CS G357: Computer Security, Privacy and Usability

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Analysis of HW5: Good Reports

- Explains what tools were used
- Explains what was found.
- Gives specific details without compromising privacy

HW5: Things to avoid

- Spending more than a paragraph describing your tools
- Giving a few paragraphs of vague generalities talking about what was found.
- Listing filenames without any thought as to what might be in the files.

HW6: Comments?

Schedule Issues

- Option #1 - Class on July 5th: *****
- Option #2 - Class on July 8th: *****
- Option #3 - July 1 till 9pm : ********

Final Projects

- You will need to have groups of two. Justification:
  - Two people can do a better project than one person.
  - Group work ethic should prevent some people from leaving this to the last minute.
- You can write code, you can do policy, but the best projects will do both.

Biometrics and Privacy

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Biometrics

- Something that you know
- Something that you have
- Something that you are

Uses of Biometrics:

- Simple:
  - Verification – Is this who he claims to be?
  - Identification – who is this?
- Advanced:
  - Detecting multiple identities
  - Patrolling public spaces

Why the Interest in Biometrics?

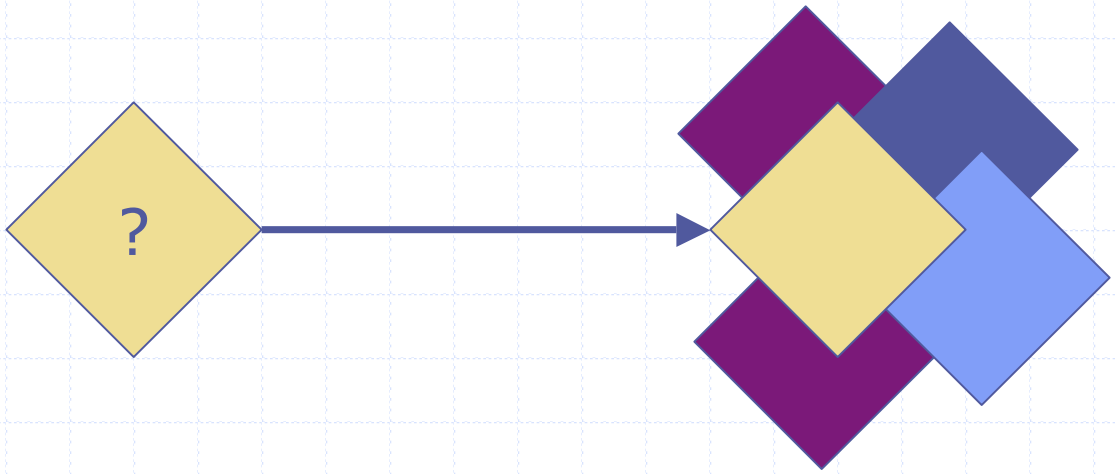
- Convenient
- Passwords are not user-friendly
- Perceived as more secure
  - May actually be more secure
  - May be useful as a deterrent
- Passive identification

Verification

- Compare a sample against a single stored template
- Typical application: voice lock

Identification

- Search a sample against a database of templates.
- Typical application: identifying fingerprints



Bertillion System of Anthropomorphic Measurement

- Alphonse Bertillion Appointed to Prefecture of Police in 1877 as Records Clerk
- Biometrics to give harsher sentences to repeat offenders
- Measurements:
  - Head size
  - Fingers
  - Distance between eyes
  - Scars
  - Etc…
- Key advance: Classification System
- Discredited in 1903: Will West was not William West
- http://www.cmsu.edu/cj/alphonse.htm

Fingerprints (ca. 1880-)

- Henry Faulds letter to Nature (1880)
  - Fingerprints might be useful for crime scene investigations
- W. J. Herschel letter to Nature (1880)
  - Had been using fingerprints in India for 20 years; suggested a universal registration system to establish identity and prevent impersonations

Fingerprints after Faulds…

- *Pudd'nhead Wilson*, Mark Twain (Century Magazine, 1893)
- Prints quickly become tool of police.
- Manual card systems:
  - 10 point classification
  - Scaling problems in the mid 1970s.
- AFIS introduced in the 1980s
  - Solves back murder cases
  - Cuts burglary rates in San Francisco, other cities.

