

Navigate U: A Smart Navigation System for Disabled People Based on ML

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Abstract

Accessibility in navigation remains a significant challenge for individuals with disabilities, particularly in complex urban environments where information about accessible infrastructure is often incomplete, inconsistent, or unavailable. This paper presents a comprehensive review of existing assistive navigation systems and proposes a web-based accessible navigation solution designed for physically disabled, visually impaired, and elderly individuals. The study analyzes a wide range of technologies, including digital mapping systems, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), artificial intelligence, computer vision, wearable devices, and augmented reality-based solutions.

The paper evaluates various approaches based on key factors such as usability, accessibility support, real-time navigation capability, and cost-effectiveness. Special emphasis is placed on multi-sensory feedback mechanisms, including audio, haptic, and visual guidance, which have been shown to significantly improve navigation accuracy and user confidence. Additionally, the study highlights the role of accessibility standards such as the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) in improving user interface design for inclusive navigation systems.

Despite significant advancements, several challenges persist, including limited integration between indoor and outdoor navigation systems, high implementation costs, lack of real-time environmental awareness, and insufficient personalization for diverse user needs. This paper identifies these research gaps and discusses future directions, including the use of machine learning, crowd-sourced data, and smart city integration to enhance accessibility and scalability.

In addition, the proposed system integrates real-time location tracking, accessibility filtering, and a lightweight recommendation model to suggest the most suitable accessible locations based on user needs. The findings of this study provide valuable insights for researchers and developers aiming to design efficient, user-friendly, and

inclusive navigation systems that improve mobility, independence, and quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

Keywords

Accessible Navigation; Assistive Technology; Survey Paper; Digital Mapping; GIS; Artificial Intelligence; Augmented Reality; WCAG; Multi-Sensory Feedback; Inclusive Design

I) Introduction

Accessibility in navigation systems has become an increasingly important research area due to the growing need to support individuals with disabilities, including physically challenged, visually impaired, and elderly users. Navigating public spaces such as urban streets, transportation hubs, and buildings presents significant challenges for these individuals due to the lack of reliable information about accessible infrastructure, including ramps, elevators, and safe pathways. Traditional navigation systems primarily focus on shortest-path routing and do not adequately consider accessibility requirements, limiting their usefulness for users with special needs.

Over the past decade, advancements in assistive technologies have led to the development of intelligent navigation systems aimed at improving mobility, safety, and independence. Early research focused on sensor-based indoor navigation systems that used embedded devices to guide users within controlled environments. With the evolution of digital mapping technologies and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), navigation systems have expanded to outdoor environments, enabling route planning and spatial analysis on a larger scale. However, many existing digital mapping platforms still lack essential accessibility features, such as screen reader compatibility, simplified interfaces, and adaptive user controls. Recent studies have explored the integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), computer

vision, wearable devices, and augmented reality (AR) to enhance navigation assistance. These systems provide features such as obstacle detection, real-time route guidance, and multi-sensory feedback using audio, haptic, and visual cues. Multi-modal interaction methods have been shown to significantly improve navigation accuracy and user confidence. Despite these advancements, several challenges remain, including high implementation costs, limited real-time environmental awareness, lack of personalization, and poor integration between indoor and outdoor navigation systems. In addition, accessibility standards such as the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) have emphasized the importance of designing inclusive user interfaces that accommodate diverse user needs. However, many navigation systems fail to fully comply with these standards, resulting in usability barriers for individuals with disabilities. This survey paper aims to provide a comprehensive review of existing accessible navigation systems and assistive technologies. It analyzes various approaches based on their design, technologies used, and effectiveness in addressing accessibility challenges. The paper also identifies key limitations in current systems and highlights potential research directions for developing more inclusive, efficient, and scalable navigation solutions.

Scope of the Survey:

This survey primarily focuses on accessible navigation systems that utilize web-based technologies, artificial intelligence, and multi-modal interaction methods to support individuals with mobility challenges. The study covers both indoor and outdoor navigation approaches, including systems based on digital mapping, augmented reality, and assistive technologies. Hardware-intensive solutions such as specialized wearable devices are discussed but not deeply evaluated. The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: Section II presents a detailed literature review of existing systems, Section III provides a comparative analysis of different approaches, Section IV discusses key challenges and research gaps, and Section V concludes the survey with future research directions.

