

VeriFinger 4.2 Linux SDK

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Chapter 1. Introduction

VeriFinger 4.2 Linux SDK consists of [VeriFinger library](#), [scanner support drivers \(API\)](#) and [sample applications](#).

- VeriFinger library is a fingerprint recognition engine.
- Scanner drivers provide scanning from fingerprint scanners.
- Sample programs demonstrate SDK features.

VeriFinger library and scanner drivers store fingerprint image in format described in [Fingerprint images](#).

SDK directory contains:

| | | |
|----------|---|---|
| VFinger/ | The VFinger4.2 library. | |
| | VFinger.h | VeriFinger library header for C/C++ compilers |
| | libVFinger.so.4.2.0 | VeriFinger library |
| | libVFinger.so.4.2 | VeriFinger library |
| | libVFinger.so.4.1.10 | VeriFinger library |
| | libVFinger.so.4.1 | VeriFinger library |
| | libVFinger.so.4 | VeriFinger library |
| | libVFinger.so | VeriFinger library |
| doc/ | VeriFinger library interface description. | |

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| | VeriFinger 4.2 Linux SDK.pdf | This file |
| samples/ | A set of sample images | |
| scanner/ | Scanner drivers | |
| | Makefile | Make file |
| | scanner.h | Scanner driver header for C/C++ compilers |
| | fx2k.c | BiometriKa FX2000 driver implementation (can be used as sample code) |
| | af-s2.o | AuthenTec AF-S2 driver code |
| | AFS4000.o | AuthenTec AES4000 driver code |
| | fx2k.o | BiometriKa FX2000 driver code |
| fx2k_sdk/ | BiometriKa FX2000 Light SDK | |
| hasp/ | The HASP (dongle) drivers | |
| demo_console/ | Subdirectory with simple console demonstrational program | |
| demo_gtk2/ | Subdirectory with sample library demonstrational program | |

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|---------------|---|
| LICENSE.txt | VeriFinger 4.2 SDK license |
| README.txt | ReadMe files for VeriFinger 4.2 Linux SDK |
| COPYRIGHT.txt | VeriFinger 4.2 Linux SDK copyright |

Chapter 2. What's new

2.1. VeriFinger library

Version 4.2.0.0

- Improved reliability.
- Better matching performance. Both matching speeds are now about 50% faster than in version 4.1.
- Reduced template size. Now template occupies 150 - 300 bytes (vs. 200 - 650 in version 4.1).
- Features compression and decompression functions are now built in the library.
- Added CrossMatch Verifier 300 scanner mode.
- VeriFinger can now return skeletonized image.

Version 4.1.0.0

- Completely new interface.
- Higher matching speed. Now only two speeds are available - low (0 speed in 4.0) and high (5 speed in 4.0). Both speeds are faster than in version 4.0. For more information see [Parameters](#).
- Improved recognition reliability. Both speeds are more reliable than in version 4.0.
- Optimizations for a number of fingerprint scanners are available. For more information see [Parameters](#).

2.2. VeriFinger SDK/library

Version 4.2.0.2

- Features generalization bug fix
- Minor bugfixes

Version 4.2.0.1

- Minor bugfixes

Version 4.2.0.0

- Uses VeriFinger library version 4.2.0.0.

Version 4.1

- Support for BiometriKa FX2000, AuthenTec AES4000 and AF-S2 scanners

Chapter 3. Fingerprint images

Fingerprint image used by [VeriFinger library](#) and [scanner drivers](#) has to be an array of bytes of size width*height and pointer to the first element of this array has to be passed to libraries' functions. Lines of the image have to be stored in the array from top to bottom order. Next line must immediately follow the previous one (no padding). Each byte of the array corresponds to fingerprint image pixel (grayscale value). Value of 0 indicates black and value of 255 - white.

Chapter 4. VeriFinger library

VeriFinger library is a fingerprint recognition engine that you can use in your application.

VeriFinger library enables application to implement such scenarios as user enrollment, user verification and user identification using fingerprints. It provides a number of [functions](#) to implement such behavior.

