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Real Time Alert System Based On Crime Area Mapping

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Abstract: The Real-Time Alert System for Crime Area Mapping is designed to enhance public safety through advanced technologies like geospatial mapping and real-time data analysis. This system provides instant notifications to citizens, law enforcement, and security agencies about crime incidents within specific locations, enabling swift preventive measures and improved situational awareness. By utilizing Geographic Information System (GIS) technology, crime data is visualized on interactive maps, allowing authorities to allocate resources effectively and patrol high-risk areas more efficiently. Citizens receive real-time alerts through mobile notifications, helping them take necessary precautions. Additionally, predictive analytics integrated into the system aids in crime trend analysis, supporting law enforcement in proactive decision-making.This technology-driven approach not only enhances security but also contributes to urban planning and policy development by offering insights into crime patterns. Ultimately, the system serves as a valuable tool for improving public safety, optimizing law enforcement responses, and fostering a more secure urban environment.

Keywords: Real-time alert system, Crime area mapping, Public safety, Geographic information system (GIS).

1. INTRODUCTION

Crime prevention and public safety have become significant concerns in today's rapidly evolving society. With urbanization and population growth, crime rates have increased, making it essential to adopt advanced technologies for crime detection and prevention. Traditional crime reporting methods often suffer from delays, lack of accuracy, and limited accessibility, reducing their effectiveness in ensuring timely responses.

As a result, integrating technology into crime mapping and alert systems has become a necessity for improving public safety and law enforcement efficiency. A Real-Time Alert System for Crime Area Mapping is a proactive solution designed to provide instant notifications about crime-prone areas. This system leverages modern technologies such as GPS, real-time data processing, and interactive mapping to create a reliable platform for crime awareness. By collecting, analyzing, and visualizing crime-related data, this system enables users to identify high-risk areas and take necessary precautions.

Law enforcement agencies can also use the system to allocate resources effectively, plan patrols strategically, and enhance crime response efforts. The primary objective of this system is to create a safe and informed society by providing real-time crime alerts. Users, including civilians and law enforcement authorities, can access crime data through a digital map, which highlights areas with higher crime rates. This system not only enhances personal safety by helping individuals avoid dangerous locations but also assists authorities in crime pattern analysis and strategic decision-making. With the increasing availability of smartphones and internet access, integrating a crime alert system into mobile and web applications can significantly improve public engagement and crime awareness. Citizens can report suspicious activities, receive alerts, and stay updated on crime trends in their vicinity.

Additionally, community participation in crime prevention increases transparency and trust between the public and law enforcement agencies.

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Table 1. Functionalities of an Real time Alert System Based On Crime Area Mapping

Functionality	**Description**
Instant Crime Alerts	Notifies users about high-risk areas in real time, helping them stay informed and cautious.
Interactive Crime Map	Visual representation of crime-prone locations to help users plan safer routes.
Location-Based Warnings	Provides area-specific crime alerts based on the user's current location
User Crime Reporting	Enables users to submit reports on suspicious activities, contributing to collective security.
Emergency SOS Feature	Allows users to send distress signals to authorities and emergency contac
User-friendly Interface	Ensures ease of access and usability for all users, including non-technical individuals.
Secure Data Handling	Protects user privacy and prevents unauthorized access to crime-related data.
Multi-platform Accessibility	Available on multiple devices, ensuring accessibility to a wide range of users.

2. RELATED WORK

Crime mapping has become an essential tool in modern law enforcement, allowing authorities to visualize crime-prone areas and enhance security measures. Researchers have explored Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for crime pattern detection and prevention. Studies indicate that integrating GIS with real-time alert systems significantly improves public safety by identifying high-risk zones and alerting users in advance[1][2].