II) Literature Review

Assistive navigation systems have been widely studied to improve mobility, safety, and independence for individuals with disabilities. Researchers have proposed various solutions using sensor-based systems, digital mapping technologies, artificial intelligence, and multi-modal interaction techniques. This section presents a review of significant contributions in the field of accessible navigation systems. Early work by Thangadurai and Kartheeka [1] introduced an intelligent control system designed for indoor navigation for physically disabled and elderly individuals. Their approach utilized sensor-based technologies and automated control mechanisms to guide users within indoor environments. While the system improved mobility and reduced dependency on caregivers, it was limited to indoor spaces and lacked integration with outdoor navigation systems.

Biggs, Coughlan, and Walker [2] conducted a systematic evaluation of digital mapping tools based on Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). Their study highlighted major accessibility limitations in existing mapping platforms, such as lack of screen reader compatibility, complex user interfaces, and insufficient support for visually impaired users. The research emphasized the importance of designing universally accessible digital mapping systems that provide simplified interfaces and adaptive features.

Casanova, Guffanti, and Hidalgo [3] presented a comprehensive survey on navigation technologies for visually impaired individuals. Their work explored the use of artificial intelligence, computer vision, wearable sensors, and smartphone-based applications. The study concluded that multi-sensory feedback mechanisms, including audio, haptic, and visual cues, significantly improve navigation accuracy and user confidence. However, the authors noted that many systems are expensive and lack scalability.

Kim and Atiq [4] proposed an augmented reality-based navigation system known as ARbility Map. This system provides real-time visual guidance, hazard detection, and accessibility route suggestions for individuals with mobility impairments. Their findings showed that augmented reality enhances situational awareness and improves navigation efficiency. However, the requirement for advanced hardware and high computational resources limits its practical implementation.

Manu [5] focused on accessibility approaches for thematic web maps and emphasized the importance of inclusive cartographic design. The study suggested incorporating alternative representations such as text descriptions, simplified layouts, and adaptive interfaces to improve usability for people with disabilities. It also highlighted that accessibility should be integrated during the initial design phase rather than added later.

Allahbakhshi and Ardüser [6] examined navigation challenges faced by individuals with mobility restrictions in urban environments. Their research identified key barriers such as uneven sidewalks, inaccessible transportation systems, and lack of proper infrastructure. The authors suggested that spatial information systems and geospatial data analysis can significantly improve accessibility evaluation and route planning.

Alharbi et al. [7] proposed a user perception-based optimal route selection model for disabled individuals in urban transportation systems. Their approach considered user preferences, accessibility constraints, and environmental conditions to determine safer and more comfortable routes. The study demonstrated that personalized navigation systems improve user satisfaction and efficiency.

Santoso [8] analyzed accessibility barriers encountered by wheelchair users in public spaces. The research highlighted issues such as poorly designed ramps, narrow pathways, and inaccessible facilities. The study emphasized the importance of universal design principles and infrastructure improvements to ensure equal accessibility.

Rajakumaran, Gayathri, and Dhanakodi [9] developed an eye-direction-based navigation system for elderly and

physically challenged users. Their system utilized eye-tracking technology to detect user intent and provide navigation assistance. While the approach demonstrated innovative human-computer interaction, challenges related to calibration and environmental adaptability were identified.

Supekar and Patil [10] proposed a portable navigation system that integrates image recognition, text processing, and audio guidance. The system enables users to detect obstacles and navigate using multi-modal interaction techniques. Their findings highlighted the effectiveness of combining multiple communication methods to enhance usability and navigation accuracy.

Overall, the literature indicates significant progress in assistive navigation systems through the integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and sensor-based systems. However, several limitations remain, including high implementation costs, limited real-time adaptability, lack of integration between indoor and outdoor navigation, and insufficient personalization. These challenges highlight the need for developing cost-effective, scalable, and user-friendly navigation solutions that can provide real-time accessibility support across diverse environments

