

The Decentralized Protocol for Document Verification built on Digital Signatures

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Problem & Motivation

Problem

In countries like Sri Lanka the document verification process is highly based on the printed copies.



Problem: 1/4

Documents have unpredictable layouts that have raw information and there is no mechanism in the current research field to extract them into common format of machine readable.



The document is subjected to a process of verification by an authority by using a hand written signature.

Another verified copy?

The whole process is repeated.

Sometimes the fraudulent activities that are followed by certain citizens leading to doubtfulness of the authenticity of the content.





Non existence of a mechanism in the current research field that can calculate trustworthiness of individual document.



Non existence of a mechanism in the current research field that can calculate correlation among set of documents belonging to a person.



Motivation

On average, 3.1 days are added to most processes in order to collect physical signatures and eSignatures reduce document turnaround time by 80%

Source: AIIM White paper study - http://www.aiim.org/pdfdocuments/MIWP-DigitalSignatures-2013.pdf

The Electronic Transactions Act (ETA) No. 19 of 2006 (Section 7) gives e-signatures the same legal weight as traditional hand-written signatures.

Source: Electronic Transaction Act, No.19 of 2006 (Section 7)

In last year budgets for the years 2016 and 2017, the government allocated LKR 15 billion to implement policy of digitalizing the economy.

Source: Budget Speech 2017, Ministry of Finance

ICTA implement e-Document Attesting System at Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) has taken another step towards creating a digitallyempowered nation by implementing an electronic Document Attesting System (eDAS) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

Source: http://www.ft.lk/article/596399/ICTA-implements-e-Document-Attesting-System-at-Ministry-of-Foreign-Affairs (February 2017)

Motivation



Source: Accepting E-Documents with E-Signatures, VERITE Research (February 2017)

TABLE 1: TIME TAKEN (IN HOURS) TO COMPLY WITHDOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONALTRADE

| | To Export | To Import |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Singapore | 4 | |
| UAE | 6 | 37 |
| Malaysia | 10 | 10 |
| Oman | 31 | 24 |
| India | 61 | 67 |
| Pakistan | 62 | 153 |
| Sri Lanka | 76 | 58 |

Source: World Bank, Doing Business Index 2016

Source: The Global Enabling Trade Report 2016, World Economic Forum



Document Processing



Features

| ck | • | Extraction | Provide an application to extract data from a paper document from a digital document (PDF) and convert into a Machine Readable (.idstack) format and verify it. |
|-----------|---|-------------------|--|
| L L | • | Validation | Provide an application to validate and verify a document with the use of digital signatures |
| 2 | • | Confidence score | Provide an application with algorithm to calculate the trustworthiness of individual document |
| | • | Correlation score | Provide an application with algorithm to calculate the correlation among a set of documents |



PDF or Paper Document





Machine Readable Document



Citizens have their own documents as PDF or Paper Document.

This is for human beings to look at it.

All the documents are converted into .idstack format by IDStack and given back to the citizen with Digital Signatures.

This is for automatically processing by the computers.

Design



Machine Readable Document



All the documents are converted into .idstack format by IDStack and given back to the citizen with Digital Signatures.

This is for automatically processing by the computers.

