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Development of a Vehicle Driving Authorization Permit and Fake Driver Detection System Using Fingerprints Techniques

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ABSTRACT

The world at large is characterized by the rising of vehicle thefts thereby leaving many owners of vehicles helpless in the hand of thieves and unauthorized drivers. The safety of the vehicle has become a matter of major significance to the owners. Among the issues of concern that could easily lead to stealing of vehicle or driving by the unauthorized drivers is the lack of good parking spaces in offices arena or residential areas and lack of availability of sophisticated security devices. As a technological approach to providing the solution to the aforementioned problem, this research was on the development of a vehicle driving authorization permit and fake driver detection system using fingerprint technique. The system had majorly three modules, namely enrolment, driver's, authentication and Global System for Mobile (GSM). An enrolled driver sent a destination code from a registered mobile number to the authentication module before the commencement of the journey that would be used for the authentication at the various checking points. The developed system was designed and implemented using C# and SQL programming languages. Eight biometric standard metrics were used to evaluate the system. Series of tests were carried out in five different towns in five states of Nigeria. The developed system was able to suitably identified fake drivers and permitted genuine drivers to proceed on the journey earlier specified. The result of the analysis showed an excellent system accuracy value of 96.25% with a lower Equal Error Rate of 3.75% with the mean-time of 49 seconds to create a reference template.

Keywords: Vehicle, Authorization Permit, Fingerprint, Fake Driver, Detection

1. INTRODUCTION

The significance of vehicle to convey people and goods cannot be over-emphasized. Vehicles are used by the owners for different reasons. For instances, vehicles can be used to transport peoples from one geographical location to the other, convey goods to different places, and advertising services to mention but few. The driving of vehicles simply involves starting the engine with the key [1]. This means that anyone with the key can start the vehicle and use it either lawfully or illegally. Vehicle usage has become important everywhere in the world and also preventing it from theft is required [2].

3. METHODOLOGY

The development of a vehicle driving authorization permit using fingerprint technique towards fake driver detection was detailed as follows:

3.1 Architectural Diagram

The architectural block diagram of the developed system is illustrated in Figure 1. The vehicle theft detection and authorization system had three fundamental modules. The modules were enrolment, driver's, authentication and Global System for Mobile (GSM).

