

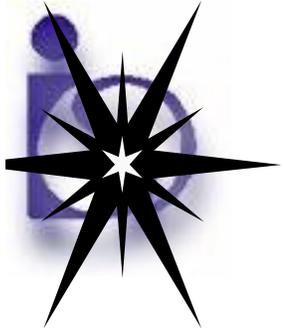


## **Biometrics**

Understanding the Architecture, Standards and API's,  
Encryption and Authentication Security of Integration into  
Existing Systems & Applications

National Information Systems Security Conference

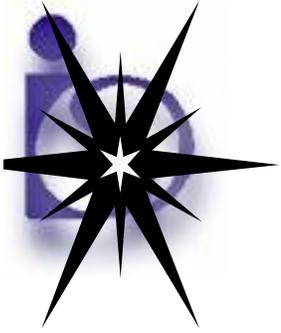
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# Company

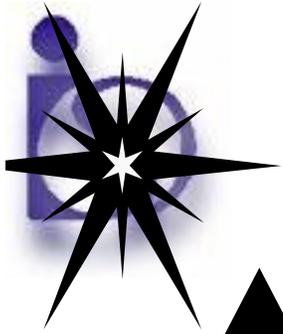
- Founded in 1991
- Core Products & Technology
  - Biometric driver development & integration
  - Commercial biometric application development
  - Biometric solution provider
- Original developer of BAPI & BioAPI Chair
- Licensed to biometric technology to Microsoft
  - BAPI & SecureCore



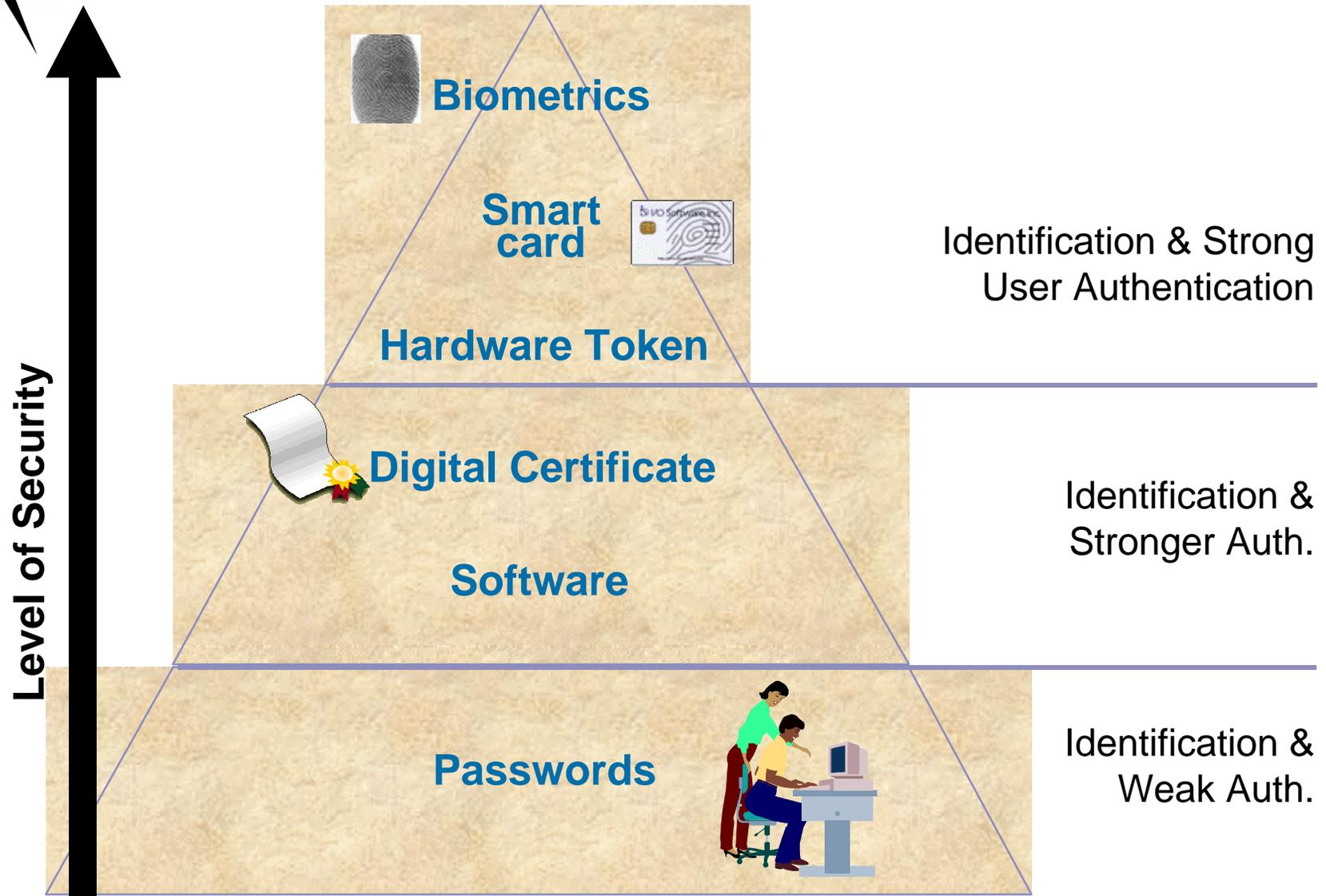


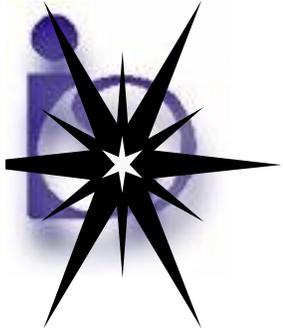
# Biometrics 101

Choosing your biometric technology



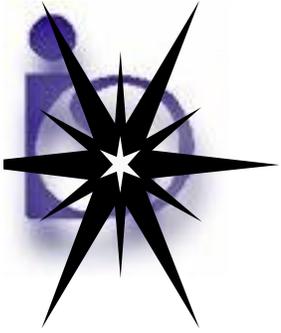
# Authentication devices





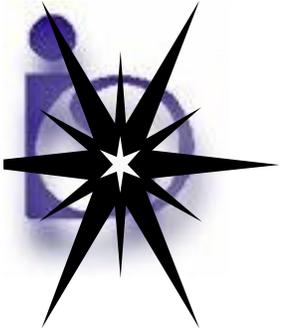
# Why are biometrics important?

