

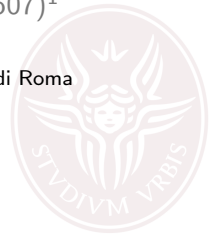
Group Project

Biometric Systems

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Premise

Before we start, let us say that all of our work, included this own presentation, is open sourced and available on Github:



<https://github.com/casalinovalerio/biosys-project>

There is also a script to replicate our setup for future projects.

Overview

We wanted a face recognition based authentication application that is simple, yet particular. We deployed our test using:

- ▶ A **web interface**¹ that works as a demonstrative placeholder. It gets the face with the camera, makes requests to our API server, which returns only a binary value for the success of the authentication.
- ▶ An **API server**² that queries the faces database and recognizes faces using the **@ageitgey's tool**³.
- ▶ A **database based on Blockchain**⁴ that is an open source wrapper for a blockchain database that can be queried with standard SQL syntax. Implemented on the API server too.

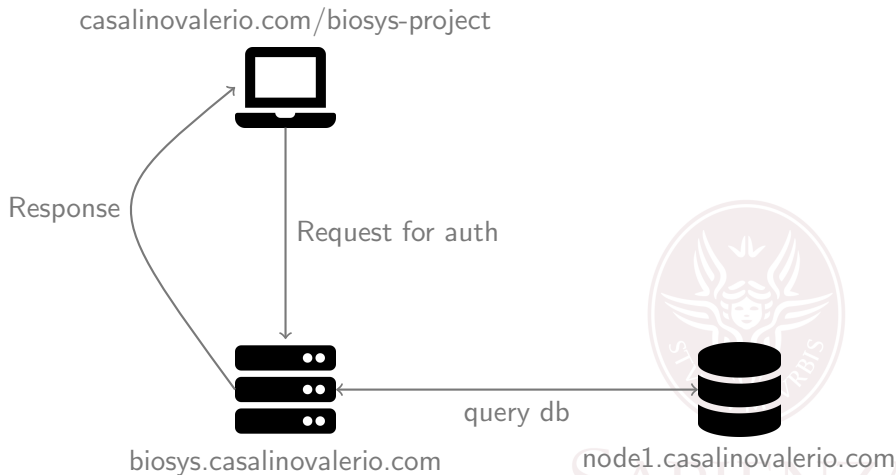
¹Hosted by Github Pages: <https://pages.github.com/>

²Hosted by Digital Ocean: <https://www.digitalocean.com/>

³Github project here: https://github.com/ageitgey/face_recognition

⁴Implemented by Bigchaindb: <https://www.bigchaindb.com/>

Overview scheme⁵



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The web Application

The web application perform the authentication as follows:

- ▶ Captures frames in a canvas.
- ▶ Analyzes them through the opencv's javascript⁶.
- ▶ As the time one button is pressed, the canvas frame is sent to our server⁷, which can register the face, or match the face with an already registered user.
- ▶ In the end, you can be registered, or you can get the authentication response status.

⁶ <https://tinyurl.com/s2yprk7>

⁷ <https://biosys.casalinovalerio.com>

Does it work?

We actually did some **serious** testing on it. As you can clearly see in the picture below, it works!

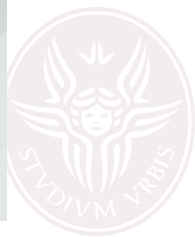
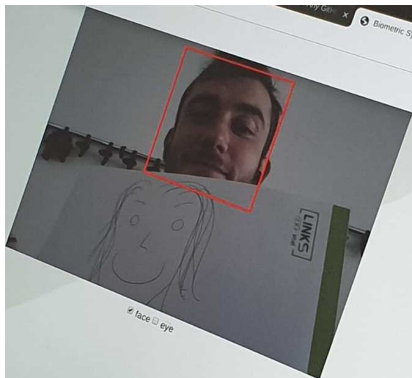


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The Block-chain database

As database for new faces, we implemented a **Block-chain**.

We used an open-source implementation of it, called BigchainDB⁸.

