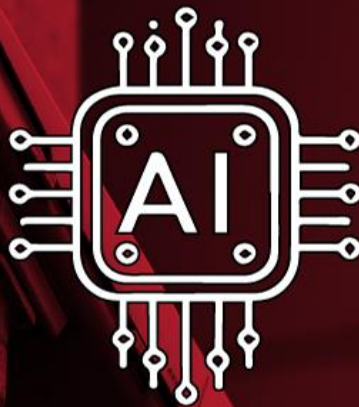




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THE FOOTAGE WHISPERER



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#### AUDIT HOURS OF FOOTAGE IN MINUTES FIND OUT HOW COM-SUR, THE BEST 'MOUSETRAP' WILL HELP

#### ["Seeing is believing - See what the camera saw"](#)

CCTV surveillance is common in courts world over, but footage is often only reviewed reactively. Our company realized this problem early-on and has developed the world's only CCTV video footage auditing software that encourages daily auditing (hours in minutes) of CCTV footage, filling the gap for a complete "workflow". The software works with existing cameras and VMS, regardless of type/brand, and provides a standardized approach for intelligent incident reporting. Our software also offers exceptional investigative capabilities.

#### 'COM-SUR' – THE WORLD'S ONLY CCTV VIDEO FOOTAGE AUDITING, SMART BACKUP, AND STANDARDIZED INTELLIGENT INCIDENT REPORTING SOFTWARE – THE MISSING PIECE OF CCTV

COM-SUR is the world's only CCTV video footage auditing, smart backup, and standardized intelligent incident reporting software that serves as a complete workflow and force multiplier. It helps audit 24 hours of footage in minutes, reduces data size, creates standardized intelligent reports, and delivers business intelligence. COM-SUR helps unlock hidden information in CCTV footage and enables people to gain actionable intelligence, improve homeland security, prevent crime and losses, identify and mitigate threats and hazards, and improve operational efficiency. It empowers people to gain new jobs as CCTV video footage auditors and start new businesses of auditing video footage. Like MS Office, COM-SUR is an enabler that makes it easy to work with CCTV cameras in a standardized way, leading to better decision-making. It also offers exceptional investigative capabilities.

#### BETTER AI VIA DAILY AUDITS – NO MORE DATA WALL

COM-SUR delivers 'BETTER' AI by transforming how organizations approach CCTV video

surveillance, auditing, and post-event analysis. By generating a constant stream of real-time, site-specific data—Continuous Frontier Data—COM-SUR ensures that AI systems are never starved for fresh, actionable insights, which is key for building custom models and addressing key challenges like data exhaustion, data walls, and data cascades that often hinder AI from performing at full potential.

A key to making AI more effective lies in continuous learning from real-world incidents through daily and post-event auditing. COM-SUR enables AI models to evolve based on audit findings and incidents that go beyond real-time detection. By auditing daily footage, capturing exceptions, and feeding this data back into AI models, COM-SUR significantly improves the accuracy of AI systems, helping to reduce false alarms and enhance detection capabilities. This continuous feedback loop ensures that AI learns from what might have been missed in real-time, making it smarter and more reliable over time.

By integrating Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF) and Explainable AI (XAI), COM-SUR ensures that AI systems are continuously refined, transparent, responsible, and contextually aware. However, recognizing that AI can only perform tasks it's programmed for, human intelligence and intervention remain essential in verifying and refining AI outcomes. With COM-SUR, businesses can leverage AI as a powerful tool while maintaining human oversight, ensuring more accurate and informed decision-making—ultimately leading to 'BETTER' AI. This not only enhances surveillance but also paves the way for Augmented Intelligence, where AI-driven insights empower human operators while keeping them at the center of decision-making.

### HOW COM-SUR SMARTLY REDUCES 'VIDEO' STORAGE SIZE

COM-SUR employs an innovative approach to smartly reduce the amount of video to be audited and consequently the storage size of videos. Regardless of the video's frame rate, COM-SUR captures a single image of the consolidated 'moment' of 'that' one second, when the I, P, and B frames come together. This method significantly reduces data size without sacrificing vital information. It goes without saying that when multiple cameras are displayed in a grid view, say 4x4, the storage size is further reduced since all the cameras are captured as a single image. Since no suggestion is being made to replace the actual video with images, COM-SUR acts as a wonderful supportive technology both to audit (review) just 86400 frames representing 24 hours and reducing the data size at the same time.

