once the power goes out, it would have to be reconfigured. But there are some FPGAs that have a flash chip that can automatically reconfigure it on power up.

For our project implementation we will be using a SoC (System on Chip) type FPGA, which contains primarily the gate arrays and lookup tables one would find within a standard FPGA as well as specially designed HSPs (hard system processor) that essentially functions akin to a low capacity serial processor. This selection allows us to make significant reductions in process time for most computer vision algorithms we'll be running both by enabling the parallelization of as much of these algorithms as possible (logical hardware implementation via the FPGA) while still being able to implement and process the dedicatedly serial operations that cannot be parallelized such as the control operations and decision making. In addition to this, using a SoC style FPGA allows us to reduce costs by no longer requiring multiple serial micro-controllers/processors in addition to our FPGA chip, reducing overall cost of the system and making potential manufacturing more affordable. It also allows us to condense and isolate the image based systems of the device from the decision making logic engine of the device, which will be implemented on a more straightforward micro-controller type implementation instead. This will keep code simpler and less co-dependent allowing for faster and more optimal testing at the component level.

Due to the complex nature of the problem at hand, namely the complexities involved with taking a high resolution image stream and translating it into usable data from which to make decisions on, there are actually several ways in which we can implement this SoC type module within the overall computer vision pipeline. The main two ways in which this can be done for our respective project exist at the low and intermediate stages of this pipeline and involve using the FPGA's mostly parallel nature to either accelerate the image preprocessing algorithms needed to clean and adjust the incoming image data to be more compliant with later algorithms such as edge detection and feature extraction, or to simply accelerate the aforementioned algorithms themselves. For our system we will be attempting to do both, creating hardware implementations

through the FPGA that specialize in each sub-process and transformation and connecting them all through the HSP control circuit, attempting to implement a system that is both spatially and temporally pipelined in the process. This should allow for the fastest implementation times of the Computer Vision algorithms possible without sacrificing image quality or algorithm reliability.

#### Machine Learning - Neural Network for Object Detection

IVS systems need to detect threats and take appropriate action(s) with relatively small delays in order to be effective. The time constraints of visual recognition systems have motivated research on efficient classification algorithms. A machine learning (ML) approach is proposed by Lee et al using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) in a hierarchical feature model (HFM). A CNN is a feed-forward neural network that consists of a collection of receptive fields, imitating the way brain neurons are organized in the visual cortex. A neural network consists of a number of nodes each of which holds a different weight. Collectively, the differences in weight between the nodes form a pattern. Items that belong to the same class form similar patterns and therefore models of numerical thresholds for each node can form a classifier.

In its classical form, in a neural network N nodes are used to classify an object with N features. A convolutional neural network is a more efficient variation that reduces the number of nodes and therefore the computational time. A series of convolution and max-pooling layers are used to reduce the number of necessary nodes. Convolution is an operation that attempts to extract features that accurately represent the responses of nodes. As a result, similar items that are given as input to the network will generate the same classification outcome. Max-pooling is a down-sampling method that reduces the number of nodes by keeping the highest values of neighboring nodes. The highest weights, therefore these contributing more to the distinction between classes, are used to represent their respective areas and the nodes with smaller weights are dropped from the generated model.

The HFM generated by the CNN is used to create a hierarchical classifier ensemble (HCE), which ultimately performs the object detection. The object detection framework can be visualized in the figure 3-2 below:



Figure 3-2: "Proposed object detection framework based on the hierarchical feature model (HFM), and

#### hierarchical classifier ensemble (HCE)" [4]

The authors identify three advantages of their proposed framework [4]:

- Including an augmented object category resolves issues with inter-class ambiguity and intra-class variation.
- HFM is shown to be more effective coupled with the HCE, because HFM's clustering facilitates building the HCE.
- Confusing data samples are clustered properly to sub-categories and overall detection accuracy can be improved.

As the first step of the algorithm, the regions of interest (ROIs) are detected by using the region proposal EdgeBoxes algorithm. The EdgeBoxes algorithm is implemented as proposed by Zitnick and Dollr in their "Edge boxes: locating object proposals from edges" paper. [5] The features that are present in a given ROI are generated by using a 16-layer CNN. [4] The CNN is implemented as proposed by Girshick in his paper "Fast r-cnn." [6] The normalized ROI features that are extracted can be represented in a deep-feature HFM as shown in the figure 3-2.

The resulting HFM has three different levels: the inter-class (H-level), the augmented class (M-level), and the intra-class (L-level). The root node has all the H-level nodes as children, the H-level nodes have one or more M-level children nodes, which respectively have one or many L-level leaves as children. The hierarchical classifier ensemble (HCE) "is built by training the multi-category classifier at each node of HFM, which is an assembly of one-versus-all SVMs". [4] Support vector machines (SVMs) is a partial case of kernel-based methods and is a technique that was originally intended to build optimal binary classifiers. [5] An SVM implementation is included in the OpenCV library. [5]

The system is able to learn to detect specific data-driven hierarchical categories (in our case firearms and human figure can be two possible choices) by using a latent topic model (LTM). The LTM is built by fitting a mixture model on the feature representation of a ROI that is extracted by the 16-layer CNN. The resulting LTM can summarize each ROI as a combination of K topics, where each topic corresponds to one or more super-categories (inter-class nodes). [5] The LTM analysis results in a quantitative representation of the HFM shown in figure 3-2. The category space  $\Omega$  and its respective dataset D is reflected by subsets  $\Omega_h$  (super-category space),  $\Omega_m$  (augmented category space), and  $\Omega_l$  (sub-category space) and their corresponding datasets D<sub>h</sub>, D<sub>m, and</sub> D<sub>l</sub>.

The spaces  $\Omega_{h}$ ,  $\Omega_{m}$ , and  $\Omega_{l}$  spaces are used to train binary SVM classifiers. To improve prediction accuracy, separate classifiers are trained for each space and a combination of their scoring ultimately results in the object classification. The mathematics for producing  $|\Omega_{x}|$  classifiers  $\varphi_{1}...\varphi_{x}$  for space  $\Omega_{x}$  and their projected pseudo-probabilities are shown below:

Category	Classifiers	Multi-class margin	Normalized margin	Pseudo-probability
Ω <sub>h</sub>	$\phi_1 \phi   \Omega_h  $	ξh(r) = P(h(k)  r) – max P( <u>h r</u> )		$P(y = \underline{h   r}) = 1 / (1 + \underline{exp}(\alpha \times \underline{\phi h}(r) + \beta))$
Ωm	φ'1φ' Ω <sub>m</sub>	ξ'm(r) = P(m(k')  r) – max P( <u>m r</u> )	$\underline{\phi'm}(r) = A + B / (1 + \underline{exp}(-C \times \underline{\xi'm}(r)))$	$P(y = \underline{m \mid r}) = 1 / (1 + \underline{exp}(\alpha \times \underline{\phi'm}(r) + \beta))$
Ωι	φ" <sub>1</sub> φ"   Ω <sub>l</sub>	ξ''l(r) = P(l(k'')  r) – max <u>Plh r</u> )	$\varphi'' I(r) = A + B / (1 + exp(-C \times \xi'' I(r)))$	$P(y = \underline{I}   \underline{r}) = 1 / (1 + \underline{exp}(\alpha \times \underline{\phi''} \underline{I}(r) + \beta))$

#### Table 3-1: Formulas to generate the classifiers for the HCE component.

Parameters A, B, and C for the normalized margin formula are determined through empirical fitting and the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for the pseudo-probability formula are determined by logistic regression. [4]

The effectiveness of the resulting pseudo-probabilities in classifying several daily objects (for instance bus, table, and bottle) is demonstrated by the authors of the paper. The algorithm was trained and tested on the PASCAL VOC 2007 and 2012 test sets and most of their detection accuracies range between 60% and 90% based on the different targets or variations of the algorithm. [4] In addition, the CNN approach is expected to remain relatively effective when there is a problem of inter-class ambiguity, which can certainly prove an issue when attempting to detect different types of firearms. For this reason, the described object detection framework is a promising choice for the ML component of our IVS.

### Summary of ML Algorithms

Because of its unsupervised nature and its ability to process large data efficiently, random forest is going to be the first machine learning algorithm that we will be implementing. At first, we

will be implementing the general framework and testing it against the publicly available PASCAL datasets. An additional verification step will then be added to check for a human figure and its pose to determine the context. Finally, the implementation of the framework will be customized by testing its performance against the dataset containing firearms and knives created by the AGH university researchers [8]. At any stage of the development process, if the random forest's performance seems to decline due to inter-class ambiguity and overfitting issues, MCBoost can be tested as a more straightforward approach. On the other hand, if the random forest cannot accurately predict the classification of an object, the CNN approach can be tested as well.

#### OpenCV

In order to facilitate the development of the machine learning algorithm, we are using a CV library. More specifically, we are going to be using OpenCV as our library of choice. The main advantages provided by OpenCV are its ease of use for our application and its mutability. OpenCV was designed with the specific intention of high efficiency and use in real time applications. It features hundreds of functions and unique objects for use in a variety of CV applications. In addition, it features a large general purpose ML library. This library was specifically designed to be used in CV based ML problems. All of OpenCV is open source and easy to modify to fit our specific application.

The OpenCV ML Library, or MLL for short, features about a dozen ML algorithms. Though all of these algorithms work differently, they share a common set of methods that allow the user to interact with them. CvStatModel() and ~CvStatModel() are the constructor and deconstructor for the models. The constructor can also be used to train the model on construction. train() is used to train the model while predict() is used to predict the label or value of any new data. save() and load() are used to save and load a model from an XML or YAML file respectively. write() and read() do a similar task, but are the generic forms and are generally not used.

#### **Decision Making and Alert Systems**

Once a threat is detected, the gimbal, mechanical zoom and alert system come into play. If the system is unable to determine if a firearm is present or not, the mechanical zoom would be used to zoom into the object to further determine if the object is a firearm and an alert should be sent. If a threat is detected, the gimbal, would allow the camera to follow the culprit in the x- or y- plane, keeping the culprit at the center of the frame at all times during detection.

The alert system is an important component of the project. This system, after getting input from the processor, will decide whether an alert should be sent out, presence of a dangerous situation, or whether no alert should be sent, no dangerous alerts present.

Most current systems today are either provided through a security company or a Do It Yourself (DIY)/Monitor It Yourself (MIY) which have a few implementation techniques. The latter is a method in which, any individual could go to a store like Walmart and purchase an alert system kit for a one-time fee that they would have to assemble themselves at home using instruction manuals. This system opens up a communication line between the police and the customer. The first option is an alert system offered from a security company that would install the system for you with a monthly or annual subscription fee. This system would send an alert to the security company that is providing the service, who have an operator reviewing the surveillance to determine if the alert is false or not [14]. Sometimes the operator would even give a call to further investigate before the police are called. This method adds a delay to the time the police are alerted, but is used because according to Security Sales & Integration, an increase in the number of false alarms to the police leads to a decrease in the priority of response from the police to the location. In order to make sure that the location always has high priority response from the police, they use the operator.

There are many trigger techniques in use. Three popular ones are: the panic button trigger, the security code trigger, the cash tray bill trap trigger. [15] The panic button is a button that it

placed at a strategic place in the location such that the police can be quickly responded to. (e.g. In a bank it is placed right under the bank teller's desk, so that if a robber enters the premises, all they have to do is extend their hand under their desk and push the button). The security code trigger, is a code, separate from your alarm's Personal Identification Number (PIN) code that is to be entered into the alarm system's keypad, used to send an alert to the police in case someone threatens you to disable your alarm system. The cash tray bill trap trigger is also convenient as it alerts the police, when a bill is removed from the trap that easily inserts into a bank teller's cash tray.

Our alert system to have a high priority response from the police with as few false alarms as possible. Our system can be implemented in a number of ways, but the way we envisioned it was for it to automatically and directly alert the police without an operator. This part of the system would run in parallel with the camera detection, as the location needs always to be monitored and kept secure. The alert system would simply have two actions, if a signal is sent to it, saying there is an alert, the system should be able to wake and send an alert to the police, in either an SMS form or prerecorded form. Otherwise if nothing is detected and sent, the alert system should be asleep. Unlike the other systems with their manual triggers, our system will to be automatically triggered by the detection of a presence of a firearm, like a pistol, and irregular human pose, like the perpetrator, holding the gun and people raising their hands. The alert system would not conduct any process but would take action solely based on direction from central processing.

#### **Power Considerations**

The whole system is going to need a power source and there are two orientations that would be able to provide the system the power we need, a self-contained system or a system receiving power directly from the building's electricity. For the self-contained system, this would need batteries that would power the system, an advantage to this is that the system would be able to run if the main power in the building is off and the power source would be a direct DC source, the disadvantage to this is that the system's battery, however low power we would like it to run, can

only supply a finite amount of power and would need changing, this introduces a time frame in which the system would not be running, thus there would be no surveillance for a period if the batteries run out. Given the DC voltage being supplied there would only be a need to amplify the voltage. Now using the other system orientation, the system would be connected directly to the mains of the building and would run with the power supplied to the system from the building, an advantage to this is that the system would not need attendance to change the power supply as it would be constantly receiving the power it requires and would never run out as is the case in using a battery, thus the system would always be able to run its surveillance features and keep the location safe. A disadvantage to this system would be that given the power is coming straight from the building's main power supply, the voltage would be in AC voltage and the components require DC voltage, thus another component would be needed for the system, an AC to DC converter. This component would do exactly what it says, this added component would be able to convert the AC power supply from the mains of the building to the DC current that the systems components require to operate in. This would make sure that the components are receiving the correct input voltage, instead of damaging the system.

#### Mechanical Components: 2 DoF Gimbal

Our entire system will be mounted on a 2 degree of freedom gimbal to allow the camera to sweep a larger area and focus on a threat when one is detected. A change of a few degrees in the camera's angle can mean a drastic change in the scene that is being viewed. In order to facilitate this high degree of accuracy that is needed and to also prevent the gimbal from moving when not intended, we will use a worm drive on both axes. This gear arrangement consists of a cylindrical worm screw driving a larger worm gear. It creates a very large mechanical advantage and has the unique quality of being unable to be back driven, which means that only the motor can drive the system, not the weight of the system itself. This will allow the gimbal to hold its position without needing to use power.

#### Mechanical Components: Mechanical Zoom

In addition to the gimbal, we will potentially be implementing zoom functionality to the camera. In order to implement this, we intend to use a third party varifocal lens designed for use on CCTV systems. A varifocal lens is a camera lens that is able to vary its focal length, but does not maintain focus as the focal length changes. These are commonly used with modern day cameras as a majority of cameras have some sort of auto-focus feature that can maintain focus as the focal length changes, the zoom and focus features are adjusted manually by rotating parts of the lens. These can be easily automated by attaching either a simple wheel or belt between the lens and a motor.

## Verification, Testing, and Methods of Analysis

#### **Data Gathering**

The effectiveness of an IVS system that uses a machine learning algorithm largely depends on the quality of the data sets available. The data sets are necessary for both the development stage, where data sets are needed to train the algorithm, as well as the testing stage, where parameters of the system can be re-configured based on test results. When collecting representative data of our events we also need to create the corresponding groundtruth. "This groundtruth describes the expectations for the system." [9] For instance, the appropriate groundtruth for the machine learning algorithm would indicate the correct events that should be detected and their appropriate responses. The corresponding groundtruth of a given data set can vary depending on whether it is used for training or testing purposes.

The almost infinite range of possible inputs to the recording device "makes completely exhaustive testing of vision algorithms virtually impossible" [9]. Since all computer vision

algorithms process frame by frame, our data set can include both static images as well as video streams and both should prove useful. In the early stages of development, we can use data sets that are publicly available. The researchers from the AGH university generated a dataset that "consists of 12,899 images" and their corresponding groundtruth "divided into 9340 NE and 3559 PE images" (NE = negative events, i.e. no firearms should be detected, PE = positive event, i.e. firearms is present) [10]. The AGH research team also generated a "training and testing set were the same size, with 8.5 min of recording resulting in approximately 12,000 frames each" [10]. These publicly available data sets will be mainly needed during the early development stages and should be replaced by (or merged with) larger data sets as well as data sets that we choose to develop.

### Verification and Testing

The data sets can also be used to test and verify the effectiveness of an IVS system. The algorithms can be simulated with test images or video as input and its output compared with the respective groundtruth. However, because "the system has to perform predictably across an intractable number of scenarios and environmental conditions", we will need to work with development tiers. [9] The types of scenarios and environmental parameters are fixed in the first developments tiers, but become more relaxed in next tiers. In addition, we need to "ensure correct and predictable software performance when porting technology between algorithm development environments (such as Matlab and high level programming languages like C# and C++) and product deployment code environments such as low-level C-code with processor-specific optimizations" [9]. We can ensure that by testing the IVS system as a complete unit. The corresponding unit test will look at whether the output from the input data matches its corresponding groundtruth. Unit tests will not provide any useful metric for evaluation purposes, "instead, the expectation is that each test should pass." [9]

The overall performance of our system can be evaluated by measuring either the false alarm

rates per hour (FA/Hr) or the probability of detection (P<sub>D</sub>) of an event. Calculating FA/Hr can be more challenging since "FA/Hr should only be measured on long videos with no or only a few real events, representative of the real deployment." While the AGH team's data can be used to calculate P<sub>D</sub>, different data sets will be needed for to acquire more verification metrics. In later (more technically demanding) development tiers, the groundtruth can also be replaced by a fuzzy groundtruth, where more than one representations of the data are accepted as correct. For instance, in frames when a person is changing between poses, both the previous and next pose can be accepted as correct readings of the data. In addition to ensuring overall performance by unit testing, we also need to test each block of the IVS system separately. When changing parameters and adding functionalities these tests can help reach better metrics by identifying which module has a lower overall performance. [9]

For the background generation module, the groundtruth needs to appropriately merge marked areas of the foreground that were previously of interest to the background when they are no longer relevant. [9] For example, when a person leaves the premises of a bank, but is still visible, the foreground should not include the person as they cannot pose a threat anymore. To evaluate the performance of the background generation module we can use "the percentage of correctly detected foreground pixels, and the number of pixels falsely labeled as foreground." [9] Based on the development tier, the groundtruth should appropriately reflect the expectations from the algorithms. In addition, the groundtruth can also be replaced by a fuzzy groundtruth, where more than one representations of the background are accepted as correct. For instance, at the exact frame when a person exits the area of interest, the groundtruth should accept the person being included in either the foreground or the background.

