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Introduction

Palm crease biometric technologies have existed for many years. Additionally, new technologies employing palm crease images obtained from hands are emerging or under continuous improvement as a result of new, state-of-the-art imaging devices for mobile applications or web services.

Currently however, palm crease biometric image information is being exchanged between the equipment and devices from different vendors without standardized format is the problem. This is due in part to the lack of standardized formats for information exchange that would ensure interoperability among the various vendors.

The purpose of this document is to define a standard for the exchange of human palm crease biometric image information. The standard defines specific attributes, a data record format for storing and transmitting palm crease biometric images and certain attributes, a sample record, and conformance criteria.

This document is intended for applications requiring the exchange of raw or processed palm crease biometric images. It is intended for applications not limited by the amount of storage required. It is a compromise or a trade-off between storage and quality and can be resolved by standardized format. It enables various algorithms to identify or verify the palm crease biometric image data transferred from other image sources. Currently, available palm crease biometric technologies that may utilize this document for image exchange are technologies that use palm for mobile applications for identify verification or web services.

The use of captured source images can provide interoperability among and between vendors relying on various different recognition or verification algorithms. Accordingly, data from the captured palm crease biometric image offers the developer more freedom in choosing or combining a comparison subsystem

In this document, [Annex A](#) contains the conformance testing methodology and [Annex B](#) contains the XML schema. [Annex C](#) contains the XML sample program.

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Part 15: Palm crease image data

1 Scope

This document specifies an image interchange format for biometric person identification or verification technologies that utilize human palm crease biometric images and can be used for the exchange and comparison of palm crease image data. It specifies a data record interchange format for storing, recording, and transmitting palm crease biometric information from palm crease imaging. It defines the contents, format, and units of measurement for the image exchange. The format consists of mandatory and optional items, including scanning parameters, compressed or uncompressed image specifications and vendor-specific information. Information compiled and formatted in accordance with this document can be recorded on machine-readable media or may be transmitted by data communication facilities.

2 Normative reference

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 10918 (all parts), *Information technology — Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images: JPEG File Interchange Format (JFIF)*

ISO/IEC 15444 (all parts), *Information technology — JPEG 2000 image coding system: Core coding system*

ISO/IEC 14495 (all parts), *Information technology — Lossless and near-lossless compression of continuous-tone still images: Extensions*

ISO/IEC 19785-1, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 1: Data element specification*

ISO/IEC 19794-1:2011, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 1: Framework*

ISO/IEC 19794-1:2011/Amd 1:2013, *Conformance testing methodology*

ISO/IEC 19794-1:2011/Amd 2:2015, *Framework for XML encoding*

*XML Schema Definition, W3C Recommendation, 2 May 2001*¹⁾

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19794-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

1) <http://www.w3.org/XML/Schema>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 palm crease biometric image
captured raw or processed image that represents physical characteristics or traits of palm crease pattern used to recognize the identity or verify the claimed identity of an individual

4 Abbreviated terms

RGB	Red, green, blue color model
XML	eXtensible Markup Language
CBEFF	Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework
BDIR	Biometric Data Interchange Record
BDB	Biometric Data Block
BIR	Biometric Information Record
ppcm	pixels per centimetre
ppi	pixels per inch

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5 Conformance

A biometric data record conforms to this document if it satisfies all of the normative requirements related to:

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- its data structure, data values, and the relationships between its data elements, as specified throughout [Clause 8](#) for the palm crease image record format of this document;
 - the relationship between its data values and the input biometric data from which the biometric data record was generated, as specified throughout [Clause 8](#) for the palm crease image record format of this document.

A system that produces biometric data records is conformant to this document if all biometric data records that it outputs conform to this document (as defined above) as claimed in the implementation conformance statement associated with that system. A system does not need to be capable of producing biometric data records that cover all possible aspects of this document, but only those that are claimed to be supported by the system in the implementation conformance statement (ICS).

A system that uses biometric data records is conformant to this document if it can read, and use for the purpose intended by that system, all biometric data records that conform to this document (as defined above) as claimed in the implementation conformance statement associated with that system. A system does not need to be capable of using biometric data records that cover all possible aspects of this document, but only those that are claimed to be supported by the system in an implementation conformance statement (ICS).