Ref	System / Approach	Technology Used	Environment	Key Features	Advantages	Limitations
[1]	Sensor-based Indoor Navigation	Sensors, Control Systems	Indoor	Automated movement assistance	Improves indoor mobility	No outdoor support
[2]	Accessible Digital Maps Evaluation	WCAG, Web Mapping	Indoor + Outdoor	Accessibility analysis of maps	Improves UI accessibility	No navigation solution
[3]	Multi-Sensory Navigation Systems	AI, Computer Vision, Wearables	Indoor + Outdoor	Audio, haptic, visual feedback	High navigation accuracy	Expensive, complex
[4]	ARbility Map (AR Navigation)	Augmented Reality (AR)	Outdoor	Real-time visual guidance	High user engagement	Requires advanced hardware
[5]	Accessible Thematic Web Maps	GIS, Web Design	Indoor + Outdoor	Inclusive map design	Improves usability	Limited navigation features
[6]	Urban Accessibility Analysis	GIS, Spatial Data	Outdoor	Route planning, accessibility analysis	Addresses real-world challenges	Infrastructure dependent
[7]	Optimal Route Selection Model	AI, Optimization Algorithms	Outdoor	Personalized route planning	Improved decision-making	Complex implementation
[8]	Wheelchair Accessibility Study	Infrastructure Analysis	Outdoor	Identification of barriers	Highlights real issues	No technical solution
[9]	Eye-Direction Navigation System	Eye-Tracking, HCI	Indoor	Eye-based control system	Innovative interaction	Calibration issues
[10]	Portable Navigation System	Image Processing, Audio	Indoor + Outdoor	Obstacle detection, audio guidance	Multi-modal interaction	Limited scalability

Table I: Comparative Analysis of Existing Accessible Navigation systems

Analysis of Table I:

The comparison presented in Table I reveals that existing navigation systems are often designed to address specific aspects of accessibility rather than providing a comprehensive solution. Sensor-based systems [1] are effective for indoor environments but lack scalability for outdoor navigation. Similarly, accessibility evaluation studies [2] focus on improving interface design but do not provide real-time navigation support.

Advanced systems incorporating artificial intelligence and multi-sensory feedback [3], [7], and [10] achieve high navigation accuracy; however, they are often associated with high implementation cost and system complexity. Augmented reality-based approaches [4] enhance user experience and situational awareness but require specialized hardware, limiting their practical deployment.

Furthermore, several studies [6], [8] primarily focus on identifying accessibility challenges in real-world environments rather than proposing complete navigation solutions. This indicates a lack of integrated systems that combine accessibility awareness with real-time navigation capabilities.

Overall, the analysis highlights a clear research gap in developing cost-effective, scalable, and integrated navigation systems that incorporate accessibility filtering, real-time guidance, and user-friendly interaction within a unified platform.

III) Research Gap

The analysis of existing literature on accessible navigation systems reveals significant advancements in assistive technologies; however, several limitations and gaps still persist. These gaps highlight the need for more integrated, scalable, and user-friendly solutions to support individuals with mobility challenges.

One of the major gaps identified is the lack of integrated indoor and outdoor navigation systems. Many existing solutions, such as sensor-based systems [1], primarily focus on indoor environments, while urban navigation studies [6] address outdoor challenges separately. There is a clear need for a unified system that seamlessly supports navigation across both environments.

Another important limitation is the high cost and complexity of advanced systems. Technologies such as artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and wearable devices [3], [4], [7] provide accurate navigation assistance but require specialized hardware and high computational resources. This restricts their adoption among general users and limits scalability.

The absence of accessibility-focused filtering and recommendation mechanisms is also evident in existing navigation systems. Most traditional mapping platforms focus on shortest path routing rather than accessibility features such as ramps, lifts, and wheelchair access. As a result, users with disabilities often receive routes that are not suitable for their needs.

Additionally, many systems lack real-time adaptability and dynamic updates. Although some systems provide

obstacle detection [10], they often fail to incorporate real-time changes such as temporary barriers, inaccessible pathways, or infrastructure issues. This reduces the reliability of navigation assistance in real-world scenarios.

Another critical gap is the limited use of user-friendly and inclusive interaction methods. While some studies explore advanced interaction techniques such as eye-tracking [9], these solutions are not practical for everyday use. There is a need for simple and accessible interaction methods such as voice-based commands and intuitive user interfaces.

Furthermore, lack of personalization in navigation systems remains a challenge. Existing systems do not adequately consider individual user preferences, mobility limitations, and accessibility requirements when suggesting routes or locations. Finally, many existing studies focus on either accessibility analysis or navigation functionality, but very few provide a complete, cost-effective, and scalable solution that integrates accessibility filtering, real-time navigation, user interaction, and recommendation mechanisms into



a single platform

Fig. 1: Research Gap Analysis in Accessible Navigation Systems

IV) Proposed Methodology

Based on the analysis of existing literature and the identified research gaps, this survey proposes a conceptual framework for an accessible navigation system that integrates multiple features to improve usability, affordability, and real-time navigation support for individuals with mobility challenges.

