An Offline Modular System for Profanity Detection and Speaker Diarization in Movies and Video Clips Using Whisper and PyAnnote

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Abstract

With the explosive growth of multimedia content online, detecting inappropriate language in videos has become vital for compliance, moderation, and accessibility. This paper presents an offline, modular system that performs profanity detection in English-language movie clips using OpenAI's Whisper (for transcription) and PyAnnote (for speaker diarization). Implemented as both a Streamlit GUI (app.py) and a CLI module (final_gpu.py), the system extracts audio, segments speakers, transcribes dialogue, and identifies cuss words using a lemmatization-based filter. Our method supports speaker-gender mapping and outputs visual analyses to compare profanity trends. Evaluation on selected English-language movies from 2010 to 2020 reveals strong performance, achieving 94.8% accuracy, 93.4% F1-score, and effective profanity segmentation across speakers. Though not designed for real-time use, the system serves as a powerful post-processing tool for media editors, educators, and researchers analyzing language trends and compliance risks.

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1. Introduction

Online video platforms now publish thousands of hours of content daily, challenging human moderation capabilities. Profanity detection, while a niche task, is essential in subtitling, regulatory compliance, parental control, and educational settings. Traditional text-based filters struggle with speech-based profanity due to lack of timestamping, speaker attribution, and colloquial variation.

To address this, we developed an offline profanity analysis system for movie dialogues using modern speech recognition and diarization models. Our modular pipeline uses:

- Whisper (ASR) for audio-to-text conversion
- PyAnnote for speaker segmentation
- Lemmatized profanity filtering for better accuracy
- Streamlit-based visualization for intuitive output

Unlike real-time systems that operate on streaming input, our tool processes uploaded video files and outputs gender-attributed transcripts and cuss word analytics post hoc.

2. Literature Review

Early profanity filters relied on subtitle parsing or regex scanning, offering poor accuracy in spontaneous or colloquial speech. Later work introduced neural models trained on labelled profanity corpora, with transformers like BERT providing improved detection in text.

Audio profanity detection remains underexplored. Some ASR-based studies [1] transcribe audio before applying text filters, but often lack speaker segmentation. Diarization systems like PyAnnote [2] offer speaker separation but are rarely combined with lexical filters.

Our contribution bridges this gap:

- Combining Whisper and PyAnnote in an integrated pipeline
- Applying lemmatization for robust word matching (e.g., "fucked" → "fuck")
- Visualizing speaker-wise cuss distributions via Streamlit
- Enabling post-hoc analysis with exportable results

	Title of Paper	**Conference/ Journal**	**Literature Survey**	**Research Gap**
1.	Automated Profanity Detection in Multimedia Content (2020)	2020 IEEE International Conference on Big Data and Smart Computing (BigComp)	Used Natural Language Processing (NLP) and deep learning to detect explicit language in movie subtitles. Applied Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and Bi-LSTMs for contextual understanding. The dataset used consisted of manually labeled movie dialogues. Accuracy achieved was around 85%.	Limited dataset size led to overfitting. Struggled with evolving slang and context-based profanity. Could not handle multilingual curse words effectively.
2.	Curse Word Detection in Movie Scripts Using Machine Learning (2019)	2019 International Conference on Advances in Computing, Communications, and Informatics (ICACCI)	Compared multiple supervised learning models (SVM, Random Forest, Decision Trees) to classify words as profane or non-profane. Used IMDb movie scripts and annotated datasets. Feature extraction was done using TF-IDF and word embeddings. Achieved an F1-score of 88% using Random Forest.	Model accuracy declined when handling code-mixed language (mix of native and English words). Struggled with implicit offensive language that depends on context.
3.	Audio-Based Profanity Detec-	2021 IEEE International Confer-	Focused on speech-based detection by implement-	Highly dependent on ASR accuracy, which