The blob generation module can be tested by calculating P<sub>D</sub>, the probability that a groundtruth blob is matched to any blobs detected from the algorithm. Researchers Venetianer and Dent "recommend a non-linear weighting to compute Pd: if the groundtruth and detected targets

overlap by more than a certain percentage, it is considered a perfect detection" [9]. Fuzzy groundtruth can also prove useful for the blob generation module, as an error of few pixels in small distant blobs can result in no overlap but still penalize the system for not detecting unimportant blobs.

Testing the tracking of targets can be done by matching each track from the groundtruth to the closest one detected. If the track detected is closer than a threshold, meaning that the target was accurately tracked, this target is marked as successfully tracked. The performance metric is therefore a percentage of the groundtruth tracks being matched. Finally, the classification component can be evaluated based on how many of the detected blobs were correctly assigned with their respective event.

All testing will be conducted in two stages: performance testing and regression testing. Performance testing evaluates the effectiveness of our IVS system. Performance testing ensures the basic tier requirements are met. The unit tests that will be used for performance testing are expected to always be successful. Regression testing ensures the performance of our system remains consistent as we add more functionalities to our system and as we move to next development tiers and relax assumptions. During regression testing, the metrics from the component testing will be used as a basis to appropriately revise parameters as needed. The ultimate goal of both stages of testing is to increase the overall performance of an IVS system and ensure it remains consistent.

# Project Timeline, Goals and Budget Information

## **Operational Milestones and Stretch Goals**

Our team has decided to structure the organization and development of our project using a

two-pronged approach. As such, the main modules and functions required to implement our system have been broken into 2 separate categories: Softcore Implementations, including all filters, accelerators, extractors and any other pre-processing type tasks that can be implemented on the FPGA logic, and Hardcore Implementations to be implemented across the Hard System Processor of the SoC, including the C, OpenCV functions, machine learning algorithms and the basic state based control signals. From this break down we have assigned two primary teams, one devoted to hardware language (Verilog) programming and one devoted to system level C coding (OpenCV).

Due to the complexity and scale of each module in the system, we've opted to have both teams work in tandem, developing different but related parts of the system and essentially working towards each other and a full system integration. As such, each team has various milestone goals to achieve within their respective focus.

For the OpenCV team, these Milestone are:

- Implementing a Basic Non-specific machine learning algorithm on desktop
- Refining it to focus on a specific image profile
- Generating a training profile based on a set of gathered gun video data
- Scaling it back to work and operate on embedded logic
- Identifying Areas of possible bottleneck for hardware acceleration
- Integrating it into the full system pipeline.

For the Verilog team, these Milestones are:

- Translating General Purpose image filters and operations to Verilog Modules
- Combining modules together to pre-process the video stream
- Test the Verilog modules for accuracy and image quality
- Implement hardware acceleration resources for Serial Process Acceleration
• Integrate into the full system pipeline.

These submodule milestones then lead into our total project goals. At the bare minimum, we hope to have a working system that can identify a generic, easy to detect object (such as a pink square), track that object and send out a warning signal in real time. From there, we'll move on using real guns to train the machine learning algorithm, with the intent to detect a specific and easy to isolate gun type such as handguns or revolvers.

## Implementation Timeline and Gantt Chart

We sat down and drew out the plan for the upcoming 2 terms, C term and D term. As can be seen in figures 4-1 and 4-2 below, our Gantt chart's time is based on each week. The main tasks of our project are broken down into a hardware component or software component to be fulfilled within the number of weeks allotted to the tasks. The dates are color coded to indicate the different times within the next 5 months of the project's lifespan. The cyan blue dates are weeks in which school is not in session. The yellow dates are weeks which school resumes. The green (C term) and dark blue (D term) dates are those in which school is in session. The orange dates are the weeks in which school goes on a break (C Term)/ends for the academic year (D Term). At the bottom of each Gantt chart there is a section for our deliverables and when we would want to be working on them or finishing them.

C-Term Tasks / Dates	19th Dec	26th Dec	2nd Jan	9th Jan	16th Jan	23rd Jan	30th Jan	6th Feb	13th Feb	20th Feb	27th Feb
Parts Acquisition	Sky	Sky	Sky								
OpenCV and Verilog Training / Setup	All	All	All								
Create / Test Machine Learning Algorithms, Decide Image Profile	George	George	George	Ge+P	Ge+P	Ge+P					
Create / Test Basic Verilog Modules for CV Algorithms (Filtering, Etc.)	GM+S+Ca	GM+S+Ca	GM+S+Ca	GM+S	GM+S	GM+S					
Setup Dev-Board, Power System and Camera Feed				Carlos	Carlos	Carlos					
CAD Model and Mechanical Parts Orders				Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul			
Parsing Incoming Video Inputs and Basic Filtering						GM+S+Ca	GM+S+Ca	GM+S+Ca			
Train Algorithm with Custom Data Sets (Make / Find Data Sets)						Ge+P	Ge+P	Ge+P			
Gimbal and Zoom Assembly						Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul	Paul	
Data Extraction and Profiling on FPGA								GM+S+Ca	GM+S+Ca	GM+S+Ca	
C code for CV Algorithms on Embedded Platform (OpenCV)								Ge+P	Ge+P	Ge+P	
Decision and Mechanical System Full Integration and Debunking									P+Ca +GM	P+Ca+GM	P+Ca+GM
Computer Vision System Full Intergration and Debunking									S+Ge	S+Ge	S+Ge
Technical System Write Ups						Part 1 Due		Part 2 Due		Part 3 Due	Final Edits

#### Figure 4-1: Gantt Chart for C Term

D-Term Tasks / Dates	6th Mar	13th Mar	20th Mar	27th Mar	3rd Apr	10th Apr	17th Apr	24th Apr
Basic Implementation Testing	All	All	All					
System Adjustment and Improvements		All	All	All				
Higher Level Implementation Testing (Stress Testing and Fault Analysis)				All	All	All		
System Adjustment and Improvements					All	All	All	
Test Results and Adjustments Write Ups			Part 1 Due			Part 2 Due		Final Edits
Project Pres Slide-Show and Prep				Create Slides	Revise	Rehearse	Prep Demo	Finished
Full Project Report			Revisions			Revisions		Full Assembly

#### Figure 4-2: Gantt Chart for D Term

# Hardware Resources

#### Proposed camera solution:

After taking into considerations the specifications that were needed and after selecting which FPGA board is going to be used. A final decision was made in terms of the camera component. The camera that was picked is the ELP 2.8-12mm varifocal lens with 2MP. This camera has knobs that be adjusted which would fulfill the mechanical zoom component of the system. The lens is between the ranges of 2.8 to 12mm as stated above. The camera is powered by USB, the development board chosen has an USB input, this means that no extra module will be needed to communications interface between the camera and the board. The camera outputs file in MJPEG format which is ideal since it is widely used. However, its compression is not as good as others but the resolution that the camera would be used would not be highest it can provide. The camera uses a CMOS sensor since most commercial cameras have this type of sensor due its manufacturing price. The camera is also multi-colored which is one of the requirements that the system needs. If we encounter a problem with this camera during our implementation, two other options have been selected as our backup plan. The OV 5460 which is an fpga camera module with a 5MP pixel resolution however is does not have adjustable lens. To overcome this an extra lens that can be adjusted mechanically would be bought and attached. This module outputs an 8/10 bit raw RGB

and at 1080p it can record at 30fps. This camera is better in terms of resolution however the varifocal lens camera provided a lot more in terms of the mechanical parts of the system.

#### Proposed FPGA Development Board Solution

The proposed FPGA development board chosen is the DE1-SOC DE Board from Terasic. The board has the latest Altera SOC chip the cyclone V. Which is optimized for video processing implementations. It has 85,000 flip flops and 4,450 Kbits of embedded memory. In terms of memory the development board has 64MB of of SDRAM which is going to be used to store the image streams that the camera is capturing. The camera chosen output size means that a 4 minute long video will have a size of 20MB. Which is very good considering the retail price of the board. In terms of the communications that this board has it contains: two USB ports , one USB to UART , 10/100/1000 Ethernet, PS/2 mouse/keyboard and an IR Emitter/Receiver. For the connectors in the board we have Two 40-pin Expansion Headers (voltage levels: 3.3V), One 10-pin ADC Input Header and a One LTC connector (One Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) Master ,one I2C and one GPIO interface ). It requires a 12V DC input. Overall this FPGA development board should satisfy our needs.

## Software Resources and Licensing

The current software that will the utilized will be Visual Studio 2015 as our c++ IDE. For image processing and machine learning the OpenCV database will be used. This database is the best open source computer vision database that has been used and updated over the period of 10 years. The library will be linked to the IDE to be able to test the algorithms before the parts arrive at the start of C term. OpenCv version 3.1 for c++ will be used although there are c, java and python libraries as well. In addition the PASCAL VOC and AGH datasets will be used to start training the machine learning algorithms. The first dataset contains common objects found in everyday life

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such as cars, houses, bicycles, etc... The second dataset contains weapons.

## **Total Budget Review and Expenditures**

According to the MQP guidelines every team member is allowed \$250 to spend on parts for the project on hand. Table 4.1 shows the breakdown of our final expenses.

Weapon Detection Budget BreakDown					
Total Budget	\$1,250.0				
DE1-SoC DE Board from Terasic(Academic Discount)	\$175.0				
Camera	\$60.0				
Motors/Servors	\$10.0				
Total Spent	\$245.0				
Extra Expenses Left	\$1,005.0				

Table 4-1:	Budget	Breakdown
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As we see can see from the table above most of the components for the system are already bought. The only part that is not considered here are the gimbal 3D-printed parts. Most of this parts will be done using the 3D printer in the robotics department. The budget allocation is good we have a good cushion if some problems with parts arises or any other inconvenience.

# **Background Conclusion**

All the individual components for the system have been decided. The decisions were made after doing the necessary background research. Firstly, we decided that an FPGA would be ideal to acts as a hardware accelerator for the image processing algorithms being implemented. The system will be implemented as SoC. After the FPGA was designed, the camera was selected taking into consideration the specifications datasheet of the board. The chosen camera required power through USB input. In addition, other options for cameras were presented in the event that an unexpected problem arises with the current camera setup.

For the machine learning algorithms, 3 were investigates thoroughly. It was concluded that the preferred option would be a random forest however depending on how the implementation goes the algorithm might change to a Multiple-Classifier Boosting or a Neural Network.

After researching and selecting the main components of the weapon recognition system, the mechanical aspects of the system were chosen. A Gimbal with two degrees of freedom and varifocal lens will be implemented. The Gimbal will be almost on its entirety 3D printed however some parts would need to be built in a machine shop. Milestones and stretch goals were also set for the team to have a clear understanding of the status of completing the system. These will serve as guidelines however they are not set in stone. The stretch goals will only be implemented if the base case of the system is done and there is extra time to implement them.

In addition, a Gantt chart based on the milestones was created clearly showing the different goals that need to be completing by particular dates. This again will help visualize where we are in the project and if we are behind or ahead of the time frame. Finally, the budget was written clearly showing a breakdown of the parts that were bought and their respective prices.

# **Design Specifications**

# Top Level System Block Diagram



Figure 6-1: Top Level System Block Diagram

Our system takes frames from a camera which are decoded and sent as pixel arrays for filtering to be done on them and sent back. The filtered pixel arrays are then passed to a neural network which then detects if a weapon is present, activates a trigger and sends a signal to the motors or servos to change the scope for the frames.

## Camera



#### Figure 6-2: ELP 2.8-12mm Varifocal Lens 2.0megapixel Usb Camera[31]

For the finalized design of the project, the ELP 2.8-12mm Usb Camera module from ELP was selected to its small profile, high quality varifocal lens, and native support for communication with Linux based operating systems. The camera itself operates under UVC communication protocols allowing for easy driver-less integration with most systems that already support them within their USB driver/handler, including most modern open source Linux OS kernels.

In order to integrate the camera with the chosen development board, the DE1-SoC from Terasic, certain additional Linux resources are required. The main tools of integration needed are:

- a frame grabbing application designed to communicate with the camera and save both multi-frame video streams as well as single frame images. Due to the nature of our implementation, this frame grabber must be fully deployable from the commandline or included as pre-installed function libraries.
- an integrated ISR module designed to run the frame grabbing application and store visual information in the correct updating cyclical structure as well as pass that structure's address and information to the main line system.
- a calibration module that runs at startup with the frame grabber to ensure that the camera

itself is operating in the correct data compression and resolution settings, in this case 1080

x 720 pixels under H.264 encoding.

Each of these three additional resources are implemented to ensure proper storing and accessing of the video data and are installed in the custom uBoot kernel prior to startup.

# **Mechanical Components**



Figure 6-3: Full Assembled Gimbal



Figure 6-4: Full CAD model of the mechanical components of the system.

The finished model is a 5in by 5.5in by 6.63in box with the gimbal inside. The gimbal has an approximate range of 60 degrees vertically and 50 degrees horizontally. The two main axis are controlled by worm drives geared 1:98. This number was derived after determining the worm being used in the drive and the size of the gears for the drive. The gears were determined to be 3in diameter based on the size of the camera. The worm being used had .06in long teeth and a pitch of 32. From this information, we can calculate the pitch diameter of the gears, 3.06in, by adding the diameter of the gears without teeth with the length of the teeth. The number of teeth on a gear is the pitch diameter multiplied by the pitch, in our case 98. Because the worm used has a single helix, the worm acts as a single toothed gear in this system. This results in the mechanical advantage mentioned earlier of 1:98. The motors being used are rated to spin at 100 RPM at 6V. When supplied the 3.3V from the board, the motor will spin at 55 RPM. This will make the axis of the gimbal spin at 0.56 RPM, or about 3.4 degrees per second. This is slow enough to allow the gimbal precise control over the position of the camera but fast enough to effectively track an object moving across the screen.

The gimbal is divided into three main parts, the base, the horizontal gear piece, and the vertical gear piece. Each of these parts had some combination of motors, servos, encoders, and the camera mounted onto them. In addition, each of these parts are attached to the others by a single screw, allowing them to rotate in a single dimension relative to the part they are attached to.

#### Base

The base acts as the main mounting point and housing for the rest of the parts. It features mounting points for the horizontal gear piece in the center, a motor to the side of the horizontal gear piece, an encoder to the other side of the horizontal gear piece, and the main processing board on the back. The base has four feet holding it .5in off of the ground to allow room for fasteners to

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hold the horizontal gear piece, motor, and encoder in place. There is also a simple resting block to assist in holding the motor still.



Figure 6-5: CAD model of the system's base

## Horizontal Gear Piece

The horizontal gear piece controls the left/right movement of the camera and holds the vertical gear piece, a motor, and an encoder. All of the structure of the gear piece is mounted on top of a 3in worm gear driven by a motor on the base. The smaller of the two structures holds the motor controlling the vertical gear piece. The larger structure holds the vertical gear piece and an encoder to track the vertical gear piece's movement.



#### Figure 6-6: CAD model for the horizontal gear piece

#### Vertical Gear Piece

The vertical gear piece controls the up/down movement of the camera and holds the servos controlling the camera's zoom functionality. Space is left behind the camera to allow room for the wires that attach to it. The two servos are offset from each other so that one can control the outer ring of the camera, the zoom, while the other controls the inner ring, the focus.



Figure 6-7: CAD model of the vertical gear piece

#### Going from Digital to Physical

Due to the complexity of the parts, all of the parts were 3D printed. Many of the sections, especially the horizontal gear piece, had to be broken down into smaller parts to facilitate printing. The parts were then glued back together to get the finished assembly. In addition, nuts were glued to the vertical gear piece to provide a solid mounting point for the camera. The resulting assembly was strong, but also very lightweight. As a result, the assembly unfortunately was blown off of a table a couple days before the pictures below were taken, resulting in some parts not being in place.



Figure 6-8: Images of the final assembly of the mechanical component

As can be seen in figure 6-8 above, some parts were not printed exactly as they were modeled. The most obvious of these is the base. The base itself is shorter than the digital model and it has additional supports on the side. These changes were done due to the limitations of the printer being used. The base was slightly too tall for the printer and the supports were needed so that the part did not collapse while printing. Other than these and a couple other extremely minor changes, the whole printing process was fast and easy for our application. The parts ended up coming together quickly once printed, resulting in our main delays being the time needed for the printing itself and for ordered parts to come in.

#### Sensors

Connected to both of the axis are encoders. The encoders are each geared with gears half the size of the axial gears, resulting in a mechanical advantage of 2:1 to the axis themselves. This is the same as 1:49 to the motors in the case of the encoder for the vertical axis. The primary use of the encoders is to prevent the gimbal from driving either of the axis too far and breaking itself.

In addition to the encoders, each axis has a limit switch at one of the two outer limits of the axis. For the vertical axis, the switch is at the lower limit, while for the horizontal axis the switch is at the left limit. When initializing, the system first drives the vertical axis down until it hits the lower limit to determine its location, using the value of the encoder here and the known range of

the gimbal to later prevent oversteer. Next, the system drives the horizontal axis left until it hits the left limit to do the same with the horizontal axis.