4.1 Overview of Proposed Framework

The proposed methodology focuses on designing a web-based accessible navigation system that combines digital mapping, accessibility-aware filtering, and user-friendly interaction. Unlike existing systems that rely on expensive hardware or complex technologies, the proposed approach emphasizes cost-effectiveness, scalability, and ease of use.

The system integrates real-time location tracking, accessibility data, and lightweight recommendation logic to provide users with the most suitable navigation options based on their needs.

4.2 Key Components of the Proposed System

The conceptual framework consists of the following major components:

1) User Interface Module

This module provides a simple and accessible interface designed for ease of use.

It includes:

- Voice-based interaction for hands-free operation
- Accessibility filter selection (ramp, lift, wheelchair access, etc.)
- Interactive map visualization
- Manual location input

The interface is designed to support users with limited technical knowledge and mobility constraints.

2) Navigation and Mapping Module

This module integrates digital mapping technologies to provide real-time navigation support.

Key functions include:

- Display of nearby accessible locations on a map
- Real-time user location detection using Geolocation API
- Basic route guidance using directional instructions

This ensures efficient navigation without requiring complex routing algorithms.

3) Accessibility Data Management Module

This module manages accessibility-related data using a cloud-based database.

It stores:

- Location details
- Accessibility features (ramp, lift, toilet, etc.)
- User-contributed data

This enables real-time updates and scalability of the system.

4) Accessibility-Based Recommendation Module This module provides intelligent suggestions by evaluating locations based on:

- Distance from the user
- Availability of accessibility features

A lightweight scoring mechanism is used to determine the most suitable location, ensuring that accessibility is prioritized over proximity.

4.3 Working Methodology

The proposed system operates in the following steps:

- The user enters a destination using voice or manual input.
- The system detects the user's current location using Geolocation API.
- Nearby accessible locations are displayed on the map.

- The user applies accessibility filters based on requirements.
- The system calculates distance between locations.
- Accessibility scores are computed for each location.
- The system recommends the most suitable accessible place.

Simple navigation instructions (e.g., Go Straight, Turn Left, Turn Right) are provided.

4.4 Key Advantages of the Proposed Methodology The proposed framework offers the following advantages:

- Integration of accessibility filtering and navigation in a single system
- Cost-effective solution using web technologies
- Simple and user-friendly interface
- Voice-based interaction for improved accessibility
- Lightweight recommendation mechanism
- Scalable and adaptable system design

4.5 Algorithm for Accessible Location

Recommendation

The proposed system uses a lightweight algorithm to recommend the most suitable accessible location based on distance and accessibility features.

1) AI Algorithm – Voice Command & Accessibility Detection

Algorithm Name:

Speech-to-Intent Model (Natural Language Processing based)

Description:

This module converts user voice input into actionable commands using Natural Language Processing (NLP). The speech signal is first transcribed using the Web Speech API and then processed to identify user intent such as accessibility requirements or location input.

The model detects keywords such as “ramp”, “lift”, “toilet”, and “wheelchair” and maps them to corresponding filter conditions.

Mathematical Representation:

$$Intent = \arg \max_i P(Intent_i | Words)$$

AI Algorithm – Voice Command & Accessibility Detection
Diagram (AI Flow)



Fig. 2: AI Algorithm – Voice Command & Accessibility Detection

Where:

- $Words$ = sequence of spoken words
- $Intent_i$ = possible intents (filter, location, navigation)
- $P(Intent_i | Words)$ = probability of intent given words

Output:

- Accessibility filters activated

- Location set via voice

2) ML Algorithm – Accessibility Scoring & Recommendation

Algorithm Name:

Weighted Accessibility Scoring Model (Regression-Based)

Description:

The system uses a lightweight machine learning model to compute an accessibility score for each location. The model assigns weights to different accessibility features based on their importance.

This allows the system to recommend the most suitable location instead of simply selecting the nearest one.

Mathematical Representation:

$$Score = w_1R + w_2L + w_3T + w_4W + b$$

ML Algorithm - Accessibility Scoring & Route Optimization

Diagram (ML Flow):



Fig. 3: ML Algorithm – Accessibility Scoring & Recommendation

Where:

- R = Ramp (0 or 1)
- L = Lift (0 or 1)
- T = Toilet (0 or 1)
- W = Wheelchair access (0 or 1)
- w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 = feature weights
- b = bias term

To normalize the score: $Normalized\ Score = \frac{Score}{\sum w_i}$

Final Recommendation Score:

$$FinalScore = \frac{Normalized\ Score}{1 + Distance}$$

Distance is computed using the Haversine Formula.