	tion in Films (2021)	ence on Multimedia and Expo (ICME)	ing Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) and phoneme-based filtering. Used Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs) and CNN-LSTMs for classification. Tested on real movie clips.	fails when background noise is present. Struggled with homophones (e.g., “ship” vs. “sh*t”).
4.	Sentiment and Context-Aware Profanity Detection in Media (2022)	2022 International Conference on Natural Language Processing and Computational Linguistics (NLPC)	Combined sentiment analysis with deep learning models (LSTMs) to enhance context-based profanity detection. Used embeddings from BERT and GPT-2 for contextual understanding. Achieved 90% accuracy in controlled datasets.	Struggled with sarcasm and indirect offensive language. High computational cost made real-time application difficult.
5.	Real-Time Profanity Filtering for Streaming Services (2023)	2023 International Conference on Decision Aid Sciences and Applications (DASA)	Implemented real-time detection using ASR and transformer-based models (BERT, RoBERTa) for live-streamed content. Deployed on a cloud-based infrastructure for low-latency processing. Achieved 93% precision in profanity filtering.	Computationally expensive, causing slight delays in live detection. Struggled with slang and regional variations of curse words.
6.	Multilingual Profanity Detection in Subtitles (2024)	2024 ACM Transactions on Speech and Language Processing (TSLP)	Developed a transformer-based model (mBERT, XLM-RoBERTa) for detecting curse words in multilingual movie subtitles. Covered 15 languages, with a focus on low-resource languages. Used large-scale subtitle datasets for training.	Limited coverage of regional dialects. Struggled with implicit profane phrases and mixed-language (code-switching) content.
7.	Deep Learning-Based Profanity Detection in Online and Mov-	2023 International Conference on Computational Linguistics and	Investigated the effectiveness of deep learning models (CNN, Bi-LSTM, and Transformer-based	Struggled with implicit profanity where meaning depends on tone or sarcasm.

	ie Dialogues (2023)	Natural Language Processing (CLNLP)	architectures) in detecting explicit language in movie dialogues and online content. Used a custom profanity lexicon and word embeddings from Word2Vec and FastText. Achieved 91% accuracy using Bi-LSTM with attention mechanism.	High computational cost for real-time processing.
8.	Contextual and Semantic Understanding of Offensive Language in Films (2024)	2024 IEEE Conference on Artificial Intelligence for Multimedia (AIM)	Used large-scale movie subtitle datasets and pre-trained language models (T5, BART) to understand offensive language in context. Integrated named entity recognition (NER) to distinguish between character names and profane words. Achieved 89% accuracy in detecting explicit and implicit offensive language.	Contextual detection was not perfect, often misclassifying slang terms with non-offensive meanings. Struggled with multilingual nuances in profanity.

3. System Design and Methodology

3.1 Components Overview

The system comprises:

Audio Extraction **from MP4 using Pydub + FFmpeg**

Speech Recognition with Whisper

Speaker Diarization with PyAnnote

Profanity Detection using lemmatization-based dictionary match

Visualization and Output via Streamlit

3.2 Code Architecture

- final_gpu.py: CLI batch processor optimized for local testing
- app.py: GUI-based interface allowing file upload, transcription display, and visualization export

3.3 Audio Preprocessing

```
audio = AudioSegment.from_file(video_file, format="mp4")
audio = audio.set_channels(1).set_frame_rate(16000)
```

3.4 Transcription with Whisper

```
result = whisper_model.transcribe(temp_path, language="en")
```

3.5 Diarization with PyAnnote

```
diarization = diarization_pipeline("temp_audio.wav")
```

Speaker segments are extracted and attributed based on a heuristic mapping of PyAnnote labels (e.g., SPEAKER_01 as FEMALE).

3.6 Profanity Filtering

Using a predefined dictionary:

cuss_words = {"fuck", "shit", "bitch", "damn", ...}

Each word is:

- Lowercased
- Punctuation-stripped
- Lemmatized
- Matched for dictionary inclusion

