



Infant-Prints: Fingerprint Recognition of Infants

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Who is this Infant?



- **Authentication:** Is this the infant his parents claim him to be?
 - **Search:** Have we seen this infant before?

Why Infant Identity?

Birth registry
Baby swapping
Vaccination
Nutrition



Vaccination Clinic



Food distribution

U.N. Sustainable Development Goal (16.9):

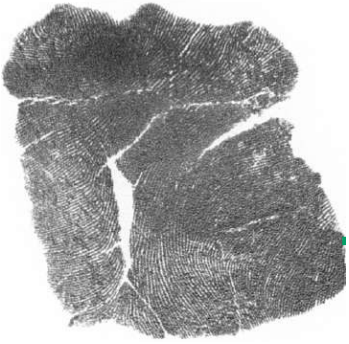
“By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration”

Biometric Recognition



- **ID Bands:** damaged or switched; 1 mistake in 1,000 baby transfers
- **Biometrics:** Automated recognition of infants from their biological traits

Which Biometric Trait?



Palmprint



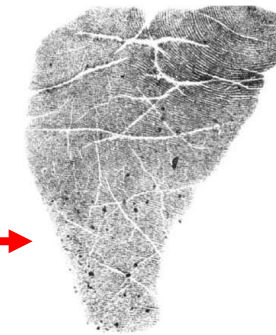
Fingerprint



Face



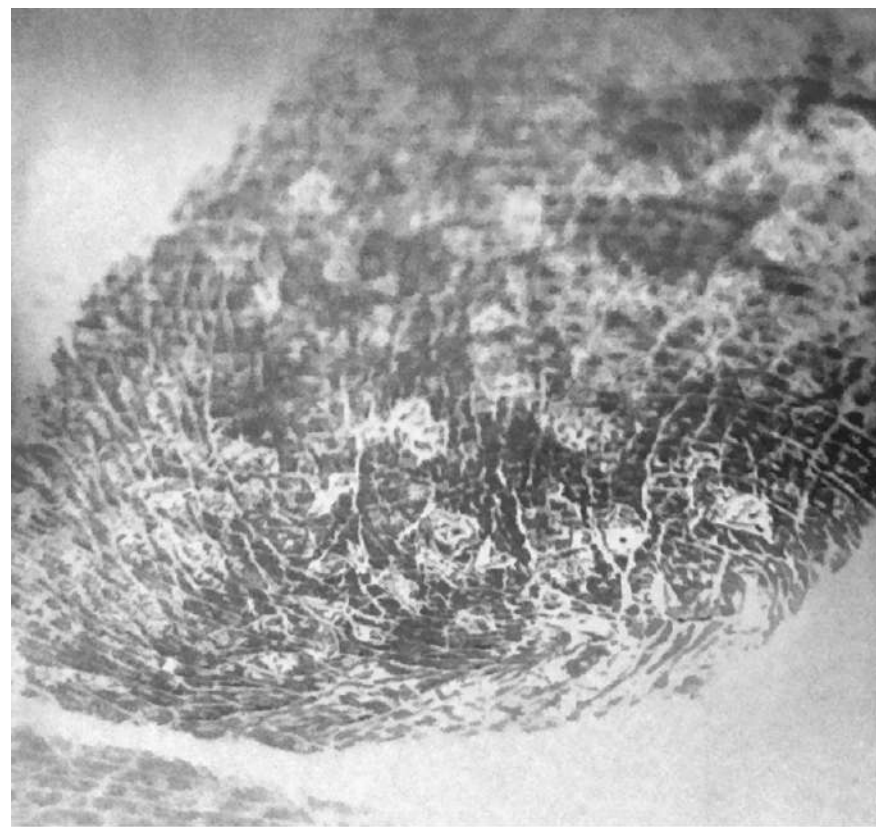
Iris



**Footprint or
Ballprint**

Permanence, uniqueness, ergonomic, throughput, low cost, lifelong usability

Why Fingerprints?