- What you know (i.e., password or PIN)
  - Insecure, can be forgotten, needs to be changed, can easily be copied or given to others
- What you have (i.e., ID card or key)
  - Can be lost or copied (without your knowledge), replacement costs are high
- What you are (i.e., fingerprints)
  - Only non-reputable authentication method.  
Conclusively proves you are who you say you are



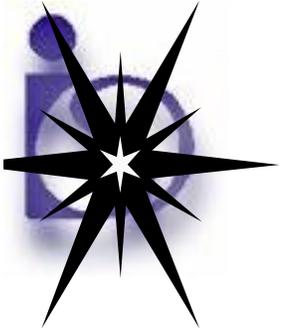
# Types of biometrics

- Physiological vs. behavioral characteristics
  - Physiological: Don't change over time  
(Fingerprint, hand, iris, etc..)
  - Behavior: Change over time  
(Voice, signature)
- Interactive vs. Passive biometrics
  - Passive: Facial



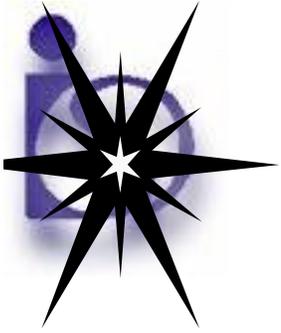
# Types of biometrics

- Fingerprint/Finger length
- Hand geometry
- Iris/Retina
- Facial image/Facial thermograms
  
- Voice
- Signature
- Keystroke



# Trade offs

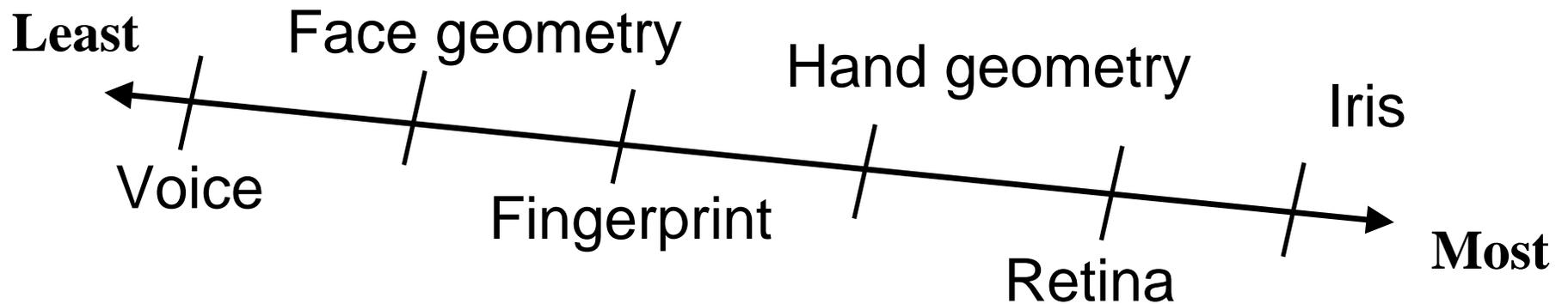
- Cost
- Security
- Size
- Convenience
- Speed
- Accuracy
- Connectivity & compatibility (ports/OS/CPU)
- *Intrusiveness*

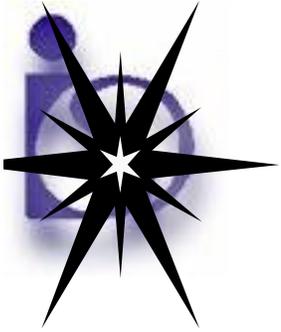


# Costs differ

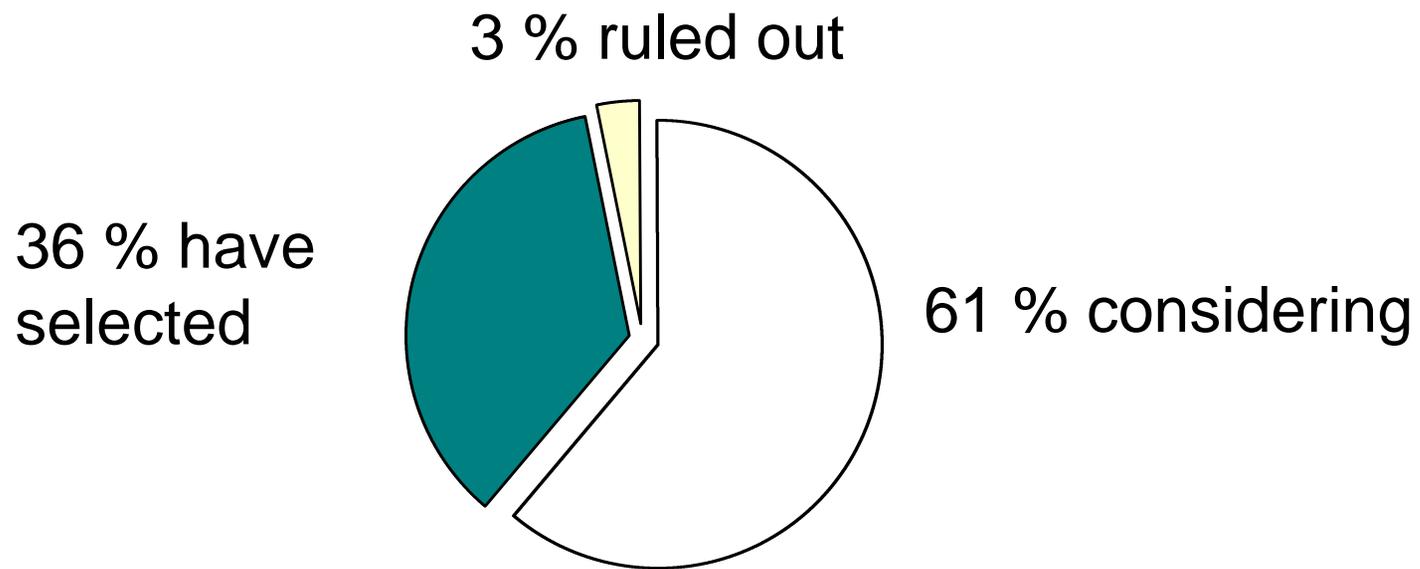
Device + Integration + Software + Training + Enrollment +  
Maintenance + Support

