

# Redistribution of Paid Channels Freely by Modifying Live Video

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**Abstract**—In digital television (DTV) broadcasting, service providers charge subscribing fee by scrambling the program with conditional access system as well as control the illegal receiving the charged program. If with any trick or method any local cable operator distributed a number of paid channels illegibly, it will result greatly on revenue of the broadcasters and related parties. In this paper, we describe a simple method for digitally detecting and mapping a number-strip flashing on screen in a video with that of another number-strip. Our work focuses on the illumination aspect of detection and replacement a part of video, that provide to modify a video and that further allows to redistribute of paid channels freely.

**Index Terms**—conditional access system, Ulead visual studio 7.0, opencv, finger print.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Digital content protection has grown into a huge issue over the past 20 years. As the ability to make and distribute perfect copies of digital contents becomes ubiquitous and cheap, content owners fear the widespread dissemination of their copyrighted materials over the internet, particularly over peer-to-peer systems that have proven hard to shut down. The advent of digital television (DTV) offers yet another benefit of the digital information age, and also threatens to open other means of digital infringement if user can freely capture and distribute broadcast TV shows and movies.

Programs broadcasted is captured from satellite through antenna by MSO (multi service operator) and again transmitted to LCO (local cable operator). Local cable operator further provides channels to the home users through cable, set top box.

In this paper our works is to track a number strip and then map it with another number strip in a live video. In other way, problem is to modify a live video. This modification results redistribution of paid channels as free. So it is a kind of an attack or piracy.

In section 1 introduction of problem is given. Section 2 describes about the related work of paper. In section 3 and 4 we discussed about the Proposed Work and Result. Conclusion is given in section 5.

## II. RELATED WORK

We can easily understand that how broadcasting signals are being sent with the help of CAS model [11]. In CAS, some program information is scrambled with control words to prevent illegitimate user from receiving normally [5]. The authorized subscribers can cooperation of the smart card and STB (set top box). The structure of conditional access system is shown as in the Fig. 1

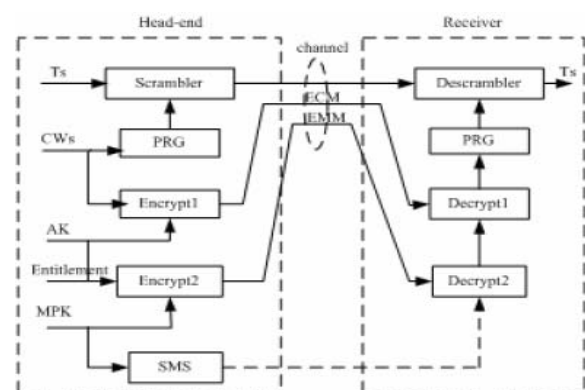


Figure 1. The Structure of Conditional Access System

The complete key management system is represented in Fig. 2. The audio and video are scrambled using a cycling control word (CW). Every fixed period (e.g. 10 seconds) an ECM (Entitlement Control Message) is transmitted together with this scrambled signal. These ECM's contain the control words encrypted with the service keys SK, which must be present in the descrambler box. The service keys are less frequently updated by EMM's (Entitlement Management Message), for example once a month. The service keys are encrypted with one or more individual unique keys,

which are safely stored inside the smart card or descrambler box. Some attacks on the VC (video cipher) are, marketable fix, cloning etc.

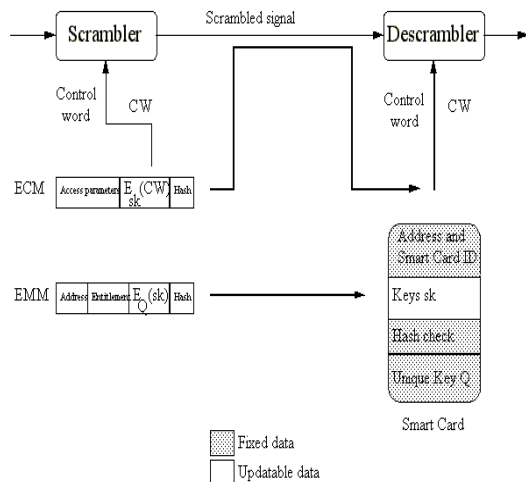


Figure 2. Key Management in a Pay TV system.

Since our work is combination of capturing the number strip, detecting and tracking finger print strip and mapping a new strip over the captured strip. Now we are discussing all these areas.