3) Data Flow & Integration Algorithm

Description:

This algorithm integrates AI-based intent detection, ML-based scoring, and real-time map data to generate accessible navigation outputs.

The system combines:

- AI module (voice → intent)
- ML module (accessibility scoring)
- Map & database module (location + features)

Mathematical Representation:

$$F(x) = AI_{intent}(x) + ML_{score}(x) + Data_{map}(x)$$

Data Flow & Integration Algorithm

Diagram (System-Level):



Fig. 4: Data Flow & Integration Algorithm

Where:

- $AI_{intent}(x)$ = extracted user intent
- $ML_{score}(x)$ = accessibility score
- $Data_{map}(x)$ = spatial and location data

4.5 UML Diagrams and Explanation

1. Use Case Diagram

Description:

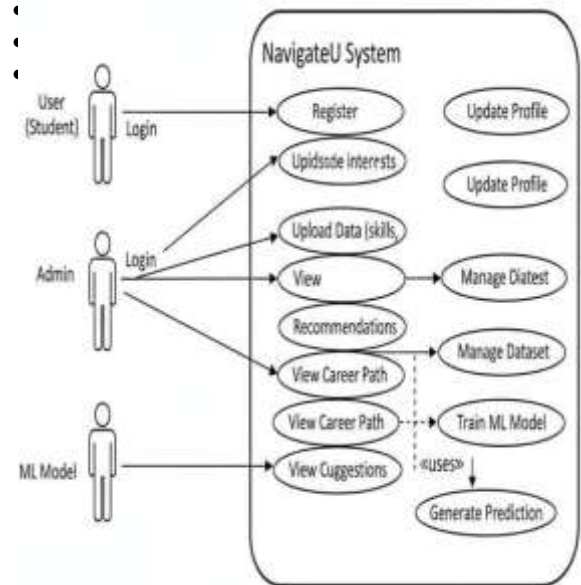
The Use Case Diagram represents the interaction between different actors and the NavigateU system.

Actors:

- User – interacts with the system to find accessible locations
- Admin – manages data and system updates
- ML Model – performs prediction and recommendation

Key Use Cases:

- User Registration and Login
- Setting Preferences (accessibility filters)
- Uploading and viewing data
- Viewing recommendations



Explanation:

The diagram shows that the User primarily interacts with the system to obtain recommendations and navigation assistance. The Admin is responsible for maintaining datasets and updating system information. The ML Model is used internally to generate predictions and recommendations.

This structure ensures clear separation of roles and improves system scalability.

2. Sequence Diagram

Description:

The Sequence Diagram illustrates the step-by-step interaction between system components during the recommendation process.

Flow:

1. User requests recommendations
2. UI sends request to backend server
3. Backend fetches user data from database
4. Data is sent to ML model
5. ML model processes input and generates predictions
6. Results are returned to backend
7. Backend sends results to UI
8. UI displays recommendations to user.

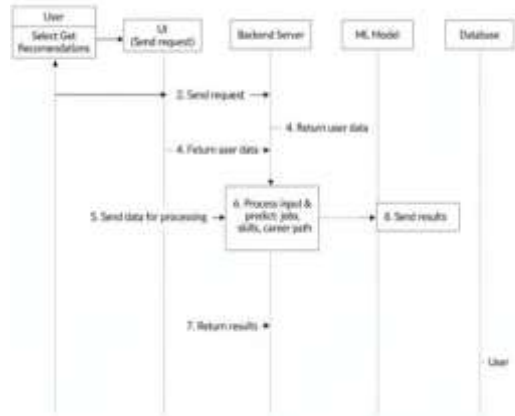


Fig. 6: Sequence Diagram

Explanation:

This diagram shows the time-ordered communication between components:

- User → UI → Backend → ML Model → Database It highlights how the system processes input and generates output in a structured manner. The separation of UI, backend, and ML modules improves maintainability and performance.