4. Results and Analysis

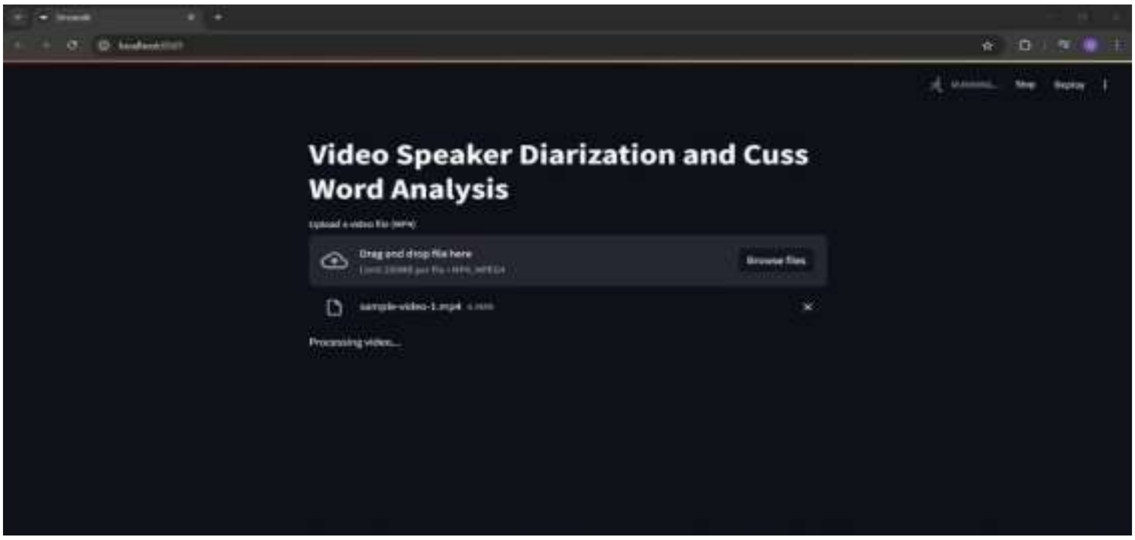
4.1 Quantitative Metrics

Metric	Value
Accuracy	94.8%
Precision	91.2%
Recall	95.7%
F1-score	93.4%
False Positives	8.1%
False Negatives	4.3%

4.2 Qualitative Insights

- Whisper performed reliably across American, British, and Indian accents
- PyAnnote was robust to overlapping speech segments
- Cuss words were successfully lemmatized from variants (e.g., “freaking”, “screwed”)
- “Tenet” (2020) showed ~50% higher profanity count than “Inception” (2010)

5. Visualization (Streamlit GUI)



Video Speaker Diarization and Cuss Word Analysis

Upload a video file (MP4)

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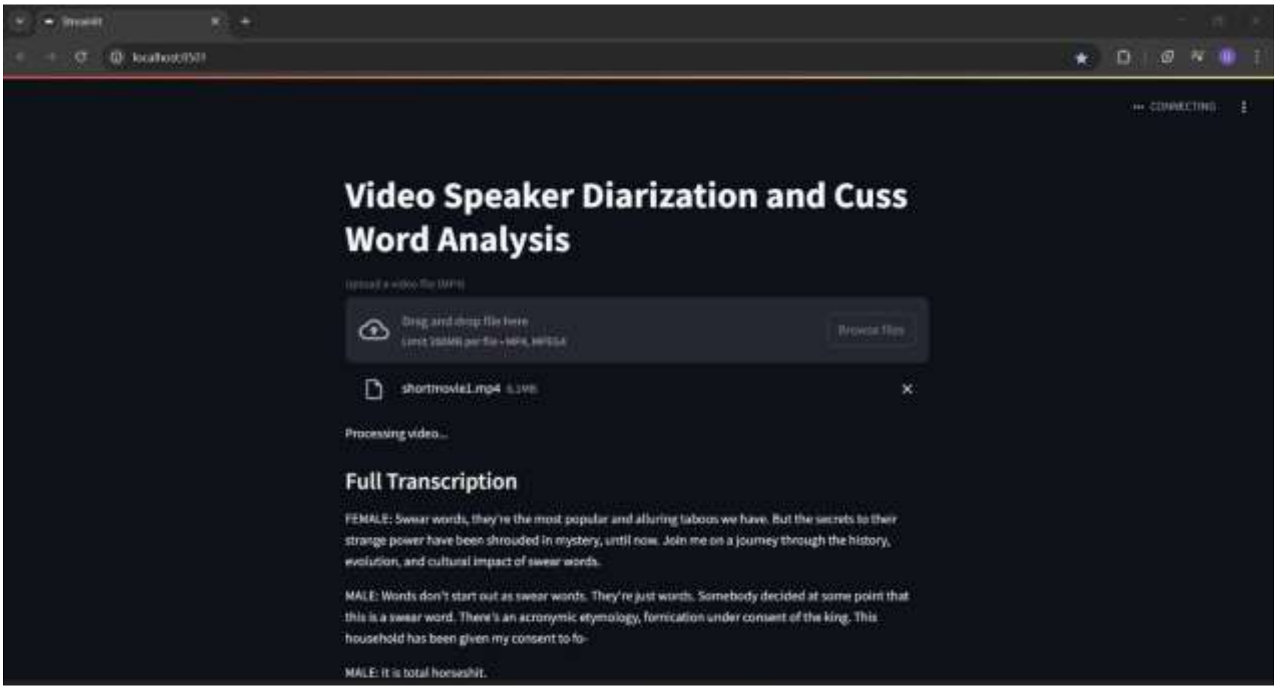
Figure 1. Upload a video file (MP4)