#### A. Capturing

Capturing the part of video is very important phase and it should be handled very-very carefully. Whatever we will use, Camera, Ulead visual studio 7.0 and any other hardware or software, should give fine and accurate result. We have sufficient techniques/methods to images processing using camera [4], [20]. We have also a lot of photo/image editing tools [1], [2], [3]. Ulead visual studio 7.0, software gives very effective result. Accuracy also depends on the system's configuration connected just next to set-top box.

*Capturing a frame from a video sequence:* OpenCV [12] is very affective tool in capturing images and also deal cery well with the video sequences.

1. OpenCV supports capturing images from a camera or a video file (AVI)
2. Initializing capture from a camera
3. `CvCapture* capture= cvCaptureFromCAM(0);` // capture from video device #0
4. Initializing capture from a file:
5. `CvCapture* capture=cvCaptureFromAVI("infile.avi");`
6. Capturing a frame:
7. `IplImage* img = 0;`
8. `if(!cvGrabFrame(capture)){//capture a frame`  
`printf("Could not grab a frame\n7");`
9. `exit(0);`
10. `Img=cvRetrieveFrame (capture);` //retrieve the captured frame

To obtain images from several cameras simultaneously, first grab an image from each camera. Retrieve the captured images after the grabbing is complete.

1. Releasing the capture source:
2. `cvReleaseCapture(&capture);`

#### B. Detection/Tracking

There are many detection techniques are proposed [6]. One, the best of them, Edge combination approach is described as

*Edge Detection:* The first step is to detect edges in both the original image and its corresponding disparity/depth map. We use an implementation of Canny's edge detector provided by Matlab (version 6.5.1), which we modified to extract edges from color images. Also, for every edge pixel we gather information about the orientation of the corresponding edge at this location.

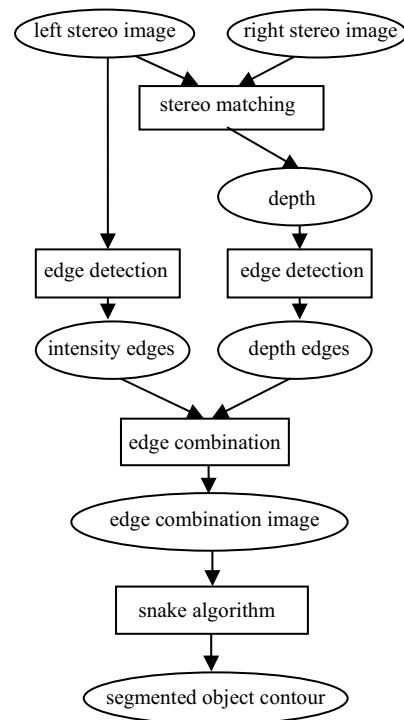


Figure 3. Overview of processing chain.

*Edge Search:* The original edge image (A) and the disparity edge image (B) are input to the Edge Combination procedure. For each edge pixel in A, we determine whether a corresponding edge pixel with a similar orientation can be found in B. We use a square search area with typical sizes between 4 and 12 pixels in one direction. To define similarity in edge orientation we usually employ a tolerance angle between  $5^\circ$  and  $20^\circ$ . We record every edge pixel in A that was found to have a corresponding edge pixel in B in order to include it in the edge combination image. In this way, we build up a "basic" edge combination image C.

*Edge Linking:* Mostly because of imperfect disparity information, some pixels in the comparing process will not match, leaving a gap in the reconstructed contour line. In order to close minor gaps of this type, we implemented an edge linking procedure which repairs broken edges in C, if a continuous edge in A indicates that the edge segments should be connected.

### C. Mapping

Several registration techniques of 2D and a 3D geometric model have been proposed so far. The first approach finds the point correspondences between the image and the model by using fiducially landmarks. Then the standard camera calibration techniques are applied to get the camera parameters from these correspondences [14, 17]. The disadvantage of this method is that the marks destroy the texture. Instead of directly searching for 3D-2D point pairs, some registration techniques use reflectance images. Y.-Y Chung also suggests some important Video matting of complex scenes [19]. Cross-parameterization [15] and inter-surface mapping [16] propose a similar mapping approach of mapping between two surfaces, instead of between a surface and texture space, while Zhou et al. suggest a similar approach between a surface and multiple texture images.

### III. PROPOSED WORK

Our work is to capture a selected part from a live video and map another same sized image over that. Feature-based texture mapping [18] uses feature extracted and then mapping is performed but it is not performing well in live videos. Our Scheme is based on the Pixel to Pixel mapping.