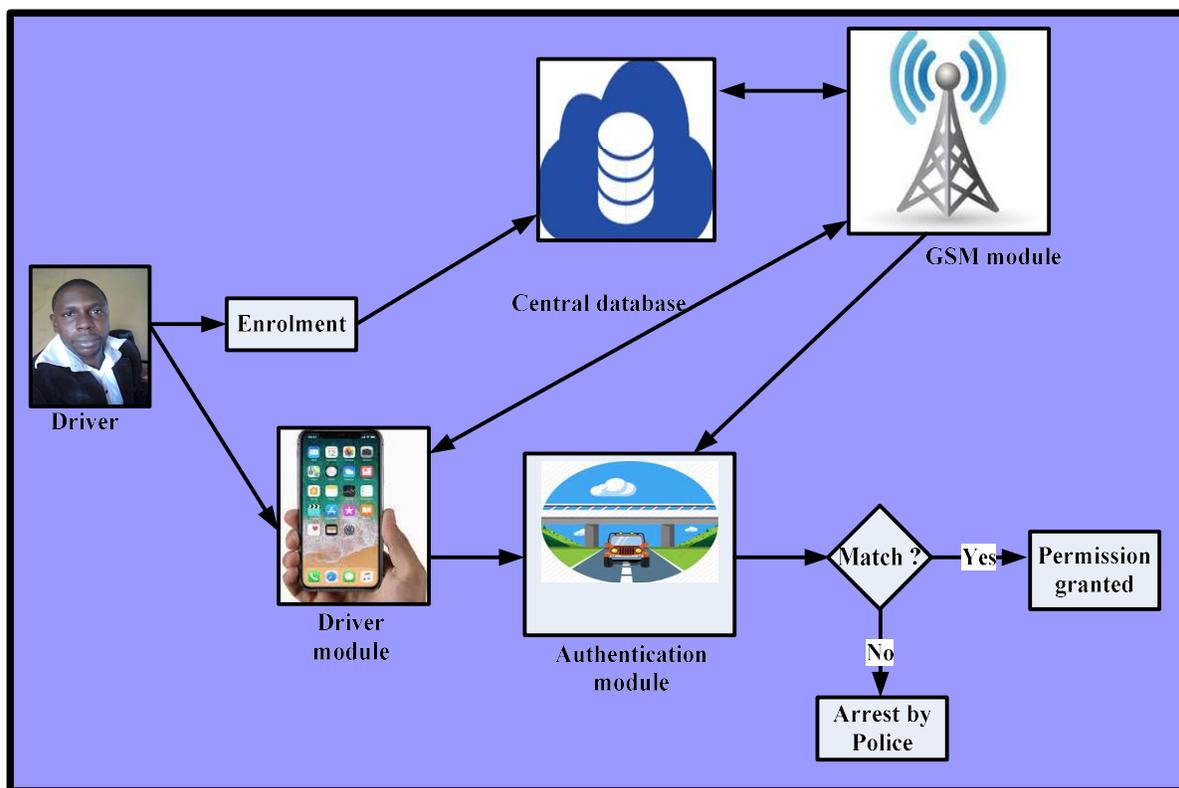


Figure 1: Architectural diagram

i. Enrolment Module

The enrolment module allowed the real owner and an additional four authorized drivers to enrol into the database for the permission to drive a registered vehicle. A particular vehicle was assigned to a maximum number of five to drive the vehicle. However, in case of an emergency, where the real owner and other authorized drivers were not available, the real owner requested an authorization code for the emergency driver. The emergency driver was a driver who had been enrolled with a particular vehicle into the database as an emergency driver and had the authorization to drive a vehicle.

The developed system allowed only the real owner of the vehicle to request for a new driver through a registered mobile number. Also, if the real owner died, the other four authorized drivers assigned to the vehicle of the deceased had to report in persons to the nearest office for notification and re-assignment of ownership. During enrolment, drivers' fingerprints, vehicle chassis number, drivers' GSM number were significantly required for the enrolment among others particulars.

ii. Fingerprint Minutiae Points Analysis

The ridge-ends and ridge bifurcations detection analyses were performed on the drivers' fingerprint image acquired. The fingerprint pre-processing involves Normalization, Segmentation, Fingerprint Image Enhancement and Binarization as illustrated in Figure 2. Figure 3 shows a local neighbourhood of each pixel of a driver's ridge-ends and ridge bifurcations and Figure 4 shows ridges end and bifurcations characteristics.