### CHALLENGES FACED BY COURTS

#### 1. Threats and assaults

The foremost challenge that courts need to deal with is the prospect of threats and assaults on litigants, victims, witnesses, judges, attorneys, court staff, and lawyers, etc., by criminals, disgruntled individuals/groups/family members of the accused, or other anti-social elements whose cases are being heard in the courts and/or who may be affected by the verdict issued in a case and/or who may face legal action due to the testimonies of one or more witnesses in the case.

#### 2. Terrorism and other issues:

Courts constantly face threats of terrorism, shootouts, and other issues as security lapses, vandalism, intrusions, hostage-taking, prisoner escape, unwanted loitering in the court



premises, issues during high-profile cases, instances of sexual and other forms of abuse, bullying/ intimidation, and so on. Perpetrators often conduct pre-operational surveillance of the target area, making it important to detect suspicious activity during this phase to prevent an incident.

### 3. Unauthorized access:

Courts need to protect against unauthorized access by individuals who may pose a risk to the safety of judges, staff, litigants, or visitors. This can include threats from disgruntled individuals, protestors, or those attempting to disrupt court proceedings.

### 4. Weapons and contraband:

Courts must prevent the entry of weapons, explosives, or contraband items that could pose a threat to the safety of individuals within the premises. Security measures such as metal detectors and bag screening are often employed to mitigate this risk.

### 5. Prisoner management:

Courts frequently deal with individuals in custody, including defendants awaiting trial or convicted criminals. Ensuring the secure transport, handling, and custody of prisoners within the court premises is crucial to prevent escape attempts, violence, or disruptions.

### 6. Information security:

Courts handle sensitive and confidential information, including personal data, case details, and legal documents. Protecting this information from unauthorized access, data breaches, or tampering is essential to maintain the integrity of the judicial process.

### 7. Emergency situations:

Courts need to be prepared for various emergency situations, such as fires, natural disasters, or medical emergencies. Having adequate emergency response plans, evacuation procedures, and systems to alert and protect individuals in such situations is critical.

### 8. Insider threats:

Courts have to deal with insider threats from disgruntled employees or even unwitting staff who fail to follow proper security and safety measures.

### 9. Humongous growth of surveillance video:

The exponential growth of surveillance cameras has resulted in an unprecedented surge in surveillance video. Effectively managing this data has become a daunting challenge due to the massive storage capacity required, especially considering the prolonged retention periods necessary for security, incident investigation, or legal purposes. Furthermore, the prevalence of high-resolution video with increasing megapixels compounds the storage demands, making efficient data management an urgent priority for organizations grappling with the immense volume of surveillance footage.

## USE OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AT COURTS

Most courts have video surveillance covering the following areas:

- Entrances and exits (gates)
- Corridors
- Lobby and lift areas

- Courtrooms
- Judges' chambers
- Holding cells and detention areas
- Canteens
- Parking areas
- Other areas deemed important

Further, the concerned stakeholders at court complexes generally need to review and analyse recorded CCTV video footage from time to time for investigating incidents and/or accidents, and other issues in order to corroborate evidence as well as assist police/law enforcement agencies.

#### LIVE MONITORING – CHALLENGES

Several courts have a dedicated control room with operators, set up for live monitoring of CCTV cameras. However, live monitoring comes with its own set of challenges of video blindness, poor attention span, boredom, operator bias, false alerts, and so on.

Moreover, these cameras continuously capture and record humungous amounts of video data. It therefore becomes a daunting task for the operators to review and analyse this data whenever the need arises. Thus, it may be noted that benefits from video surveillance systems can accrue only when they are used optimally, suggestions for which are enumerated further on, in this document.

#### COMPLIANCE - GENERAL

Conformity or compliance in any organization means adherence to laws and/or rules and

regulations, various standards, as well as data storage and security requirements as laid down by government bodies, governing bodies of the respective industry, or the management of the organization. When an organization complies with the requirements mandated by government and/or governing bodies, then it is termed as 'regulatory compliance' which enables the organization to run in a legal and safe manner.

#### COMPLIANCE - AUDITS

Several organizations carry out compliance audits on a regular basis to avoid the potential consequences of non-compliance. A compliance audit examines how well an organization adheres to compliance requirements. Some organizations use video surveillance to monitor compliance issues and audit recorded CCTV video footage from time to time for investigating and preventing compliance issues. Auditing CCTV provides actionable insights on the level of compliance within the organization.