Figure 6-9: Images of the encoders and limit switches as they are attached in the system

## **Image Preprocessing**

Even though the specifications of our camera and the quality output of the camera are great, when using this video feed for identification of the weapon, smaller frames of the image are used. These smaller frames used are a zoomed in section of the entire frames and as such are a more pixelated version of the image and it is hard to differentiate where edges are created. Also, at a distance similar color start to blend in with each other and are harder to differentiate. With the three filters we are using, the pre processed feed would make it easier to detect weapons by the artificial intelligence (AI).

In order to eliminate a substantial amount of time, given the 3 term limit for our project, we are using HDL Compatible Matlab Simulink blocks that are that would then be able to be used with Matlab's HDL Coder to generate Verilog code that can then be turned into .SOF files using Quartus Prime Software that can then be run on the Altera FGPA Board. Simulink provides a visual approach to system design, letting us visually see the flow of data in the system. Since Simulink has an HDL coder pre-installed with various pre-made function algorithm blocks, it allows for a quick turnaround from vision algorithms and filter concepts to HDL implementations on our Altera board.

#### **Camera** Interface

Once the camera feed is processed and accessible by the board, the FPGA would be able to run Verilog code that runs the filters on the feed to produce a more refined image that would make it easier for the artificial intelligence to identify a weapon.

#### HPS and FPGA Communication

We came to realize that it was not as direct as we had thought it was to use the camera feed input on the operating system, on the FPGA. In doing so we would have to create a way for the FPGA to obtain the image files for the image filters to be run on and sent back to the operating system.

#### **Processing Filters**

When first tackling the image preprocessing, we set of to model it in Matlab first, using Simulink blocks. This was a test to see if the filters we were choosing were going to give us the desired effect we wanted. We set up blocks that were not necessarily compatible with the HDL Coder, but would be able to give us some results for the filters we were choosing to use. We demonstrated color space conversion, image sharpening, contrast correction and foreground detection which can be seen in the following figures 6.9 to 6.12.







Figure 6-10: Break down of the sobel filter subsystem block [30]



Figure 6-11: Original image for the edge detection filters



Figure 6-12: Pictures shown for the applied Matlab example of sobel (left) and Canny (right) filters



Figure 6-13: Original (left) and filtered (right) picture for sharpening

We have narrowed down to three filter processes needed to enhance the image and make weapons more defined and easily detectable. The processes are contrast correction, edge detection and foreground and background detection.

#### **Contrast Correction**

A contrast correction filter would be necessary as it would be able to further identify the different objects that lie within a limited number of pixels when detecting in a smaller frame.

The histogram equalization is used to correct contrast in the image, this would help in cases of low light. This accepts an image and spreads out the most frequent intensity values to help better distinguish objects in an image. The Matlab Simulink block model design can be seen figure 6-14 and an example of its input and output can be seen in figures 6.15 and 6.16.





Figure 6-14: Matlab Simulink blocks for the contrast correction

Figure 6-15: Original image for contrast correction



Figure 6-16: Contrast corrected image

## **Edge Detection**

There were two filters that we were considering: Sobel and Canny algorithms. We decided on a sobel filter because this filter was able to generate the edges for us as well as being computationally simple enough to keep the latency of the system low. The Canny algorithm is more complex than the Sobel algorithm and identifies edges within the object, not just around the object. These extra edges within the object is not required.

#### 2D Sobel Filter

For the edge detection, we decided to use the pre existing algorithm for Sobel filter as it was pretty straightforward to implement and delivered results that meet our expectations and requirements. The Sobel operator performs a 2-D spatial gradient measurement on an image and so emphasizes regions of high spatial frequency that correspond to edges. The Sobel operations are a number of mathematical calculations and as such the 2D matrix of the incoming image is converted into a double. Once the input is a double, it is split into two perfectly identical matrices and dealt with as the x (horizontal) and y (vertical) edge detection before it is put back together to form the full function. Each is convolved with a set matrix kernel which vary from each other by a 90-degree rotation to give the x and y parts. These can be seen in figure 6-17 below represented as Gx and Gy:

-1	0	+1	+1	+2	+1
-2	0	+2	0	0	0
-1	0	+1	-1	-2	-1
	Gx			Gy	

Figure 6-17: Picture of the Convolution matrix kernels used for edge detection [22]

Once convolution takes place, these signals are then each squared, and the square root of the sum is taken. Once the gradients are computed for the input 2D image, a comparison is made against a threshold value. For this experiment, we use a threshold value of 200. The maximum threshold value, which depends on the convolution kernel used, is (1 + 2 + 1)\*255 - (1 + 2 + 1)\*0 = 1020. The threshold comparison is used to convert any of the gradients that are more than or equal to the threshold value of 200 to the white value on the color scale of 0 to 255, which is 255. All other gradient values that are less than the threshold value are converted to the black value 0. In

doing this, the image is converted back to the color scale (i.e. image format) and now represents the edges of the input image. Figures 6-17, 6-18 and 6-19 respectively show the Matlab Simulink block for the implementation, the image used for the edge detection and the edge detected image.

# Edge Detection and Image Overlay



Figure 6-18: Edge Detection Block Diagram [31]



Figure 6-19 : Original picture used for the sobel filter[32]



Figure 6-20: Output image of sobel filter at two different thresholds[32]

#### 3D Sobel Filter

We are implementing a 3D filter that would be able to take the RBG input from the camera and detect the edges of the objects in the feed. With the 3D filter, we would not need the color space conversion to make the feed a grayscale 2D input. The 3D filter would work just as the 2D filter worked, just that the video stream would be split into 3 identical streams and the convolution in following figures 21, 22 and 23 would each be assigned and applied to one of the three streams. The resulting streams would then each be squared and a square root applied to the sum the squares for the gradient calculation of the image frame in the video feed. These gradients are then compared to threshold values. The threshold comparison is used to convert any of the gradients that are more than or equal to the threshold value of 200 to the white value on the color scale of 0 to 255, which is 255. All other gradient values that are less than the threshold value are converted to the black value 0. These assignments of black and white, eliminated all other unnecessary information on the picture and presents the edges of the input video feed.



Figure 6-21: 3D Sobel filter convolution matrix kernel for x plane edge detection [23]

0	0	0	0	õ	0	0	0	0
-1	- 3	-1	- 3	- 6	- 3	-1	- 3	-1
-	y-1	-	-	у	-	•	y+1	-

Figure 6-22: 3D Sobel filter convolution matrix kernel for y plane edge detection [23]

[-1 0 1]	-3 0 3	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
-303	-6 0 6	-3 0 3
-1 0 1	-3 0 3	-1 0 1
z-1	Z	z+1

Figure 6-23: 3D Sobel filter convolution matrix kernel for z plane edge detection [23]

#### **Foreground Detection**

Foreground detection is one of the main block that comprise background subtraction. Background subtraction is widely used for classifying image pixels into either foreground or background in presence of stationary cameras. A Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) model is one such popular method used for background subtraction due to a good compromise between robustness to various practical environments and real-time constraints. By using the Gaussian Mixture Model background model, frame pixels are removed from the required video to obtain the desired results. The foreground image processing has the following block stream.



Figure 6-24: Background Subtraction Block Diagram [24]

The pre-processing block deals with cleaning up the image that contains device noise or unnecessary environmental elements such as rain or snow. The background modeling block create compute the model that will be used to compare it to future frames of the video and output If that frame is a background or a foreground. The foreground detection is the step where the background model is compared with the video frame and identifies candidate foreground pixels. Finally the data validations block removes pixels that are not relevant to the image.

A more in depth look at the foreground detection, shows the computations that are done to decide a given frame is considered background or foreground. The algorithm compares each input pixels to the mean 'µ' of the associated components. If the value of a pixel is close enough to a chosen component's mean, then that component is counted as the matched component. To be a matched component, the difference between the pixels and mean must be less than compared to the component's standard deviation. 2. Secondly, update the Gaussian weight, mean and standard deviation (variance) to reflect the new obtained pixel value. The image below shows the different parameters that the algorithm uses.

- fi: A pixel in a current frame, where i is the frame index.
- μ : A pixel of the background model (fi and m are located at the same location).
- di: Absolute difference between fi and m.
- bi: B/F mask 0: background. 0 x ff: foreground.
- T: Threshold
- $-\alpha$ : Learning rate of the background.

#### Figure 6-25: Foreground Algorithm Parameters [25]

The image shown below illustrates the block diagram of the foreground algorithm.

1.  $d_i = |f_i - \mu|$ 

 If di > T , fi belongs to the foreground; otherwise, it belongs to the background.



Figure 6-26: Algorithm Block diagram [26]



Figure 6-27: Original Image, Background Model, output Image. [27]

# Implementation of Algorithms on DE1-SoC



Figure 6-31: DE1-SoC Development Kit by Terasic

Both the Image Pre-Processing and the Machine Learning subsystems operate off the DE1-SoC development board. This board features an integrated Cyclone V SoC device with a Dual-Core ARM cortex-9 Hard Processing System, 85K programmable logic elements in standard FPGA arrangement, 4450 Kbits of embedded memory native to the SoC, as well as 64 MB of SDRAM, 1 GB of DDR3 SDRAM for the HPS and 2 hard memory controllers. The board also contains multiple I/O peripherals including push-button user keys, switches, LEDs, 2 40-pin expansion GPIO headers, 2 USB 2.0 ports with ULPI interface, and a set of ADC and DAC arrays for signal processing applications.

The schematic below illustrates the overall configuration for all peripheral hardware devices and how they communicate between both the ARM HPS and the FPGA architecture.



Figure 6-32 Board Hardware Layout

As is implied through the above schematic, only certain peripheral devices are directly connected to the HPS section of the Cyclone V. As a result of this, all peripheral devices which connect directly to the FPGA architecture cannot innately communicate with the HPS. To combat this issue while still maintaining the advantages gained from direct connection to the FPGA, the Cyclone V implements a lightweight bridge between the HPS and FPGA architectures on which data can be transferred, and allowing the HPS to act as master to peripherals on the FPGA side.

The main peripherals accessed through this project are the Clock Generator (for implementing timing structures necessary for control logic), the ADC pin port (for reading data off of the potentiometer sensors), the 40 pin GPIO expansion headers (for reading from the limit

switches and driving the DC and Servo Motors), and the SDRAM (for local memory storage during image conversion and filtering). In order to save design time and considering that no special considerations needed to be made regarding these peripherals with the sole exception of the PWM generation needed for the servo motor pins, it was decided to implement most of the FPGA interfaces for these pins using the reference Verilog modules provided in the DE1-SoC computer design reference from Altera.

The DE1-SoC computer design reference is a preset library of simple interface FPGA designs that make using peripherals through the FPGA faster and more efficient. Each of the implemented controllers and data registers are memory mapped to addresses across the lightweight FPGA-to-HPS bridge starting from a base address of 0xC0000000 with a max word size of 32 bits. Several of the peripherals are implemented as parallel ports, supporting input, output, and bidirectional data transfer through proper direction register configuration. Most of the peripherals also have data mask settings pre-implemented to allow for interrupt generation from the FPGA. These interrupts are handled by the generic interrupt controller on the HPS and are generated whenever a register corresponding to a peripheral device changes value. This primarily comes into play in the implementation of the timer controller and clock generator but also plays a small role in the motor control Interrupt Service routine in regards to the limit switches.

Address	31	30		4	3	2	1	0	
Base			Input o	r outpu	ıt data	bits			Data register
Base + 4		Direction bits							Direction register
Base + 8		Mask bits							Interruptmask register
Base + C				Edge b	oits				Edgecapture register

#### Figure 6-33 SDRAM Memory Structure

Proper configuration of the parallel GPIO expansion header ports is responsible for most of

our peripheral interfacing and therefore of particular interest. Each pin can hold a state of either 1 or 0, with 1 corresponding to a 3.3 volt lead line at approximately 50 ma and 0 corresponding to ground. General procedure for outputting values includes setting all direction registry values necessary to 0 and assigning the corresponding pin a 1 or 0 value, while input lines simply require directional settings of 1. This is generally handled through the Init\_ procedures of each appropriate ISR that interacts with the GPIO lines (Data Registers D0 through D31).

	JI	21			JI	22	
Pin 1		D <sub>0</sub>		Pin 1		D <sub>0</sub>	
		$D_1$				$D_1$	
	D <sub>2</sub>	$D_3$			D <sub>2</sub>	$D_3$	
	$D_4$	D <sub>5</sub>			$D_4$	D <sub>5</sub>	
	D <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>7</sub>			D <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>7</sub>	
	Unu	ised			Unu	ised	
	D <sub>8</sub>	D <sub>9</sub>			D <sub>8</sub>	D <sub>9</sub>	
	D <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>11</sub>			D <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>11</sub>	
	D <sub>12</sub>	D <sub>13</sub>			D <sub>12</sub>	D <sub>13</sub>	
		D <sub>14</sub>				D <sub>14</sub>	
		D <sub>15</sub>				D <sub>15</sub>	
	D <sub>16</sub>	D <sub>17</sub>			D <sub>16</sub>	D <sub>17</sub>	
	D <sub>18</sub>	D <sub>19</sub>			D <sub>18</sub>	D <sub>19</sub>	
	D <sub>20</sub>	D <sub>21</sub>			D <sub>20</sub>	D <sub>21</sub>	
	Unu	ised			Unu	ised	
	D <sub>22</sub>	D <sub>23</sub>			D <sub>22</sub>	D <sub>23</sub>	
	D <sub>24</sub>	D <sub>25</sub>			D <sub>24</sub>	D <sub>25</sub>	
	D <sub>26</sub>	D <sub>27</sub>			D <sub>26</sub>	D <sub>27</sub>	
	D <sub>28</sub>	D <sub>29</sub>			D <sub>28</sub>	D <sub>29</sub>	
	D <sub>30</sub>	D <sub>31</sub>	Pin 40		D <sub>30</sub>	D <sub>31</sub>	Pin 40

**Figure 6-34 GPIO Pin Structure** 

# The Linux Kernel



#### Figure 6-35 ARM-Linux Logo [33]

In an effort to simplify design requirements, it was decided that a Linux operating system be implemented on our ARM HPS. Doing so allowed the design of the image processing subsystem to be contained to a single binary executable, easily understandable and operable through ARM cross compilation; removed the need for custom written peripheral drivers for our UVC based webcam, and keep our control flow to a base level interrupt control flow which comes native in Linux based kernel systems.

Our Linux distribution is modified version of the general purpose Linux kernel source (v3.18.0) compiled for ARM based architectures. Kernel compilation and correct building on the DE1-SoC board requires 4 things:

- A Pre-loader script which prepares the Cyclone V to handle the instructions given by the main bootloader
- A Boot-loader which takes and creates a bootable image to be loaded onto an SDcard and used to extract and instantiate Linux on the DE1-SoC
- A Linux Kernel Source
- A Linux file system core for access to and command level interaction and control with the Linux kernel





In addition to all this, there must also be a device tree blob or .dtb file present on boot which tells the Linux operating system how to interface with all of the peripherals and hardware resources native to both the HPS and the board itself. Unfortunately, no predefined device trees are available for the DE1-SoC, meaning this .dtb file must either be ripped from an already existent Linux implementation (such as those provided on the Altera university site), converted back to a device tree source file (.dts) which can yield some instabilities or substituted with a more commonly available device tree from another development board such as the Cyclone V professional development board at the expense of some native peripheral interfacing on the HPS.

# **Interrupt Service Routines**

```
static int __init initialize_motion_control_isr_awed(void)
   int value:
      Lightweight Bridge IO Address Map
   LW virtual = ioremap nocache (LW BRIDGE BASE, LW BRIDGE SPAN);
   // SDRAM Address Map
   SDRAM virtual = ioremap nocache (SDRAM BASE, SDRAM SPAN);
   CV Data ptr = SDRAM virtual + 0xC3000000; // init virtual adress for data
   LEDR ptr = LW virtual + LEDR BASE; // init virtual address for LEDR port
                                        // turn on the leftmost light to verify
   *LEDR ptr = 0 \times 200;
   JP2 ptr = LW virtual + JP2 BASE; // init virtual address for LP2 ptr port
   *(JP2_ptr + 1) = 0xfffffff; // set direction to Output
*JP2_ptr = 0x00; // start Output as 0
   *JP2 ptr = 0x00;
   JP1_ptr = LW_virtual + JP1_BASE; // init virtual address for JP1 port
   *(JP1_ptr + 1) = 0;
*(JP1_ptr + 3) = 0xF;
                                        // set direction to Input
                                        // clear edge capture
   *(JP1_ptr + 2) = 0xF;
                                        // Enable IRQ generation
   // Register the interrupt handler.
   value = request_irq (JP1_IRQ, (irq_handler t) irq handler, IRQF SHARED,
      "Motion Control ISR AWeD", (void *) (irq handler));
   return value;
3
```

Figure 6-37 ISR Motion Control Initialization Example

The overall control flow of our system is handled by 3 interrupt service routines which are called by the generic interrupt handler of the HPS. The 3 main ISRs are as follows:

- 1. Camera Capture ISR responsible for the interfacing between the HPS and the Vari-focal lens Webcamera peripheral as well as saving captured image feed to the image filter buffer
- 2. Image Detection ISR responsible for calling the image detection binary executable generated by our neural net and passing the filtered image stream data into it
- Response System ISR responsible for initializing the positional orientation of the gimbal as well as its scanning and tracking features and sending an alarm signal if the Detection ISR has output a threat.