The pixel is the smallest addressable screen element; it is the smallest unit of picture that can be controlled. Each pixel has its own address. The address of a pixel corresponds to its coordinates. Pixels are normally arranged in a two-dimensional grid, and are often represented using dots or squares. Each pixel is a sample of an original image; more samples typically provide more accurate representations of the original. The intensity of each pixel is variable. In color image systems, a color is typically represented by three or four component intensities such as red, green, and blue, or cyan, magenta, yellow, and black.

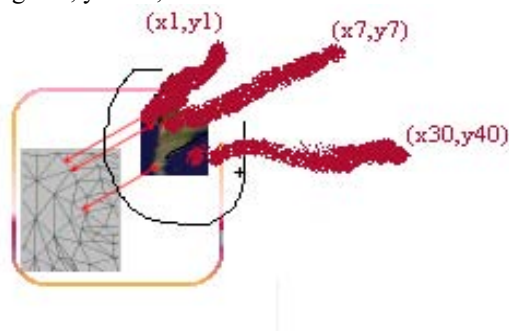


Figure 4. Pixel Representation of an image

As Fig. 4 shows, every pixel has a value corresponding to display video and according to their color (RGB). Every location on one of the rows and one of the columns is color sample, which is called a pixel. If the image size were say 1000x750 pixels (written as width x height by convention), then there would be 1000 columns and 750 rows of data values, or  $1000 \times 750 = 750,000$  pixels total. For 24 bit color, each pixel's data contains three 8-bit RGB byte values, or  $750,000 \times 3 = 2,250,000$  bytes. Every pixel is the same size, because a pixel is simply the

color of the area between the grid lines. That area will be colored by the one corresponding RGB data value. The image data is just a series of RGB numeric color values in a grid of rows and columns. The composite of the three RGB values creates the final color for that one pixel area. In the RGB system, we know Red and Green make Yellow. So, (255, 255, 0) means Red and Green, each fully saturated (255 is as bright as 8 bits can be), with no Blue (zero), with the resulting color being Yellow.

Black is a RGB value of (0, 0, 0) and White is (255, 255, 255). Gray is interesting too, because it has the property of having equal RGB values. So (220, 220, 220) is a light gray (near white), and (40, 40, 40) is a dark gray (near black). Gray has no unbalanced color cast. Now focusing on one of the main concern, pixel mapping.

Pixel to Pixel mapping can be dividing in three ways.

1. Partial mapping
2. Exact mapping
3. Neighboring mapping.

Partial mapping provides to select randomly some boundary level pixels not the exact boundary pixels.

In partial mapping pixels are not overlapped with the same pixel value while same sized and valued pixels are mapped to same valued pixel to complete map the selected area in exact mapping. In neighboring mapping, we concentrate on the neighboring pixels (outside and inside) of the original pixel boundary. We used Exact and Neighboring Mapping to generate the perfect result and OpenCV provided platform to construct this mapping. We created an algorithm to achieve our goal. Algorithm is described in steps.

#### A. Capturing the flashing strip

Cut the flashed number strip from video using some pixel cutting software like Ulead Visual Studio 7.0 and save it in bmp file format with name 6.bmp because this file is used in project with name 6.bmp. Now keep this bmp/jpg in the same path of software's Executable file. This cutting part has their pixels and they have specific coordinate values. As any display screen is arrangement of Pixels. Fig. 5 presenting a display screen,  $P(x_1, y_1)$  is first pixel,  $P(x_1, y_2)$  is second,  $P(x_n, y_n)$  is last pixel in the display screen.

$P(x_1, y_1)$	$P(x_1, y_2)$	..	$P(x_1, y_n)$
$P(x_2, y_1)$	$P(x_2, y_2)$	..	$P(x_2, y_n)$
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
$P(x_n, y_1)$	$P(x_n, y_2)$	..	$P(x_n, y_n)$

Figure.5 Coordinate values of pixels (P) into a display screen

Captured strip can be written by the function  $F$  as written in "Eq. (1)". Where  $P(X, Y)$  represents coordinates of pixel and  $k, j$  carries from 1 to  $n$  and representing rows and columns respectively. Here  $f$  is Integration function.