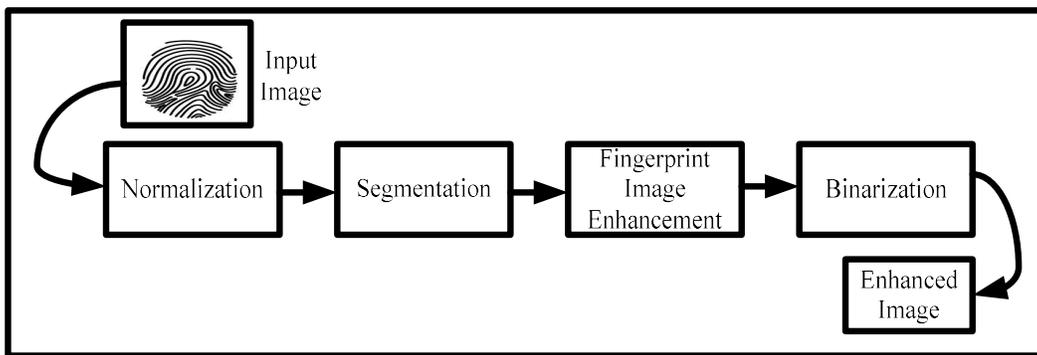


Figure 2: Fingerprint pre-processing

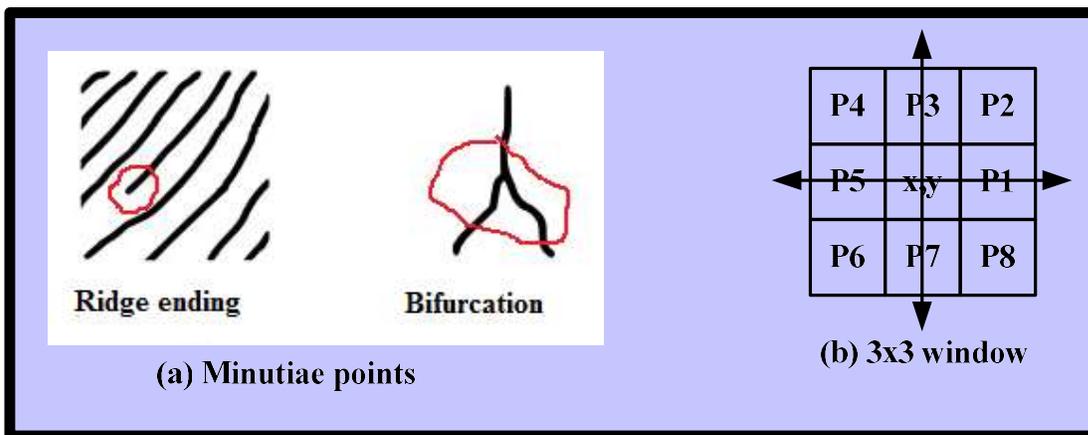


Figure 3: Local neighbourhood of each pixel of ridge-end and bifurcation

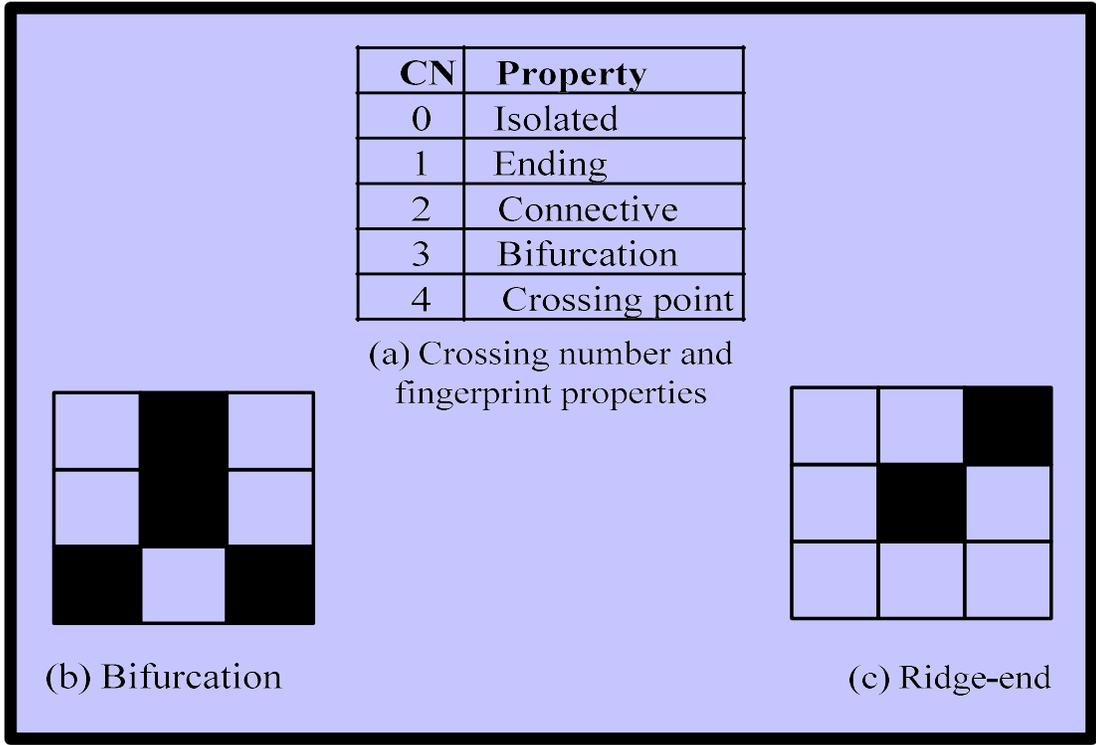


Figure 4: Ridges end and bifurcations characteristics

To identify the ridge–end and bifurcation point, a crossing number (CN) identification technique used in Olagunju (2018) was adopted:

$$CN = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^8 |P_i - P_{i+1}| \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

In equation 1, $P_9 = P_1$.

Therefore, the attribute of the driver’s fingerprint features was represented by D_{FT} and it was expressed as:

$$D_f = \frac{D_{f1}}{\sqrt{D_{f1} + D_{f2}}} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Where D_{f1} and D_{f2} were the fingerprint ridge and bifurcation scores respectively. The D_f was the driver’s fingerprint template score during enrolment stored in the database for reference use. The decimal representation of letters in the chassis number was used in the fusion technique.



To achieve a moderate acceptance and rejection rates of the driver's fingerprint during the authentication, a threshold value D_{fh} was computed as follows:

$$D_{fh} = 0.78(D_f) \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

This equation implies that seventy-eight per cent (78%) of the driver's fingerprint features were used to obtain a value, D_{fh} . The value of D_{fa} was the fingerprint's score of a driver during authentication at the checking point and it was computed using Equation 2. In line with the threshold value, fuzzy logic was used for the decision on the acceptance and rejection of the driver at the checking point. Fuzzy logic is a computational technique that deals with the "degrees of truth" not the Boolean logic of either "true" or "false" (0 or 1) on which the modern computer is designed and developed.

Therefore, if

$$D_{fh} \leq D_{fa} \leq D_f \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

then the driver's fingerprint was accepted.