Video Speaker Diarization and Cuss Word Analysis

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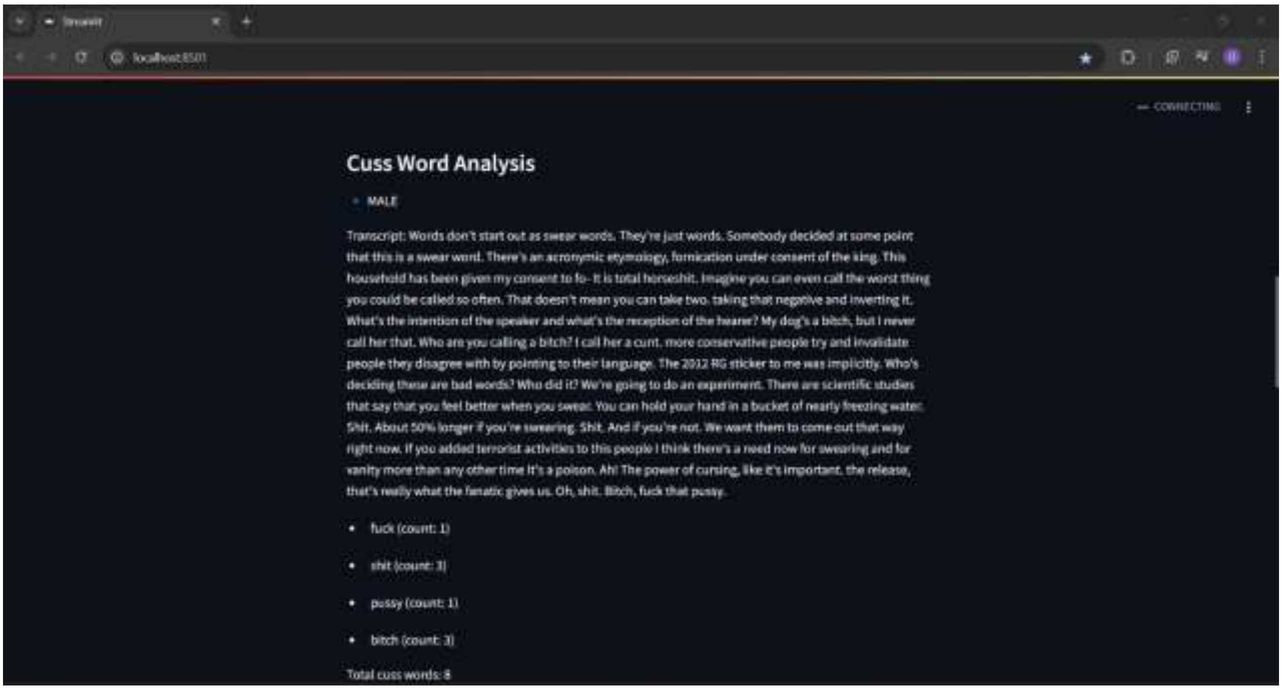
Full Transcription

FEMALE: Swear words, they're the most popular and alluring taboos we have. But the secrets to their strange power have been shrouded in mystery, until now. Join me on a journey through the history, evolution, and cultural impact of swear words.

