Identification at a Distance



"Would you like to see the top on Google Earth?"

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Privacy Concerns

- Will biometric be used to track people?
- Will biometric be used only for the intended purpose? Will the databases be "linked"? (Function creep)
- How do we alleviate these concerns?





New Biometric Traits



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Phishing

- Credit card fraud: ~\$56B in 2005
- Skimming: "double swipe"—once at the POS & once on a handheld device; download on hotel key





The Winning Card



"Basic Pilot Program (DHS) should include tamperproof ID for job-seekers, incorporating biometrics. Only then would it be possible to establish not only that job applicants are authorized to work but also that they are who they say they are"

Doris Meissner and James Ziglar, New York Times OP-ED, April 16, 2007

New Biometric Traits!



Biometric Recognition

• Automatic recognition of individuals based on their anatomical and behavioral traits

the bio-metrics of the subject! 00000

Prof. Tyfun Akgul, ITU, Isanbul

Telltale Fingertips

- How you type can allow websites to know who you are or aren't
- Keystroke patterning was first employed by the military a century ago in its use of Morse code, which also allows senders to be identified by their typing rhythms



Phishing



July 31, 2006

Who is Moving the Mouse?

Personalization: Understand customer interests



Comm. ACM, August 2006

Identity Theft

Credit card fraud amounts to billions in losses for millions of customers

Mike Keefe Editorial Cartoon



Cards, Passwords and PIN

Surrogate representations of identity based on "what you know" or "what you have" cannot be trusted

DILBERT



Ten most common passwords: password, 123456 Qwerty, abc123, letmein, monkey, myspace1, password1, link182, (your first name) http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2113976,00.asp

Biological Principles

- Uniqueness (individuality)
- Permanence (persistence)
- Classifiability (indexing)
- Genotype & phenotype characteristics



Identical twins have different prints



Illustration by The New York Tim

Fingerprint = "uniqueness"



Courtesy: The New Yorker, January 19, 2009