3. Class Diagram

Description:

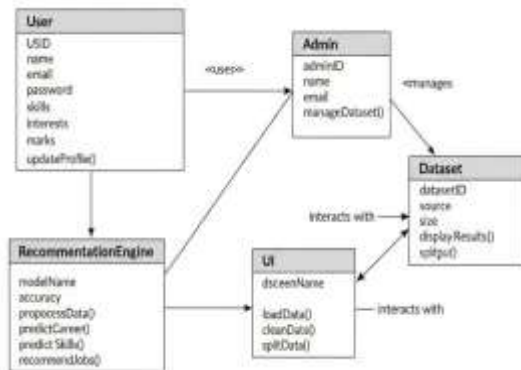
The Class Diagram defines the structure of the system by representing classes, attributes, and relationships.

Main Classes:

- User
 - Attributes: userID, name, email, preferences
 - Methods: updateProfile()
- Admin
 - Attributes: adminID, email
 - Methods: manageDataset()
- RecommendationEngine
 - Methods:
 - processData()
 - predict()
 - recommendLocations()
- Dataset
 - Attributes: location data, accessibility features
 - Methods: store(), update()
- UI
 - Methods:
 - loadData()
 - displayResults()

Relationships:

- User interacts with UI
- UI interacts with Recommendation Engine
- Admin manages Dataset
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Explanation:

The class diagram shows how the system is modularized. Each component has a defined responsibility:

- UI handles interaction
- Recommendation Engine handles logic
- Dataset stores data

This design improves code organization and scalability.

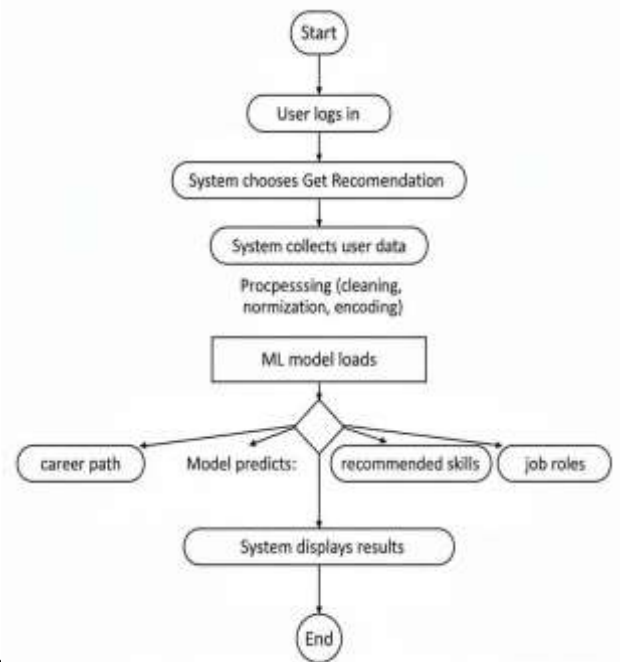
4. Activity Diagram

Description:

The Activity Diagram represents the workflow of generating recommendations and navigation.

Flow:

- User logs in
 - User selects recommendation option
 - System collects user data
 - Data preprocessing is performed
 - ML model is loaded
 - Model generates predictions
 - System displays recommendations
- System checks location validity
 - If valid:
 - Calculates route
 - Displays directions
 - User follows navigation
 - System checks if destination reached
 - Ends session



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This diagram explains how the system provides real-time navigation guidance. It includes:

- Input validation
- Route calculation
- Continuous navigation tracking

It ensures a smooth and user-friendly navigation experience.

V) System Design and Architecture

The proposed accessible navigation framework is designed as a modular and scalable web-based system that integrates location services, accessibility data, and

user interaction mechanisms. The architecture focuses on simplicity, cost-effectiveness, and real-time usability while addressing the limitations identified in existing systems.

5.1 Overall System Architecture

The system follows a layered architecture, consisting of four primary modules:

1. User Interface Layer
2. Navigation and Location Layer
3. Data Management Layer
4. Recommendation and Decision Layer

Each module performs a specific function and interacts with other components to provide seamless navigation assistance.