When enrolling a user application can use [features extraction](#) functions that extracts features from fingerprint image (for more information see [Fingerprint images](#) and [Features](#)). Also [features generalization](#) can be used to increase quality of the features. Then features can be stored in database for later access.

When verifying a user features that are extracted from fingerprint image are compared with etalon features that are in the database or somewhere else. See [Verification](#).

When identifying a user features that are extracted from fingerprint image are compared with all features stored in the database until matching is successful or end of the database passed. See [Identification](#).

VeriFinger library is copy protected. To use it you have to register it. See [Registration](#).

Before using the library it has to be initialized. See [Initialization](#) and [Contexts](#).

VeriFinger library behavior is controlled through [Parameters](#).

4.1. Library functions

VeriFinger library contains the following functions grouped by categories:

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| Registration | |
| VFRegistrationType | Returns registration type of VeriFinger library |
| VFGenerateId | Generates registration id from serial number |
| VFRegister | Registers VeriFinger library |
| Initialization | |

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| VFInitialize | Initializes VeriFinger library |
| VFFinalize | Uninitializes VeriFinger library |
| Contexts | |
| VFCreateContext | Creates a context |
| VFFreeContext | Deletes the context |
| Parameters | |
| VFGetParameter | Retrieves parameter value |
| VFSetParameter | Sets parameter value |
| Features extraction | |
| VFExtract | Extracts features from fingerprint image |
| Features generalization | |
| VFGeneralize | Generalizes count features collections to single features collection |
| Verification | |
| VFVerify | Matches two features collections |
| Identification | |
| VFIdentifyStart | Starts identification with test features |

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| VFIdentifyNext | Matches with sample features |
| VFIdentifyEnd | Ends identification |

Each of these functions (except for the [VFCreateContext](#)) returns integer value to indicate result of the execution. If it is less than zero then execution of the function has failed and the value indicates error code.

Each function (except for registration, initialization and contexts functions) takes last argument of type HVFCONTEXT. It is the context in which VeriFinger library functions are called. Pass null to use default context. For more information see [Initialization](#) and [Contexts](#).

You can use `VFFailed` and `VFSucceeded` functions to determine if the execution of the function failed or succeeded:

C:

```
#define VFFailed(result) ...
#define VFSucceeded(result) ...
```

4.2. Error codes

The following error codes are defined:

| General | | |
|---------------------|----|--|
| VFE_OK | 0 | OK, no error |
| VFE_FAILED | -1 | Failed |
| VFE_OUT_OF_MEMORY | -2 | Out of memory |
| VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED | -3 | VeriFinger library is not initialized |
| VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL | -4 | One of the required function arguments is null |

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| VFE_INVALID_ARGUMENT | -5 | One of the function arguments is invalid |
| VFE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED | -9 | Function is not implemented |
| Registration | | |
| VFE_NOT_REGISTERED | -2000 | VeriFinger library is not registered |
| VFE_INVALID_SERIAL_NUMBER | -2001 | Specified serial number is invalid |
| VFE_INVALID_REGISTRATION_KEY | -2002 | Specified registration key is invalid |
| VFE_SCANNER_DRIVER_ERROR | -2003 | Scanner driver error |
| VFE_REGISTRATION_NOT_NEEDED | -2004 | No need to register VeriFinger library |
| VFE_NO_SCANNER | -2005 | No scanner found |
| VFE_MORE_THAN_ONE_SCANNER | -2006 | More than one scanner found |
| VFE_LM_CONNECTION_ERROR | -2007 | Error communicating with License Manager |
| VFE_LM_NO_MORE_LICENCES | -2008 | No more License Manager licenses are available |
| Parameters | | |
| VFE_INVALID_PARAMETER | -10 | Parameter identifier is invalid (unknown) |
| VFE_PARAMETER_READ_ONLY | -11 | Parameter is read only |
| Features extraction | | |

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|------------------------------|-------|--|
| VFE_ILLEGAL_IMAGE_RESOLUTION | -101 | Specified image resolution is illegal |
| VFE_ILLEGAL_IMAGE_SIZE | -102 | Specified image size is illegal |
| VFE_LOW_QUALITY_IMAGE | -103 | Warning. Image quaiity is low |
| VeriFinger specific | | |
| VFE_INVALID_MODE | -1000 | Function called in invalid mode |
| Features | | |
| VFE_INVALID_FEATURES_FORMAT | -3000 | Features passed to the function has invalid format |

You can use `VFEErrorToString` and `VFResultToString` functions to get string that describes error and result. These functions are not part of VeriFinger library. They are implemented in `VFinger.h` and `VFingerX.c` files.