## Expense

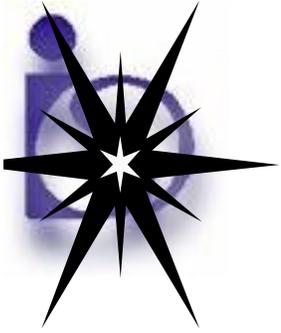




## Current status

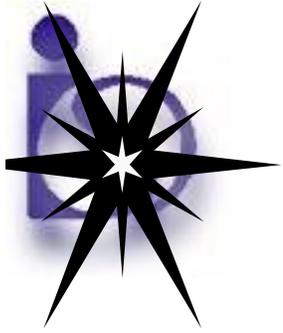


\*Source: Information Week, "Biometrics Survey", February 1999



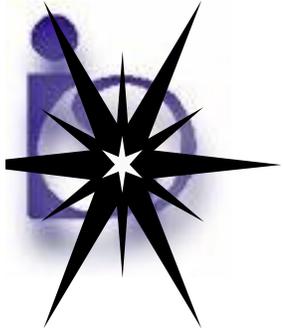
# Who's using biometrics

- Secure access
  - Nationwide
  - Barclay's Bank
  - Citibank
  - NSA/CIA
  - Various corporations
- Convenience
  - INSPass
  - CanPass
- Preventing fraud
  - Mr. Payroll
  - CT Dept. of Social Services
  - Acroprint
- Protecting lives
  - O'Hare Airport
  - Pyxis



# User acceptance is key

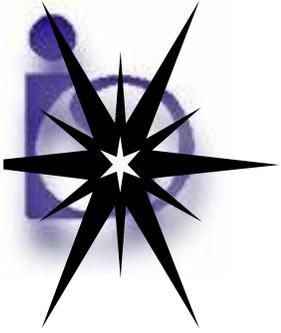
- Some biometrics discriminate
  - Fingerprint: skin and race effects
  - Face: beards, photographs trick
  - Voice: colds, sore throat affect accuracy
- Can you afford...
  - a false reject or a false accept?
  - to offend a valued customer?
- Minimal level of effort required for acceptance



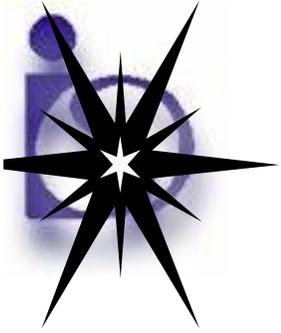
# Biometric taxonomy

- Cooperative vs. Non-cooperative
- Overt vs. Covert
- Habituated vs. Non-habituated
- Supervised vs. Unsupervised
- Stable Environment vs. Unstable
- Optional vs. Mandatory

**Biometrics do best in conditions of left column**

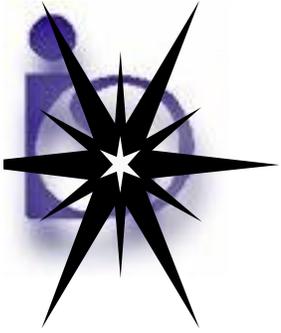


# How biometric devices work



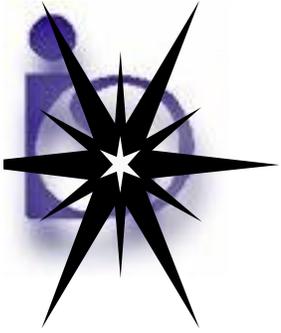
# How biometrics work

- User enrollment
- Image capture
- Image processing
- Feature extraction
- Comparison
  - Verification
  - Identification



# Templates

- Templates are usually not compatible between vendors
- Template size/type varies
  - 50 - 8000+ bytes
  - Speed vs. accuracy vs. size
- Template types include:
  - Vectors
  - Minutiae



# Image conversion

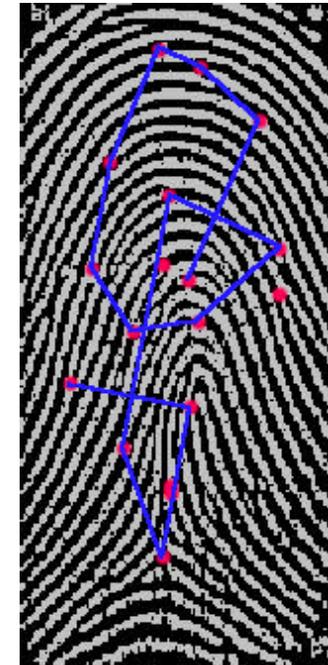
“Raw” Data

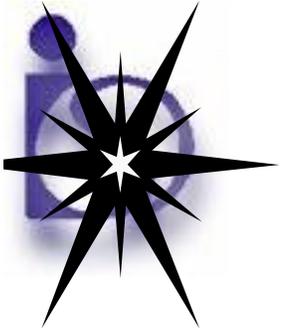


Processed Data



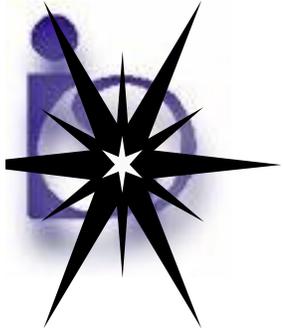
Template Data



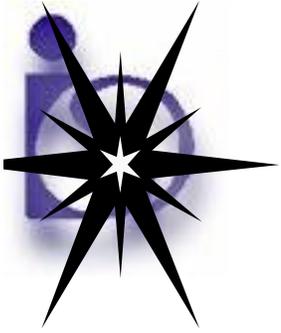


# Comparison methods

- Verification
  - 1:1 matching
  - To verify that the person is who he says he is
- Identification
  - 1:n search
  - To find a person out of many in a database

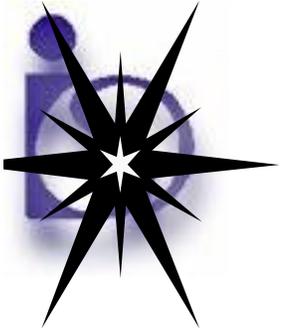


# Types of devices



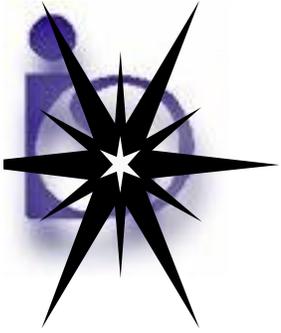
# Device interfaces

- Various port types (and issues)
  - Composite video signal
  - Parallel port (Pass through & ECP/EPP modes)
  - Serial port (RS-232, RS-422, RS-485, etc..)
  - USB port (NT support)
  - PCMCIA port
  - Weigand
- Transfer time / ease of integration
- Encryption