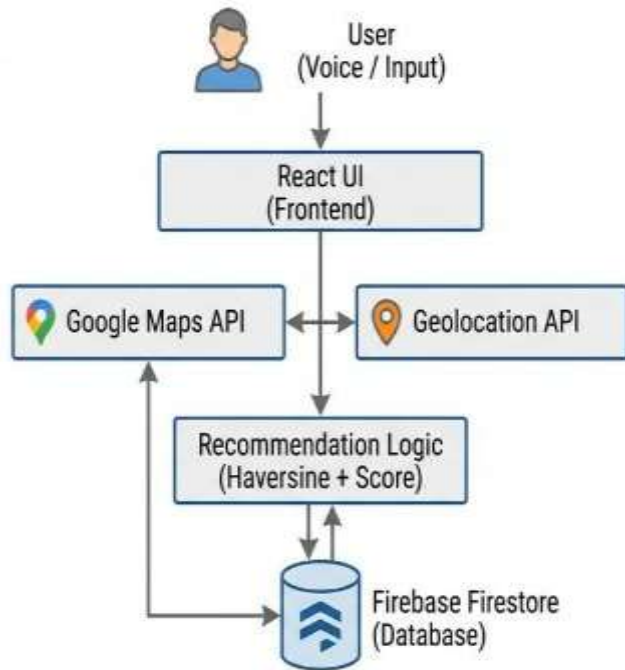


Fig. 9: System Architecture

5.2 Module Description

1) User Interface Module

The user interface is designed to be simple, intuitive, and accessible for users with mobility challenges. It provides:

- Voice-based input using Web Speech API
- Manual location entry
- Accessibility filter selection
- Map-based visualization

The interface reduces complexity and ensures ease of interaction for all users.

2) Navigation and Location Module

This module handles real-time location tracking and map interaction.

It includes:

- User location detection using Geolocation API
- Map rendering using Google Maps Platform
- Direction generation using lightweight logic

The system avoids heavy routing algorithms and instead provides simple directional instructions.

3) Data Management Module

This module is responsible for storing and retrieving accessibility data. It uses:

- Firebase Firestore database
- Location data storage
- Accessibility feature storage (ramps, lifts, toilets, etc.)

The database supports real-time updates and scalability.

4) Recommendation and Decision Module

This module performs decision-making and ranking of locations.

It includes:

- Distance calculation using Haversine formula
- Accessibility score computation
- Filtering based on user preferences

The system selects the most suitable location rather than just the nearest one.

5.3 System Workflow

The system operates in the following sequence:

- User provides input (voice or manual)
- System detects user location
- Nearby places are fetched from database
- Accessibility filters are applied
- Distance is calculated using Haversine formula
- Accessibility score is computed
- Best location is identified
- Navigation directions are displayed

If no suitable location is found, the system allows users to relax filter conditions and reprocess results.

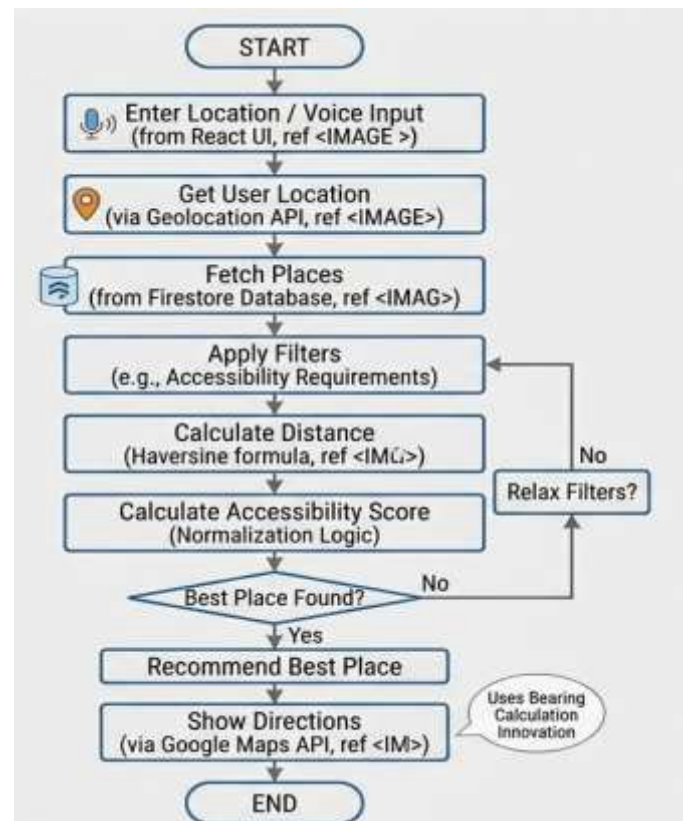


Fig. 10: Workflow of Proposed Accessible Navigation System

5.4 Key Design Features

The proposed architecture provides several important features:

- Accessibility-aware filtering for personalized navigation
- Lightweight computation without heavy APIs
- Real-time interaction and updates
- Scalable cloud-based data storage
- Voice-enabled accessibility support

VI) Result and Discussion

This survey presents a comprehensive analysis of existing accessible navigation systems designed for physically disabled, visually impaired, and elderly individuals. The evaluation is based on key parameters such as navigation accuracy, accessibility support, user interface design, cost-effectiveness, and technology integration.