Day 1

Permanence
(Stable over time)



Uniqueness
(Distinct for each person)



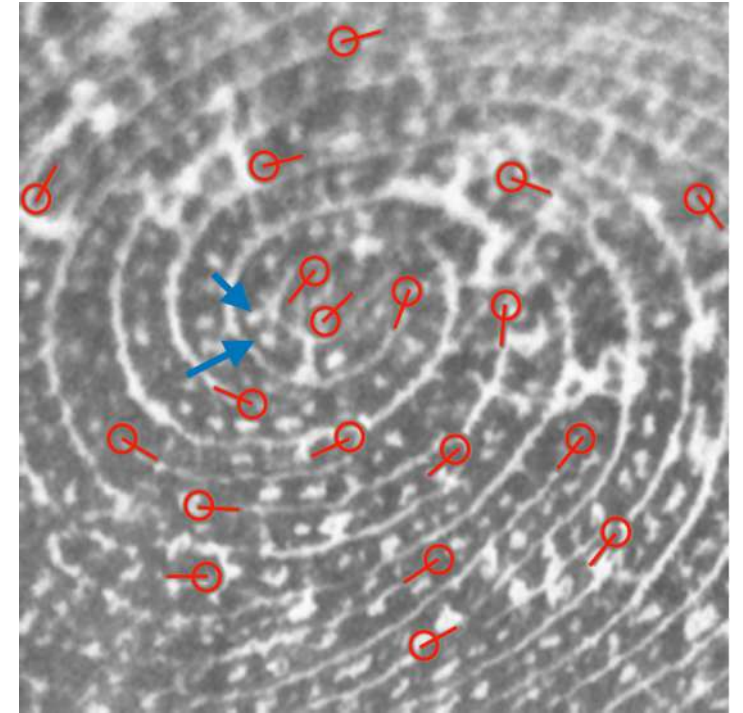
