

Biometric and Forensics Research Database Catalog

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Forensic Science Program Overview

MISSION

The Office of Special Programs' Forensic Science Program (FSP) will be the premier resource for forensic science standards through research, development, testing, evaluation, outreach, and advocacy.

VISION

To promote and enhance the application of science to the pursuit of justice.



Forensic Science Program Overview

To achieve this mission:

- We provide access to research, measurement science, and standards that make the forensic science community more successful
- We form the best teams to develop solutions to complex forensic science problems
- We create opportunities for success at NIST through trusted and reliable partnerships
- We connect NIST scientists with forensic practitioners to better use the full range of competencies that make NIST a unique agency



Forensic Science Program Overview

Project Outputs of These Activities Include:

- Standard reference materials development
- Guidance documents development
- Design of test methods, operating procedures, measurement tools, equipment guidelines, and artifact standards
- Research to develop and validate emerging technologies and science
- Technology transfer
- Providing strategic counsel, management, technical assistance, and outreach



The Biometric and Forensic Dataset Project

NIJ has sponsored NIST to:

- Create a comprehensive catalog of publicly available biometric and forensic datasets for the following modalities: finger/palmprints, iris, face, person at a distance, voice, and handwriting; and
- Host a symposium to discuss the adequacy of existing publicly-available datasets and the future needs in these areas.



<u>Goals</u>

- To provide a pointer to publicly available datasets for researchers
- To provide baseline data on existing publicly available datasets to determine gaps for future collections
- To use lessons learned to establish best practices in developing databases



Data Collection

Phase 1 – Collect comprehensive listing of existing databases

Phase 2 – Categorize based on taxonomy

Phase 3 – Evaluate and assess quality of datasets



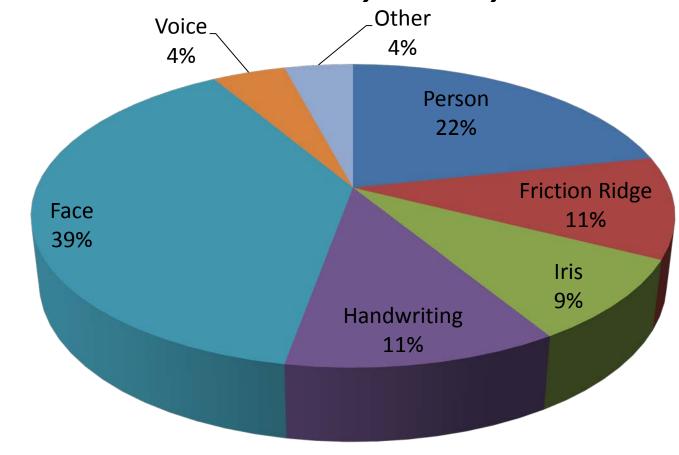
Where did we look?

- 1. Web searches
- 2. Journal articles
- 3. Universities with well known programs in biometrics
 - WVU, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Carnegie Mellon, etc.

So far we've found 362 datasets...







databases were multimodal

Total: 362

*About 5%

(18) of the





Site Development

- Site created with in-house NIST Office of System Information Management (OISM) developers
- Can be used internally for data entry and externally to conduct searches
- Users are capable of conducting two types of searches: via text or via taxonomy
- 165 databases currently entered

https://tsapps.nist.gov/BDbC/



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Biometric and Forensic Research Database Catalog

Home Search

The **Biometric and Forensic Research Database Catalog**, developed by NIST in collaboration with National Institute of Justice (NIJ), is a compendium of publicly available biometric datasets, and is still under development.

A symposium to discuss the results of this data collection effort and future database needs in the biometric community will take place on January 26-27, 2014 at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD. Information on the event will be available at: http://www.nist.gov/forensics/conferences_and_events.cfm.

The site is currently under construction and dataset information is populated weekly. If you have any questions, feedback, or suggestions, please email us at: BDBC@nist.gov.