VoiceKey (ca. 1989)

- Access Control System
  - Z80 Microprocessor
  - PLC coding
  - 40 stored templates
  - 4-digit PINs
- False negative rate: 0-25%
- False positive rate: 0%*
- “Airplane”

Biometrics Today

- Fingerprints
- Retina Prints
- Face Prints
- DNA Identification
- Voice Prints
- Palm Prints
- Handwriting Analysis
- Etc…

Biometrics In Practice…

- Inherently not democratic
- Always have a back door
- Discrimination function tradeoffs:
  - Low false negatives => high false positives
  - Low false positives => high false negatives

Policy Issues That Effect Biometrics:

- Strong identification may not be necessary or appropriate in many circumstances
  - Voters may be scared off if forced to give a fingerprint
- Authorization can be granted to the *individual* or to the *template*.
  - It is frequently *not necessary* to identify an individual with a name.

Biometrics and Privacy

- Long association of biometrics with crime-fighting
- Biometrics collected for one purpose can be used for another

Accuracy Rates:

- False Match Rate (FMR)
- Single False Match Rate vs. System False Match Rate
  - If the FMR is 1/10,000 but you have 10,000 templates on file — odds of a match are very high
- False Nonmatch Rate (FNR)
- Failure-to-Enroll (FTE) rate
- Ability to Verify (ATV) rate:
  - % of user population that can be verified
  - ATV = (1-FTE)(1-FNMR)

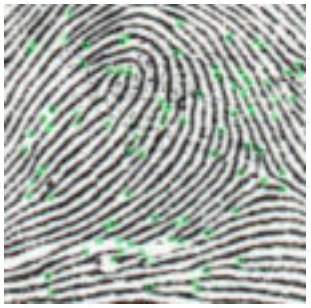
Other Issues:

- Stability of Characteristic ofver Lifetime
- Suitability for Logical and Physical Access
- Difficulty of Usage

Biometrics in Detail

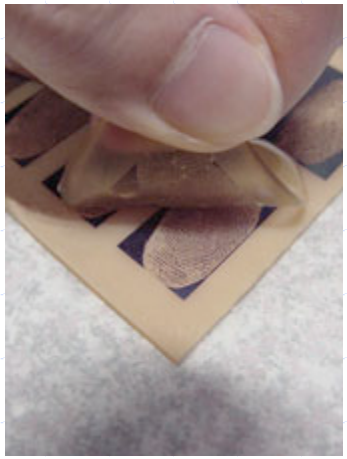
Finger-scan

- A live acquisition of a person's fingerprint.
- Image Acquisition → Image Processing → Template Creation → Template Matching
- Acquisition Devices:
  - Glass plate
  - Electronic
  - Ultrasound



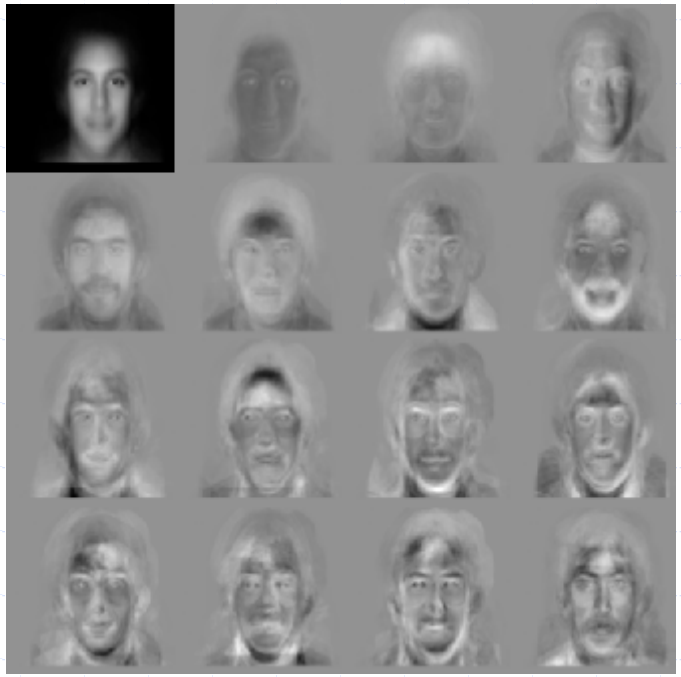
Fingerprint SWAD

- Strengths:
  - Fingerprints don't change over time
  - Widely believed fingerprints are unique
- Weaknesses:
  - Scars
- Attacks:
  - Surgery to alter or remove prints
  - Finger Decapitation
  - "Gummy fingers"
  - Corruption of the database
- Defenses:
  - Measure physical properties of a live finger (pulse)



Facial Scan

- Based on video Images
- Templates can be based on previously-recorded images
- Technologies:
  - Eigenface Approach
  - Feature Analysis (Visionics)
  - Neural Network