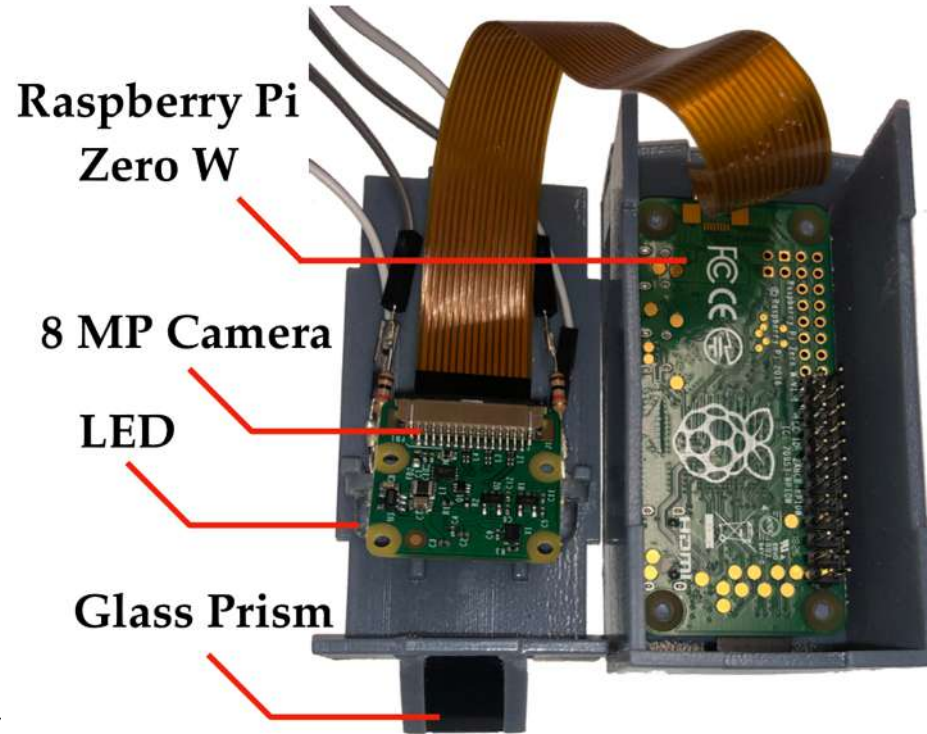
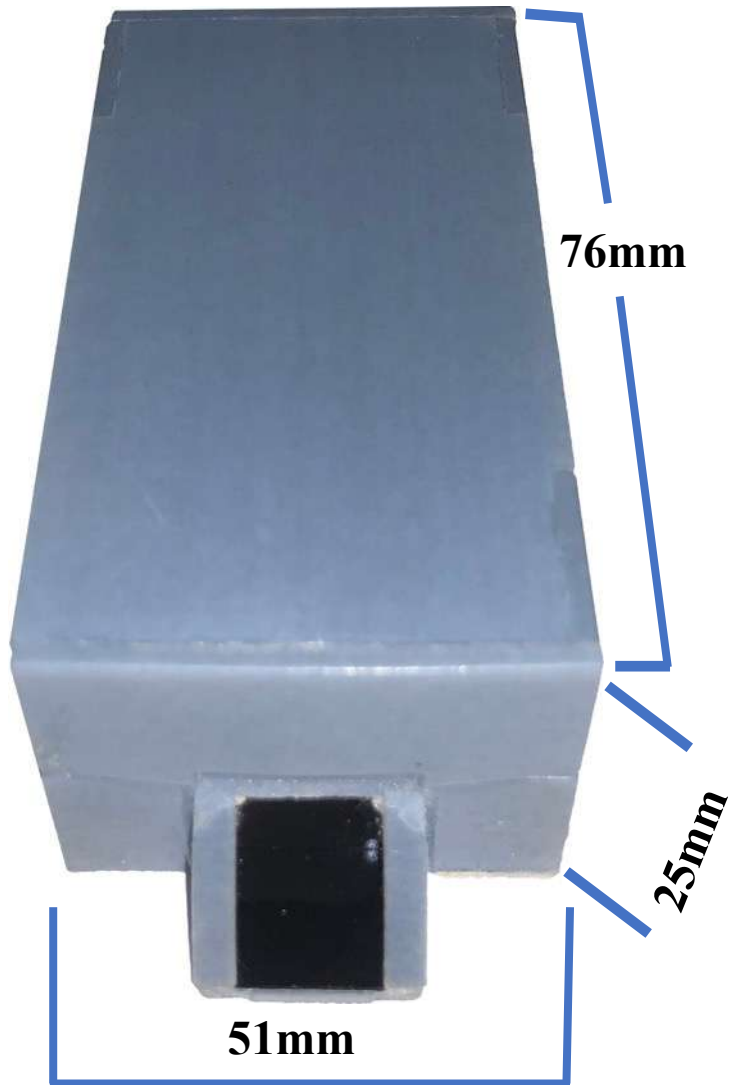
Portability, acceptability, cost
(Accessible to all)