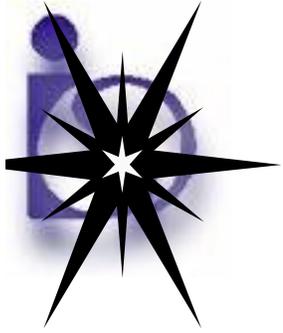
# Image capture component

- Resolution
  - 350 - 500+ dpi
- Sensor types & materials
  - Optical
  - Capacitance
  - Resistance
  - Thermal
  - Polymer



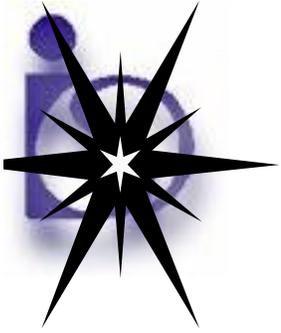
# Sensor comparisons

- Optical
  - Most bulky
  - Distortion issues
  - Dry finger problems
- Capacitance
  - ESD issues
  - Surface strength issues
  - Surface area limitations
- Thermal
  - Lowest surface area required

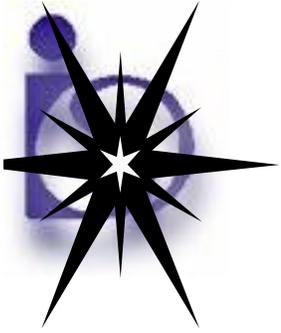


# Device sophistication

- Simple
  - Scanner (only)
  - Scanner with encryption
- Processing (self-contained)
  - Scanner with CPU and/or LSI for fingerprint processing
  - Scanner with CPU and memory for storage of fingerprint (optional encryption)
- Complex
  - Scanner + CPU + protected storage for PKI type use

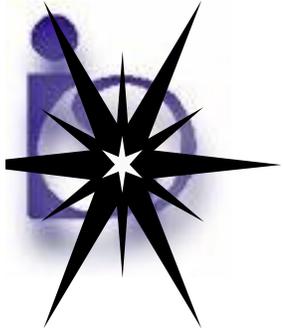


# Evolution of biometric devices



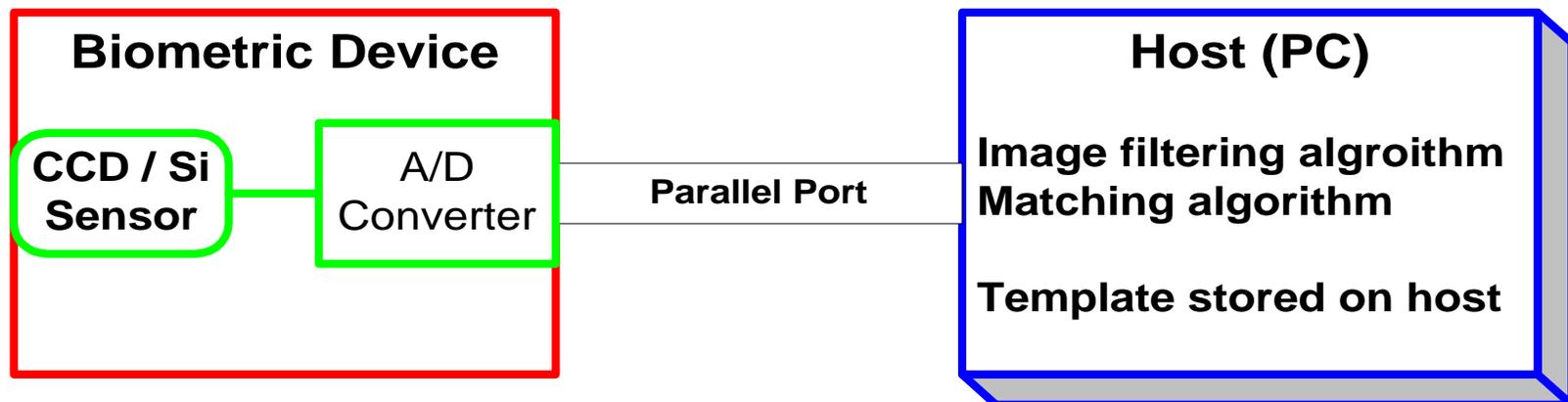
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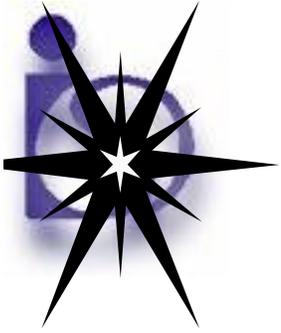
- First Generation
  - Supervised
  - Slow
  - Bulky devices / heavy!
  - Required calibration
  - Not PC based
  - Very expensive! (>\$5K)
  - Application: Criminal Enforcement



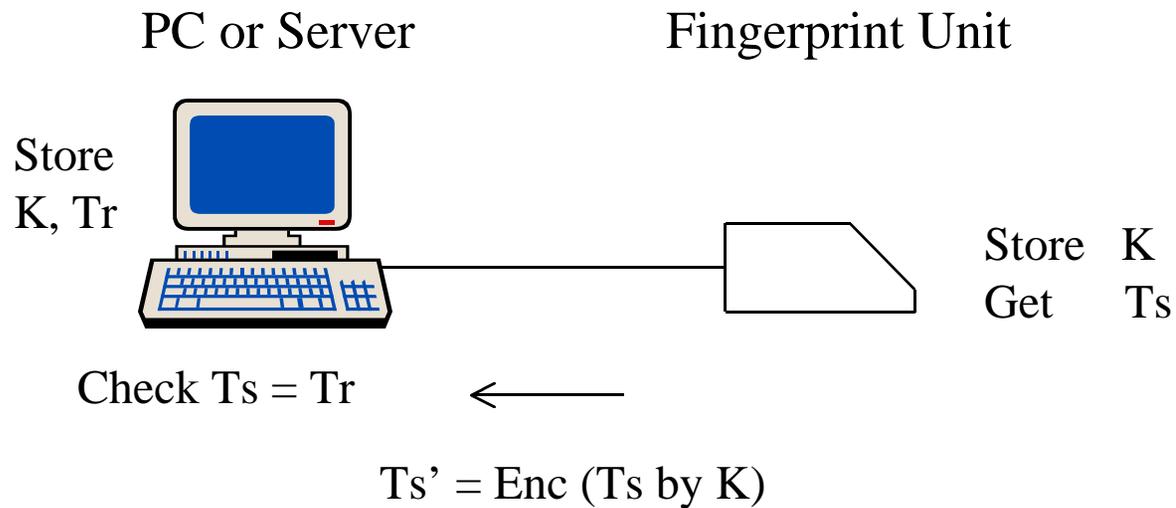
## 1<sup>st</sup> generation devices

- Simple design / low-cost device
- No security
- All processing done on host PC
- Ideal for simple low security applications