$$F = f_k (f_j [P(X_k, Y_j)]). \quad (1)$$

### B. Evaluate coordinate values of pixels

After capturing strip, now we calculate the each pixel's coordinate value and their intensities. From the captured strip, we calculate their pixel coordinate values and color intensities. In other words we can say that we create the templates of the captured strip. To achieve this task we designed the code using OpenCV library.

```
Void LiveProcess (IplImage *image)
CvSize imgSize;
CvFont font;
CvInitFont (&font, 0, 0.22f, 0.28f, 0, 0);
IplImage* A = image;
IplImage* B = image;
imgSize.width = A->width;
imgSize.height = A->height;
E = cvCreateImage (imgSize, IPL_DEPTH_8U, 1);
CvCvtColor (A, E, CV_BGR2GRAY);
imgSize.width = B->width;
imgSize.height = B->height;
F = cvCreateImage (imgSize, IPL_DEPTH_8U, 1);
CvCvtColor (B, F, CV_BGR2GRAY);
```

### C. Generate a dummy strip/number

We create a dummy rectangle strip using evaluated coordinate values and intensities of pixels from the captured strip. We set the code to generate dummy strip, given as

```
CvRectangle (A, left_top, cvPoint (left_top.x +
F->width, left_top.y + F->height), CV_RGB (color1,
color2, color3),-1);
```

and we write any number on this designed dummy strip using the created code

```
CvPutText (A, dnum, left_top, &font, CV_RGB
(numcolor1, numcolor2, numcolor3));
```

### D. Search position of flashing number

A live video is a continuous sequence of frames of images. We search the position of the pixels of flashing number in frame with the help of templates developed in previous step. We find this result by creating the code given as:

```
G = cvCreateImage (cvSize (E->width-F->width+1,
E->height - F->height+1), IPL_DEPTH_32F, 1);
CvMatchTemplate(E,F,G,CV_TM_CCOEFF_NORMED);
```

We can easily see this in Fig. 6. Pixels are searched according to their coordinate and intensity values.

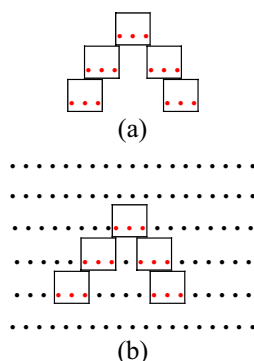


Figure.6 a) original image and b) same pixels a display screen

### E. Mapping

We have almost completed the task. Now, the work is, only display the dummy strip over the position searched in previous step and write any number on this strip.

Now we can say, Final result is modified video. This modified video is then amplifies and distributed to home users. Dummy number is flashing in the place of fingerprint number over the display screen. Since fingerprint number is modified, diagnosis of the fingerprint number will not be correct.

On the basis of this algorithm we created a model, representing all the steps very clearly.

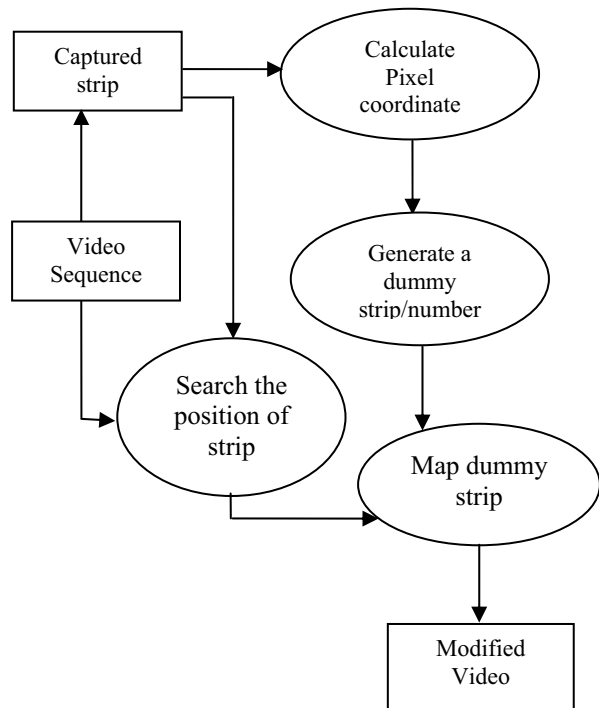


Figure7. Model for modifying live video

## IV. RESULT

A number is flashing randomly at different places of the display screen as in Fig. 8. This number is called Fingerprint number used to restrict illegal distribution of channels. Our aim is to modify this number with another number.



Figure 8. Fingerprint number in a video clip.



We have achieved result by developing software tool with the help of .NET and OpenCV library. We need to install OpenCV library that will help to perform specific functions such as search, evaluate and mapping the pixels. We will first discuss the software user interface and then working of the software.