Challenges in Infant Fingerprint Recognition

- Motion blur and image distortion
 - Small finger size
 - Dry/wet/dirty fingers
- Small inter-ridge spacing (4-5 pixels) vs. (9-10 pixels) for adults



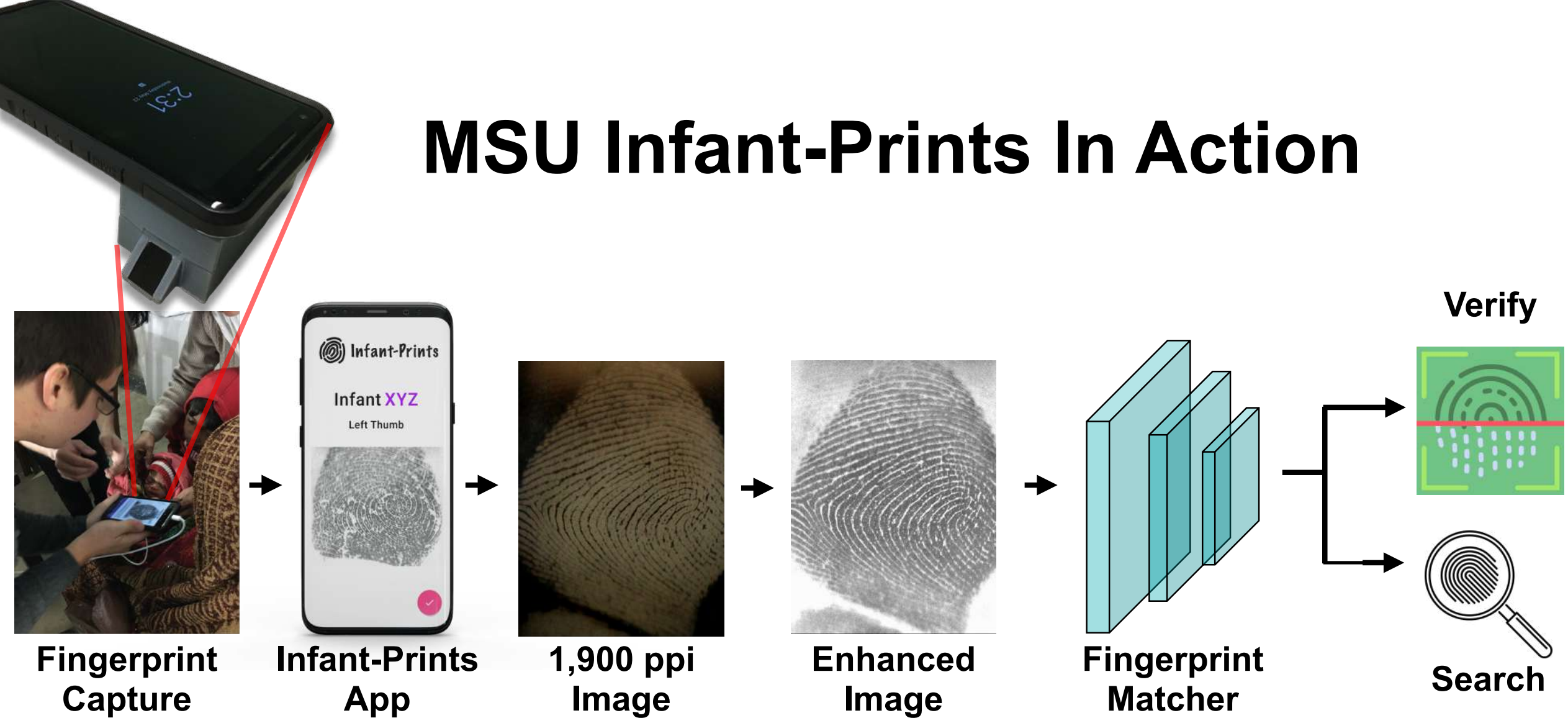
MSU Infant-Prints Reader



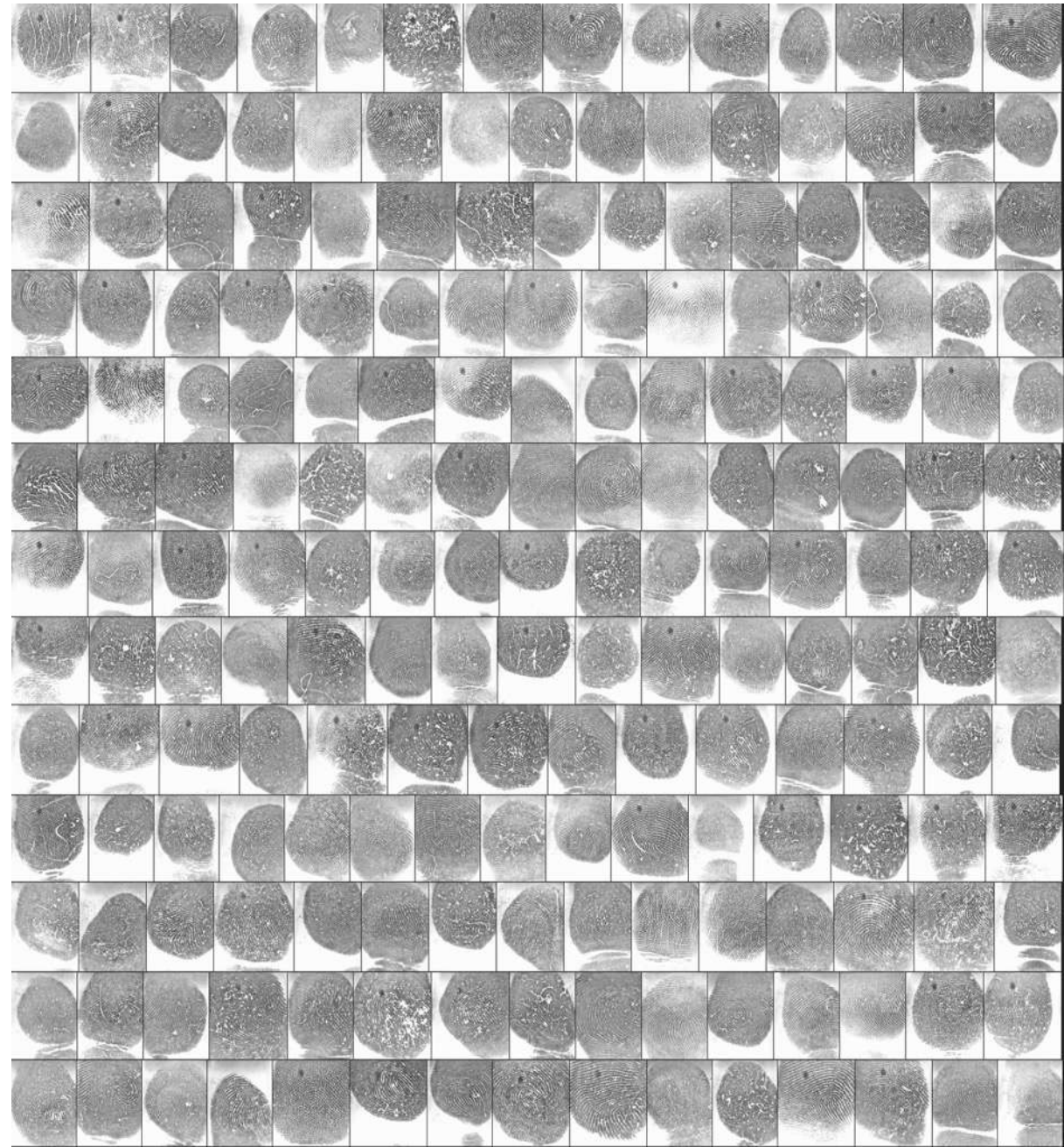
Reader: 1,900 ppi; cost: \$85; assembly time: <2hours

Open source: <https://bit.do/RaspiReader>

MSU Infant-Prints In Action



Our Dataset: 194 infants



6 days



8 days

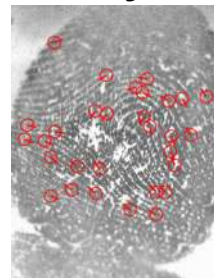


2 Months, 27 days