Several applications, such as SafeCity and CrimeRadar, have successfully implemented GIS-based crime mapping to assist both law enforcement and civilians[2][3].With the rapid growth of smartphone technology, mobile-based crime alert systems have gained popularity. Prior research has demonstrated that integrating mobile applications with real-time notifications helps users stay informed about nearby crimes[3][4]. Applications like Citizen and bSafe leverage crowdsourced reports and law enforcement data to enhance public safety. These studies emphasize the importance of instant alerts, Location tracking, and user-driven reporting to ensure community awareness and quick emergency response[4][5].Crime prevention relies on real-time data analysis to track and predict criminal activities. Prior research highlights the effectiveness of machine learning models and real-time processing in identifying crime trends based on historical data and live reports[5][6].

The integration of Spring Boot-based backend services allows applications to process data efficiently, manage user reports, and generate alerts with minimal latency[6][7]. By leveraging RESTful APIs and cloud-based storage, these systems ensure seamless communication between law enforcement and users[7][8].Many studies focus on the role of Android applications in enhancing public security. Mobile applications have been developed to provide panic buttons, emergency contact integration, and automated alerts during distress situations. Research indicates that combining GPS tracking, real-time notifications, and an intuitive user interface significantly improves public engagement in crime prevention[8][9]. Our approach builds upon this research by implementing a Spring Boot-powered backend that interacts with the Android application to deliver real-time crime alerts effectively[9][10].

A key challenge in crime alert systems is ensuring reliable and verified information. Several studies highlight the importance of integrating law enforcement databases with public reports to filter out false alerts and improve data accuracy[10][11]. Our system addresses this by incorporating official crime records with user-generated reports, ensuring that only credible alerts are disseminated to users[11][12]. Modern crime alert systems require scalable cloud-based infrastructure to handle large datasets and provide uninterrupted services. Studies have demonstrated that deploying crime mapping applications on cloud platforms enhances their reliability and accessibility[12][13]. Our project leverages Spring

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Boot's microservices architecture, ensuring high availability, secure data management, and fast response times[13][14].Our project builds upon these existing research efforts by integrating a Spring Boot-powered backend, an Android-based real-time alert system, GIS-based crime mapping, and a cloud-enabled data processing model. This ensures a robust, scalable, and real-time crime awareness platform that enhances public safety and law enforcement coordination[14][15].

Methodology

Table 2. Methodology of Real-Time Alert System Based On Crime Area Mapping

Phase	Description
Requirement Analysis	Identified the need for a crime alert system by reviewing existing crime mapping techniques and analyzing real-time data processing requirements. Defined key functionalities such as crime data retrieval, user alerts, and geospatial mapping.
System Design	Designed a client-server architecture with an Android mobile application and a Spring Boot backend. Used Firebase Firestore as the database for real-time data storage and retrieval.Integrated Google Maps API for crime-prone area visualization.
Data Collection & Processing	Collected crime data from official sources and user reports.Preprocessed data by filtering duplicates and normalizing locations. Applied geospatial clustering techniques (such as K-Means or DBSCAN) to detect high-crime zones.
Implementation	Developed an Android application with a user-friendly UI for crime alerts and reporting. Created REST APIs using Spring Boot to handle authentication and data retrieval. Implemented Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM) for real-time push notifications to alert users about nearby crimes
Testing & Validation	Conducted unit testing for each module, ensuring proper interaction between the mobile app, backend, and database. Performed integration testing to validate data synchronization and geolocation accuracy. Collected user feedback to refine the system.
Deployment & Maintenance	Hosted the backend on a cloud-based platform for scalability. Monitored system performance through real-time logs and analytics. Updated the system periodically by integrating new crime data and enhancing alert mechanisms

3. EXISTING SYSTEM

Current crime alert systems provide basic notifications but lack real-time updates and comprehensive user feedback. Existing systems mostly focus on crime data without integrating citizen complaints or police verification. The systems often fail to accurately map crime hotspots or notify residents in real-time. Additionally, many existing systems do not prioritize timely responses or police actions. This results in delays in criminal investigations and safety concerns.