$$D_{fh} > D_{fa} > D_f \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

then the driver's fingerprint was rejected.
At the authentication stage, let the matching score of the driver's fingerprint be D_{fa} , as computed in Equations 5 and 6, and the vehicle chassis number (VCN) be V_{Cna} . Therefore, the driver's ticket D_{AT} , for permission to proceed on the journey was computed and generated by fusing D_{fa} and V_{Cna} as follows.

$$D_{AT} = f(D_{fa}, V_{Cna}, \beta) = \frac{8.2(V_{Cna} * D_{fa})}{D_{fa}} + \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right) \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

The D_{ET} was the driver's ticket generated during the enrolment and the D_{AT} was the driver's ticket generated during the authentication. Mathematically, the D_{TA} may not be equalled to the D_{TE} before the driver was permitted to proceed to drive the vehicle from the checking point. However, the value of D_{AT} must not be lesser than the value of D_{ET} . As long as the threshold value, D_{fa} was satisfied and the V_{Cna} was correct, the driver was granted permission to proceed on the journey.

v. GSM module

The GSM module received the destination code from the driver, retrieved the driver's details from the central database and transferred the same destination code to the authentication module at the checking point. The enrolled drivers of the vehicle used the registered mobile number to send the code and received a confirmation of the destination.

3.2 Algorithm

The algorithm used for the software development of the vehicle driving authorization permit using fingerprint technique is depicted on the next page.

3.3 Software development

The source code of the vehicle driving authorization permit using fingerprint technique towards fake driver detection was developed using Visual C# in Microsoft visual studio 2010 ultimate version and Microsoft SQL Database was used for the database management system to store all the data. Figures 5, 6 and 7 were the screenshots of the developed application for the vehicle driving authorization and fake driver detection.