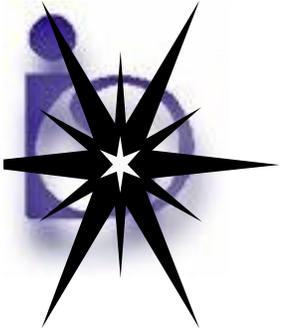


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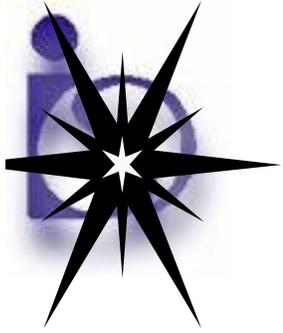
- . Need standard
- . Key delivery of the symmetric key

K: Symmetric Key  
Tr: Reference Template  
Ts: Sample Template



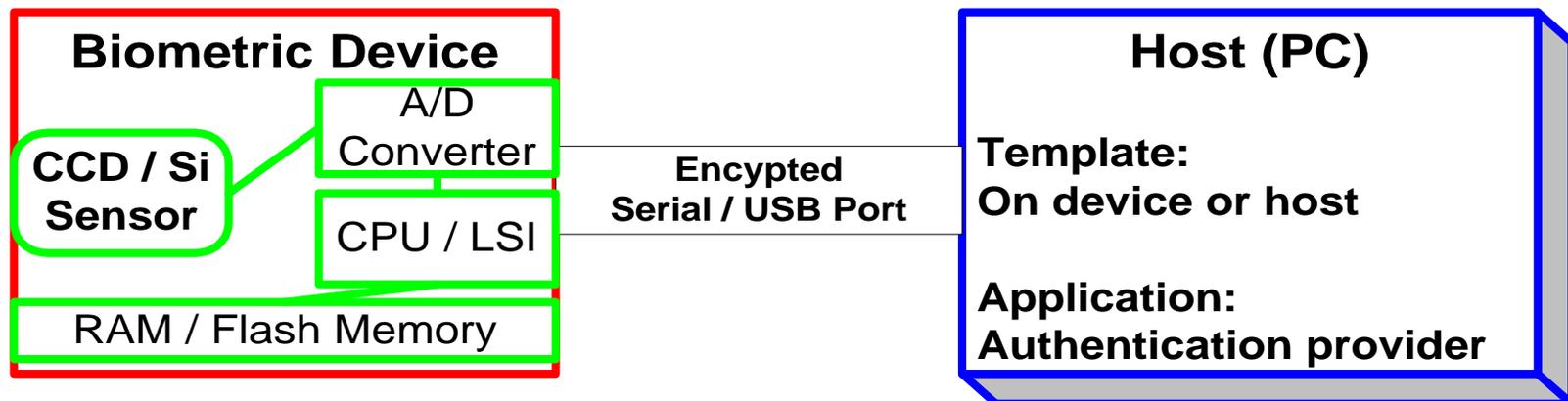
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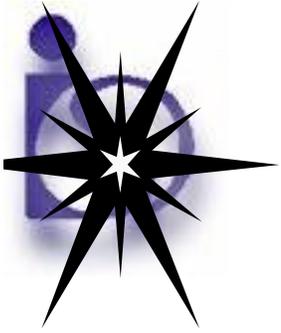
- Second Generation
  - Optical only devices
  - High FRR and/or FAR
  - Required some finger preparation
  - Somewhat PC friendly development environment
  - Expensive (>\$1K)
  - Applications:
    - Building access control
    - High security computing in vertical applications



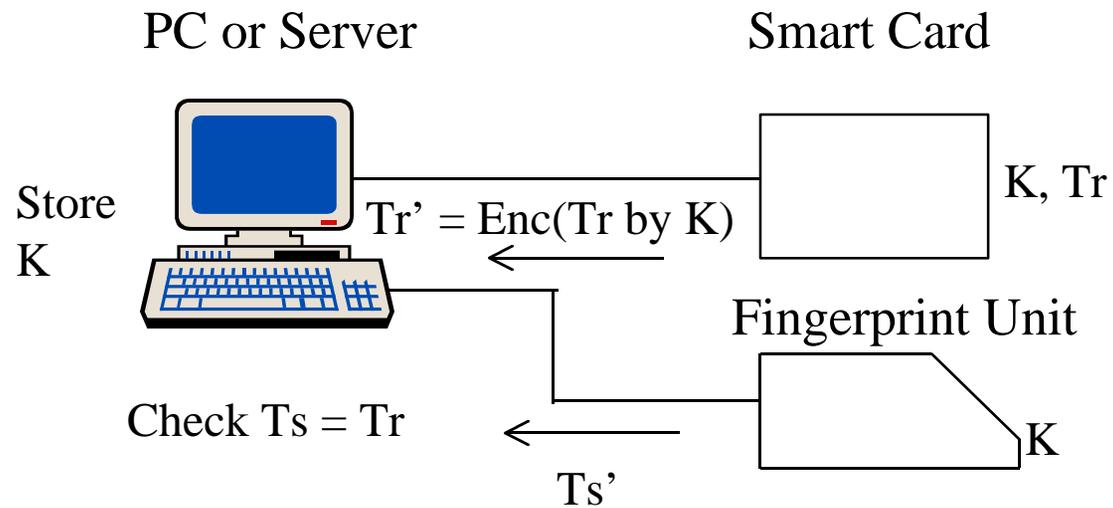
## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation devices

- Device contains a lot of intelligence
- Communications encrypted to host
- Some or all processing done in device
- Ideal for physical access, smart cards and terminals

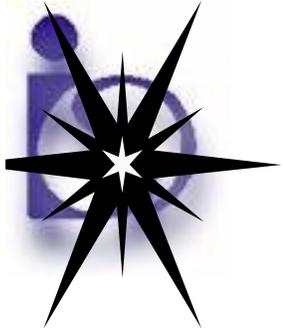




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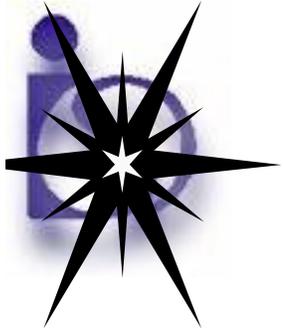