Design

| 1 - | { |
|------|-------------------------|
| 2 - | "meta_data": { |
| 3 | "name": "IDStack", |
| 4 | "version": "1.0", |
| 5 | "document_id": "", |
| 6 | "document_type": "", |
| 7 - | "issuer": { |
| 8 | "organization": "", |
| 9 | "email": "", |
| 10 | "url": "" |
| 11 | } |
| 12 | }, |
| 13 | "content": {}, |
| 14 - | "extractor": { |
| 15 | "id": "", |
| 16 - | "signature": { |
| 17 | "message_digest": "", |
| 18 | "url": "" |
| 19 | } |
| 20 | }, |
| 21 - | "validators": [|
| 22 - | { |
| 23 | "id": "", |
| 24 - | "signature": { |
| 25 | "message_digest": "", |
| 26 | "url": "" |
| 27 | }, |
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| 29 | "signed_signatures": [] |
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| 8 | "organization": "department of immigration and emmigration", |
| 9 | "email": "controller@immigration.gov.lk", |
| 10 | "url": "http://www.immigration.gov.lk/usr/local/idstack/extractor |
| | /cert/pub/9e18a0b3-45cd-41e9-81a2-073e91e0c1b0.cer" |
| 11 | } |
| 12 | }, |
| 13 - | "content": { |
| 14 | "university": "University of Moratuwa", |
| 15 | "faculty": "Engineering", |
| 16 | "degree": "BSc Eng Hons", |
| 17 - | "name": { |
| 18 | "surname": "Dangalla", |
| 19 | "initials": "DADJS" |
| 20 | }, |
| 21 | index no": "130094R", |
| 22 - | "address": { |
| 23 | "line1": "9A, De Mel Watta Road, Koswatta", |
| 24 | "line2": "Nawala" |
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| 26 | "nic": "937741180V" |
| 27 | } <i>,</i> |
| 28 - | "extractor": { |
| 29 | "id": "b178dad3", |
| 30 - | "signature": { |
| 31 | "message digest": |
| | "MIAGCSqGSIb3DQEHAqCAMIACAQExDzANBqlqhkqBZQMEAqEFADCABqkqhkiG9w0BB |
| | wGqqCSABIIBN3sidW5pdmVyc2l0eSI6IlVuaXZlcnNpdHkqb2YqTW9yYXR1d2EiL", |
| 32 | "url": "http://www.mrt.ac.lk/usr/local/idstack/extractor/cert/pub |
| | /9e18a0b3-45cd-41e9-81a2-073e91e0c1b0.cer" |
| 33 | } |
| 34 | }, |
| 35 - | "validators": |
| 36 - | { |
| 37 | "id": "1Ued5eg", |
| 38 - | "signature": { |
| 39 | "message digest": |
| | "MIIFRICCBC6qAwIBAqIRAMxtHV1q5YH597HXLW01n14wD0YJKoZIhvcNAOELBOA |
| | wqZAxCzAJBqNVBAYTAkdCMRswGQYDVQQIExJHcmVhdGVyIE1hbmNoZ", |
| 40 | "url": "http://idstack.one/gtzKCGE0xH87M9P" |
| 41 | }, |
| 42 | "signed content": "true", |
| 43 | "signed signatures": [] |
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All the citizens are grouped into one of the followings.

Anyone can play any role at anytime.



idetack..., The Decentralized Protocol



User Story



Usefulness of Product

CITeS Deployment - id tack...

Issue digitally signed documents

- Transcript
- Degree Certificate
- Result Sheet
- University ID

Resource Person : Mr. Samudaya Nanayakkara





- 1. Digital documents in Sri Lankan industries
 - To gather information about the industry viewpoints on the use of digital documents
- 2. Representation of names in personal documents
 - To gather information to analyze how an individual's name differs across his personal documents.







Existing Product Analysis

| Extraction | docparser 🗅 | Docparser have came up with method which specific locations inside the pdf document with a point & click system. Then based on regular expressions and pattern recognition, system can automatically fetch data from documents from various sources, extract specific data fields and dispatch the parsed data in real-time. | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Validation | esignLive by VASCO* | A 20-year eSignature veteran, eSignLive offers both SaaS and an on-premise platform. e-Sign Enterprise has reliably demonstrated the highest-volume scale within the industry. | | | | | |
| BECURED [®] Signing | | RightSignature is a private-bootstrapped organization that entered the market less than four years ago yet has already established itself as a viable SaaS offering with the extensibility found in more established solutions. | | | | | |
| | Docu Sign | DocuSign offers the strongest overall platform capability and the highest marks in sender ease of use, security, extensibility and the critical area of customer success. | | | | | |
| | 🕺 Adobe Sign | Adobe EchoSign will serve a majority of expected functional needs for a typical departmental deployment. As the largest company in the space, by total revenue, Adobe bought into the eSignature category with its 2011 purchase of EchoSign. | | | | | |
| Confidence Score | | | | | | | |
| Correlation Score | | Not available for this domain | | | | | |