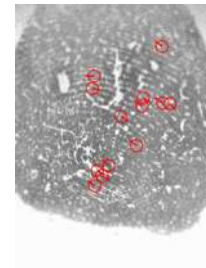


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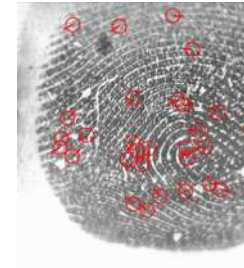
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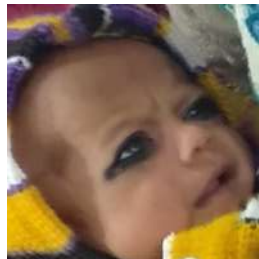
2 Months, 27 days



1 Month, 12 days



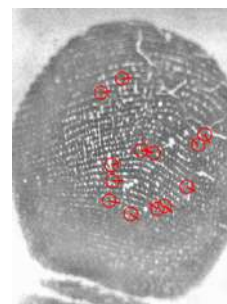
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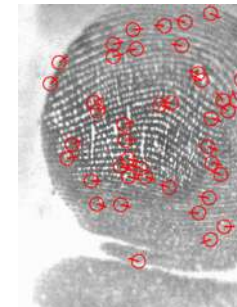
4 Months, 5 days



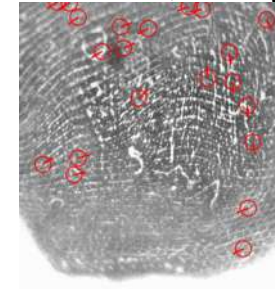
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4 Months, 5 days