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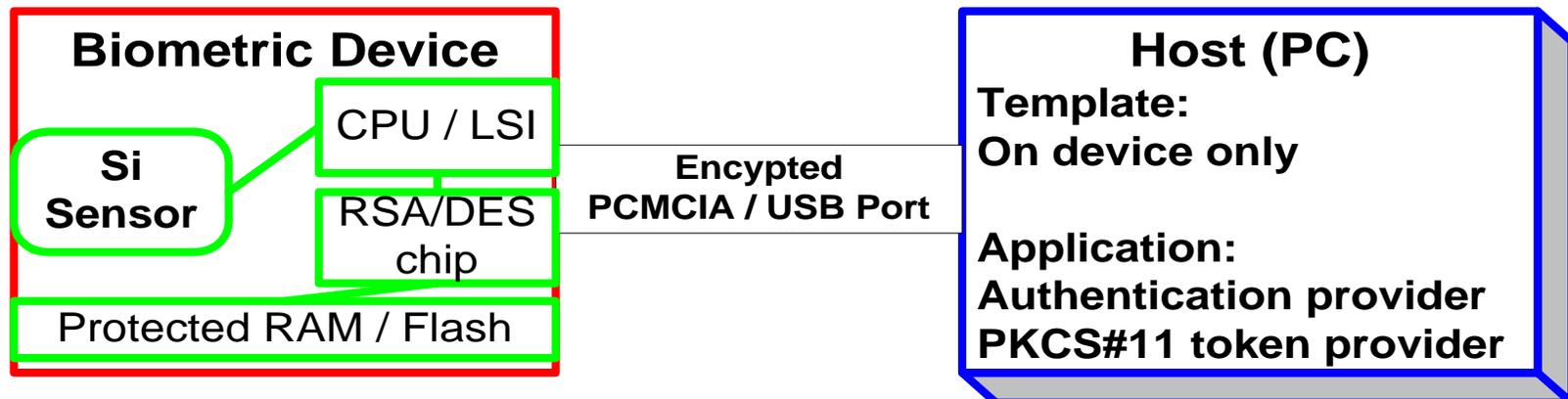
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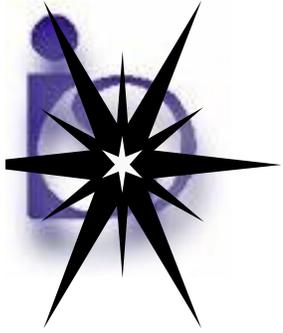
- Third Generation
  - Non optical based sensor
  - First mass produced devices
  - Fast, self-calibrating, encryption support, dead/fake finger detection
  - SDK's available for PC's
  - Inexpensive (<\$300)
  - Applications:
    - General Purpose Computing
      - Windows NT/95, UNIX



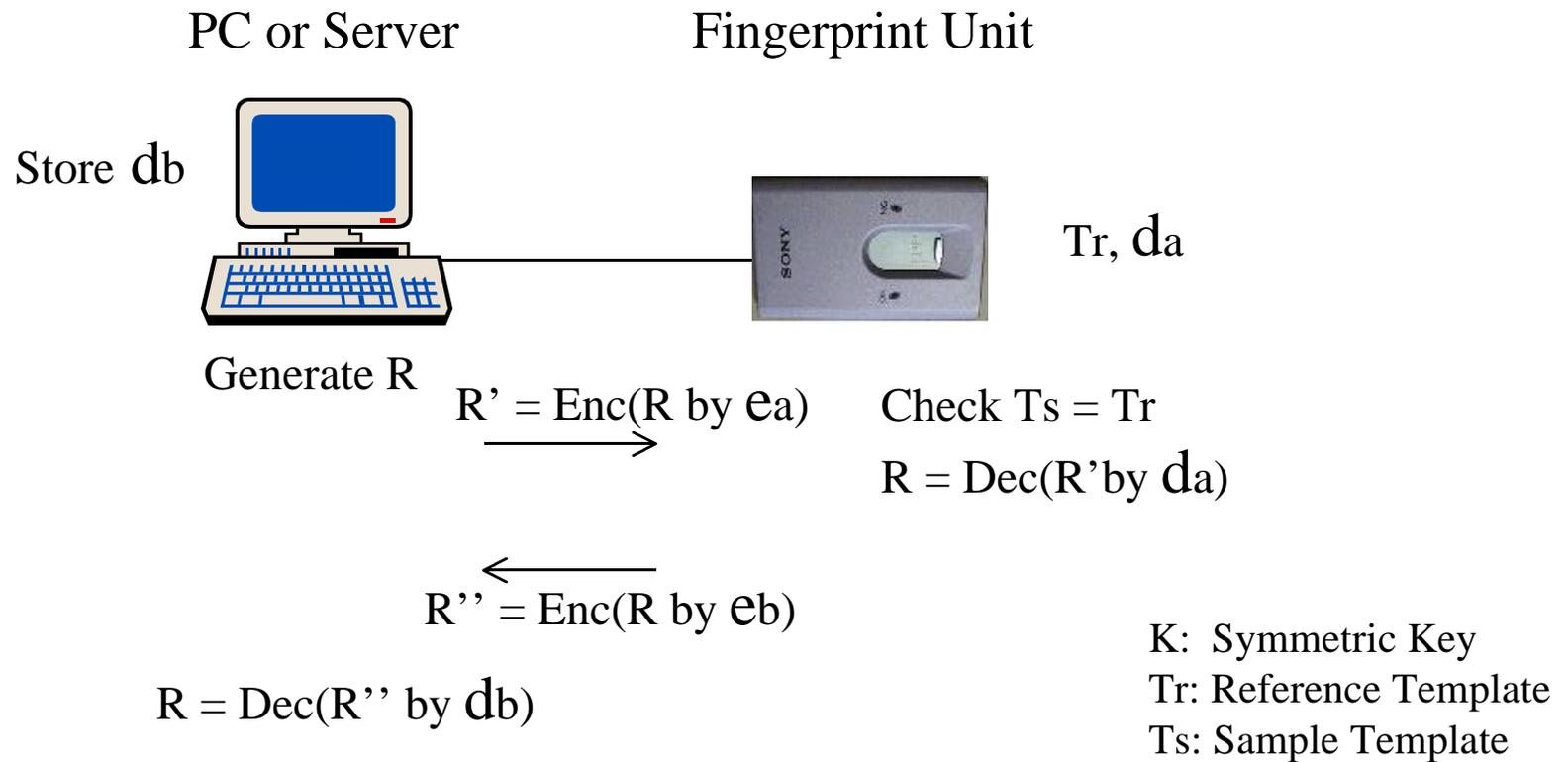
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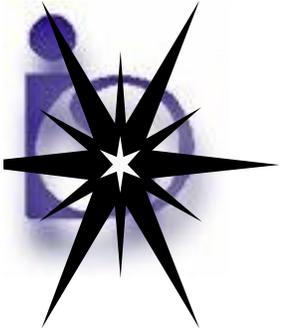
- Devices are small and portable
- Templates and private keys (PKI) never leave device (storage is protected)
- Tamperproof (FIPS 140-1)
- Ideal for PKI (PKCS#11 - cryptoki) applications