Each of the ISRs are added as kernel modules to the main interrupt service handler native to the Linux OS during the board's initial boot up process. This is done through modifications to the uboot script to allow for additional modules to be added before the main Linux operation is launched. Each ISR is driven using an interrupt timer peripheral on the HPS architecture, each of which is set during each initialization of the ISR at run time. For the most part, these timers function independently, and are solely responsible for the timing of each routine.

The Camera Capture ISR is initialized by associating the ISR with the first interrupt timer signal (HPS Timer 0). The timer is constructed in such a way that the ISR will trigger every .1 seconds to take a new snap shot of the camera's input. Frames are captured using functions provided through the Fswebcamera software as well as the video for Linux utility libraries. Once captured, a frame is saved to an allocated location on the FPGA's SDRAM. The SDRAM is initialized to be able to hold 5 separate images at once, to allow for foreground detection and verification of varying degrees and scales. Every time a new image is captured, it pushes all of the other images down one and drops the 6<sup>th</sup> oldest image. This buffer is then connected to the pre-processing filter systems input lines, allowing for RT level processing and filtering.

The Image Detection ISR runs at the same .1 second resolution as the Camera Capture ISR. Every .1 seconds, the detection ISR checks the output bus registers of the pre-processing filter system (also stored in SDRAM), makes a local copy of that image, and passes the copy into the image detection binary callback. This callback function executes the image detection binary executable in a separate process stream and then ends the ISR. To accommodate for the length of time it takes to run the detection algorithm, multiple instances are allowed to run at once, taking advantage of the dual core nature of the ARM. If a threat is detected during the running of the binary, the process stream is set to append to the count value of the third ISR timer (essentially forcing an interrupt) while setting the appropriate Data Values in SDRAM to begin the orientation and zoom procedures. The last ISR, the Motion and Response ISR, is initialized at a .05 second resolution which is 50% faster than the other two so as to prevent the limit switches and potentiometer value changes from being ignored. This ISR is initialized to read in values from the SDRAM and the 2 GPIO header expansion ports. For ease of implementation sake, the right most GPIO (JP1) has been denoted as an

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input line while the left most GPIO (JP1) is set to output. The Limit Switches and potentiometers are connected to JP2 while the LEDs, motors and servos are connected to the pins of JP1. Decision making in the ISR is handled through case based logic. The ISR first checks the SDRAM to see if initialization values for the potentiometers have been set. If no such values are detected (as would be denoted by a value of "1"), the gimbal then begins its initialization routine, going to its vertical and horizontal extremes until it hits a limit switch, at which point the routine saves and stores the potentiometers initial values using the HPS's ADC. Once both values are set, the ISR checks to see if a threat has been registered on the SDRAM's data line. If one has not, it will simply begin panning left and right in a loop. If one has, it checks the SDRAM data to see which window the threat was reported in, and adjusts based on that threat's location (two flags in the bottom two windows moves the camera down, one in the top left moves the camera left and up, center only causes the camera to zoom in while the full size window only causes the camera to zoom out).

# Machine Learning - Building a Binary Classifier

#### Implementing the CNN

The computer vision module uses a CNN to scan the incoming camera frames for firearms. The implementation of the CNN is based on Google's open source software library for machine learning, called Tensorflow. Tensorflow allows the creation of graphs, where each graph represents a mathematical model, to facilitate numerical computations necessary for machine learning algorithms. The graphs consist of nodes, each one representing a mathematical operation. Multidimensional arrays, called tensors, are used as graph edges to communicate the data between the different nodes. The CNN is defined, therefore, as a collection of nodes, where a tensor is given as input and another tensor returned as output from the last node of the graph. The input tensor is the incoming camera frame and the output tensor will be the classification label.

The TFLearn library is used to facilitate development, as it provides a higher-level API to Tensorflow. The network architecture loosely follows the architecture proposed by the TFLearn's image classification example, which uses the CIFAR-10 dataset. As a result, the input tensor was a 32x32 (width x height) RGB image, or 3 channels, giving a total of 32x32x3 = 3072 nodes. Initially, the dimensions were kept as 32x32 and were later adjusted to 80x45. In order to extract the features that we are trying to detect from the input tensor, we will use a combination of convolution and max-pooling steps:

(1) - 32 filter convolution => (2) - 2 stride max-pooling => (3) - 64 filter convolution =>

(4) – 64 filter convolution => (5) – 2 stride max-pooling

Every convolution layer applies a number of filters (either 32 or 64), each of which is a square window with a 3x3 pixels size. For instance, the first convolution layer takes as input the incoming tensor and summarizes it with 32 filters of 3x3 smaller neural networks. Every maxpooling step is a reduction operation, where each rectangular window of size 2x2 pixels is represented by its maximum value. As a result, each max-pooling layer reduces the dimensions to a quarter. The complete network architecture is shown in the figure below:

By applying this routine, the incoming nodes can be summarized using fewer resources. Each convolution splits the images into tiles and attempts to summarize them with a small neural networks. Each max-pooling step performs an efficient down-sampling by keeping the most interesting bits (with respect to graph weights).

After the network architecture has been defined, with each training step a regression layer is applied and the weights of the model refined. With every training step, the weights are either increased or decreased based on the network's performance. The amount of change is defined as the learning rate of the network and set at 0.001. With a larger learning rate, the network is trained more quickly but may result in overfitting. In to avoid over-fitting, a percentage of the data is dropped during each training step. Each node of the network has an equal probability of being dropped, which is defined as the dropout rate of the network. The dropout rate is initially defined as 0.50 and later adjusted to 0.15.

The output tensor from the last max-pooling layer is summarized by a fully-connected layer of 512 nodes. These 512 nodes hold the summarized features from the incoming camera frame. The softmax, or normalized exponential, activation function is used to generate a binary classification output from the 512 nodes. The complete network architecture is shown in the figure below:



Figure 7-1: Neural Network Architecture [35]

#### **Creating the Training Datasets**

The objective of our ML algorithm is to function as a binary classifier that will take an image as an input and return whether there is a threat (C=1), i.e. a visible firearm, or whether it is safe (C=0). To train a CNN to respond accordingly we will need a dataset of positive (C=1) and negative (C=0) examples. During the development stages of the algorithm, a Nerf Gun was used as the positive class because its distinct colors and features make it an easier target to test with.
During early stages of development, the dataset was created by taking individual images of the Nerf gun with varying backgrounds. To populate our dataset we initially included 2500 negative 100x100 images from the AGH public knives dataset [8]. OpenCV, an open source computer vision library, was later used to extract individual frames from a video. By using videos, a larger number of training instances can be handily generated but at the cost of quality and focus. A Python script, using OpenCV, was used to populate the negative training dataset by splitting each image into its four quarters. Because a negative instance should contain no visible firearms, for every negative instance, four additional ones were added by the populating script.

Initially, all images for training are separated into two class folder, 'classes/0/' and 'classes/1/', where the 0-class is the negative, i.e. no nerf-gun class, and the 1-class is the positive, i.e. nerf-gun detected, class. Two Python scripts are used to preprocess the images: renameFile() and genResized(). First, renameFile() renames all images in the databases to "fileX.jpg", where X is the image number. The produced files now have a consistent naming and type. The database is then formatted with the genResized() script, which resizes all images to a specific size, in our case 80x45 pixels.

The formatted images are converted to RGB matrices, in a 80x45x3 = width\*height\*colors format. The matrices are split to a training dataset (80% of total) and a validation dataset (20% of total). The RGB values of each pixel were normalized from their original 0-255 range to 0-1. Finally, for each of the training and validation datasets, an equal in length array of Bytes is appended that holds the class label (00H – safe, 01H –threat) of each image as part of the supervised learning.



Figure 7-2: Dataset Pre-Processing Pipeline

### Training the Model

The generated training and validation datasets are further populated prior to training with the help of Tensorflow functions. Copies of the original images are added to the dataset, after being either blurred, flipped horizontally or rotated. All three processes are applied at random and with random parameters, i.e. the blur coefficient or angle of rotation. The training routine consists of a combination of convolution and max-pooling steps, as shown before. The CNN is trained to recognize the patterns generated by the negative and positive samples of our training sets, representing the safe and threat scenarios for a given number of training steps, called epochs. Most models were trained for 100-300 epochs, depending on the size of the training dataset and the difficulty of the task. Low environmental-noise datasets generally required less epochs and training for more resulted in overfitting. During training, the console output shows some statistics, such as the training step, the accuracy and the process time. These statistics help while refining the parameters of the neural network. While the model is being trained, a snapshot of the model's metadata is saved every 4 training steps. Each training step with the current configuration takes approximately 2 minutes to process. At the end of the training, the final model is saved, together with a checkpoint file that is necessary to load the model.

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Training Step: 36 : total loss: +[1n+[32n0.47483+[0n+[0n : time: 0.067s Adam : epoch: 002 : loss: 0.47483 - acc: 0.8070 iter: 0096/3279 +[A+[ATraining Step: 37 : total loss: +[1n+[32n0.47603+[0n+[0n : time: 0.393s Adam : epoch: 002 : loss: 0.47603 - acc: 0.8057 iter: 0192/3279 +[A+[ATraining Step: 38 : total loss: +[1n+[32n0.48774+[0n+[0n : time: 0.740s Adam : epoch: 002 : loss: 0.48774 - acc: 0.7928 iter: 0288/3279 +[A+[A]	~

Figure 7-3: Console output during training

The CNN is implemented and trained in Python using the TFLearn wrapper library for Tensorflow. The trained model is exported using Tensorflow's freezeGraph() function that returns a saved snapshot of the weights of the model. In order for the model to be ported to our FPGA, we needed to build it targetting an ARM-Linux processor. For this purpose, a C++ version of our project was implemented with the Tensorflow C++ API. A virtual machine was set up using VirtualBox and running Ubuntu 16.10 in order to build the C++ project, with the help of the Bazel build tool.

### **Threat Detection Routine**

The same network architecture used for training is also defined for the testing routine. The 512-node CNN takes a 80x45x3 RGB matrix as input and returns a [x][y] tuple, where x+y = 1, x = prob(no-threat), and y = prob(threat). Essentially, the network returns two probabilities for two mutually exclusive events as floats, with a value between 0 and 1. An example result would be in the

form [0.4, 0.6], meaning that the network predicts that there is a 40% (C=0) chance that the image is safe and 60% (C=1) that a firearm is present.

The test images have a 1280x720 size. A sliding routine is implemented in Python that returns 5 sub-images from the original images to be scanned using OpenCV's rectangle() function. A sliding window of size 640x360 produces 5 images by scanning a 2x2 matrix of the image plus an additional 640x360 sub-image at the center of the frame. The 5 images of size 640x360 and the original one are all resized to 80x45 pixel images and then converted to a 80x45x3 matrix (like Figure 1). The complete detection routine with the sliding window is visually demonstrated the figure below:



Figure 7-4: Detection Routine Example

By using the sliding window routine, each incoming frame generates 6 probabilities from the CNN. As a result, the sliding window is a trade-off between processing time and accuracy. If the resources permitted, the sliding window could be performed with an even smaller size to generate more sub-images to test. The threshold for triggering the alarm is currently set at 2 out of 6 having over 0.5 probability of being a threat or 1 out of 6 having a probability bigger than or equal to 0.75. By setting this type of threshold, the number of false positives is reduced. When used without the sliding window routine, the threshold for an alarm remains at a 0.5 output.

### Raspberry Pi Prototype

A prototype of the threat detection routine was implemented using a Raspberry Pi 3.0. The Raspberry Pi was chosen as it is based on an ARMv7A processor and has a 1GB of available RAM like the Altera programming board. There is also an active community of Pi developers providing tutorials, troubleshooting support and open source libraries online. In addition, the GUI provided by Raspberry Pi's Raspbian OS facilitates development and testing.

In order to port the project on the Raspberry Pi, the C++ detection routine using Tensorflow needed to be compiled targeting the ARMv7A architecture. The Bazel build tool was compiled using GCC and linked within the Raspbian OS. The Bazel tool was then used to compile the Tensorflow project and to generate the executable files. The model graph was also edited for compatibility issues. The nodes in the graph that corresponded to the dropout operations were removed, as the mathematical operations were neither compatible with the 32-bit architecture, nor necessary for the detection routine. A webcam was used to capture the input camera frames, using the UCV driver for Raspbian.

The Pi detection routine used OpenCV to read in the camera frames from the webcam. The camera capture's dimensions were set to 1280x720 and the sliding window was also implemented

for the C++ routine using OpenCV, with the same parameters as discussed before. Whenever a threat was detected, a test alarm was played via HDMI or Pi's audio output.

### **Gimbal Control**

During operation, the gimbal pans left and right to get a view of the entire area. When a threat is detected, the gimbal will begin to track it and zoom in order to maintain a good view of the threat. In order to determine the location of the threat and the level of zoom, the results of the sliding window are analyzed. Depending on which windows a threat is detected in, the system can know the direction of the threat relative to the current view and adjust accordingly. In order to determine level of zoom, the number of windows that return a threat are analyzed. The more windows that detect a threat, the larger the threat is on screen. Psuedocode for these behaviors can be seen below.

```
// Global vars
Int rightBound
Int leftBound
// Initialization
// Vertical Axis
While (limit switch is not pressed) {
         Drive axis down
}
Stop axis
for(15 degrees) {
         Drive axis up
}
Stop axis
// Horizontal Axis
While (limit switch is not pressed) {
         Drive axis left
Stop axis
leftBound = horizontalPot.value
rightBound = leftBound - value (dont know value yet, need to test for value)
// Panning
While (!threat detected) {
         If (drivingLeft) {
                   Drive axis left
} else if (drivingRight) {
         Drive axis right
}
         If (horizontalPot.value >= leftBound) {
```

```
drivingLeft = false
                   drivingRight = true
         }
         If (horizontalPot.value <= rightBound ) {</pre>
                   drivingLeft = true
                   drivingRight = flase
         }
}
// Threat tracking
While (threat detected) {
         If (threatLocation = leftHalf) {
                   If (horizontalPot.value <= leftBound) {</pre>
                             Drive axis left
                   } else {
                             Stop axis
                   }
         } else if (threatLocation = rightHalf) {
                   If (horizontalPot.value >= rightBound) {
                             Drive axis left
                   } else {
                             Stop axis
                   }
         }
If (threatLocation = upperHalf) {
                   Drive axis up
         } else if (threatLocation = lowerHalf) {
                   If (!limit switch pressed) {
                             Drive axis down
                   } else {
                             Stop axis
                   }
         }
         If (numberOfWindows > 2) {
                   Zoom out
         }
         else {
                   Zoom in
         }
}
// Threat no longer detected
While (!vertical limit switch pressed) {
         Drive axis down
}
Stop axis
For (15 degrees) {
         Drive axis up
}
Stop axis
Resume panning
```

Figure 7-5: Pseudocode for gimbal control

# System Testing and Evaluation

### Testing the CNN

During the development of the CNN, statistics were gathered in order to evaluate its performance and refine its parameters. The time and space complexity of the algorithm was evaluated based on the training time, the detection time and the size of the model graph of weights. By varying the format of our input node and training the model for 10 epochs, the below table is produced:

Model Type	Training Time - 10 epochs /	Graph Size
(WxH)	seconds	
32x32 RGB	48.07	8,424 KB
80x45 RGB	85.41	30,952 KB
64x64 RGB	89.48	33,000 KB
100x100 RGB	165.64	80,232 KB
160x90 RGB	218.72	117,992 КВ

#### **TABLE 7-1: CNN Development Statistics**

The training time does not increase exponentially and therefore wasn't a constraint. Most models needed around 200 epochs training that should be completed in around 12 hours training

time for the worst case (160x90). The graph size was around 118MB in the worst case, which is relatively small compared to the available 8GB in the SD card.

Based on the validation set (20% of the training dataset), cross-validation statistics are gathered during training, the validation loss and the validation accuracy. The validation loss is a measurement of the average error per classification and the validation accuracy is the percentage of the validation instance correctly recalled. These statistics help determine whether the CNN model is capable of extracting features from the training dataset. In Table XX, the cross-validation statistics are depicted with varying dropout and learning rates for the model:

Dropout	Learning Rate	Validation Loss	Validation		
Rate			Accuracy %		
1	0.001	5.55	75.88		
	0.005	5.55	75.88		
	0.1	5.55	75.88		
5	0.001	0.2047	93.97		
	0.005	5.55	75.88		
	0.1	5.55	75.88		

 $Table \ 7-2: Cross-validation \ statistics \ with \ Varying \ Dropout \ / \ Learning \ Rate$ 

10	0.001	0.1873	91.46
	0.005	5.55	75.88
	0.1	5.55	75.88
15	0.001	0.1712	92.46
	0.005	5.55	75.88
	0.1	5.55	75.88
25	0.001	0.2027	90.95
	0.005	5.55	75.88
	0.1	5.55	75.88

Because 75.88% was the percentage of the negative training instances in the dataset, all table rows shaded in blue show cases where the model wasn't able to learn anything meaningful, in contrast to rows shaded in red. The parameters offering the best results were observed to be 15% dropout rate and learning rate equal to 0.001.

The processing time of the CNN and the detection routine was evaluated using the Pi Prototype. The input size was varied between 32x32 and 160x90 pixels and the run time was measured both with and without the sliding window routine. The resulting processing times for reading 10 camera frames as input, processing them and classifying them are summarized in the table below:

Model Type	Processing time / sec	Processing time
(WxH)		sliding window / sec
32x32 RGB	1.85	2.04
80x45 RGB	4.75	16.34
64x64 RGB	5.08	18.16
100x100 RGB	11.26	48.59
160x90 RGB	16.16	72.00

Table 7-3: Average run times to process 10 frames for varying CNN node size.