6 Data conventions

6.1 General

The format specified in this document is a structural definition used to exchange palm crease image data. In conformance with the rules described in ISO/IEC 19794-1, a palm crease image data should be specified upon the definition of the BDIR or may be wrapped in the biometric data block (BDB) of a CBEFF compliant structure (BIR) which is specified in ISO/IEC 19785-1.

6.2 Scan sequence

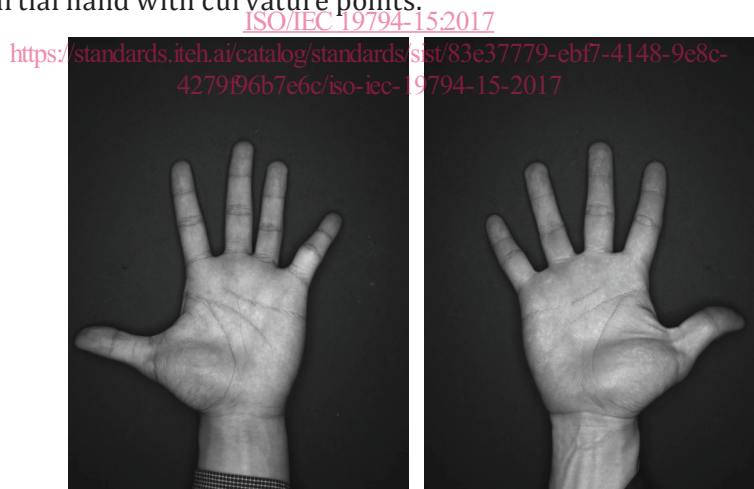
A raw palm crease image data conforming to this document is a two dimensional bit-mapped data that scans an object from the upper-left corner to the lower-right corner within a region of interest of a palm crease. This document defines the scan direction of an imaging sensor as being along the positive x-axis and y-axis for each palm crease biometric technology, assuming the target human body is positioned in standard pose. The standard pose is defined in 7.6. If an image is scanned in a standard pose, the x-axis and y-axis of the object coordinate system is in parallel with the x-axis and y-axis of the image coordinate system. The x-direction of the image coordinate system is defined as the scan line from left to right and the y-direction as being from the top to the bottom of the image. The z-axis of the object coordinate system is not considered in this document because the palm crease is detected only in 2D space. Normalization process is necessary to search the features.

The scan sequence shall be raster scan order; that is, image pixels are acquired along the x-axis from top to bottom in the y-direction. In order to map the object coordinate system to the image coordinate system without further translation, each palm crease biometric image data may define the x-axis and y-axis origin which is not the pixel location of the upper-left corner of the image. If the origin is not specifically defined, it shall be the pixel location of the upper-left corner of the image.

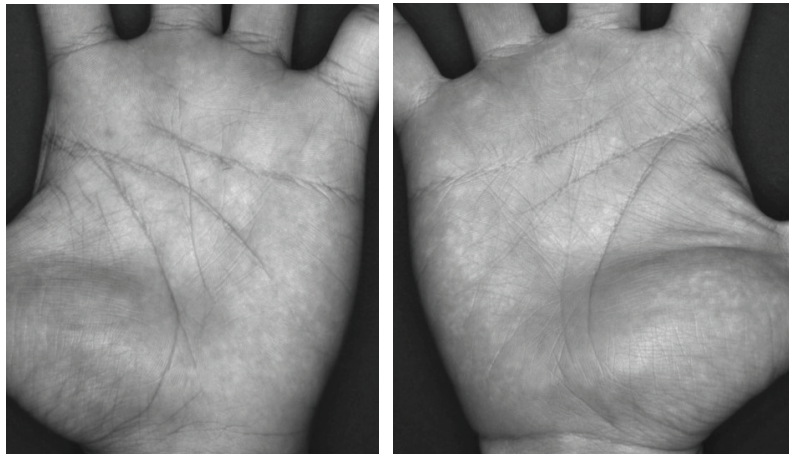
7 Image capture requirements

7.1 Spatial sampling rate

Image capture requirements are dependent on factors such as the type of application, raw pixel information, expected performance, and the physical size of the area to be captured for palm crease extraction. This standard specifies a minimum spatial sampling rate of 40 pixels per centimetre (ppcm). This value is the same as 100 pixel per inch (ppi). [Figure 1](#) demonstrates two possible scanning areas: whole hand and partial hand with curvature points.



a) Whole hand



b) Partial hand with curvature points

Figure 1 — Scanning area of human hand

7.2 Bit-depth

The image shall have a dynamic range spanning at least 128 gray scale levels, allocating at least one byte (8 bits) per intensity value and providing at least 7 bits of useful intensity information. The image may utilize two or more bytes per gray scale value instead of one.