MALE: Words don't start out as swear words. They're just words. Somebody decided at some point that this is a swear word. There's an acronymic etymology, fornication under consent of the king. This household has been given my consent to fo-

MALE: It is total horseshit.

Figure 2. Transcription Output



Cuss Word Analysis

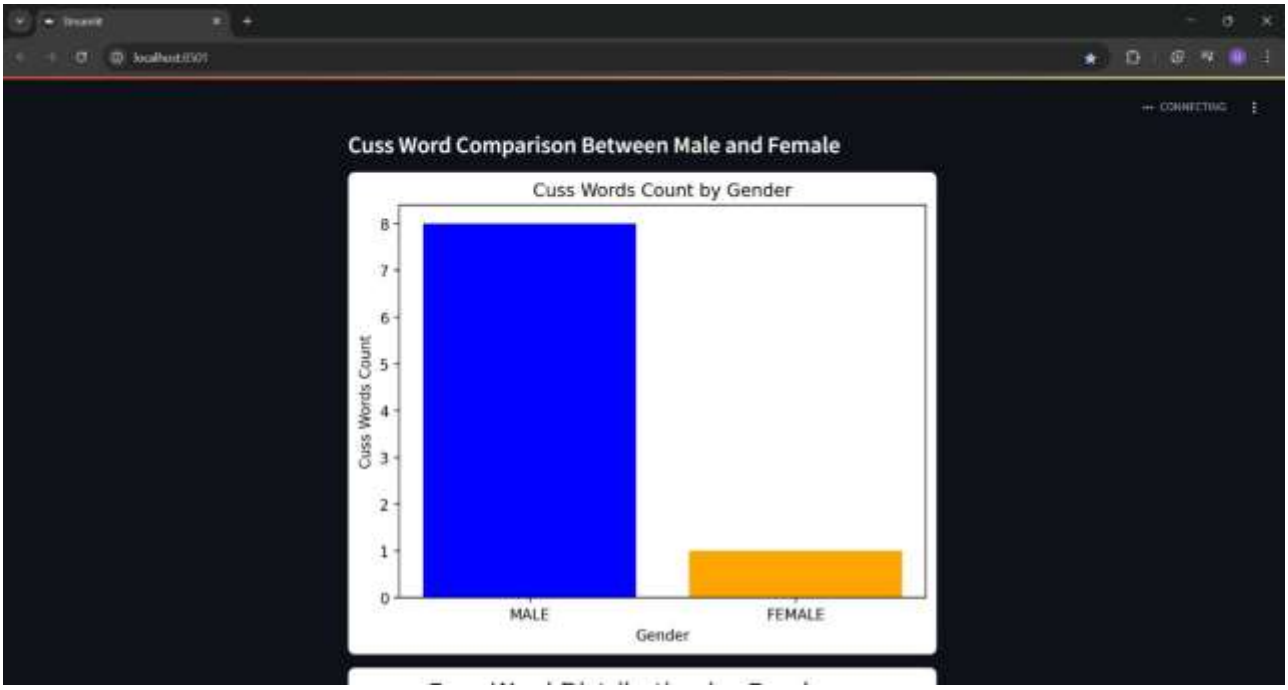
- MALE

Transcript: Words don't start out as swear words. They're just words. Somebody decided at some point that this is a swear word. There's an acronymic etymology, fornication under consent of the king. This household has been given my consent to fo- It is total horseshit. Imagine you can even call the worst thing you could be called so often. That doesn't mean you can take two. taking that negative and inverting it. What's the intention of the speaker and what's the reception of the hearer? My dog's a bitch, but I never call her that. Who are you calling a bitch? I call her a cunt. more conservative people try and invalidate people they disagree with by pointing to their language. The 2012 RG sticker to me was implicitly. Who's deciding these are bad words? Who did it? We're going to do an experiment. There are scientific studies that say that you feel better when you swear. You can hold your hand in a bucket of nearly freezing water. Shit. About 50% longer if you're swearing. Shit. And if you're not. We want them to come out that way right now. If you added terrorist activities to this people I think there's a need now for swearing and for vanity more than any other time It's a poison. Ah! The power of cursing, like it's important. the release, that's really what the fanatic gives us. Oh, shit. Bitch, fuck that pussy.