The 80x45 size was chosen as it offers either 0.6 FPS or 2.1 FPS, resulting in a couple of seconds delay in the worst case. With the addition of different modules responsible for capturing and preprocessing the frames, the FPS of the detection routine can be even higher than the one shown by the Pi prototype.

## Implementing the HPS-FPGA data transfer

Due to the camera we bought not being able to be connected directly to the Field Programmable Gate Array part of the DE1-SOC board, we had to connect it through USB to the operating system on our HPS. In order to be able to implement the filters on the camera input we had to send the data from the Linux OS we booted on the Hard Processing System to a buffer line on the FPGA's 64MB SDRAM. Luckily to our advantage of our board having both the ARM processor and the FPGA components, there is a way for both components of the board to exchange information from one to another (i.e. HPS to FPGA and FPGA to HPS) using the Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI) bridge. The AXI bridge is a pre-existing communication line for the interfacing of components on the FPGA with the HPS. There are 2 types of AXI bridges for communication between the HPS and the FPGA (Figure a):

- HPS to FPGA Bridge
- Lightweight HPS to FPGA Bridge

We are using the HPS to FPGA Bridge instead of the Lightweight HPS to FPGA Bridge because it works with a larger number of bits; While the HPS to FPGA can use 32, 64 or 128 bits, the lightweight can only handle 32 bits.



#### Figure 8-1: Picture of the AXI Bridge

Using Quartus II and Altera system integration tool QSYS we were able to establish this communication link from the FPGA to the HPS and vice versa. Using Quartus, for all the components to be used on the FPGA, the pin locations to all these components must be mapped on the project. For FPGA components, the devices are allocated to specific pin locations that are for those purposes (Figure 8-4) but for the HPS components there are no pin locations available to declare, so they are just listed with pin directions and IO standards (Figure 8-5).

Using QSYS we are able to utilize the Avalon memory mapped master and slave to establish the communication link between HPS and FPGA. IP Cores are used to establish control over the HPS and SDRAM Controller (Figure 8-2). HPS serves as the master and the SDRAM is the slave so the AXI master is connected to Avalon memory mapped slave of the SDRAM. In order to correctly access the data from the SDRAM, the clock input would have to be changed. The board has a standard clock speed of 50MHz but the SDRAM desires a clock speed of 100MHz thus a the SDRAM controller takes an input of 100MHz from a SDRAM clock generator which uses Phased Lock Loop (PLL) to generate a 100MHz clock speed from 50MHz (Figure 8-2). Once these are all connected, the source code for the SDRAM Controller is generated (Figure 8-6) and added to the Verilog system module (Figure 8-3). Once these components are made a batch file generate\_hps\_qsys\_header.sh is provided by Altera to generate a header file, hps\_0.h, for the HPS C code (Figure 8-7).

U	se	Connections	Name	Description	Export	Clock	Base	End
			■ 🖳 hps_0	Arria V/Cyclone V Hard Processor System				
	0	° ° P	f2h_cold_reset_req	Reset Input	hps_0_f2h_cold_reset_req			
	0		f2h_debug_reset_req	Reset Input	hps_0_f2h_debug_reset_req			
	<	· · · · · ·	f2h_warm_reset_req	Reset Input	hps_0_f2h_warm_reset_req			
		00	f2h_stm_hw_events	Conduit	hps_0_f2h_stm_hw_events			
		<u></u>	memory	Conduit	memory			
		( ) ° °	hps_io	Conduit	hps_0_hps_io			
			h2f_reset	Reset Output	hps_0_h2f_reset			
			h2f_axi_clock	Clock Input	Double-click to export	CIK_U		
			n2r_axi_master	AXI Master	Double-click to export	[n2r_axi_clock]		
			f2h_avi_clave	AVT Clave	Double-click to export	[f2h avi dock]		
			h2f lw avi dock	Clock Input	Double-click to export		-	
			h2f_lw_axi_master	AXI Master	Double-click to export	[h2f lw axi clock]		
		×	f2h irg0	Interrupt Receiver	Double-click to export	[nzi_m_uxi_crock]	TRO 0	TRO 31
		×	f2h_ira1	Interrupt Receiver	Double-click to export		IRO 0	IRO 31
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	4	· · · ·	clk_in_reset	Reset Input	reset			
			clk	Clock Output	Double-click to export	clk_0		
	_		clk_reset	Reset Output	Double-click to export			
Ŀ			new_sdram_controller_0	SDRAM Controller				
			clk	Clock Input	Double-click to export	sys_sdram_pll_0_sdra		
	· · · · ·		reset	Reset Input	Double-click to export	[dk]		
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Figure 8-2: Screenshot of QSYS Avalon memory map

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.sdram_wire_ras_n .sdram_wire_we_n	(DRAM_RAS_N), (DRAM_WE_N),			.ras_ .we_n

### Figure 8-3: Screenshot of Quartus SDRAM source code

DRAM_ADDR[12]	Output	PIN_AJ14	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AJ14	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[11]	Output	PIN_AH13	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AH13	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[10]	Output	PIN_AG12	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AG12	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[9]	Output	PIN_AG13	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AG13	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[8]	Output	PIN_AH15	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AH15	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[7]	Output	PIN_AF15	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AF15	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[6]	Output	PIN_AD14	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AD14	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[5]	Output	PIN_AC14	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AC14	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[4]	Output	PIN_AB15	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AB15	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
SRAM_ADDR[3]	Output	PIN_AE14	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AE14	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
SRAM_ADDR[2]	Output	PIN_AG15	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AG15	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_ADDR[1]	Output	PIN_AH14	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AH14	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
SRAM_ADDR[0]	Output	PIN_AK14	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AK14	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
STAM_BA[1]	Output	PIN_AJ12	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AJ12	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
SRAM_BA[0]	Output	PIN_AF13	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AF13	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_CAS_N	Output	PIN_AF11	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AF11	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
STAM_CKE	Output	PIN_AK13	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AK13	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
STAM_CLK	Output	PIN_AH12	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AH12	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_CS_N	Output	PIN_AG11	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AG11	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
Section 2015 Contract Section 2017 Section 2	Bidir	PIN_AJ5	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AJ5	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
STAM_DQ[14]	Bidir	PIN_AJ6	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AJ6	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_DQ[13]	Bidir	PIN_AH7	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AH7	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_DQ[12]	Bidir	PIN_AH8	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AH8	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)
DRAM_DQ[11]	Bidir	PIN_AH9	3B	B3B_N0	PIN_AH9	3.3VTTL	16mAult)	1 (default)

#### Figure 8-4: Screenshot of Pin programmer for SDRAM

HPS_DDR3_DQ[31]	Bidir	PIN_W29	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[30]	Bidir	PIN_V30	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[29]	Bidir	PIN_R26	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[28]	Bidir	PIN_R27	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[27]	Bidir	PIN_T28	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[26]	Bidir	PIN_T29	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[25]	Bidir	PIN_P25	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[24]	Bidir	PIN_P24	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[23]	Bidir	PIN_R29	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[22]	Bidir	PIN_N27	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[21]	Bidir	PIN_P27	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[20]	Bidir	PIN_P26	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[19]	Bidir	PIN_N28	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[18]	Bidir	PIN_N29	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[17]	Bidir	PIN_T26	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[16]	Bidir	PIN_U26	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[15]	Bidir	PIN_M30	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[14]	Bidir	PIN_L28	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[13]	Bidir	PIN_M27	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[12]	Bidir	PIN_M26	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[11]	Bidir	PIN_K27	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[10]	Bidir	PIN_K29	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[9]	Bidir	PIN_L26	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)
HPS_DDR3_DQ[8]	Bidir	PIN_K26	SSTLss I	8mAult)	1 (default)

Figure 8-5: Screenshot of Pin programmer for HPS DDR3 RAM



Figure 8-6: Screenshot of generated source code for system in QSYS

#define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_COMPONENT\_TYPE altera\_avalon\_new\_sdram\_controller #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 COMPONENT NAME new sdram controller 0 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 BASE 0x0 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 SPAN 67108864 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 END 0x3ffffff #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 CAS LATENCY 3 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_CONTENTS\_INFO #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 INIT NOP DELAY 0.0 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 INIT REFRESH COMMANDS 2 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_IS\_INITIALIZED 1 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_POWERUP\_DELAY 100.0 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 REFRESH PERIOD 7.8125 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 REGISTER DATA IN 1 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_SDRAM\_ADDR\_WIDTH 25 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_SDRAM\_BANK\_WIDTH 2
#define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_SDRAM\_COL\_WIDTH 10 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 SDRAM DATA WIDTH 16 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_SDRAM\_NUM\_BANKS 4 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_SDRAM\_NUM\_CHIPSELECTS 1
#define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_SDRAM\_ROW\_WIDTH 13 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 SHARED DATA 0 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_SIM\_MODEL\_BASE 0 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_STARVATION\_INDICATOR 0
#define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_TRISTATE\_BRIDGE\_SLAVE "" #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 T AC 5.4 #define NEW\_SDRAM\_CONTROLLER\_0\_T\_MRD 3 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 T RCD 15.0 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 T RFC 70.0 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 T RP 15.0 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 T WR 14.0 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 MEMORY INFO DAT SYM INSTALL DIR SIM DIR #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 MEMORY INFO GENERATE DAT SYM 1 #define NEW SDRAM CONTROLLER 0 MEMORY INFO MEM INIT DATA WIDTH 16

Figure 8-7: Screenshot of hps\_0.h

Once all the links are made and all the groundwork for the SDRAM and HPS connections are set, we would be able to use the HPS to receive and write data to and read data from the SDRAM. Using Altera provided Eclipse for the DE1 SOC board, in C code we were able to use memory mapping to map physical memory addresses on the board to virtual memory addresses. Here we are able to access the memory device driver "/dev/mem" with the open system call then using the mmap system call to map the HPS physical address to a virtual address. From here we are able to use the SDRAM offset that is provided from the generated header file to be able to correctly use the designated memory address mapped for the SDRAM (Figure 8-8 ). From here we use C code to navigate through the memory address of the SDRAM for read from and write to functions.

```
\ensuremath{\prime\prime}\xspace has address space for the 64 MB SDRAM into user space so we can interact with them.
// we'll actually map in the entire CSR span of the HPS since we want to access various registers within that span
if( ( fd = open( "/dev/mem", ( O_RDWR | O_SYNC ) ) ) == -1 ) {
    printf( "ERROR: could not open \"/dev/mem\"...\n" );
    return( 1 );
  //lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge
  virtual base = mmap( NULL, HW REGS SPAN, ( PROT READ | PROT WRITE ), MAP SHARED, fd, HW REGS BASE );
  if( virtual_base == MAP_FAILED ) {
    printf("ERROR: mmap() failed...\n" );
    close( fd );
       return(1);
//HPS-to-FPGA bridge
axi virtual base = mmap( NULL, HW FPGA AXI SPAN, ( PROT READ | PROT WRITE ), MAP SHARED, fd,ALT AXI FPGASLVS OFST );
if( axi_virtual_base == MAP_FAILED ) {
    printf( "ERROR: axi mmap() failed...\n" );
    close(fd);
    return( 1 );
//SDRAM has addresses from 0x0000000 to 0x3ffffff
//pointer to the start of SDRAM
init_sdram_addr = axi_virtual_base + NEW_SDRAM_CONTROLLER_0_BASE;
```

Figure 8-8: Screenshot of SDRAM virtual memory mapping

For testing the SDRAM, we wrote C code that maps the SDRAM memory and accesses five consecutive 32 bit memory locations (Figure 8-9). A while loop is used to increment a counter variable that allows us to move through these five consecutive 32 bit memory slots whilst read and write operations are done on the memory. For each memory location the address and data are printed out using the printf command, then using pointer logic the data in the memory location is initialized to 0x0 then the same memory address and data are printed out, but with the memory data value changed (Figure 8-10). A makefile provided by Altera used to compile C code for the ARM architecture was used to compile the executable to test the SDRAM (Figure 8-11). In Figure j, you would realize that the executable AWeD\_SDRAM is run twice (./AWeD\_SDRAM), this is to show that the previous memory written to with 0x0 was indeed stored.

```
int i = 0;
// while (i<NEW_SDRAM_CONTROLLER_0_SPAN/4)
while (i<5)
{//read the address and its data
printf("BEFORE WRITE: Address:%d\t Data:%d\n ", alt_read_word(&init_sdram_addr), *init_sdram_addr);
    *init_sdram_addr = 0x0;//initialize memory to zero
    printf("AFTER WRITE: Address:%d\t Data:%d\n ", alt_read_word(&init_sdram_addr), *init_sdram_addr);
    i++;
    init_sdram_addr++;
}
```



root@de1soclinux:/media/fat_partition/AW	eD_HPSFPGA/hps-c# ./AWeD_SDRAM
BEFORE WRITE: Address:1994432512	Data:267390960
AFTER WRITE: Address:1994432512	Data:0
BEFORE WRITE: Address:1994432516	Data:267390960
AFTER WRITE: Address:1994432516	Data:0
BEFORE WRITE: Address:1994432520	Data:267390960
AFTER WRITE: Address:1994432520	Data:0
BEFORE WRITE: Address:1994432524	Data:267390960
AFTER WRITE: Address:1994432524	Data:0
BEFORE WRITE: Address:1994432528	Data:267390960
AFTER WRITE: Address:1994432528	Data:0
root@de1soclinux:/media/fat_partition/A	WeD_HPSFPGA/hps-c# ./AWeD_SDRAM
BEFORE WRITE: Address:1994629120	Data:0
AFTER WRITE: Address:1994629120	Data:0
BEFORE WRITE: Address:1994629124	Data:0
AFTER WRITE: Address:1994629124	Data:0
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Figure 8-10: Screenshot of the test output

```
#
TARGET = AWeD_SDRAM
#
ALT_DEVICE_FAMILY ?= soc_cv_av
socEDS_ROOT ?= $(SOCEDS_DEST_ROOT)
HWLIBS_ROOT = $(SOCEDS_ROOT)/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib
CROSS_COMPILE = arm-linux-gnueabihf-
CFLAGS = -g -Wall -D$(ALT_DEVICE_FAMILY) -I$(HWLIBS_ROOT)/include/$(ALT_DEVICE_FAMILY) -I$(HWLIBS_ROOT)/include/
LDFLAGS = -g -Wall
CC = $(CROSS_COMPILE)gcc
ARCH= arm
build: $(TARGET)
$(TARGET): main.o
$(CC) $(LDFLAGS) $^-o $@
$.o: $.c
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $< -o $@
.PHONY: clean
clean:
    rm -f $(TARGET) *.a *.o *~</pre>
```

Figure 8-11: Screenshot of the Makefile

## Filters

Our first approach to be able to test the algorithms was to test them using modelsim. To be able to do this we needed to decompress the JPEG into raw data. The raw data would be stored in a text file that would be inputted to the testbench. When we first thought about the problem for extracting the pixel array from the encoded JPEG image, we researched into how to extract raw image data on a byte level. We found out that each JPEG image has a header that consists of 20 bytes of information that defines the file as a JPEG (Figure 8-12). The first two bytes of a JPEG image are FF D8 and the last 2 bytes are FF D9, this made it easy to identify an image in memory. After being able to identify where the data needed from the byte stream where, we needed to figure out how we would be able to identify the red, green and blue (RGB) values of each pixel. Here we came into an obstacle as we realized that in order to get the RGB values of the pixels in a JPEG we would have to code a few decoding processes to run on the JPEG file (Figure 8-13). To solve this problem we sought to use functions from an open source JPEG library called, jpeglib, to extract the 2-D pixel array of the IPEG images being stored. However we found out that these functions would add more instructions for the ARM processor which affects the performance of the machine learning algorithm. After this consideration, Matlab was our third option. We came across two Matlab scripts, ImageToText.m and TextToImage.m, that were able to extract the pixel bytes from the image and store it in a text file and vice versa. The original image and its corresponding raw byte file can be found in figures 8-14 and 8-15 respectively.

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BYTE	APP0[2];	/*	02h	Application Use Marker	*/	
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BYTE	<pre>Identifier[5];</pre>	/*	<b>0</b> 6h	"JFIF" (zero terminated)	Id String	*/
BYTE	<pre>Version[2];</pre>	/*	07h	JFIF Format Revision	*/	
BYTE	Units;	/*	<b>0</b> 9h	Units used for Resolution	*/	
BYTE	Xdensity[2];	/*	0Ah	Horizontal Resolution	*/	
BYTE	Ydensity[2];	/*	0Ch	Vertical Resolution	*/	
BYTE	XThumbnail;	/*	0Eh	Horizontal Pixel Count	*/	
BYTE	YThumbnail;	/*	0Fh	Vertical Pixel Count	*/	
} JFIF	HEAD;					



- 1. Huffman decoding
- 2. Run length decoding
- 3. Dequantization
- 4. Inserve discrete cosine transform
- 5. Upsampling
- 6. Conversion from the YCbCr color space to RGB

Figure 8-13: Processes to decode the RGB from the JPEG encoded format [32]



#### Figure 8-14: Original Nerf gun image

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#### Figure 8-15: Screenshot of the raw byte text file of original Nerf gun image

As you can see above the image is now converted from a JPEG to a raw byte text file. If the

text file above was to be run in through the text file to image convertor we would see the original

nerf gun image.

Greyscale color conversion is the first filter that is implemented. This filter reduces the data needed to be processed by 3 from a 3 channel Red, Green, Blue (RGB) to a single channel grayscale. This filter takes each R, G and B values as input and outputs a single set of values for the grayscaled image. The implementation of the grayscale conversion hinged on this line of Verilog code:

The Verilog code is written with bitwise operations rather than solely arithmetic operations not only because of the ease of conversion but also because it would be able to run faster and with less memory used than arithmetic functions.