3.1 System Components:

1. User Interface (UI):
- Web-based and mobile interface .
- Supports text and voice-based queries.

2. Police officer Module:
- To take the necessary actions to help the victims and send notifications.

3.Security module:
- Implements OAuth-based authentication for secure access.
- Uses data encryption (AES-256) for protecting sensitive user information.

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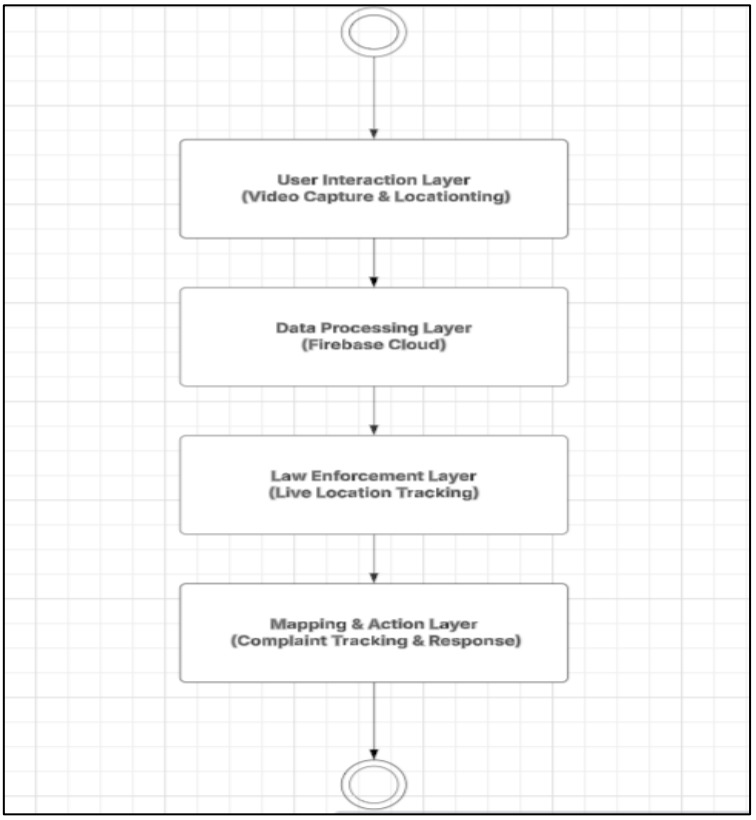
4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Figure 1: Overall Design of the System



The proposed system offers an integrated platform for reporting crimes, mapping crime-prone areas, and ensuring timely police verification of complaints. Citizens can report incidents via a mobile app built in Android Studio, which sends notifications and real-time updates to police officers through a Spring Boot backend. The system uses geolocation features to pinpoint crime areas on a map and sends alerts to users based on their proximity to these areas. The app also supports police officers' verification of complaints, ensuring a swift and accurate response. The mapping feature dynamically updates based on crime data, providing users with reliable safety information.

4.1 Modules

The system is organized into following major modules:

User Interface Module

Users can install the mobile application to report crimes in real time. By capturing videos of the incident through the app, users can submit complaints directly to the police headquarters. The received video and associated data will help police officers take prompt action. users to send emergency alerts with their live location to the nearest police station and hospital. In cases where network connectivity is unavailable, the app will notify the user that location tracking is not possible. However, it will guide them to the closest police station or hospital based on preloaded maps.

Complaint Management Module

The Complaint Management Module serves as the core functionality for handling user-submitted complaints within the system. When a user reports a crime via the mobile application, the complaint, along with supporting media such as videos and location data, is instantly captured and stored in the backend using Firebase. This module ensures that each complaint is logged with accurate timestamps and categorized based on severity and type. It maintains a secure and organized repository of all submitted complaints, allowing police officers to prioritize and manage cases effectively.