2 Months, 13 days



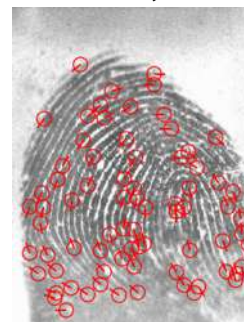
2 Months, 15 days



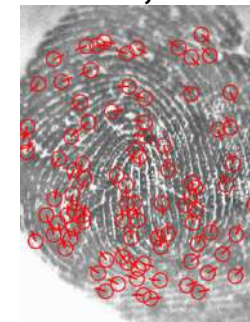
5 Months, 5 days



2 Months, 13 days



2 Months, 15 days



5 Months, 5 days



3 Months, 13 days



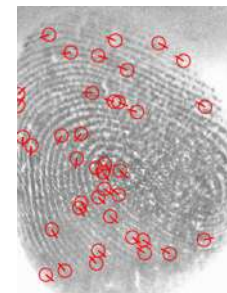
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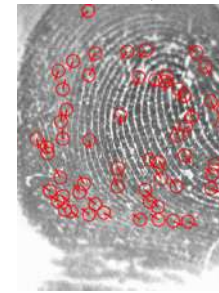
6 Months, 5 days



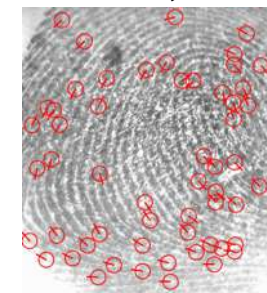
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3 Months, 15 days

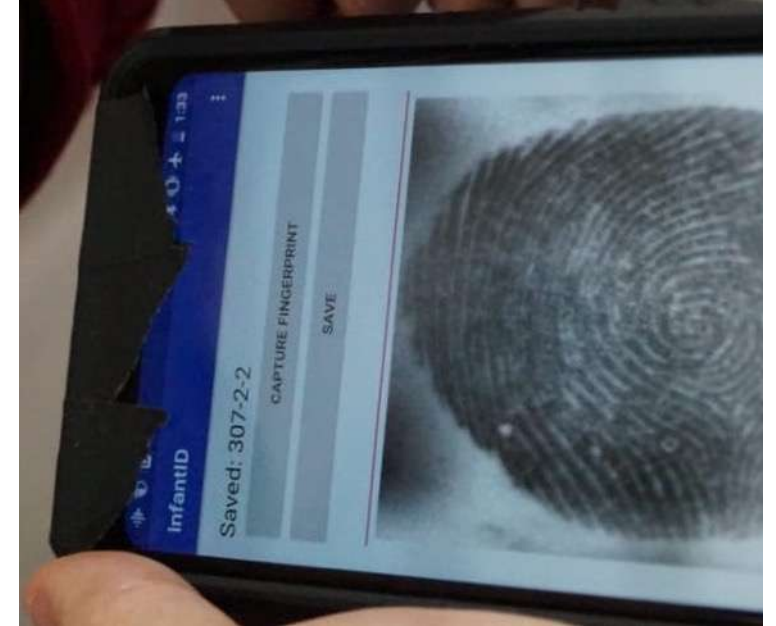


6 Months, 5 days



In-situ Evaluation:

Saran Ashram Hospital, Dayalbagh, Agra, India



Enrollment	0-3 Months	1-3 Months	2-3 Months
Left Thumb	59.0% (65.4%)	62.3% (69.6%)	76.5% (82.4%)
Right Thumb	55.8% (58.4%)	60.9% (63.8%)	68.4% (74.5%)
Thumbs Fused	66.7% (78.2%)	75.4% (85.1%)	90.2% (94.1%)

- **TAR @ FAR = 0.1% (1.0%)**
- **Authenticate after 3 months**
- **Fusion of 3 matchers**

Summary

- **Biometrics ensures reliable authentication of infants**
- **Fingerprint provides low-cost, acceptable, high-resolution solution for life-long identification**
- **MSU Infant-Print Reader: 1900 ppi, compact (25 mm x 50 mm x 75 mm), low-cost (US \$85), open-source system for recognizing persons of *ALL* ages, including infants.**