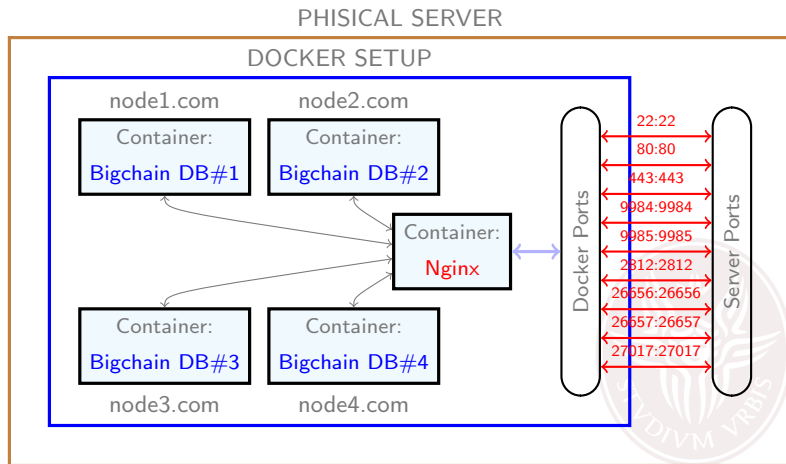
We also used Docker⁹ to deploy 4 containers running the application.



⁸Main page: <https://www.bigchaindb.com>. Documentation [here](#).

⁹Main page: <https://www.docker.com>.

Architecture Implementation¹⁰



¹⁰This is absolutely not meant for a real deployment!!

How to interact with the DB

We are assuming that we have an enstablished connection set up.

Query data

```
connection.searchAssets('AwesomeAsset')  
.then(assets => console.log('Found assets:', assets))  
// Read the console to look at the assets
```

Load data (make a transaction)

```
// Create transaction first (txTransferBob)  
driver.Transaction.signTransaction(txTransferBob,  
  alice.privateKey);  
conn.postTransactionCommit(txTransferBobSigned);
```

Simple as that...

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Connecting the Web app to API server

Send faces function in web app

```
...  
var canvas = document.getElementById("canvasOutput");  
picture.src = canvas.toDataURL();  
...  
xhr.open('POST', 'url/send-faces.php', true);  
...
```

Recognize face function in web app

```
...  
var canvas = document.getElementById("canvasOutput");  
picture.src = canvas.toDataURL();  
...  
xhr.open('POST', 'url/reco-faces.php', true);  
...
```

Getting the response

This is how we did it:



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How we tested

We tested our solution with a custom script.

Use the script (to edit)

```
./test /path/to/test-faces
```

For more info on how the script works, just look at it¹¹, it is open source!

We let the script run on the same server for the longest time possible, until we could obtain a reasonable evaluation.

¹¹Script here: <https://tinyurl.com/wo3rk8s>

Testing approach (Training)

We trained the system registering 8 people:

Real name	id	#samples in gallery	#probes
Bill Gates	bill	~60	~10
Barak Obama	doubleb	~60	~10
Margot Robbie	harley	~60	~10
Miriam Leone	mlion	~60	~10
Scarlett Johansson	redlucy	~60	~10
Robert Downey Jr	robman	~60	~10
Tom Hardy	tommy	~60	~10
Mark Zuckerberg	zuck	~60	~10

Testing approach (Querying)

Then, we collected 10 other random pictures from the same people, plus 10 pictures for other 5 people:

- ▶ Jimmy Fellon
- ▶ Donald Trump
- ▶ Tim Cook
- ▶ Jeff Bezos
- ▶ Alfred Hitchcock

To be quick, we used yet another script¹² to upload pictures to be queried.

¹²This one:



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Conclusions

It wasn't an easy project, but we did our best. At the end of it all, we learned:

- ▶ How to gather information on standards and OS solutions available.
- ▶ Deploy an actual service relying on ourselves.
- ▶ How to evaluate a BS performance in an automatic way.

Performance consideration here.



Greetings from the group

This is a really great ending message from the "creative" chilled-capibaras!



And this is a real cool catchy phrase!!