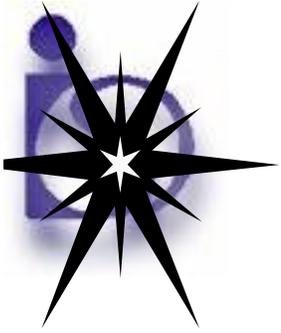


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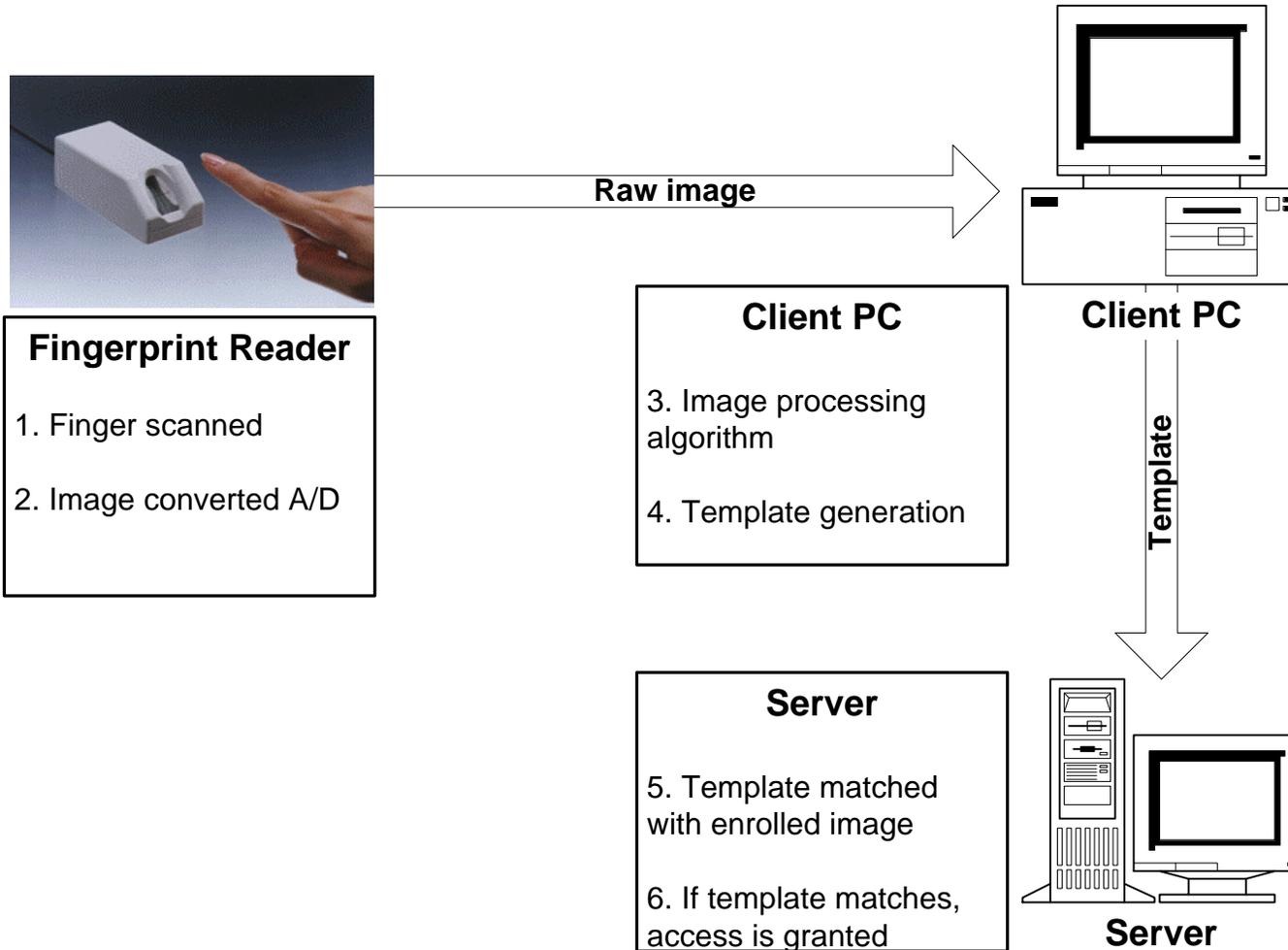


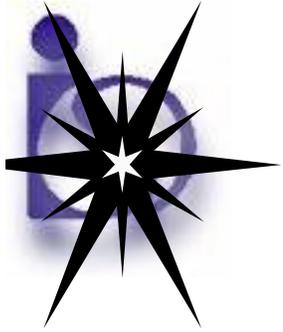


# Application suitability



# Client/Server





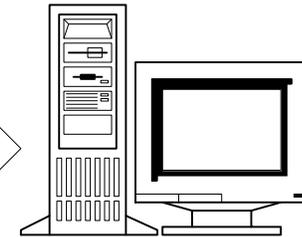
# Smart card



Smart card with fingerprint template



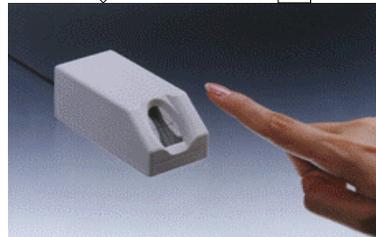
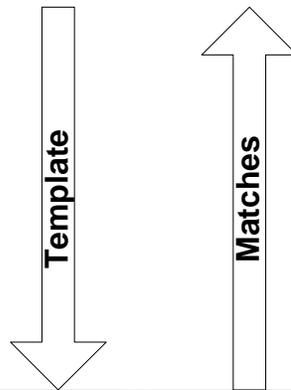
Card Terminal