### A. Software Interface

Video signals, from the SET-TOP box are inputted to the computer system, not to Television (TV). These video signals are then opened in the software.

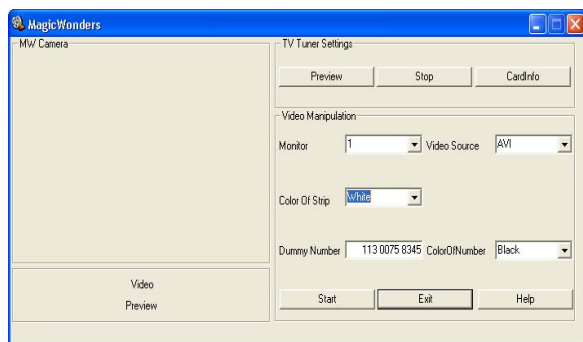


Figure 9. Software interface page

In Fig. 10 encircled part shows the signals coming from set-top box to system are controlled by TV Tuner Settings. CardInfo shows the list of channels coming on TV Tuner card and we can easily select any desired channel. Preview display the selected video in the section of screen of software. Encircled stop button is used to close the TV Tuner functioning.

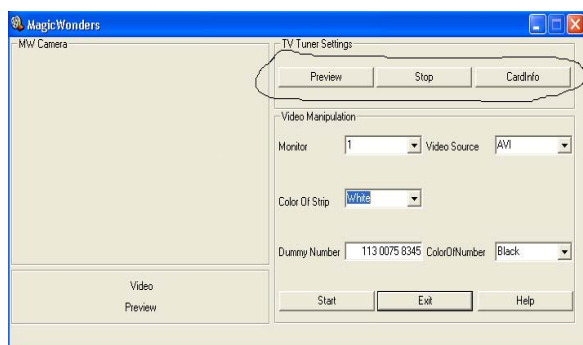


Figure 10. Front panel controls.

We open any program sequence in the software's screen as shown in Fig. 11. We can change the color of strip, color of the number and can write the desired dummy number by just interacting to the tool's interface.

### B. Working of software

Working of software is very simple. We first open the video program or clip in the software screen by selecting the choice in the video source option button and finally clicked on start button.

In Fig. 11, we are seeing, a number is flashing in the video sequence. Basically this is a strip and number is written over it. Number is 113 0075 8345 and black in

color. Color of strip is white. Now we select the strip color, white, dummy number, 113 KLBUT 8345 and color of the number, RED. Clicked on the start button.

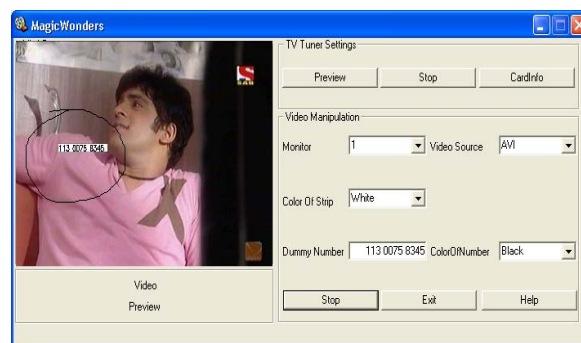


Figure 11. Capturing the strip.

We get the modified result shown in Fig. 12. Original number is mapped with the dummy number and this dummy number will flashing on the screen in the place of original number till the program's end.



Figure 12. Snap shot of mapping of dummy number.

This changed signal is amplified and transferred to the home users. If broadcaster or MSO is checking for any distribution piracy, they will trace the number that will be actually modified. Result will be incorrect checking. Since this number checking is to prevent illegal distribution, incorrect checking of the fingerprint number will allow local cable operators to redistribute channels freely.

## IV. CONCLUSION

Our system provides a flexible, practical tool for distributing paid channels freely. Broadcaster or MSO send command to flash a number to check at which Set-top box signal is illegally distributed. As number is modified, actual point of attack is not recognized.

Project's performance heavily depends on the system used to capture and modify video. Speed of the system is very crucial point to get accurate result i.e. use RAM of the system as large as possible.

Cutting of the pixels of the flashing strip through Ulead Visual Studio 7.0 or by any other software pays great attention to achieve accurate target. A small mistake may create some zigzag between flashed and dummy number on the video screen. A very big limitation of the

project is that if any Broadcaster/MSO uses a transparent strip of number then this software will not work correctly. But to flash a transparent strip is not an easy task because of their cost and complexity.

So for as at medium scale level this software is very accurate and affective.

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