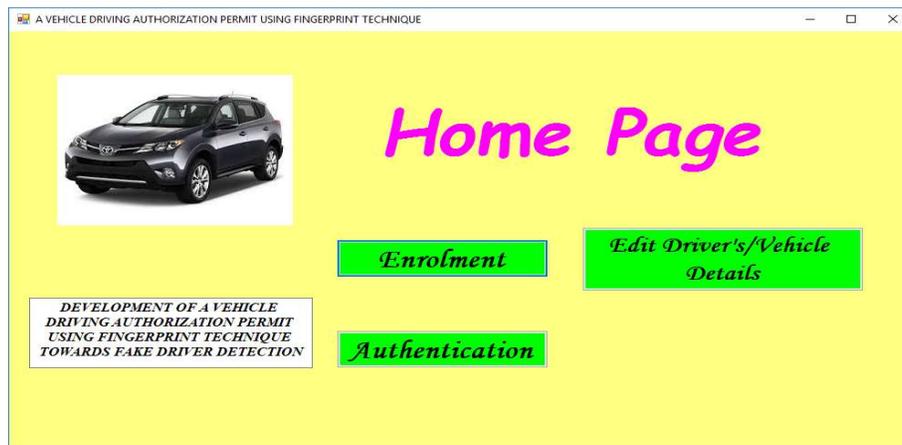


Figure 5: Homepage of the system



Figure 6: Enrolment page of the system

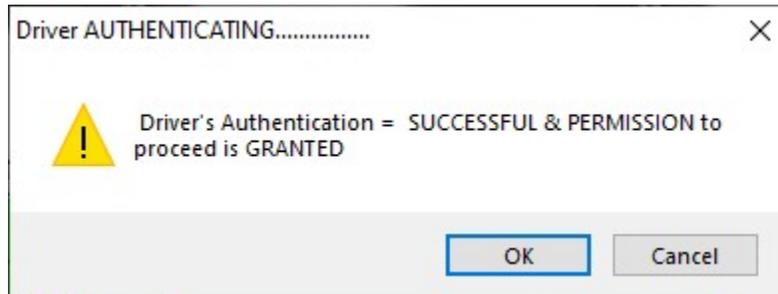


Figure 7: Driver's authentication status

3.3 Standard Metrics for System Evaluation

The standard metrics explained below were adopted to evaluate the system performance. These metrics are:

1. **The True Acceptance Rate (TAR)** refers to the likelihood that the biometric system correctly accepts a genuine driver and matches the template stored in the database.
2. **The True Rejection Rate (TRR)** refers to the probability that the biometric system correctly rejects a fake driver (imposter) and there is no match of a template stored in the database.
3. **The False Acceptance Rate (FAR)** refers to the likelihood that the biometric system incorrectly accepts a fake driver (imposter) and incorrectly matches a template stored in the database.
4. **The False Rejection Rate (FRR)** refers to the likelihood that the biometric system incorrectly rejects a genuine driver and there is no match of the template of the genuine in the database.
5. **The Mean Time-to-Enrol (MTTE)** refers to the mean-time required by the biometric system to collect, process and create a reference template for a driver and successfully store in the database.
6. **The Equal Error Rate (EER)** refers to the point or value where FRR and FAR are equal at a specific threshold value. The lower the value of EER, the better is the accuracy of the system.
7. **The Total Success Rate (TSR)** refers to the number of attempts that are successfully achieved in true acceptance and true rejection. The accuracy refers to the degree of correctness of a biometric true value of individual acquired, measured, processed and stored with a biometric system.

3.4 Research Design and Sample

An experimental design was adopted and two groups were randomly selected for testing the system. The first group comprised of the genuine drivers and the second group included fake drivers that were distinguished with tags. A purposive sampling technique was used to select forty (40) genuine drivers and twenty (20) fake driver from each of the five towns. Therefore, a total of one hundred and fifty (200) genuine drivers and one hundred (100) fake drivers.



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