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Face Counterfeit Detection in National Identity Cards using Image Steganography

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ABSTRACT: A national ID card is an identity card with a photo that can be used as identification at least within the country and is issued by an official authority. The most common applications for these smart cards are smart travel documents, electronic IDs, electronic signatures, municipal cards, key cards for access to secure areas or corporate infrastructures, social security cards, etc. To reduce the risks associated with this fraud problem, governments and ID card manufacturers need to continuously develop and improve security measures. With this in mind, we introduce the first efficient steganography method - the StegoCard AutoEncoder, which can hide a secret message in a facial portrait to create the stego facial image, and a Deep Convolutional Auto Decoder, which is able to read a message from the stego facial image even if it was previously printed and then captured by a digital camera. Face images encoded using our StegoCard approach outperform those generated by StegaStamp in terms of their perceptual quality. Peak signal-to-noise ratio, hiding capacity, and imperceptibility results on the test set are used to measure performance.

KEYWORDS: Smart city, digital ID, Internet of Things (IoT), deepfake, presentation attack, facial authentication system, convolutional neural network, triplet loss, lookup table.

I. INTRODUCTION

An identity document (also called a piece of identification or ID, or colloquially as papers) is any document that may be used to prove a person's identity. If issued in a small, standard credit card size form, it is usually called an identity card (IC, ID card, citizen card), [a] or passport card. [b] Some countries issue formal identity documents, as national identification cards which may be compulsory or non compulsory, while others may require identity verification using regional identification or informal documents. The purpose of steganography is to conceal and deceive. It is a form of covert communication and can involve the use of any medium to hide messages

II. RELATED WORK

In the past few years, research on computer vision and pattern recognition has been boosted by significant advancements in deep learning techniques, new ways of thinking about parallel computing, and monumental developments in hardware. Because facial authentication is at the heart of our digital ID system, this section discusses some of the most recent work on the three main features of the proposed system: the FR system, face features-based authentication, and morphing attack detection (MAD).

III. METHODOLOGY

1. StegoFace Document Distributor Dashboard

StegoFace is a new web-based security concept. It is designed to protect the ID holder's portrait against any subsequent change through an additional laser personalized portrait. The focus of this dashboard is on concealing security encoded data in ID and MRTD documents while allowing for the integrity verification of the portrait



2. Preprocessing Module

Image preprocessing reduces the processing time and enhances the chances of the perfect matching. High resolution images often contain redundant data and by extracting the most meaningful features, the burden on the embedding network is reduced

3. Deep Convolutional ID Face Steganography

The first part of the generator is the encoder network. The aim of the encoder training process is to optimize the trade-off between its ability to restore the perceptual properties of the input images and the decoder performance to extract the hidden message.