Architecture

Web Service Architecture



Owner

Web Service

Spring Boot REST API with 3 Modules mapped into 3 user roles

Data extraction module Data validating module Score calculating module

Extractor Validator Relying Party

Layered Architecture

After analyzing several architectures of world leading web service products,



Web Service Architecture



| idstack | .one |
|----------------|------|
| 44 - API Reque | ests |
| Extractor | 14 |
| Validator | 20 |
| Relying Party | 10 |

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Architecture



Why JSON ?

| JSON | Easily interpreted on client side | XML | Bloated | |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----|---|--|
| | Compact notation | | Harder to interpret in JavaScript | |
| | Hierarchical data | | Bit heavyweight (3 times as large as CSV) | |
| | Light weight | | | |
| | RESTful APIs natively support | CSV | Does not support hierarchical data | |
| | | | Associated overhead of design parsers | |

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Decentralized Architecture



Why Decentralized ?

• No trusted central party required

Owner is the person involves in keeping documents safe

Each organization maintain their own web services

• Avoid central point of failure

Web services acts individually

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End User Product

| idStack | OWNER | idStock. | | EXTRACTO |
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4 Cross platform client applications developed using RELECTRON



Why Standalone / Desktop App?

• By the survey results people prefer standalone / desktop client app rather than web app



- Speed and performance
- Current research on new trend with Electron

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Scoring Algorithms

Confidence Score



The signatures on a single document can be considered as a graph where the signers and content are vertices and their signatures are edges.

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Confidence Score Contd.



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• L. Kowalik, "Approximation scheme for lowest outdegree orientation and graph density measures," Lect. Notes Comput. Sci. (including Subser. Lect. Notes Artif. Intell. Lect. Notes Bioinformatics), vol. 4288 LNCS, pp. 557–566, 2006.

Correlation Score

| Person-Identity based attributes can be divided into 4 categories [1] | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Space-related attributes | Time-related attributes: | Classifying attributes: | Identification codes: | | |
| Example | Address, Country, Region | Date of Birth, Date of Issue, Exp. Date | Gender, Marital Status | Passport No, Social Security No | | |
| Possibility to be updated | High | Very Low | Low | Very Low | | |
| For FYP scope covering Sri Lankan context we selected 4 attributes | Address | Date of Birth | Gender | NIC | | |

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Correlation Score Contd.

Super Attributes:

- 1. Name : Partial match
- 2. Address : Partial match
- 3. DOB : Exact match
- 4. Gender : Exact match
- 5. NIC : Exact match

Other information (with identical keys) are compared using String similarity measures.

- D. Dessimoz and P. C. Champod, "Multimodal Biometrics for Identity Documents 1 State-of-the-Art Research Report," Most, no. September, 2005.
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Correlation Score : Name

Name is an important identity measure.

There are many researches conducted for person name disambiguation.



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Problems:

- 1. Sri Lankan names are long and repetitive: existing name-similarity measuring methodologies can give conflicting results
- 2. Mostly in Sinhala or Tamil: translation to English can have variations
- 3. Different documents represent the name with different attributes and attribute order
- 4. Non-linguistic typing mistakes
- 5. People can change their names

Solution:

An algorithm that calculates:

- phonetic similarity
- order of name segments
- string similarity
- H. Raghavan and J. Allan, "Using soundex codes for indexing names in ASR documents," Proc. Work. Interdiscip. Approaches to Speech Index. Retr. HLT-NAACL 2004., pp. 22–27, 2004.
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| | | Document1 | Document2 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---|--|--|
| Example | | Ranasinghe Arachchilage K <mark>asu</mark> n Dhanushka Gayanath Ranasin <mark>g</mark> he | Kevin Gayanath Ranasinha | |
| Phonetic representation | | R525 A622 K420 D522 G530 R525 | K870 G530 R525 | |
| Identify overlapping name segments | | R525 A622 K420 D522 G530 R525 | K870 G530 R525 | |
| String similarity | | Ranasinghe Arachchilage Kasun Dhanushka Gayanath Ranasinghe | Kevin Gayanath Ranasinha | |
| | Pair-wise c | order Score: $OS_{d_i,d_j,name} = \frac{Overlapping \ segments \ i}{Unique \ name \ segment}$ | n the same order its in d _i and d _j | |