7.3 Illumination

For the capture of palm crease biometric images, the skin is typically illuminated using natural light or any means of lighting to support the capture of palm crease. The angle from the light source to the tangent plane of the skin's surface is not defined.

7.4 Pixel aspect ratio

The default pixel aspect ratio is 1:1. If the image is not of square pixels, the aspect ratio shall be described.

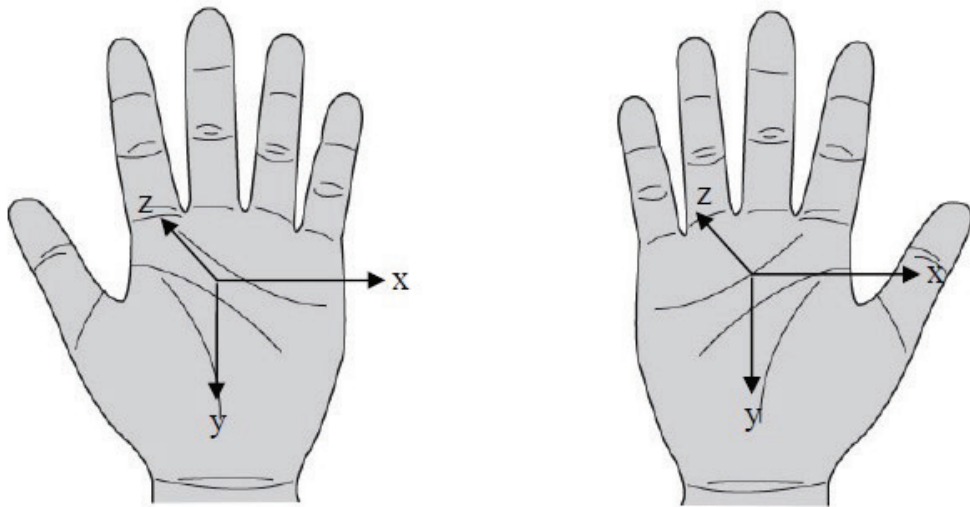
7.5 Report structure

Palm crease biometric technologies obtain images from the palm(s). Imaging location shall be specified in the data format. The palm direction (left/right) shall be specified in the data format. This document reserves fields for future development of technologies that may utilize different parts of human body.

7.6 Standard pose

The palm area shall not be bent and each distal crease shall be exposed to the camera. Fingers shall be straight. An example of the standard pose of a palm is shown in [Figure 2](#). In the standard pose, the camera's direction is parallel to the z-axis of the palm coordinate system.

Note that palm area shall not be bent, with exception to contact-less palm print technology which allows slight bending of the hand area.



NOTE The Euclidean direction is right-handed.

Figure 2 — Standard pose and object coordinate system of palm crease biometrics

The y-axis of a palm object is along the opposite direction of the middle finger, while the x-axis is perpendicular to the y-direction on the palm plane as shown in Figure 2. The z-axis shall be determined by the right-handed Euclidean coordinate system, thus, the positive direction of z-axis is away from the imaging device.

The origin of the object's coordinate system is defined as the centroid of hand silhouette image.

7.7 Occlusion by opaque artifacts

Some opaque artefacts (such as rings, bandages, etc.) may occlude palm crease patterns. Using images including occlusions should be avoided.

8 Palm crease image format specification

8.1 General data elements — Version

Table 1 — General data elements

Field	Item type	Valid values	Mandatory/Optional
Version	VersionType	Major = 1, Minor = 0	Mandatory

This version number shall consist of major version number and minor revision number. The format given in ISO/IEC 19794-1:2011/Amd 2:2015 shall be used. The version number of this document shall be major version 1 and minor revision 0.