



# Designing Biometric Authentication and Identification Systems

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Biometrics are not like other authentication technologies, and system designers who want to add biometrics to their identity and security toolboxes need to understand the distinctive characteristics of biometrics before they can use them effectively. In this overview, Research Director Bob Blakley describes what makes biometrics different, illustrates the structure of a biometric system, and explains how to use biometrics effectively as a component of a larger identity and security system.

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