Data Center

**Terminal**

1. Card is inserted
2. Template is read from card
3. Template(PIN) sent to fingerprint reader

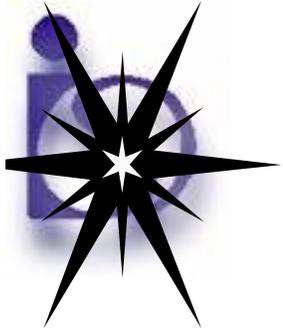


**Fingerprint Reader**

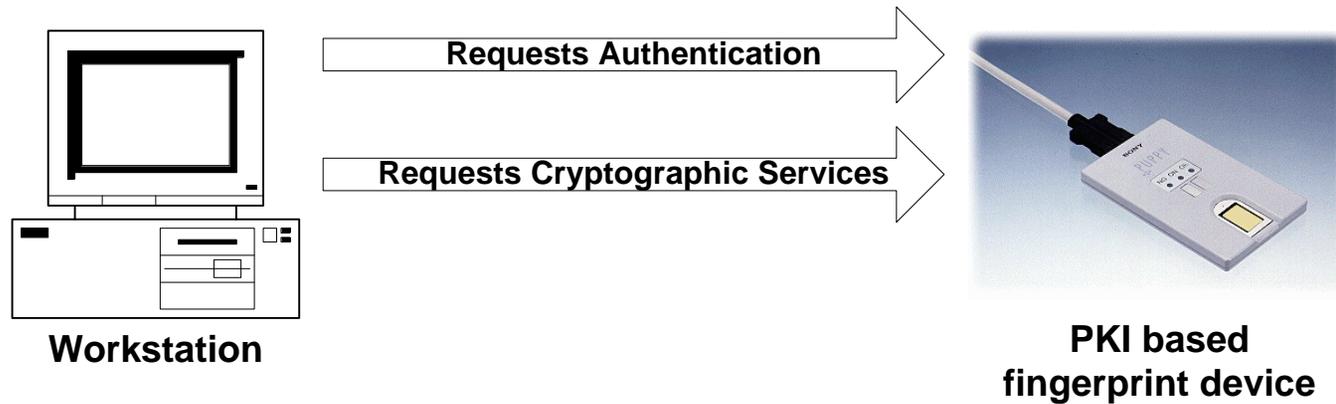
4. Finger scanned
5. Finger checked with uploaded template
6. Sends PIN back to terminal

**Server**

7. Card data updated
8. Updated information sent to data center
9. Transaction complete



# PKI



## Workstation

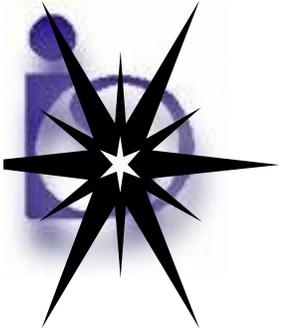
Certificate based web site requests certificate  
- or -  
E-mail application requests private key

## PKCS#11 Module

1. User authentication requested
4. Cryptographic services requested -or- certificate requested

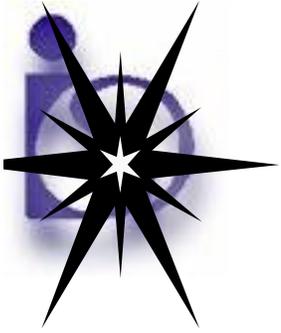
## Fingerprint Reader

2. Finger scanned
3. Authentication token returned to workstation
5. Cryptographic provided to data -or- certificate returned



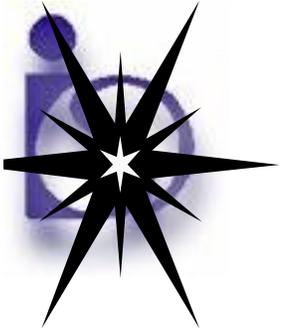
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- Keypads & LED's
- “Live finger” sensor
- Smart card integration
- Ergonomics
- Size
- Water resistance

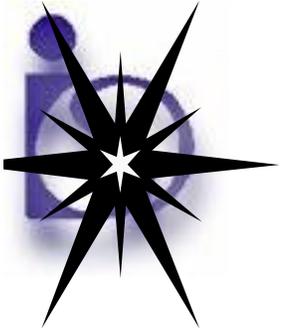


## Other issues

- FCC, CE, UL certification
- Microsoft WHCL compatibility
- NS1 export approval
- CC1 export approval
- Federal Information Processing Standard
  - FIPS 140-1
- AFIS compatibility

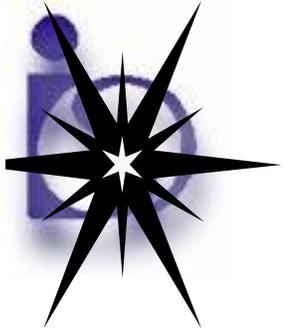


# Biometric applications



# Types of applications

- Physical access
- Computer logon/logoff
- File encryption
- Client/Server
- Dumb terminals
- Internet / e-Commerce
- Smart cards
- PKI - Public Key Infrastructure



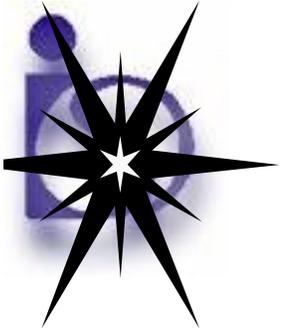
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- SecureSuite
  - Biometrically authenticated Windows 95/98/NT Logon
  - Screen saver unlocking
  - Password provider
  - Hard disk encryption
  - PKI, etc...

Username	Full Name	Description
Administrator		Built-in account for administering the computer/domain
Doug	Doug	Typist
Edward	Edward James	Software Engineer
Guest		Built-in account for guest access
karl	Karl Jones	Accountant

- Smart card (VeriFone)
  - Biometrically locking smart card contents
- Web / Internet Commerce (SecureWeb)





# SecureSuite



- **SecureStart** - Secure logon system for Windows 95/98/NT
- **SecureFolder** - Windows file / folder encryption application
- **SecureSession** - Windows password bank / provider
- **SecureEntrust** - PKI based authentication and encryption provider for Entrust
- **SecureApp** - Windows based application execution control
- **SecureWeb** - Customizable web server access control solution

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