Figure 8-16: grayscale image



Figure 8-17: Grayscale Raw Bytes Text file

Sobel Filter was chosen to be able to define the edges of the objects in the frame more clearly. It accepts a greyscale image and outputs a binary image with an image consisting of only two colors: white and black. This filter was compiled and simulated in modelsim (Figure 8-18). The raw bytes were tested before and after the sobel filter and indeed the output was a binary file, that represented a 1 for white and 0 for black (Figure 8-19).

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Figure 8-18: ModelSim Compilation and Simulation of sobel filter

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Figure 8-19: Screenshot of raw bytes for sobel filtered image

# Suggested Improvements / Changes

Our final system detects a specific type of Nerf gun. This is a significantly more limited detection than what we had set out to do. The main reason for this more limited scope was due to testing and experimenting on our machine learning algorithm. We did not have the time to get the thousands of extra pictures needed or spend the extra time every time we would retrain. Given the extra time and pictures, our system could theoretically be trained to detect a wider variety of weapons and also take into account the pose of the person with the gun, but due to our limited time, we were unable to train for these extra parameters.

Many small issues were encountered when assembling the gimbal. Most of these were caused by unfamiliarity with designing for 3D printing and could be easily avoided if the assembly were to be printed again. These issues do not include enough supports for some overhanging sections, larger parts being hard to divide to both fit the printer and be supported, and holes being printed too small for assembly. Several of the larger overhangs needed to have extra supports added before printing. This resulted in some supports being in the way of the moving parts and needing to be removed after printing. In addition, most of the larger parts were broken into smaller parts that were then glued back together after printing. This resulted in some loose or weak connections between parts which had to be glued back together several times. Most of the holes that were printed ended up being slightly too tight for the parts that they fit onto. Many of these holes were just drilled out, but some of the non-circular holes, such as the D shaped holes for the encoder gears, had to be melted larger in order to properly fit. This resulted in the encoders being unreliable at times due to the poor mounting of the gears.

### **UVC** Driver

Due to time and hardware constraints in terms of the camera's interface being USB 2.0 the

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HPS was used to be able to capture images. The camera can be interfaced through the FPGA. However, a USB driver was needed to be written for the board to recognize the device as a camera. The amount of research and development to be able to create such driver was not viable in our current time frame. The current implementation of the boards is running from a Linux SD card image that it mounted at boot up. This Linux version is made for embedded platforms. The UVC driver formally referred as USB Device Class definition for Video Devices(ref) is what defines video streaming functionality for the USB. With this driver, the Linux kernel is able recognize the USB device as a camera. This then can be used in different webcam software to be able to capture video or images needed for the detection algorithm. The software that was used to capture the frames of an incoming video was Fswebcam. This software was used because it does not require many extra supporting libraries and it can be controlled using the command line. The figure shown below shows the image capture from the command line.



#### Figure 9-1 Output Frame image

There were some initial setbacks while trying to obtain this driver since some sd card images provided by Altera don't have this driver installed, and required re-compilation to add the driver and get it to function properly. However, resources provided by Altera via email allowed for a partial remedy to this issue.

### **Board Output Voltage**

The board we are using features two 40 pin I/O connector ports. 8 pins on each port are predesignated for use, leaving 32 configurable input and output pins on each port for us to use. The intent, was to use these ports as the input and output needed to interface with the motors, servos, and sensors of the gimbal. This worked fine for the sensors, but ran into issues for the motors. The plan was to have the DC motors connected to two pins. Have both pins set to 0 to keep the motor still and set one or the other to 1 in order to drive the motor in varying directions. The pins supposedly are connected to the 3.3V rail of the board, meaning that the motor would run on 3.3V when driving, enough to properly drive the gimbal. However, when we went to actually try this, the motor did not receive enough power to actually drive the gimbal. After testing many possibilities, we determined that it was due to the pins not actually outputting 0 and 3.3V when set to 0 and 1. but actually 0 and .56V instead while the motor was connected. After more research, we determined that the only feasible solution was to build voltage amplifiers that pulled directly from the 3.3V rail. Unfortunately, when we went to build the voltage amplifiers, we discovered that not only did we not have any working OpAmps, but we also did not have the proper capacitors to build a voltage amplifier from transistors. We also did not have enough time for the parts to come in in order to properly fix this problem.

# Conclusion

The design and implementation of this project, though difficult and not without issues, shows significant amounts of potential in terms of the application of such designs going forward. That such high demand processes such as those required for computer vision analysis can be ported to run on ARM embedded based architectures alone speaks greatly towards the potential for embedded vision applications in everyday life. In addition to this, the Cyclone V's SoC based architecture, with its integration of programmable FPGA architecture, and with all of the flexibility and process re-distribution that such architecture allows, only further adds credence to the feasibility of such designs becoming more and more widespread.

The architecture and resources we were designing on ultimately were cheap, mostly meant for educational purposes and for far more simplistic demos than what is attempted through our project implementation. That we could create a prototype that came so close to meeting our goals implies that further development with more professional level tools may soon lead to systems of far greater practicality than our own entering the market and potentially addressing the very societally relevant issue of armed robbery and assault. Some of these systems may even be in development at this current time.

There was a lot to learn and a lot to discover in regards to seeing this project come to fruition. The team spent many long hours poring over technical documents from Altera, Google, Cornell, Terasic, Mathworks, ARM, Unix, and many more in an effort to fully understand and utilize what hardware we'd need and then how far we could push that hardware and use it to our advantage programmatically. Whether it was filter design optimization with Simulink, to kernel recompilation for ARM architectures with Linux, Neural Network creation and calibration with Tensorflow, or hardware driver reallocation and creation with Verilog and Quartus, these were all things that were not innately known to the team that have now become second nature and whose

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sum creates a system level design toolbox that can likely solve not only the problem we set out to address of violent gun based crimes but countless other issues and hardships addressing society.

Though there are many things in regards to this project that the team would like to revisit or see revisited, the work that was done and the knowledge that was gained throughout the project, all of which is dually reflected and stated in this report, has satisfied our team adequately. The accuracy and reliability of our system came very close to our intended benchmarks, and we now feel we have solid evidence that systems like ours may soon start contributing to lowering gun crime and swifter police response time. We look forward to carrying this knowledge on into our future endeavors and we hope that through our design process that we have indeed helped come ever closer to ensuring the safety, security, and comfort of everyday citizens at both the public and private level.

# Glossary

- AGH -- AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, Poland
- FPGA -- Field Programmable Gate Array
- **CCTV -- Closed Circuit Television**
- CV -- Computer Vision
- IVS -- Intelligent Video Surveillance
- ML -- Machine Learning
- MLL -- OpenCV Machine Learning Library
- **RPM** -- Rotations per Minute

Sensitivity - How good our system is able to detect a firearm when a firearm is present (True

Positive)

Specificity - How good our system would be at not detecting a firearm when a firearm is not present

(True negative)

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# Appendix - A: Random Forest for Object Detection

A random forest is a collection of T binary decision trees, where each node of the tree can have up to two leaves as children. The random forest takes an image patch as input, evaluates it at each node (starting from the root node) and sends it to the left or right child of the node accordingly. The forest can be used for either a classification or a regression task. For a classification task, each leaf L of a forest returns a probability for the image patch to be classified as c given as p(c|L). For a regression task, the forest returns an estimate, as a distribution, for the location and scale of the object. [7]

During training, each tree is trained on a random subset of the training dataset. This helps avoid overfitting and efficiently processing large amounts of data. For each sampled image "For each sampled patch  $P_I$  that does not belong to the background, the offset to a reference point of the object  $d_I$  is stored" [7]. The training set therefore consists of patches  $P_I$  and their corresponding extracted image features  $F_I$ , their class label  $c_I$  and the offset  $d_I$  from the center of the patch. A recommended size for each image patch is 16x16 pixels" [7].

A split function is defined as  $f_{\Phi}(P)$  that returns 0 or 1, given features  $\Phi$  and image patch P, where 0 corresponds to the left child and 1 to the right child. The split function gets updated to reflect the training set "while the tree grows recursively:

- 1. Generate a random set of parameters  $\Phi = {\phi k}$ .
- 2. Divide the set of patches  $A_{node}$  into two subset  $A_L$  and  $A_R$  for each  $\phi \in \Phi$ :
  - $A_L(\phi) = \{P \in A_{node} | f_{\phi}(P) = 0\}$
  - $A_R(\phi) = \{P \in A_{node} | f_{\phi}(P) = 1\}$

3. Select the split parameters  $\phi$ \* that maximize a gain function g:

 $\varphi^* = argmax g (\varphi, Anode)$
where 
$$g(\varphi, A_{node}) = H(A_{node}) - \sum_{S \in \{L,R\}} \frac{|A_S(\varphi)|}{|A_{node}|} H(A_S(\varphi)).$$

and  $\varphi \in \Phi$ 

Depending on the task, H(A) is chosen such that g measures the gain of the classification or regression performance of the children in comparison to the current node.

- 4. Continue growing with the training subsets  $A_L$  and  $A_R$  if some predefined stopping criteria are not satisfied; otherwise, create a leaf node and store the statistics of the training data
  - A<sub>node</sub>" [7].

The resulting class probability is given as:

$$p(L) = \frac{|A_c^L| * r_c}{\sum_c \quad (|A_c^L| * r_c)}; \ r_c = \frac{|A|}{|A_c|} \ [7]$$

Where  $|A_c^L|$  is the set of patches that reach leaf L with a class label c. Finally, by using the offset d of the samples one can calculate the spatial distribution by estimating p(c, L). [7] The class probability is used for classification tasks and the spatial distribution to estimate the location for regression tasks.

Random forests are able to detect objects by creating a distribution of  $p(L_t(y))$ , where h(c, x, s) is the probability of an object of class c, with size s to be located at reference point x, for the leaf L of tree t at image location y. The distribution is defined by having each tree vote on the classification of the incoming image patch. The votes of all trees for all image patches are averaged and the resulting value determines the classification of the processed image and therefore the appropriate threat detection.

As far as the implementation is concerned, low level features such as "color, gradients, or Gabor filters" can be used because they are computationally efficient. In order to avoid overfitting one can force a stopping criteria on the depth of the trees [7]. Finally, several options for the split function as well as the estimation of the spatial distribution will be investigated to find the most effective for firearm detection.

#### Appendix - B: Multi-classifier Boosting

Cambridge professors Tae-Kyun Kim and Roberto Cipolla propose a multi-classifier boosting algorithm called MCBoost, which attempts to efficiently and accurately detect multiple features of the processed image simultaneously. Boosting algorithms combine several weaklearners, i.e. relatively poor predictors of an event, to create strong learners, which are more closely correlated with the classification of an event. A training set consisting of positive (visible firearm) and negative (no visible threat) images is used to calculate the weights of multiple weak-learners whose combination results in strong learners. During training, the weak-learners that are observed to predict their strong learners (visible firearm, human figure, trigger detected) are given more weight and thus strong learners become more accurate as the training set grows. Finally, the strong learners can be used to classify events as threat in the processed images. [3]

The MCBoost algorithm considers "K strong classifiers, each of which is represented by a linear combination of weak-learners as

$$H_k(x) = \sum_t a_{kt} h_{kt}(x), \qquad k = 1, \dots K$$

where akt and hkt are the weight and the score of *t*-*th* weak-learner of *k*-*th* strong classifier". Each weak-learner is a predictor of a single visual feature while strong classifiers are "devoted to a subset of input patterns" [3]. To aggregate multiple strong classifiers, a Noisy-OR is formulated as

$$P(x) = 1 - \prod_{k} \left( 1 - P_k(x) \right)$$

where P(x) = 1 / (1 + exp(-Hk(x))). The Noisy-OR framework calculates the "joint probability using all *k* classifiers for any x" [3]. If at least one classifier detects a threat, the image is flagged as positive. As a result, classifiers get trained to negatively flag all non-object images, which ensures

low false-positive rates. Initially, sample weights wki are assigned for the *i*-th sample and the *k*-th classifier as either wki = 1 if it was detected in a positive sample (visible firearm) or wki = 1 / k if it was detected in a negative sample (non-object image) and wki = 0 otherwise. The goal is to maximize

$$\sum_{t} w_{kt} h_{kt} (x_i), \qquad h_{kt} \in \boldsymbol{H}$$

where xi is the *i*-th image sample and hkt  $\in \{-1, +1\}$  are the weak-learners from the set of all available weak-learners H. To optimize running speed, H can be a subset of the available weaklearners containing only the weak-learners located around the expected decision boundary (firearms of known max size can be assigned with decision boundaries). [3]

After the initialization of the weights, each new round updates the sample weights in an attempt to increase the overall accuracy of the classification algorithm and to minimize the risk of misclassifications. The weights are updated, following the AnyBoost method, by taking the derivative of a cost function defined for J with respect to the classifier score. The MCBoost algorithm is described in pseudocode in the figure below:

> Input: A data set  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$  and a set of pre-defined weak-learners **Output:** Multiple boosting classifiers  $H_k(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_{kt} h_{kt}(\mathbf{x}), k = 1..., K$

1.Compute a reduced set of	weak-learners	$\mathcal{H}$ by the 1	risk map [5]	and randomly
initialise the weights wki.				
2 Repeat for $t = 1$ T.				

- 3. Repeat for k = 1, ..., K:
- Find weak-learners  $h_{kt}$  that maximise  $\sum_i w_{ki} \cdot \mathbf{h}_{kt}(\mathbf{x}_i), \mathbf{h}_{kt} \in \mathcal{H}$ . 4.
- Find the weak-learner weights  $\alpha_{kt}$  that maximise  $J(H + \alpha_{kt}h_{kt})$ . Update the weights by  $w_{ki} = \frac{y_i P(\mathbf{x}_i)}{P(\mathbf{x}_i)} \cdot P_k(\mathbf{x}_i)$ . 5.
- 6.
- 7. End
- 8.End

*Figure 4: Pseudocode for the MCBoost algorithm* [3].

The outcome of the MCBoost algorithm is multiple boosting classifiers that can detect threats in

processed images. These classifiers can also be used to create a decision tree that reduces even further the classification time. [3]

### Appendix - C: Computer Vision: Training Script

```
1 #### Author: Georgios Karapanagos ####
2 # Training script for 2-node classification network
3 #
4 # For references see below:
5 """
6 Based on the tflearn example located here:
7 https://github.com/tflearn/tflearn/blob/master/examples/images/convnet_cifar10.py
8
9 Loosely following Adam Geitgey's suggested network architucre, found at:
10 https://medium.com/@ageitgey/machine-learning-is-fun-part-3-deep-learning-and-
convolutional-neural-networks-f40359318721
11 """
12
13 # # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
14 from __future__ import division, print_function, absolute_import
15 import tensorflow as tf
16 # Import tflearn and some helpers
17 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.models import dnn
18 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.data_utils import shuffle, to_categorical
19 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.layers.core import input_data, dropout, fully_connected
20 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.layers.conv import conv_2d, max_pool_2d
21 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.layers.estimator import regression
22 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.data_preprocessing import ImagePreprocessing
23 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.data_augmentation import ImageAugmentation
24 import util helpers
25 import time
26
27 start_time = time.time()
28
29 # Load the data set
30 \text{ trainSize} = 1775
31 testSize = 443
32 size = 32
33 (X, Y), (X_test, Y_test) = util_helpers.prepMat(trainSize, testSize, 80, 45)
34
35 # Convert to 2 classes boolean array
36 \text{ Y} = \text{to}_{\text{categorical}}(Y, 2)
37 Y_test = to_categorical(Y_test, 2)
38
39 # Shuffle the data
```

```
40 \text{ X}, \text{Y} = \text{shuffle}(\text{X}, \text{Y})
41
42 # Make sure the data is normalized
43 img prep = ImagePreprocessing()
44 img prep.add featurewise zero center()
45 img_prep add_featurewise_stdnorm()
46
47 # Populate the dataset by flipping, rotating and blurring
48 img_aug = ImageAugmentation()
49 img_aug.add_random_flip_leftright()
50 img aug.add_random_rotation(max_angle=25.)
51 img_aug.add_random_blur(sigma_max=3.)
52
53 # Definition of our Network Architecture
54 # Input is a 32x32 image with 3 color channels (red, green and blue)
55 network = input_data(shape=[None, 80, 45, 3],
56
               data_preprocessing=img_prep,
57
              data_augmentation=img_aug,
58
              name="input_node")
59 network = conv_2d(network, 32, 3, activation='relu')
60 network = max_pool_2d(network, 2)
61 network = conv_2d(network, 64, 3, activation='relu')
62 network = conv_2d(network, 64, 3, activation='relu')
63 network = max_pool_2d(network, 2)
64
65 # Fully-connected 512 node neural network
66 network = fully_connected(network, 512, activation='relu')
67
68 # Drop a percentage to reduce over-fitting
69 network = dropout(network, 0.15)
70
71 # Final 2-node network that predicts output of '0' or '1' for two classes
72 network = fully_connected(network, 2, activation='softmax', name="out")
73
74 # Set parameters for training method
75 network = regression(network, optimizer='adam',
76
              loss='categorical_crossentropy',
77
              learning_rate=0.001)
78
79 # Initialize DNN model
80 model = dnn.DNN(network, tensorboard_verbose=0, checkpoint path='newDemo checkpoint')
81
82 train_time = time.time()
```

83

```
84 # Train the model, by fitting data for n_epoch steps
85 model.fit(X, Y, n_epoch=50, shuffle=True, validation_set=(X_test, Y_test),
86
       show_metric=True, batch_size=96,
87
       snapshot_epoch=True,
       run_id='det_cnn')
88
89
90 # Export trained model to file
91 model.save("newDemo_checkpoint")
92
util_helpers.save_graph(model.session,"output","newDemo_checkpoint","checkpoint_state","input_
graph.pb","output_graph.pb")
93
94
95 print("--- %s seconds training ---" % (time.time() - train_time))
96 print("--- %s seconds total ---" % (time.time() - start_time))
```