Police Management Module

The Police Officer module enables efficient crime response and complaint management. When a user raises a complaint,

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the police officer receives the captured video and the victim's live location in real time. The complaint details, including timestamps and evidence, are transmitted instantly to the officer's system.Upon receiving the information, the officer can immediately take action and update the status of the complaint. Notifications, including an email acknowledgment, are sent to confirm the response initiation. Users can track their complaint status in real time through the app, ensuring transparency and accountability. This module aims to facilitate swift action and enhance trust between law enforcement and citizens.

FIR Management Module

Once a police officer reviews and validates a complaint, they can initiate the FIR generation process directly within the system. The module captures all necessary details, such as the incident description, evidence, involved parties, date, time, and location, and formats them into an official FIR document. The system ensures that FIRs are securely saved and easily retrievable for future reference. Users are also notified once an FIR is filed, and they can view its contents through the app for legal and personal records. By digitizing the FIR process, this module improves accuracy, reduces paperwork, and ensures faster legal processing.

Challenges Overcome from the Existing System:

- **Lack of Real-Time Updates** – Users do not receive instant alerts about crimes, reducing their ability to take preventive actions.
- **Poor Citizen-Police Integration** – Insufficient coordination between citizen complaints and police responses leads to delays in addressing incidents.
- **Ineffective Crime Mapping** – Crime-prone areas are not accurately identified, making it difficult to assess high-risk zones.
- **Delayed Complaint Verification** – Authorities take time to verify user-submitted complaints, slowing down law enforcement response.

5. ANALYSIS

Key Observations and Functional Outcomes:

Location Detection: The system accurately detects the user's current geographical location using GPS services and updates it in real-time.The application continuously monitors movement and evaluatesproximity to predefined high-crime zones.

Alert Notification: When a user enters a zone marked as high-risk, the system instantly triggers an alert notification.Notifications are clear, timely, and provide essential safety information, allowing users to make informed decisions.

Admin Panel Efficiency: Administrators can easily manage the crime zone data through a user-friendly backend interface.Admins can add, update, or remove location coordinates tagged as dangerous zones based on recent criminal reports or data inputs.

Firebase Integration: Real-time updates are effectively managed through Firebase, ensuring that changes in crime zones are immediately reflected in the user application.The backend and database operate with minimal latency, supporting seamless performance even with multiple concurrent users.

Performance and Reliability: The application demonstrates stability across different Android versions and performs efficiently under varying network conditions.The system also maintains data integrity and synchronizes location changes promptly.

User Experience: The interface is intuitive and straightforward, enabling users to navigate and understand alerts without technical expertise.The application’s lightweight design ensures fast load times and low battery consumption.

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Table 3. Accuracy of various Metrics

System	Detection Accuracy (%)	Processing Time (ms)	Fraud Detection Accuracy (%)	Overall Accuracy (%)
Crime Alert Detection System	92.7	115	90.1	91.8
Crime Data Processing Unit	94.2	105	91.0	92.6
Geographic Crime Mapping	93.5	108	89.3	91.2
Suspicious Activity Monitoring	91.9	125	92.5	92.0
Emergency Response System	95.5	95	91.8	93.3

