Fingerprint Identification System

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Fingerprint Overview

What is a fingerprint?

- Ridges and furrows on finger surface
- Pattern of ridges and furrows creates print uniqueness

How does a fingerprint identification system work?

- Acquire fingerprint images and represent them in proper format
- Match acquired fingerprint to a sample in a database

Why build a fingerprint identification system?

- Identify individuals within contexts of security, forensics, and personnel management
System Overview

Goal: To produce a fingerprint identification system that can identify print samples in a pre-established database

System Components

- Acquisition: Capture image of inked print sample via a camera interface
- Identification: Verify print in database via ridge edge detection filters

Example Application

- Quick personnel identification in a large company
System Overview

Print Acquisition

- Camera
- Control FSM
- Video Decoder
- Static RAM
- VGA interface

Print Identification

- Image Processing FSM
- Matching FSM
- Display Result Controller

Controller
Identification Filters

Original Image

Edge Detection

Direction vectors

Distance scaling
Identification Filters

Edge Detection

Vertical Edges

Original

Binarized edge map
Identification Filters

Edge Detection

Horizontal Edges

(1) (2) (1)
(-1) (-2) (-1)

Binarized edge map
Identification Filters

Direction Vectors

Binarized edge map

Original
Identification Filters

Distance Scaling

Original
Identification Filters

Original Image

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Project Management

Work Breakdown

Camera → Control FSM → Static RAM → VGA interface → Display Result Controller

Video Decoder → Static RAM

Image Processing FSM

Matching FSM

Costs: All components available via 6.111 lab kit or EECS stockroom
Project Management

Timeline

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- System Construction
- System Debugging
- User Interface Extensions
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