## Appendix - D: Computer Vision: Testing Script

1 #### Author: Georaios Karapanaaos #### 2 # Testing script for 2-node classification network 3 # 4 # For references see below: 5 """ 6 Based on the tflearn example located here: 7 https://github.com/tflearn/tflearn/blob/master/examples/images/convnet\_cifar10.py 8 9 Loosely following Adam Geitgey's suggested network architucre, found at: 10 https://medium.com/@ageitgey/machine-learning-is-fun-part-3-deep-learning-andconvolutional-neural-networks-f40359318721 11 """ 12 13 # -\*- coding: utf-8 -\*-14 from \_\_future\_\_ import division, print\_function, absolute\_import 15 import tensorflow as tf 16 # Import tflearn and some helpers 17 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.models import dnn 18 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.layers.core import input data, dropout, fully connected 19 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.layers.conv import conv\_2d, max\_pool\_2d 20 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.layers.estimator import regression 21 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.data\_preprocessing import ImagePreprocessing 22 from tflearnmaster.tflearn.data\_augmentation import ImageAugmentation 23 from scipy.misc import toimage, imresize, imsave 24 import numpy as np 25 from PIL import Image 26 import util\_helpers 27 from heapq import heappush, heappop 28 29 # Node size **30** size = 32 31 sizeH = 4532 sizeW = 80 33 34 # Make sure the data is normalized 35 img\_prep = ImagePreprocessing() 36 img\_prep add\_featurewise\_zero\_center() 37 img\_prep.add\_featurewise\_stdnorm() 38 39 # Populate the dataset by flipping, rotating and blurring 40 img\_aug = ImageAugmentation()

```
41 img_aug_add_random_flip_leftright()
42 img aug.add_random_rotation(max_angle=25.)
43 img_aug.add_random_blur(sigma_max=3.)
44
45 # Definition of our Network Architecture
46 # Input is a 32x32 image with 3 color channels (red, green and blue)
47 network = input_data(shape=[None, 80, 45, 3],
48
              data_preprocessing=img_prep,
              data_augmentation=img_aug,
49
50
              name="input_node")
51 network = conv_2d(network, 32, 3, activation='relu')
52 network = max_pool_2d(network, 2)
53 network = conv_2d(network, 64, 3, activation='relu')
54 network = conv_2d(network, 64, 3, activation='relu')
55 network = max_pool_2d(network, 2)
56
57 # Fully-connected 512 node neural network
58 network = fully_connected(network, 512, activation='relu')
59
60 # Drop a percentage to reduce over-fitting
61 network = dropout(network, 0.15)
62
63 # Final 2-node network that predicts output of '0' or '1' for two classes
64 network = fully_connected(network, 2, activation='softmax', name="out")
65
66 # Set parameters for training method
67 network = regression(network, optimizer='adam',
              loss='categorical_crossentropy',
68
69
              learning_rate=0.001)
70 #sess.run(init op)
71 # Initialize DNN model
72 model = dnn.DNN(network, tensorboard_verbose=0, checkpoint_path='high_checkpoint')
73
74 # Load classifier
75 model.load("high_checkpoint-3600")
76
77 negSize = 1403
78 posSize = 1204
79 # negSize = 1403
80 # posSize = 1204
81 testSize = (posSize+negSize)+1
82 X_train = np.empty((testSize,sizeW,sizeH,3))
83
```

```
84 # Sliding window with test image to generate 10 images to test
85 imgs = []
86 for k in range(0,negSize):
       imgs += util_helpers.slidingWindowDemo("testHighBig/0/file" + str(k) + ".jpg",sizeH,
87
sizeW)
88
89 for k in range(0,posSize):
       imgs += util_helpers.slidingWindowDemo("testHighBig/1/file" + str(k) + ".jpg",sizeH,
90
sizeW)
91
92 trIndex = 0
93 foundInd = 0
94 totalProb = 0
95 threatFound = 0
96
97 # Test all images for threat
98 foundAt = []
99 maxNeg = []
100 for img in imgs:
101
       for x in range(0,sizeW):
102
               for y in range(0,sizeH):
103
               for color in range(0,3):
104
                       X_train[trIndex][x][y][color] = float(img[x][y][color] / 255)
105
106
       # Predict
107
       prediction = model.predict([X_train[trIndex]])
108
       print("PREDICTION: " + str(prediction[0]))
109
110
       # Keep statistics of overall threat
111
       totalProb += prediction[0][1]
112
       #print("Found with " + str(prediction[0][1]) + " confidence.")
113
       # if threat is detected, prob(threat) > prob(nothreat)
114
       if(prediction[0][1] > prediction[0][0]):
115
               temp = toimage(img)
116
               if((trIndex / 5) < negSize ):</pre>
117
               heappush(maxNeg, (prediction[0][1]))
118
119
               # if prob(threat) >= 0.75
120
               if(prediction[0][1] >= 0.75):
               imsave("test-dataset/FOUND/EZ" + str(trIndex) + ".jpg", temp)
121
122
               threatFound += 2
123
               else:
124
               imsave("test-dataset/FOUND/" + str(trIndex) + ".jpg", temp)
```

```
125
              threatFound += 1
       trIndex += 1
126
127
       if(trIndex % 5 == 0):
128
              foundAt.append([trIndex, threatFound])
              threatFound = 0
129
130
131
132 z = 0
133 foundTrue = 0
134 foundFalse = 0
135 for k in foundAt:
136
       print(k)
137
       if(z<negSize):</pre>
138
              if(k[1] >= 2):
              foundFalse +=1
139
140
       else:
141
              if(k[1] >= 2):
142
              foundTrue += 1
143
      z += 1
144
145
146
147 print("-----Printing results of Negative dataset------")
148 print("Found " + str(negSize-foundFalse) + " true negatives!")
149 print("Found " + str(foundFalse) + " false positives!")
150 print("Classified " + str(100*foundFalse/negSize) + "%% incorrectly!")
151
152 print("-----Printing results of Positive dataset------")
153 print("Found " + str(foundTrue) + " true positives!")
154 print("Found " + str(posSize - foundTrue) + " false negatives!")
155 print("Classified " + str(100*(posSize - foundTrue)/posSize) + "%% incorrectly!")
156
157 print("Total Accuracy: " + str((negSize-foundFalse+posSize - foundTrue)/(negSize+posSize)) +
" % ")
158 print("Found " + str(foundInd) + " matches")
159
160 # Print the top 20 false positives value
161 for k in range(0,20):
162
       V = heappop(maxNeg)
163
       print(V)
```

### Appendix - E: Computer Vision: Helper Functions

```
1 #### Author: Georgios Karapanagos ####
2 # Helper functions to prepare training and testing datasets
3 ####
4
5 import glob, os
6 import numpy as np
7 import time
8 from array import *
9 from PIL import Image
10 from scipy.misc import toimage, imresize, imread, imsave
11 import tensorflow as tf
12 from tensorflow.python.tools import freeze_graph
13 import export
14 import cv2
15 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
16 import matplotlib.image as mpimg
17 import scipy
18 from scipy import ndimage
19 import camera
20
21 # Renames all files in reg that match the type as a RegEx to file0.jpg - filen.jpg
22 # - example call: renameFile(r'C:/Users/George/Documents/MQP/Nerf-Dataset', r'*.jpeg')
23 def renameFile(dir, typeRegEx):
24
       i = 0
25
       for imagePath in glob.iglob(os.path.join(dir, typeRegEx)):
26
       title, ext = os.path.splitext(os.path.basename(imagePath))
       os.rename(imagePath, os.path.join(dir + "/file" + str(i)+ ".jpg"))
27
28
       i = i + 1
29
       # wait to avoid memory-write problem
30
       time.sleep(0.01)
31
32 # Generates a resized to height*width version of the given image database
33 # - example call: genResized("Nerf-Dataset", ".jpeg", 34, "small", size)
34 def genResized(dir, type, imageNum, desc, height, width):
35
       for i in range(imageNum):
36
       # Load the image file
       img = imread(dir + desc + '/file' + str(i) + type, mode="RGB")
37
38
39
       # Scale it to 32x32
40
       img = imresize(img, (height, width), interp="bicubic").astype(np.float32, casting='unsafe')
```

41 42 #Save the image to new folder 43 imsave(dir + desc + '/file' + str(i) + '.jpg', img) 44 45 46 # Custom version of genResized with rotation and 1024x720 output 47 # - example call: genResizedTest("C:/Users/George/Documents/MQP/test-dataset", ".jpeg", 34) 48 **def** genResizedTest(dir, type, imageNum): 49 **for** i **in** range(imageNum): 50 **if(**i >= 0**)**: 51 # Load the image file 52 im = Image.open(dir + '/file' + str(i) + type) 53 pix = im.load()54 # Scale it to 32x32 55 56 *#pix2 = (im.rotate(270)).resize([720,1024])* 57 pix2 = im.resize([720,1024]) 58 59 #Save the image to new folder 60 pix2.save(dir + '/file' + str(i) + '.jpeg') 61 62 # Prepares training matrix of size\*size input for the CNN 63 # - example call: prepMat(3279, 364, 32) 64 **def** prepMat(trainSize, testSize, sizeW, sizeH):  $\mathbf{i} = 0$ 65 66 X\_train = np.empty((trainSize, sizeW, sizeH, 3)) 67  $Y_{train} = array('B')$ X\_test = np.empty((testSize, sizeW, sizeH, 3)) 68 69 Y\_test = array('B') 70 trainNum = 071 testNum = 072 # finds and loads all items in "classes" in the "train-dataset" folder that end with .jpg 73 **for** dirname, dirnames, filenames **in** os.walk('./newDemo'): 74 for filename in filenames: 75 if filename.endswith('.jpg'): i = i + 176 77 78 # Load the image file 79 im = Image.open(os.path.join(dirname, filename)) 80 81 # Load image into matrix 82 pix = im.load()83 84 # Get class label from folder name

85	# e.g. /Classes/0/xx.jpg -> 0	
86	<pre>class_name = int(os.path.join(dirname).split('\\')[-1])</pre>	
87	w, $h = im.size$	
88	# 9/10ths are the training set	
89	if(i%10 > 1):	
90	# Append the class label as Byte	
91	Y_train.append(class_name)	
92	for x in range(0,sizeW):	
93	for y in range(0,sizeH):	
94	for color in range(0,3):	
95	X_train[trainNum][x][y][color] = float(pix[x,y][color] / 255)	
96	trainNum+=1	
97	# 1/10th is the validation (or test) set	
98	else:	
99	# Append the class label as Byte	
100	Y_test.append(class_name)	
101	for x in range(0,sizeW):	
102	for y in range(0,sizeH):	
103	for color in range(0,3):	
104	$X_test[testNum][x][y][color] = float(pix[x,y][color] / 255)$	
105	testNum+=1	
106		
107	print("Height", h)	
108	print("Width", w)	
109	print(i)	
110	print("test", testNum)	
111	print("train", trainNum)	
112	return (X_train, Y_train), (X_test, Y_test)	
113		
114 # (	GREYSCALE , 1-CHANNEL VERSION	
115 <b>de</b>	f prepMatGrey(trainSize, testSize, sizeW, sizeH):	
116	$\mathbf{i} = 0$	
117	X_train = np.empty((trainSize, sizeW, sizeH, 1))	
118	$Y_{train} = array('B')$	
119	X_test = np.empty((testSize, sizeW, sizeH, 1))	
120	Y_test = array('B')	
121	trainNum = 0	
122	testNum = 0	
123	# finds and loads all items in "classes" in the "train-dataset" folder that end with .jpg	
124	for dirname, dirnames, filenames in os.walk('./statTrain64'):	
125	for filename in filenames:	
126	if filename.endswith('.jpg'):	
127	i = i + 1	
128		

129	# Load the image file
130	im = Image.open(os.path.join(dirname, filename))
131	
132	# Load image into matrix
133	pix = im.load()
134	
135	# Get class label from folder name
136	# e.g. /Classes/0/xx.jpg -> 0
137	<pre>class_name = int(os.path.join(dirname).split('\\')[-1])</pre>
138	w, h = im.size
139	tempColor = 0
140	# 9/10ths are the training set
141	<b>if(i</b> %10 > 1 <b>)</b> :
142	# Append the class label as Byte
143	Y_train.append(class_name)
144	for x in range(0,sizeW):
145	for y in range(0,sizeH):
146	#for color in range(0,3):
147	tempColor += 0.21 * float(pix[x,y][0] / 255)
148	tempColor += 0.72 * float(pix[x,y][1] / 255)
149	tempColor += 0.07 * float(pix[x,y][2] / 255)
150	X_train[trainNum][x][y][0] = tempColor
151	tempColor = $0$
152	trainNum+=1
153	# 1/10th is the validation (or test) set
154	else:
155	# Append the class label as Byte
156	Y_test.append(class_name)
157	for x in range(0,sizeW):
158	for y in range(0,sizeH):
159	#for color in range(0,3):
160	<b>tempColor</b> += 0.21 * float( <b>pix</b> [ <b>x</b> , <b>y</b> ][0] / 255)
161	<b>tempColor</b> += 0.72 * float( <b>pix</b> [ <b>x</b> , <b>y</b> ][1] / 255)
162	<b>tempColor</b> += 0.07 * float( <b>pix</b> [ <b>x</b> , <b>y</b> ][2] / 255)
163	X_train[testNum][x][y][0] = tempColor
164	tempColor = 0
165	testNum+=1
166	
167	<pre>print("Height", h)</pre>
168	<pre>print("Width", w)</pre>
169	print(i)
170	<pre>print("test", testNum)</pre>
171	print("train", trainNum)
172	return (X_train, Y_train), (X_test, Y_test)

173 174 175 # Scanning routine that produces 10 subsets of the image as output 176 # - example call: slidingWindow("test-dataset/file27.jpeg", 32) 177 **def** slidingWindow(img, sizeH, sizeW): 178 # open image 179 img = Image.open(img) 180 181 # load pixels RGB arrays 182 pix = img.load()183 184 *# get image dimensions* 185 width = int(img.size[0]) 186 print("width: " + str(width)) 187 height = int(img.size[1]) 188 print("height: " + str(height)) 189 ##### 1280 (40\*32) x 720 (30\*32) ##### 720 (30\*32) x 1280 (40\*32) 190 191 192 *# output array* 193 out = [] 194 195 *# first append full image resized to nodeSize\*nodeSize* 196 out.append(imresize(img, (sizeH, sizeW), interp="bicubic").astype(np.float32, casting='unsafe')) 197 198 *#convert to numpy array* 199 imArr = np.empty((height,width,3)) 200 for x in range(0,w): 201 for y in range(0,width): 202 **for** color **in** range(0,3): 203 imArr[x][y][color] = pix[x,y][color] 204 205 ##### 1/4 rotation 206 xStep = int(height/2)207 yStep = int(width/2)208  $img_4 = []$ 209 **for** i **in** range(0,9): 210 img\_4.append(np.empty((xStep,yStep,3))) 211 212 xOffset = 0213 yOffset = 0214 index = 0215 # 5-level loop, best loop 216 for w in range(0,3):

217	for h in range(0,3):	
218	for x in range(0, xStep):	
219	for y in range(0, yStep):	
220	for color in range(0,3):	
221	<pre>tarX = int(x+(xOffset*xStep/2))</pre>	
222	<pre>tarY = int(y+(yOffset*yStep/2))</pre>	
223	img_4[index][x][y][color] = imArr[tarX][tarY][color]	
224		
225	index += 1	
226	xOffset += 1	
227	print("yo")	
228	yOffset += 1	
229	xOffset = 0	
230		
231	# Append the 4 generated images to output array after resizing them	
232	for i in range(0,9):	
233	temp = toimage(img_4[i])	
234	out.append(imresize(temp, (sizeH, sizeW), interp="bicubic").astype(np.float32, casting='unsafe'))	
235	return out	
236		
237 # fr	eeze_graph to save current weights into file to use in C++ testing routine	
238 <b>def</b>		
save_gra	aph(sess,output_path,checkpoint,checkpoint_state_name,input_graph_name,output_graph_name):	
239	# We save out the graph to disk, and then call the const conversion	
240	# routine.	
241	checkpoint_state_name = "checkpoint_state"	
242	input_graph_name = "input_graph.pb"	
243	output_graph_name = "output_graph.pb"	
244		
245	<pre>input_graph_path = os.path.join("C:/Users/George/Documents/MQP/tmp/", input_graph_name)</pre>	
246	input_saver_def_path = ""	
247	input_binary = False	
248	<pre>input_checkpoint_path = os.path.join("C:/Users/George/Documents/MQP/", 'saved_checkpoint') + "-</pre>	
9000"		
249		
250	# Note that we this normally should be only "output_node"!!!	
251	output_node_names = "out/Softmax"	
252	restore_op_name = "save/restore_all"	
253	filename_tensor_name = "save/Const:0"	
254	<pre>output_graph_path = os.path.join("C:/Users/George/Documents/MQP/tmp/", output_graph_name)</pre>	
255	clear_devices = True	
256		
257	export.freeze_graph(input_graph_path, input_saver_def_path,	
258	input_binary, input_checkpoint_path,	