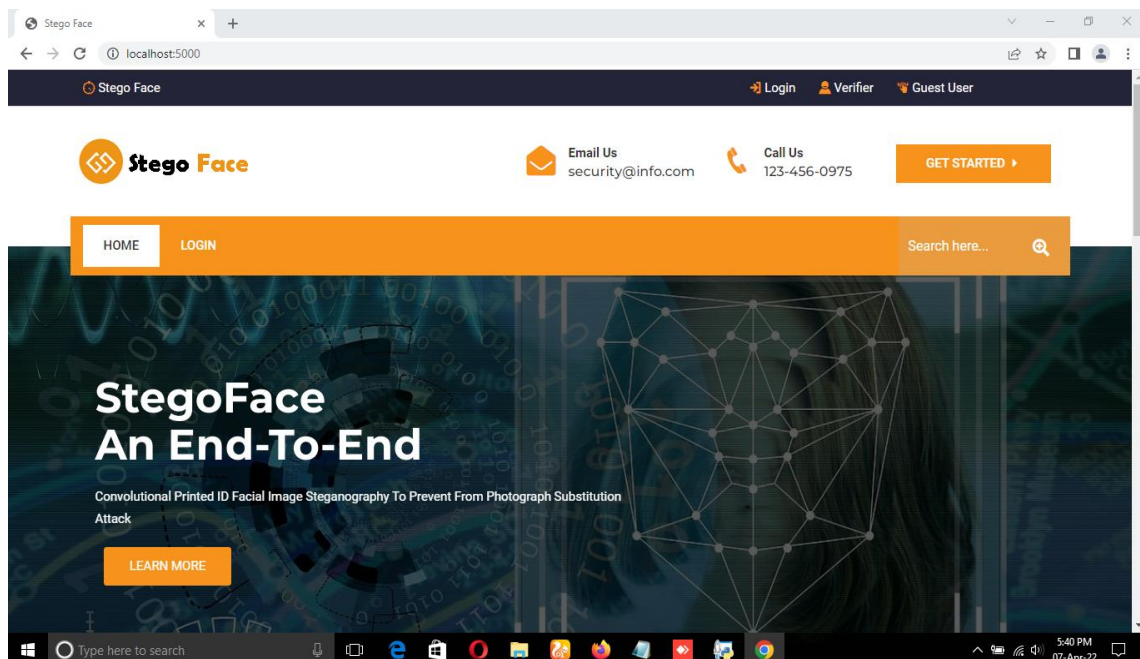
4. Loss Function

The most important loss functions in our model are LPIPS (Learned Perceptual Image Patch Similarity) and face embedding. Unlike conventional image reconstruction, image steganography process requires two input images and two output images.

5. Performance Evaluation

Steganographic techniques are commonly assessed using three criteria: imperceptibility, capacity, and security. A further important numerical metric is the peak signal-to-noise ratio.

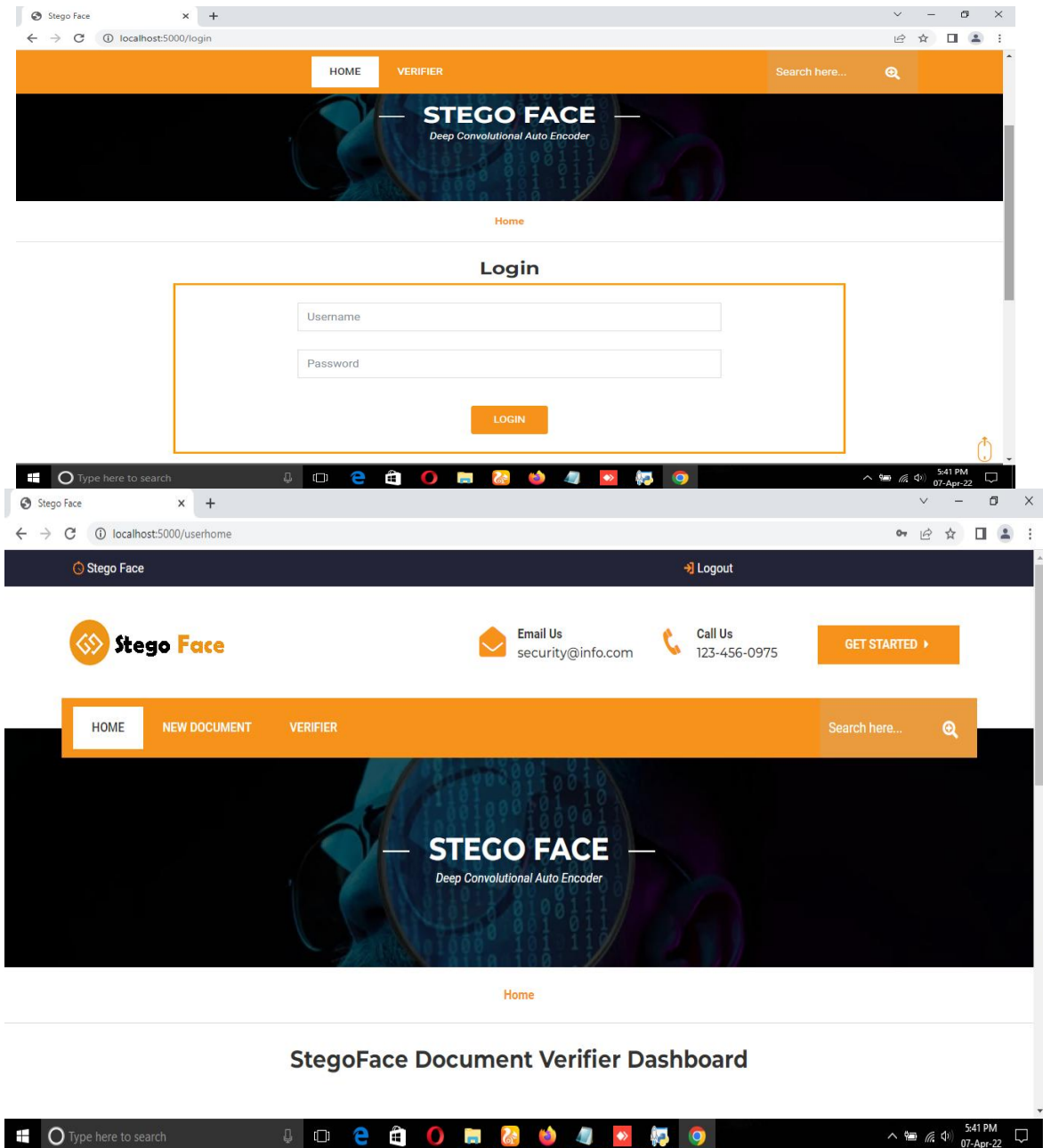
IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS