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Search Options

- Search using a taxonomy
- Search using free text

Other Resources

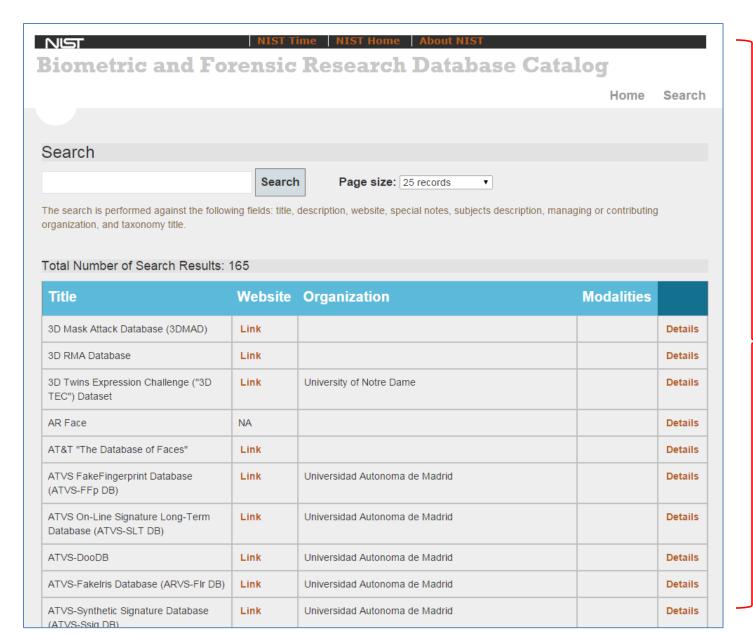
- NIST Forensic Sciences
- NIST Biometrics
- NIST Biometric Standard

 Reference Databases (SRDs)

Options to search via text or taxonomy

Related NIST pages

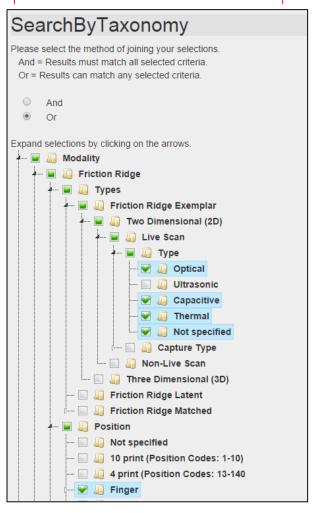


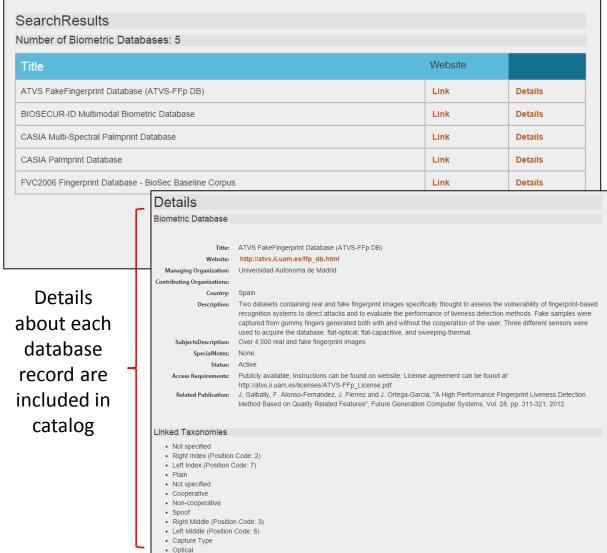


Search Via Text Page



Search by text or taxonomy





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Data Collection – Entry Details

- Title
- Website
- Managing Organization
- Contributing
 Organization
- Country

- Description
- Subjects Description
- Special Notes
 - Status
 - Access Requirements
 - Related Publication



Data Collection

Taxonomy Categories

- 212 categories
- Major categories include: modality, data type, quality, method of associating mated subjects, capture, and misc. data characteristics

https://tsapps.nist.gov/BDbC/Search/SearchByTaxonomy



We need your help...

- Please provide your feedback to the existing catalog, how it is categorized, and whether it is useful
- All the information collected will be used in road map and best practice guide for developing future databases

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