- G. Kondrak, "N -Gram Similarity and Distance," Lect. Notes Comput. Sci., vol. 3772, pp. 115–126, 2005.
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• W. Heeringa, "Measuring dialect pronunciation differences using Levenshtein distance," Dissertations. Ub. Rug. NI, 2004.

| Unique phonetic IDs | Document 1 | Document 2 | String similarity (Normalized Levenshtein) |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|---|
| R525 | Ranasinghe | Ranasinha | 80% |
| A622 | Arachchilage | - | |
| K420 | Kasun | - | |
| D522 | Dhanushka | - | |
| G530 | Gayanath | Gayanath | 100% |
| K870 | - | Kevin | |

Pair-wise String similarity score: $SS_{d_i,d_j,name} = \frac{\sum Levenshtein similarity}{Unique name segments in d_i and d_j}$



Total pair-wise score:
$$CS_{d_i,d_j,name} = \frac{OS_{d_i,d_j,name} + SS_{d_i,d_j,name}}{2}$$

a = Score between D1 & D2
b = Score between D1 & D3
c = Score between D2 & D3 etc.

Total document score: $CS_{d_k,name} = \left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right) \sum_{\substack{i=0\\i\neq k}}^{n} CS_{d_k,d_i,name}$

Final name correlation score of D1 = (a+b+d) / 3

• J. Euzenat and P. Valtchev, "Similarity-based ontology alignment in OWL-Lite," Processing, vol. 16, no. C, pp. 333–337, 2004.

Correlation Score : Algorithms

For partially matching attribute, A (Name, Address)

Total document score for attribute A: $CS_{d_k,A} = \left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right) \sum_{\substack{i=0\\i\neq k}}^{n} CS_{d_k,d_i,A}$

For exactly matching attribute, A (DOB, Gender, NIC)

Total document score for attribute A: $CS_{d_k,A} = \begin{cases} 1, A_{d_k} = Candidate_A \\ 0, otherwise \end{cases}$

Final correlation score of document d_k

Total score of document
$$d_k$$
: $CS_{d_k} = \frac{1}{n_A} \sum_{i=1}^{n_A} CS_{d_k,A}$

Correlation Score - Results

NAME ADDRESS 160 140 140 120 120 100 100 Frequency Frequency 80 80 60 60 40 40 20 20 0 0 0.1 - 0.2 0.2 - 0.3 0.5 - 0.6 0.6 - 0.7 0.9 - 1.0 0.1 - 0.2 0.2 - 0.3 0.5 - 0.6 0.9 - 1.0 0.0-0.1 0.4 0.5 0.8 0.9 0.4 0.5 0.7 0.8 0.9 0.1

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0.3 -0.4 -

Scores

0.6 - 1 0.7 - 1 0.8 - 1

0.4 - 1

Scores

0.3 -

0.7 - 1 0.8

Distribution attribute scores of data collected from the survey







Awards



Merit Award (out of 175+ teams)

Publications



Web Indexing databases

Status

- : <u>http://nitc.lk</u> : IEEE
- : PUBLISHED (in press)



Web Indexing databases H-Index Scopus®

Status

: http://icact.org

- : IEEE, SCOPUS, EI Compendex, INSPEC : 22
- : 63rd among 754 international conferences

: ACCEPTED









Thank You !



Appendix 1

| FYP Scope | Input | - Digital PDF & Paper document without OCR |
|-------------|----------|--|
| | Language | - English |
| | Template | - Use predefined set of templates (Student ID, Transcript, Passport) |
| Future Work | Input | - Physical Documents with OCR |
| | Language | - Sinhala & Tamil |

Appendix 2

A reviewed concept

A concept we use

Similar products [some use cases]

A product we use

Blockchain Technology - Bitcoin [1], Ethereum [2] Digital Signature DocuSign [3], Stampery [4], ShoCard [5], BlockSign [6]

DocParser [7]

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Appendix 3: Extraction



Appendix 4 : Extraction



Appendix 5 : Validator



Appendix 6 : Validator



Appendix 7 : Relying Party



Appendix 8 : Relying Party