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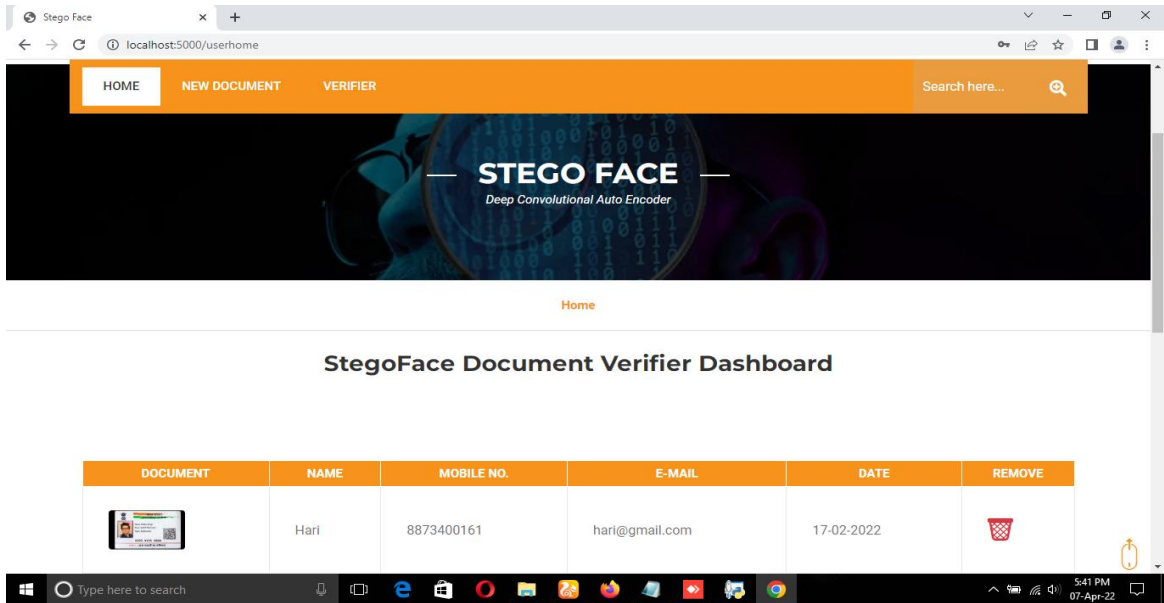
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V. CONCLUSION

The focus of this paper is on concealing security encoded data in ID and MRTD documents while allowing for the integrity verification of the portrait. With this in mind, we introduce the first efficient steganography method - StegoFace - which is optimized for facial images printed in common IDs and MRTDs. StegoFace is an end-to-end Deep Learning Network that is formed by a Deep Convolutional Auto Encoder, that can conceal a secret message in a face portrait and, hence, producing the encoded image, and a Deep Convolutional Auto Decoder, which is able to read a message from the encoded image, even if it is previously printed and then captured by a digital camera. StegoFace surpasses state-of-the-art methods in allowing the use of images in their context, irrespectively of the background. This feature also allows us to use the method without any restrictions relating to photo parameters. The novel idea proposed in this research is to attach a resize network to our model as an additional noise simulation module. This is designed to help the decoder read messages from smaller photos in comparison with previous approaches. The resize network decreases the size of the encoded images that the decoder receives. Facial images encoded with our StegoFace approach outperform the StegaStamp generated images in terms of their perception quality. From the results shown, it can be clearly seen that the proposed architecture has higher security, robustness, imperceptibility and information hiding capacity.

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