259	output_node_names, restore_op_name,	
260	filename_tensor_name, output_graph_path,	
261	clear_devices, "")	
262		
263 # S	canning routine that produces 10 subsets of the image as output	
264 # -	example call: slidingWindow("test-dataset/file27.jpeg", 32)	
265 <b>def</b>	slidingWindowDemo(img, sizeH, sizeW):	
266	# open image	
267	img = Image.open(img)	
268	# img = cv2.imread(img,1)	
269	# load pixels RGB arrays	
270	pix = img.load()	
271	# pix = np.asarray(img)	
272	# get image dimensions	
273	width = int(img.size[0])	
274	<pre>print("width: " + str(width))</pre>	
275	height = int(img.size[1])	
276	<pre>print("height: " + str(height))</pre>	
277	##### 1280 (40*32) x 720 (30*32)	
278	##### 720 (30*32) x 1280 (40*32)	
279		
280	out = []	
281	# first append full image resized to nodeSize*nodeSize	
282	<pre>out.append(imresize(img, (sizeH, sizeW), interp="bicubic").astype(np.float32, casting='unsafe'))</pre>	
283		
284	# #convert to numpy array	
285	imArr = np.empty((height,width,3))	
286	for x in range(0,height):	
287	for y in range(0,width):	
288	for color in range(0,3):	
289	imArr[x][y][color] = pix[y,x][color]	
290		
291	##### 1/4 rotation	
292	xStep = int(height/2)	
293	yStep = int(width/2)	
294	img_4 = []	
295	for k in range(0,4):	
296	<pre>img_4.append(np.empty((xStep,yStep,3)))</pre>	
297		
298	index = 0	
299	for w in range(0,2):	
300	for h in range(0,2):	
301	<b>for</b> x <b>in</b> range(0, xStep):	
302	for y in range(0, yStep):	

```
303
                        for color in range(0,3):
304
                                tarX = int(x+(xStep * w))
305
                                tarY = int(y+(yStep * h))
306
                                img_4[index][x][y][color] = imArr[tarX][tarY][color]
307
                index +=1
308
309
310
        # Append the 4 generated images to output array after resizing them
311
        for i in range(0,4):
312
        temp = toimage(img_4[i])
313
       width = int(temp.size[0])
314
        print("width: " + str(width))
315
       height = int(temp.size[1])
316
        print("height: " + str(height))
317
        out.append(imresize(temp, (sizeH, sizeW), interp="bicubic").astype(np.float32, casting='unsafe'))
318
        return out
319
320
321 # RGB to GRAY formula
322 def rgb2gray(rgb):
323
       return np.dot(rgb[...,:3], [0.299, 0.587, 0.114])
324
325 # Converts the training dataset from RGB to BW
326 # - example call: convertToBW("C:/Users/George/Documents/MQP/train-dataset", ".jpeg", 34)
327 def convertToBW(dir, type, imageNum):
328
        for i in range(imageNum):
329
        if(i \ge 0):
330
               # Load the image file
331
                # img = mpimg.imread('image.png')
332
                # gray = rgb2gray(img)
333
                # plt.imshow(gray, cmap = plt.get_cmap('gray'))
334
                # plt.show()
335
336
                readPath = dir + '/0/small-file' + str(i) + type
337
                writePath = "C:/Users/George/Documents/MQP/train-dataset-bw/0/small-file" + str(i) +
'.jpg'
338
                img = Image.open(readPath).convert('L')
339
                img.save(writePath)
340
                # im_gray = cv2.imread(dir + '/1/small-file' + str(i) + type, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
341
                # #(thresh, im_bw) = cv2.threshold(im_gray, 128, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY |
cv2.THRESH_OTSU)
                # cv2.imwrite("C:/Users/George/Documents/MQP/train-dataset-bw/1/small-file" + str(i) +
342
'.jpg', im_gray)
343
                # #Save the image to new folder
```

344 345 # Test sliding window, only appends original image 346 **def** slidingWindowDemoTest(img, nodeSize): 347 # open image 348 img = Image.open(img) 349 350 # load pixels RGB arrays 351 pix = img.load() 352 353 *# get image dimensions* 354 width = int(img.size[0]) 355 print("width: " + str(width)) height = int(img.size[1])356 357 print("height: " + str(height)) 358 ##### 1280 (40\*32) x 720 (30\*32) 359 ##### 720 (30\*32) x 1280 (40\*32) 360 361 *# output array* 362 out = [] 363 364 *# first append full image resized to nodeSize\*nodeSize* 365 out.append(imresize(img, (nodeSize, nodeSize), interp="bicubic").astype(np.float32, casting='unsafe')) 366 367 return out 368 369 370 # Converts captures frames to their quarters. Essentially, creating a dataset 4x as big. 371 **def** toQuarters(imageNum): 372 **for** i **in** range(imageNum): 373 if(i%8 == 0): 374 # Load the image file 375 img = Image.open('toQuarter/file' + str(i) + '.jpg') 376 377 pix = imresize(img, (720, 1280), interp="bicubic").astype(np.float32, casting='unsafe') # load pixels RGB arrays 378 379 # pix = img.load() 380 381 # get image dimensions 382 width = int(img.size[0]) 383 print("width: " + str(width)) 384 height = int(img.size[1]) 385 print("height: " + str(height)) 386 ##### 1280 (40\*32) x 720 (30\*32)

387	##### 720 (30*32) x 1280 (40*32)
388	
389	#convert to numpy array
390	<pre>imArr = np.empty((height,width,3))</pre>
391	<pre>for x in range(0,height):</pre>
392	<pre>for y in range(0,width):</pre>
393	<b>for color in</b> range(0,3):
394	imArr[x][y][color] = pix[x,y][color]
395	
396	##### 1/4 rotation
397	xStep = int(height/2)
398	<pre>yStep = int(width/2)</pre>
399	img_4 = []
400	<pre>for k in range(0,4):</pre>
401	<pre>img_4.append(np.empty((xStep,yStep,3)))</pre>
402	
403	index = 0
404	for w in range(0,2):
405	<pre>for h in range(0,2):</pre>
406	<pre>for x in range(0, xStep):</pre>
407	<pre>for y in range(0, yStep):</pre>
408	for color in range(0,3):
409	<pre>tarX = int(x+(xStep * w))</pre>
410	tarY = int(y+(yStep * h))
411	img_4[index][x][y][color] = imArr[tarX][tarY][color]
412	index +=1
413	
414	
415	# Append the 9 generated images to output array after resizing them
416	<pre>for z in range(0,4):</pre>
417	temp = toimage(img_4[z])
418	#Save the image to new folder
419	temp.save('Quarters/file' + str(i) + str(z) + '.jpg')

# Appendix - F: Matlab ImageToText.m code

clc; close all

[fName,pName] = uigetfile('\*.\*'); row = 128;col = 128; noImage = 2; I = imresize(imread([pName fName]), [row col]); figure, imshow(uint8(I));

```
fid = fopen('input.txt', 'w');
```

for nol = 1:nolmage
for i = 1:row
for j = 1:col
%Break and Concat Color Component
fprintf(fid, '%s\n',[dec2hex(I(i,j,1),2) dec2hex(I(i,j,2),2) dec2hex(I(i,j,3),2)]);
end
end
end
fclose(fid);

## Appendix - G: Matlab TextToImage.m code

clc; close all;

fid = fopen("result\_img.txt"); txtData = textscan(fid, '%s'); txtData = cell2mat(txtData{1,1});

textImage = zeros(row,col,3);

for noI = 1:noImage

idx = (noI - 1) \*row\*col + 1:noI\*row\*col; tempData = txtData(idx,:); textImage(:,:,1) = reshape(hex2dec(tempData(:,1:2)), col, row)'; textImage(:,:,2) = reshape(hex2dec(tempData(:,3:4)), col, row)'; textImage(:,:,3) = reshape(hex2dec(tempData(:,5:6)), col, row)';

figure, imshow(uint8(textImage)); end

# Appendix - H: Sobel Filter Verilog Code

```
// -----
11
// File Name: C:\Users\skids\Documents\MATLAB\hdl_prj\Sobel\hdlcoder_sobel\SobelCore.v
// Created: 2017-02-21 20:43:31
11
// Generated by MATLAB 9.1 and HDL Coder 3.9
11
// -----
// -----
11
// Module: SobelCore
// Source Path: hdlcoder_sobel/Pixel-Stream HDL Model/Edge Detection/Edge Detector/SobelCore
// Hierarchy Level: 3
//
// Sobel Core
11
// -----
`timescale 1 ns / 1 ns
module SobelCore
   (
    clk,
    reset,
    enb,
    pixelInVec_0,
    pixelInVec_1,
    pixelInVec_2,
    ShiftEnb,
    Gv,
    Gh
   );
input clk;
input reset;
input enb;
```

input [7:0] pixelInVec\_0; // uint8 input [7:0] pixelInVec\_1; // uint8 input [7:0] pixelInVec\_2; // uint8 input ShiftEnb; output signed [10:0] Gv; // sfix11\_En3 output signed [10:0] Gh; // sfix11\_En3 reg [7:0] pixel1Shift; // uint8 reg [7:0] pixel1Shift2; // uint8 reg [7:0] pixel1Shift3; // uint8 reg [7:0] pixel3Shift; // uint8 reg [7:0] pixel3Shift2; // uint8 reg [7:0] pixel3Shift3; // uint8 wire [8:0] adder\_1; // ufix9 wire [8:0] adder\_2; // ufix9 wire [8:0] GvAdder1; // ufix9 reg [8:0] GvAdder1Delay; // ufix9 reg [7:0] pixel2Shift; // uint8 reg [7:0] pixel2Shift2; // uint8 reg [7:0] pixel2Shift3; // uint8 wire [7:0] p2S3x2; // ufix8\_E1 reg [7:0] p2S3x2Delay; // ufix8\_E1 wire [9:0] adder\_add\_cast; // ufix10 wire [9:0] adder\_4; // ufix10 wire [9:0] GvAdder2; // ufix10 reg [9:0] GvAdder2Delay; // ufix10 wire [7:0] p2Sx2; // ufix8\_E1 reg [7:0] p2Sx2Delay; // ufix8\_E1 wire [8:0] adder\_6; // ufix9 wire [8:0] adder\_7; // ufix9 wire [8:0] GvAdder3; // ufix9 reg [8:0] GvAdder3Delay; // ufix9 wire [9:0] adder\_add\_cast\_1; // ufix10 wire [9:0] adder\_9; // ufix10 wire [9:0] GvAdder4; // ufix10 reg [9:0] GvAdder4Delay; // ufix10 wire [10:0] subtractor\_sub\_temp; // ufix11 wire [10:0] subtractor\_1; // ufix11 wire [10:0] subtractor\_2; // ufix11 wire signed [10:0] GvAdder5; // sfix11 wire signed [10:0] gvdtc1; // sfix11\_En3 reg signed [10:0] gvdtc1Delay; // sfix11\_En3 wire [7:0] p3S2x2; // ufix8\_E1

reg [7:0] p3S2x2Delay; // ufix8\_E1 wire [8:0] adder\_11; // ufix9 wire [8:0] adder\_12; // ufix9 wire [8:0] GhAdder3; // ufix9 reg [8:0] GhAdder3Delay; // ufix9 wire [9:0] adder\_add\_cast\_2; // ufix10 wire [9:0] adder\_14; // ufix10 wire [9:0] GhAdder4; // ufix10 reg [9:0] GhAdder4Delay; // ufix10 wire [7:0] p1S2x2; // ufix8\_E1 reg [7:0] p1S2x2Delay; // ufix8\_E1 wire [8:0] adder\_16; // ufix9 wire [8:0] adder\_17; // ufix9 wire [8:0] GhAdder1; // ufix9 reg [8:0] GhAdder1Delay; // ufix9 wire [9:0] adder\_add\_cast\_3; // ufix10 wire [9:0] adder\_19; // ufix10 wire [9:0] GhAdder2; // ufix10 reg [9:0] GhAdder2Delay; // ufix10 wire [10:0] subtractor\_sub\_temp\_1; // ufix11 wire [10:0] subtractor\_4; // ufix11 wire [10:0] subtractor\_5; // ufix11 wire signed [10:0] GhAdder5; // sfix11 wire signed [10:0] ghdtc1; // sfix11\_En3 reg signed [10:0] ghdtc1Delay; // sfix11\_En3

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : p1Shift_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
pixel1Shift <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
pixel1Shift <= pixelInVec_0;
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
end
```

always @(posedge clk or posedge reset) begin : p1Shift2\_process

```
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
  pixel1Shift2 <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
  if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
   pixel1Shift2 <= pixel1Shift;
  end
end
end</pre>
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : p1Shift3_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
pixel1Shift3 <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
pixel1Shift3 <= pixel1Shift2;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : p3Shift_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
pixel3Shift <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
pixel3Shift <= pixelInVec_2;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : p3Shift2_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
```

```
pixel3Shift2 <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
pixel3Shift2 <= pixel3Shift;
end
end
end
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : p3Shift3_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
pixel3Shift3 <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
pixel3Shift3 <= pixel3Shift2;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign adder_1 = {1'b0, pixel1Shift3};
assign adder_2 = {1'b0, pixel3Shift3};
assign GvAdder1 = adder_1 + adder_2;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
GvAdder1Delay <= 9'b000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
GvAdder1Delay <= GvAdder1;
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : p2Shift_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
pixel2Shift <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
pixel2Shift <= pixelInVec_1;
end
end
ond</pre>
```

```
end
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : p2Shift2_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
pixel2Shift2 <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
pixel2Shift2 <= pixel2Shift;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : p2Shift3_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
pixel2Shift3 <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb && ShiftEnb) begin
pixel2Shift3 <= pixel2Shift2;
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign p2S3x2 = pixel2Shift3;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_1_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
p2S3x2Delay <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
p2S3x2Delay <= p2S3x2;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign adder_add_cast = {1'b0, {p2S3x2Delay, 1'b0}};
assign adder_4 = {1'b0, GvAdder1Delay};
assign GvAdder2 = adder_4 + adder_add_cast;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_2_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
GvAdder2Delay <= 10'b0000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
GvAdder2Delay <= GvAdder2;
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign p2Sx2 = pixel2Shift;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_3_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
    p2Sx2Delay <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
    p2Sx2Delay <= p2Sx2;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign adder_6 = {1'b0, pixel1Shift};
assign adder_7 = {1'b0, pixel3Shift};
assign GvAdder3 = adder_6 + adder_7;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_4_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
GvAdder3Delay <= 9'b000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
GvAdder3Delay <= GvAdder3;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign adder_add_cast_1 = {1'b0, {p2Sx2Delay, 1'b0}};
assign adder_9 = {1'b0, GvAdder3Delay};
assign GvAdder4 = adder_add_cast_1 + adder_9;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_5_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
```

```
GvAdder4Delay <= 10'b000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
GvAdder4Delay <= GvAdder4;
end
end
end
```

```
assign subtractor_1 = {1'b0, GvAdder2Delay};
assign subtractor_2 = {1'b0, GvAdder4Delay};
assign subtractor_sub_temp = subtractor_1 - subtractor_2;
assign GvAdder5 = subtractor_sub_temp;
```

// Gv: Right-shift 3 bit to perform divided by 8
assign gvdtc1 = GvAdder5;

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_6_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
gvdtc1Delay <= 11'sb00000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
gvdtc1Delay <= gvdtc1;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

assign p3S2x2 = pixel3Shift2;

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_7_process
```

```
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
  p3S2x2Delay <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
  if (enb) begin
  p3S2x2Delay <= p3S2x2;
  end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign adder_11 = {1'b0, pixel3Shift};
assign adder_12 = {1'b0, pixel3Shift3};
assign GhAdder3 = adder_11 + adder_12;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_8_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
GhAdder3Delay <= 9'b000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
GhAdder3Delay <= GhAdder3;
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign adder_add_cast_2 = {1'b0, {p3S2x2Delay, 1'b0}};
assign adder_14 = {1'b0, GhAdder3Delay};
assign GhAdder4 = adder_add_cast_2 + adder_14;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_9_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
GhAdder4Delay <= 10'b000000000;
end</pre>
```

```
else begin

if (enb) begin

GhAdder4Delay <= GhAdder4;

end

end

end
```

```
assign p1S2x2 = pixel1Shift2;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_10_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
p1S2x2Delay <= 8'b00000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
p1S2x2Delay <= p1S2x2;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

assign adder\_16 = {1'b0, pixel1Shift}; assign adder\_17 = {1'b0, pixel1Shift3}; assign GhAdder1 = adder\_16 + adder\_17;

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_11_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
GhAdder1Delay <= 9'b000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
GhAdder1Delay <= GhAdder1;
end
end</pre>
```

```
end
```

```
assign adder_add_cast_3 = {1'b0, {p1S2x2Delay, 1'b0}};
assign adder_19 = {1'b0, GhAdder1Delay};
assign GhAdder2 = adder_add_cast_3 + adder_19;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_12_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
GhAdder2Delay <= 10'b0000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin
GhAdder2Delay <= GhAdder2;
end
end
end
end</pre>
```

```
assign subtractor_4 = {1'b0, GhAdder4Delay};
assign subtractor_5 = {1'b0, GhAdder2Delay};
assign subtractor_sub_temp_1 = subtractor_4 - subtractor_5;
assign GhAdder5 = subtractor_sub_temp_1;
```

```
// Gh: Right-shift 3 bit to perform divided by 8
assign ghdtc1 = GhAdder5;
```

```
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset)
begin : reg_rsvd_13_process
if (reset == 1'b1) begin
ghdtc1Delay <= 11'sb0000000000;
end
else begin
if (enb) begin</pre>
```
```
ghdtc1Delay <= ghdtc1;
end
end
end
```

// Gv: Cast to the specified gradient data type. Full precision if outputing binary image only
assign Gv = gvdtc1Delay;

// Gh: Cast to the specified gradient data type. Full precision if outputing binary image only
assign Gh = ghdtc1Delay;

endmodule // SobelCore