Facial Scan: SWAD

- Strengths:
  - Database can be built from driver's license records, visas, etc.
  - Can be applied covertly (surveillance photos). (Super Bowl 2001)
  - Few people object to having their photo taken
- Weaknesses:
  - No real scientific validation
- Attacks:
  - Surgery
  - Facial Hair
  - Hats
  - Turning away from the camera
- Defenses:
  - Scanning stations with mandated poses

Iris Scan

- Image Acquisition → Image Processing → Template Creation → Template Matching
- Uses to date:
  - Physical access control
  - Computer authentication

Iris Scan: SWAD

- Strengths:
  - 300+ characteristics; 200 required for match
- Weaknesses:
  - Fear
  - Discomfort
  - Proprietary acquisition device
  - Algorithms may not work on all individuals
  - No large databases
- Attacks:
  - Surgery (*Minority Report*)
- Defenses:

Voice Identification

- Scripted vs. non-scripted

Voice: SWAD

- Strengths:
  - Most systems have audio hardware
  - Works over the telephone
  - Can be done covertly
  - Lack of negative perception
- Weaknesses:
  - Background noise (airplanes)
  - No large database of voice samples
- Attacks:
  - Tape recordings
  - Identical twins / soundalikes
- Defenses:

Hand Scan

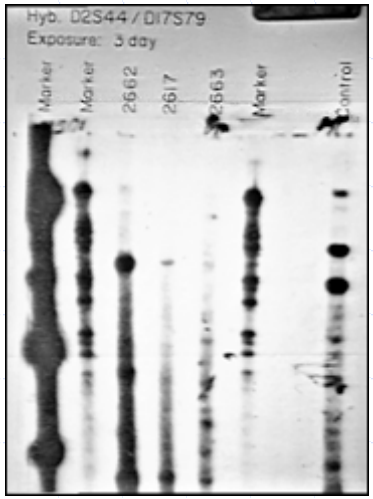
- Typical systems measure 90 different features:
  - Overall hand and finger width
  - Distance between joints
  - Bone structure
- Primarily for access control:
  - Machine rooms
  - Olympics
- Strengths:
  - No negative connotations – non-intrusive
  - Reasonably robust systems
- Weaknesses:
  - Accuracy is limited; can only be used for 1-to-1 verification
  - Bulky scanner

Oddballs

- Retina Scan
  - Very popular in the 1980s military; not used much anymore.
- Facial Thermograms
- Vein identification
- Scent Detection
- Gait recognition

DNA Identification

- RFLP - Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism
- Widely accepted for crime scenes
- Twin problem



Behavior Biometrics:

- Handwriting (static & dynamic)
- Keystroke dynamics

Classifying Biometrics

Template Size

Biometric	Approx Template Size
Voice	70k – 80k
Face	84 bytes – 2k
Signature	500 bytes – 1000 bytes
Fingerprint	256 bytes – 1.2k
Hand Geometry	9 bytes
Iris	256 bytes – 512 bytes
Retina	96 bytes

Passive vs. Active

- Passive:
  - Latent fingerprints
  - Face recognition
  - DNA identification
- Active
  - Fingerprint reader
  - Voice recognition (?)
  - Iris identification (?)

Knowing vs. Unknowing

- Knowing:
  - Fingerprint reader
  - Hand geometry
  - Voice prints*
  - Iris prints (?)
- Unknowing:
  - Latent fingerprints

Body Present vs. Body Absent

- Performance-based biometrics
- Voice print
- Hand Geometry
- Facial Thermograms
- Iris Prints
- Fingerprint
- DNA Identification

Template: Copy or Summary

- Copy
  - Original fingerprint
  - Original DNA sample
- Summary
  - Iris Prints
  - Voice Prints
  - DNA RFLPs

Racial Clustering? Inherited?

- Racial Clustering
  - DNA fingerprints
- No Racial Clustering
  - Fingerprints?
  - Iris prints

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System Design and Civil Liberties

- Biometric Verification
  - Is biometric verified locally or sent over a network?
- Biometric Template:
  - Matches a name?
    - "Simson L. Garfinkel"
  - Matches a right?
    - "May open the door."

Identity Card

- Card has:
  - Biometric
  - Digital Signature?
  - Database Identifier?
- Central Database has:
  - Biometric?
  - Biometric Template?

Biometric Encryption

- Big problems:
  - Biometrics are noisy
  - Need for "error correction"
- Potential Problems:
  - Encryption with a 10-bit key?
  - Are some "corrected" values more likely than others?
  - What happens when the person changes --- you *still* need a back door.