#### "CCTV IS NOT ENOUGH – WE MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU"

While it is not being suggested that optimal usage of video surveillance can cure all issues, several issues of the following kind can be addressed by doing just a little 'more' with respect to making the optimal use of video surveillance systems:

- Recces/suspicious movements/activities
- Insider job/security lapses
- Bullying/violence/disputes
- False allegations and/or claims

- Sexual harassment and/or other kinds of abuse
- Unauthorized/unlawful activities/visitors
- Accidents/Causes of potential accidents
- Loss/theft
- Intrusions, especially by animals
- Inattentive staff (e.g. guard sleeping)
- Unruly staff/visitors/outside workers/security guards
- Parking issues
- Unclaimed/unattended objects
- Housekeeping issues
- Health and safety issues
- Issues with female staff or visitors
- Cameras/recorder malfunctions

So, what is the 'more' that needs to be done?

#### 1) AUDIT CCTV VIDEO FOOTAGE DAILY AS A STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

'Auditing' means 'seeing' what the cameras 'saw'. Auditing of CCTV footage should be done daily (continuous investigation) to identify potential issues and threats. Auditing is a dedicated and systematic process that helps address challenges related to live monitoring and alert-based systems. Auditing helps in evaluating analyzing incidents to improve existing policies, procedures, and processes. Concerned personnel should be trained to

become CCTV video footage auditors, and the audit teams should be rotated to avoid complacency/collusion. Daily auditing of CCTV footage can also help in adhering to the principles of Kaizen and TQM for business improvement.

#### 2) DOCUMENT AUDIT FINDINGS/INCIDENTS

Audit findings/incidents should be documented in a standardized template to find the root cause to prevent future recurrences. Historical data of such findings/incidents can reveal patterns that can help take better informed corrective and preventive action.

If all courts report incidents in a standardized template, relevant authorities can derive business intelligence from the data and take action for the collective benefit of all courts.

#### 3) ENSURE DISASTER RECOVERY OF CCTV VIDEO FOOTAGE – LIKE A 'BLACKBOX'.

CCTV video footage must be stored at multiple locations in order to ensure that even if the recorder is stolen, destroyed or tampered with the data is never lost. Further, any backed-up data must easily be searchable and retrievable; else, it is going to be a nightmare finding the relevant video.

#### 4) DISPLAY DYNAMIC INFORMATION AT RELEVANT PLACES

Document and display details of information that is dynamic in nature in relevant areas. For example:

1. List of authorised staff.
2. List of authorized security personnel deployed at the court premises.

3. List of habitual offenders/suspects likely to visit the court's premises (a 'Watch out' list).

#### 5) USE A POWERFUL NEW SIGNAGE

**"WE AUDIT CCTV VIDEO FOOTAGE EVERYDAY".**

One size, one color, one powerful message.  
Across the nation.

#### DE-CENTRALIZED SURVEILLANCE + CENTRALIZED SURVEILLANCE = OPTIMAL RESULTS

Organizations with multiple locations struggle with centralized video surveillance due to infrastructure cost, internet bandwidth, and operator limitations. De-centralized surveillance offers higher accountability at each location and better situational awareness, leading to more chances of discovering exceptions.

#### NEW SKILL – 'CCTV VIDEO FOOTAGE AUDITOR'

In a groundbreaking move, the Ministry of Skill Development of India has established National Occupational Standards for the crucial skill of CCTV Video Footage Auditing. The Ministry of Education has also introduced a course to teach this skill to students in grades 11 and 12. This initiative will not only create new job opportunities and business ventures for those seeking a fresh career path but also for retirees from both the armed forces and the private sector. Additionally, this skill will help activate the millions of CCTV cameras currently underutilized, bringing them out of 'sleep mode' and enhancing their effectiveness.

#### CONCLUSION

"You see, but you do not observe"—a famous

quote by Sherlock Holmes in A Scandal in Bohemia (1891, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)—perfectly illustrates the need for human insight in surveillance. While computers can 'see,' it is human observation that truly interprets and acts on what is seen. COM-SUR simplifies and enhances this critical process, leading to more effective and insightful results.

"Cameras don't lie"—but how will you know unless you 'see' what the cameras 'saw'? Don't wait for things to go wrong. Start auditing your CCTV footage with award-winning COM-SUR today.

In closing, we present three guiding principles that will revolutionize video surveillance:

1. Auditing is fundamental—everything else is peripheral.
2. Cameras have lenses—humans have eyes.
3. Let's make cameras 'accountable.'