Understanding Biometrics



2. Identification and Verification



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Identification methods

- Token-based
 - Something you possess
 - e.g. token, smart card, seal
- Knowledge-based
 - Something you know
 - e.g. password, pin, secret
- Physiology- or Behavior- based
 - Something you are
 - Biometrics







Identification methods

- Token-based
 - Can be lost, stolen, damaged or copied
- Knowledge-based
 - Forgotten, recorded, easily guessed, or shared
- Physiology- or Behavior- based
 - Always with you; never lost or forgotten



- Increased security
 - Not lost, stolen or forgotten
- Increased convenience
 - c.f. passwords nightmare
- Increased accountability
 - Not shared
- Improved fraud detection
- Improved criminal investigation



e.g. Driver license fraud

- Beaverton, Ore. March 13, 2007 Digimarc Corporation (NASDAQ DMRC) today announced that its Digimarc facial recognition-based Biometric Identification solution is helping many States to prevent identity theft and fraud and enhance traffic safety
 - www.digimarc.com/media/release.asp?newslD=556
- Kansas City Star reported in a Feb. 24, 2007 article ("Driver's Licenses Help Combat Fraud") that the Kansas Department of Revenue, another customer of the Digimarc facial recognition solution, has "identified more than 1,200 cases in which people tried to dupe the system and get another identity on another license" over the past two and a half years.
- Kentucky, Apr. 1, 2005: Before the move to the digitized license, searching for a single case of an individual with multiple identities in the driver's license system could take up to 47 days. FaceEXPLORER can search the entire 3.9 million images in just 15 seconds,

www.techlines.ky.gov/2005/april/facial_recognition.htm

e.g. Fingerprint for lunch



 Starting Jan. 2, 2006, Patrick Henry High School will use their thumbs for more than just handling food during lunch. The school has installed a biometric thumbprint reader in its new cafeteria ... to replace the current system, in which students punch in a six-digit identification number to pay for their lunch.

Benefits:

- Faster payment
- Prevent bullying
- Overcome lost cards/forgotten PIN
- Parents can restrict type of food child eats
- Money in account goes only to food
- Poor kids don't get singled out



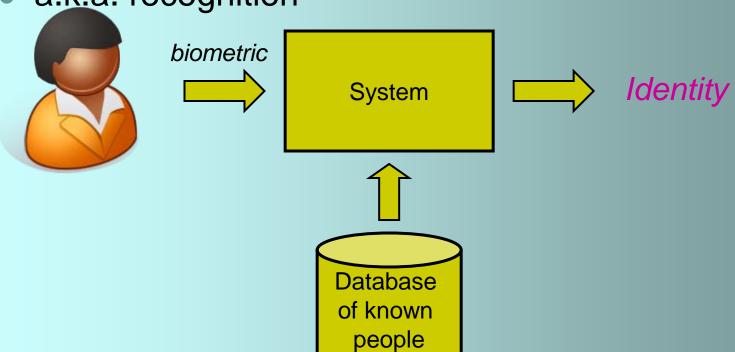


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Identification vs. Verification

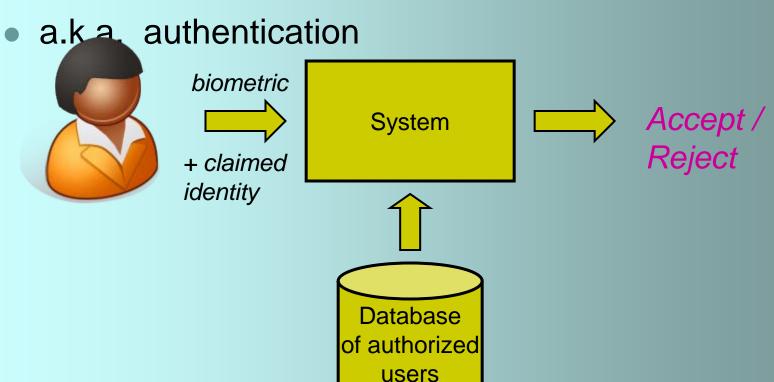
- Identification: Who am I?
 - a.k.a. recognition





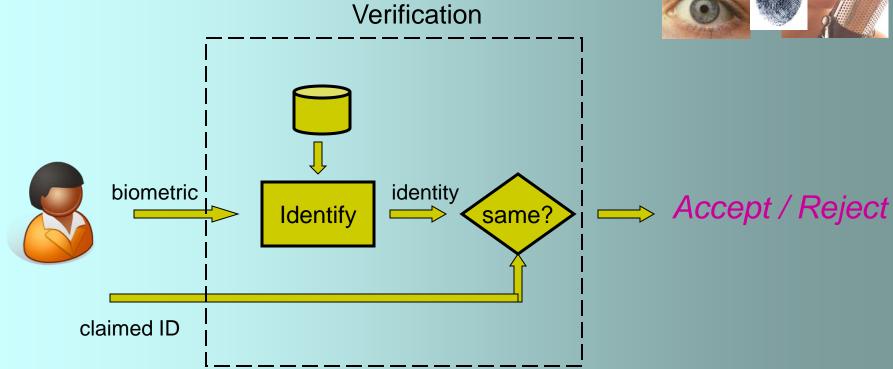
Identification vs. Verification

- Verification: Am I who I claim to be?



Identification for Verification





Verification for Identification Identification Something's wrong here. biometric But what? Verify ID 1 Verify Vhich one Identity accepts? ID 2 Verify 10