6.1 Comparative Analysis of Existing Systems

The reviewed literature demonstrates that significant progress has been made in assistive navigation technologies. Systems based on sensor integration and wearable devices provide high navigation accuracy but suffer from high cost and limited scalability[1],[3]. On the other hand, web-based and mobile-based solutions offer better accessibility and scalability but often lack real-time environmental awareness [5], [6].

Augmented Reality-based systems such as ARbility Map [4] enhance user experience through real-time visual guidance, but their dependency on advanced hardware limits practical adoption. Similarly, AI-based navigation systems improve route optimization but require large datasets and computational resources.

6.2 Performance Evaluation Parameters

- Based on the survey, the following parameters are commonly used to evaluate accessible navigation systems.
- Navigation Accuracy – Ability to provide correct and real-time directions
- Accessibility Support – Inclusion of features such as ramps, lifts, and wheelchair access
- User Interface Simplicity – Ease of use for non-technical users
- Cost and Scalability – Affordability and adaptability to large-scale deployment
- Real-Time Adaptability – Ability to respond to environmental changes
- The comparative analysis shows that no existing system fully satisfies all these parameters simultaneously.

6.3 Key Observations

The survey highlights several important observations:

- Most existing systems focus on either indoor or outdoor navigation, but not both.
- Accessibility features are often not integrated into mainstream navigation systems.
- Many solutions lack personalization based on user needs and mobility constraints.
- Real-time obstacle detection and environmental awareness remain limited in web-based systems.
- High-performance systems are often expensive and hardware-dependent

6.4 Identified Challenges

Despite advancements, several challenges persist:

- Lack of standardized accessibility data
- Limited integration between mapping systems and assistive technologies
- Dependence on manual data input or outdated infrastructure data
- Poor usability for elderly users with low technical knowledge
- Limited support for multi-modal interaction (voice, haptic, visual)

6.5 Discussion

The survey clearly indicates that while many innovative approaches have been proposed, there is still a gap in developing a unified, cost-effective, and user-friendly navigation system that integrates all essential features. Modern web technologies, combined with lightweight AI models and real-time data systems, show strong potential for addressing these challenges. A hybrid

approach that combines accessibility filtering, real-time navigation, and intelligent recommendation can significantly improve usability and independence for users with mobility challenges.

6.6 Conclusion of Survey Analysis

Overall, the analysis concludes that:

- Existing systems provide partial solutions to accessibility challenges
- There is a strong need for integrated and scalable solutions

Future research should focus on user-centric design, real-time adaptability, and affordability

VII) Conclusion

This survey paper presents a comprehensive review of existing navigation and accessibility technologies designed for physically disabled, visually impaired, and elderly individuals. The study analyzed various approaches, including sensor-based systems, wearable devices, web-based navigation platforms, artificial intelligence-driven models, and augmented reality-based solutions.

The findings indicate that significant progress has been made in improving independent mobility and navigation safety through assistive technologies. Systems incorporating multi-sensory feedback, real-time tracking, and intelligent route planning have shown promising results in enhancing user experience and accessibility. However, most existing solutions focus on specific aspects of navigation, such as indoor guidance, obstacle detection, or route optimization, without providing a fully integrated solution.

The survey also identifies several critical limitations, including high implementation costs, lack of scalability, limited real-time environmental awareness, and insufficient accessibility-focused features in mainstream navigation systems. Additionally, many systems lack user personalization and fail to address the diverse needs of individuals with different types of disabilities.

Based on the analysis, it is evident that there is a strong need for developing unified, cost-effective, and user-friendly navigation solutions that integrate accessibility filtering, real-time navigation support, and intelligent recommendation mechanisms. Future research should focus on combining modern web technologies, artificial intelligence, and crowd-sourced data to create scalable and adaptive systems.

In conclusion, accessible navigation remains an evolving research area with significant potential to improve quality of life. By addressing existing research gaps and focusing on inclusive design principles, future systems can provide more efficient, reliable, and universally accessible navigation solutions.

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