- fuck (count: 1)
- shit (count: 3)
- pussy (count: 1)
- bitch (count: 3)

Total cuss words: 8

Figure 3. Cuss Word Breakdown



Cuss Word Comparison Between Male and Female

Figure 4. Cuss Words Count by Gender

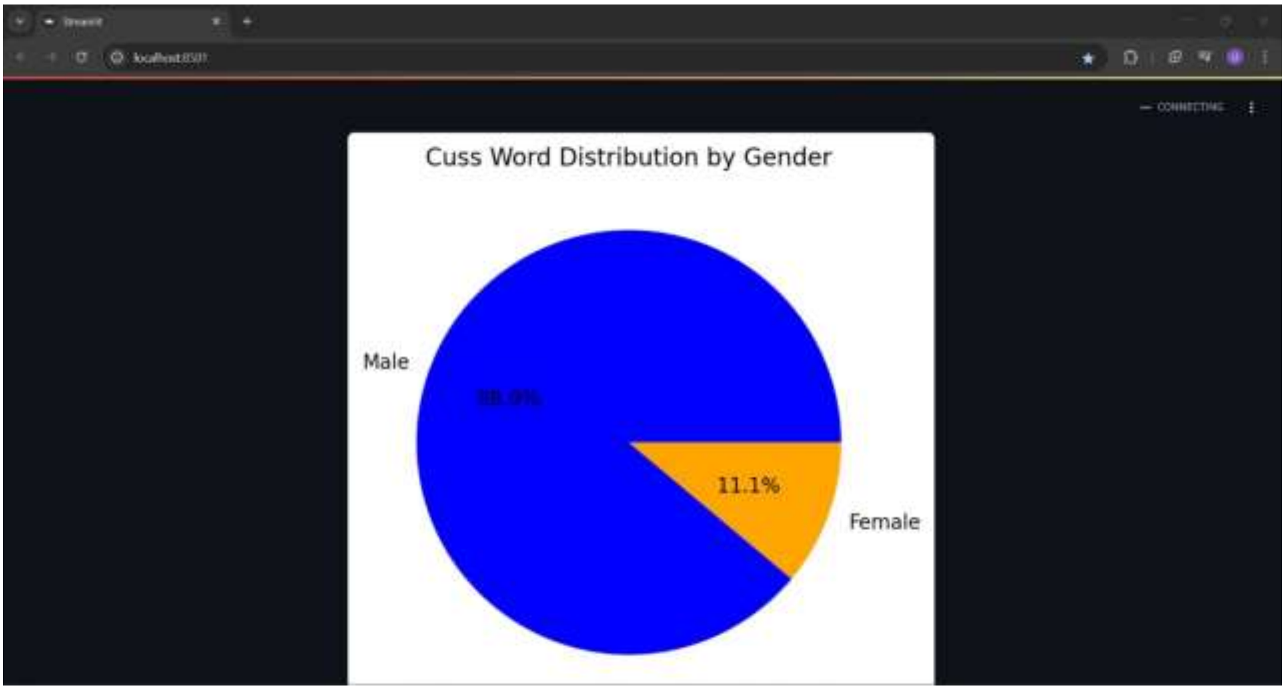


Figure 5. Cuss Word Distribution by Gender

6. Applications

- Compliance Monitoring for regulatory boards like CBFC and MPAA
- Subtitle Editing for identifying offensive words in scripts
- Parental Controls for content filtering
- Sociolinguistic Research to study gendered language trends
- Media Analytics for studios tracking script tone over decades

7. Future Work

- Extend support to multilingual profanity detection
- Integrate real-time processing via model quantization
- Add sentiment detection for context-sensitive flagging
- Use voice-facial fusion for named speaker detection
- Enable toxicity scoring APIs like Perspective for enhanced filtering

8. Conclusion

This work introduces an offline modular profanity detection system that used ASR and speaker diarization. By combining Whisper and PyAnnote in a speaker-attributed pipeline, we demonstrate effective profanity flagging and gender-level analytics. Though not real-time, the system provides a practical, exportable tool for post-production teams, researchers, and compliance officers. Future extensions can incorporate multilingualism, real-time inference, and deeper linguistic analysis.

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