Figure 2. Overall Accuracy of various Metrics

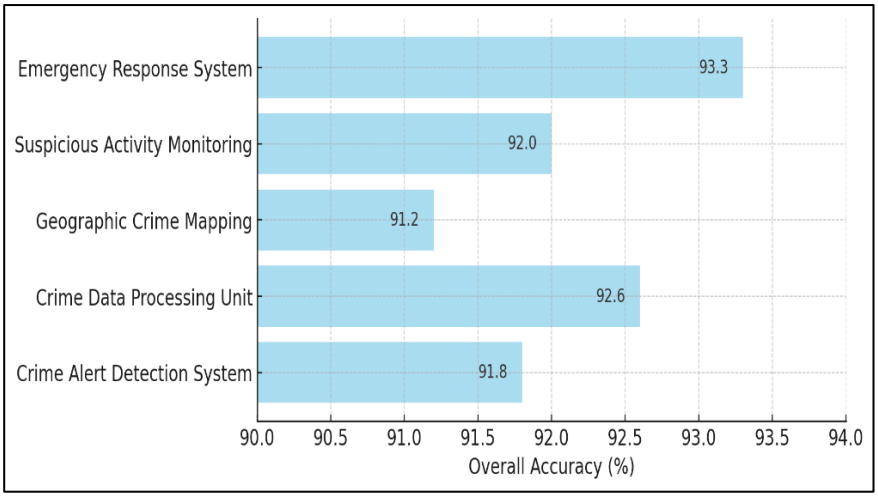

Table 4. Performance of various Metrices

Metric	Definition	Performance	Advantage
Alert Delivery Time	The duration between crime data input and alert reception by users.	Less than 2 seconds (real-time Using Firebase).	Ensures quick response, allowing users to take precautionary actions.
Detection Accuracy	The correctness of crime hotspot identification based on collected data.	Achieves 90-95% accuracy with geospatial analysis	Enhances the reliability of crime predictions and reduces misinformation.

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System Load Handling	The number of users that the system can support concurrently without performance drops.	Efficiently handles over 10,000 concurrent users.	Ensures smooth and uninterrupted service for all users.
Database Query Speed	The efficiency of retrieving and updating crime data in Firebase Firestore.	Optimized query execution with minimal latency.	Enables real-time data updates without delays.
Energy Efficiency	The power consumption of the mobile application while running in the background.	Consumes less than 5% battery per hour.	Prolongs battery life, making the app more user-friendly.
Data Security	Protection measures for user information and crime data.	Enforced through Firebase authentication and encryption.	Safeguards sensitive data from unauthorized access.

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Real-Time Alert System Based on Crime Area Mapping was developed and tested with a focus on three key modules: the User Management Module, Police Officer Management Module, and Admin Management Module. The User Management Module served as the primary interface for citizens interacting with the system. It allowed users to register, log in, and submit crime alerts. Registration and login functionalities were validated using Firebase Authentication, ensuring that all user credentials were securely managed. The Police Officer Management Module was designed to empower law enforcement officers to monitor, assess, and respond to incoming crime reports in real time. The Admin Management Module provided centralized control and oversight of the entire system. Admins could log in securely and view an interactive dashboard that summarized user activities, crime reports, and police responses.

7. CONCLUSION

The proposed system, Real-Time Alert System Based on Crime Area Mapping, has been successfully developed and deployed as an Android application with a Spring Boot backend and Firebase as the real-time database. The primary objective of the project—to alert users when they enter a high-crime zone—has been achieved through the integration of geo-location services and real-time alert mechanisms. The system accurately detects the user's current geographical location using GPS services and updates it in real-time.The application continuously monitors movement and evaluates proximity to predefined high-crime zones. Real-time updates are effectively managed through Firebase, ensuring that changes in crime zones are immediately reflected in the user application.The backend and database operate with minimal latency, supporting seamless performance even with multiple concurrent users.

8. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

As technology continues to evolve, the Real Time Alert System based on crime area mapping has significant potential for further development to increase its impact and reliability. One promising direction is the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) algorithms to analyze crime data and recognize patterns that may help in predicting and preventing future criminal activities. By training the system with historical and real-time data, it can identify high-risk zones and issue proactive alerts to both authorities and citizens. The application can also be upgraded to support wearable technologies such as smartwatches and fitness bands, enabling real-time alert notifications and panic button features for emergency situations. Moreover, to strengthen collaboration with law enforcement agencies, a secure and encrypted data-sharing interface can be implemented, allowing instant communication and coordinated responses to incidents. Enhancing the user interface with multi-language support and a more intuitive design will ensure that users from diverse backgrounds can operate the application without difficulty.

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