C:

```
char* VFEErrorToString(INT error);
char* VFResultToString(INT result);
void VFCheckResult(INT result);
```

4.3. Registration

You have to register VeriFinger library before using it. If library is not registered all functions (except for initialization, contexts and parameters functions) will return `VFE_NOT_REGISTERED`. There are several registration types available: not protected library, registration with HASP key, registration to PC, registration to U.are.U scanner and registration in License Manager (LAN protection).

Note

At this moment only registration with HASP key is available in Linux.

If you are using not protected library, you should use it directly without registration.

If you are using registration with HASP key, simply plug it to LPT or USB port before initializing VeriFinger library.

If you are using registration to PC or U.are.U scanner then call [VFGenerateId](#) function (for registration with U.are.U scanner connect the scanner before calling the function) and pass serial number provided with your VeriFinger library license to it. This function will generate registration id that you should send to Neurotechnologija (sales@neurotechnologija.com) or distributor from which library was acquired. Then pass serial number with received registration key to [VFRegister](#) function.

If you are using LAN protection then you must use string "LAN" as serial number and server name as registration key.

To determine how VeriFinger library is registered (and if it needs registration at all) call [VFRegistrationType](#) function.

Example:

C:

```
// Registration to PC or to U.are.U scanner
// Your serial number here
CHAR serial_number[] = "xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx";
// Registration id generation
{
    CHAR registration_id[100];
    VFGenerateId(serial_number, registration_id);
}
// Received registration key
CHAR registration_key[] = "xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx";
// Register VeriFinger library
{
    VFRegister(serial_number, registration_key);
}
```

4.3.1. VFRegistrationType function

Returns VeriFinger library registration type.

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFRegistrationType();
```


Return values: Returns one of the following values:

| | | |
|---------------------|---|--|
| VF_RT_NOT_PROTECTED | 0 | VeriFinger library is not protected. No need to register |
| VF_RT_HASP | 1 | HASP key found either on LPT or USB port. No need to register |
| VF_RT_PC | 2 | VeriFinger library is registered to PC |
| VF_RT_UAREU | 4 | VeriFinger library is registered to U.are.U scanner |
| VF_RT_LAN | 8 | VeriFinger library is registered in License Manager on LAN |
| VF_RT_UNREGISTERED | 6 | VeriFinger library is not registered. Call VFRegister function to register |

In case of error functions returns VFE_FAILED.

4.3.2. VFGenerateId function

Generates registration id from specified serial number. Serial number and registration id have to be arrays of characters (strings) pointers to first element of each have to be passed to the function. Array for registration id has to be large enough to store the string (100 characters is enough).

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFGenerateId(CHAR * serial, CHAR * id);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|------|----------------|---|
| [in] | serial, Serial | Serial number of VeriFinger library license |
|------|----------------|---|

| | | |
|-------|--------|--|
| [out] | id, Id | After execution of the function contains registration id for the serial number |
|-------|--------|--|

Return values: If serial number or registration id is null returns VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL. If serial number is invalid returns VFE_INVALID_SERIAL_NUMBER. If serial number indicates registration to DigitalPersona U.are.U scanner then can return VFE_SCANNER_DRIVER_ERROR (if there was error communicating with scanner driver), VFE_NO_SCANNER (if no scanner detected) or VFE_MORE_THAN_ONE_SCANNER (if more than one scanner detected). Otherwise generates registration id and returns VFE_OK (in case of error returns VFE_FAILED).

4.3.3. VFRegister function

Registers VeriFinger library with specified serial number and registration key. Serial number and registration key have to be arrays of characters (strings) pointers to first element of each have to be passed to the function.

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFRegister(CHAR * serial, CHAR * key);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|------|----------------|---|
| [in] | serial, Serial | Serial number of VeriFinger library license. If you have VeriFinger 4.0 PC protection registration key please use customer id instead of serial number. For example: customer id = 11222 then serial will be "11222" If you are using LAN protection then you must specify "LAN" as serial number. |
| [in] | key, Key | Registration key for serial number and registration id (received from Neurotechnologija or its distributor). If you have VeriFinger 4.0 PC protection registration key please convert it to string and pass as key. If you are using LAN protection then you must specify server name as registration key. |

Return values: If VeriFinger library is not protected or already registered with HASP returns `VFE_REGISTRATION_NOT_NEEDED`. If serial number or registration key is null returns `VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL`. If serial number is invalid returns `VFE_INVALID_SERIAL_NUMBER`. If registration key is invalid (or scanner is not connected for registration to U.are.U scanner) returns `VFE_INVALID_REGISTRATION_KEY`. Otherwise registers VeriFinger library and returns `VFE_OK` (in case of error returns `VFE_FAILED`).

4.4. Initialization

VeriFinger library requires initialization to be performed before any function call and uninitialization to be performed after all function calls (except for contexts functions). This is performed using [VFInitialize](#) and [VFFinalize](#) functions.

Each successful call to `VFInitialize` should have a corresponding call to `VFFinalize`. So you can call `VFInitialize` more than one time, but you have to call `VFFinalize` equal number of times.

Also you may not call initialization functions at all if you will not work with default context, only with your custom context.

See [Contexts](#) for more information.

Example:

C:

```
// Main application function
{
    // Application initialization code
    VFInitialize();
    // Other application code
    VFFinalize();
    // Application uninitialization code
}
```

4.4.1. VFInitialize function

Creates default context by calling [VFCreateContext](#) function and initialized VeriFinger library.

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFInitialize();
```

Return values: If succeeded return value indicates number of times function have been called before. If it first call to the function return value will be zero. If default context was not created returns `VFE_OUT_OF_MEMORY`.

4.4.2. VFFinalize function

Destroys default context by calling [VFFreeContext](#) function and uninitialized VeriFinger library if call to the function corresponds to first call to [VFInitialize](#) function.

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFFinalize();
```

Return values: Return value indicates number of times function should be more called (number of `VFInitialize` calls without `VFFinalize` calls). If VeriFinger library was not initialized returns `VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED`

4.5. Contexts

Context is a set of parameters and internal structures that VeriFinger library functions use. They are created with [VFCreateContext](#) function and destroyed with [VFFreeContext](#) function.

Contexts enable different application parts to work with VeriFinger library simultaneously. Inside one context no VeriFinger functions should be called simultaneously because they are not guaranteed to be thread-safe. VeriFinger functions called in different context are guaranteed to be thread-safe.

Parameters are set for the context. So you can use contexts not only to ensure that your application is thread safe, but also use different parameters in different situations. For example you can perform features extraction for different scanners in different contexts with custom set of parameters. For more information see [Parameters](#).

Also, several VeriFinger library functions should be called in specific order. If you have started identification ([VFIdentifyStart](#)) then you cannot call functions that work with internal matching structures (except for the [VFIdentifyNext](#)) such as [VFSetParameter](#), [VFGeneralize](#), [VFVerify](#) and [VFIdentifyStart](#) in the same context until you call [VFIdentifyEnd](#). And you cannot call [VFIdentifyNext](#) and [VFIdentifyEnd](#) before you call [VFIdentifyStart](#) in the same context. In these situations functions will return `VFE_INVALID_MODE`.

Example: Working from different threads:

C:

```
// First thread function
{
    // Create context
    HVFCONTEXT context = VFCreateContext();
    // Call VeriFinger library functions, for example
    VFVerify(..., context);
    // Delete context
    VFFreeContext(context);
}
// Second thread function
{
    // Create context
    HVFCONTEXT context = VFCreateContext();
    // Call VeriFinger library functions, for example
    VFIdentifyNext(..., context);
    // Delete context
    VFFreeContext(context);
}
```

Example: Contexts with different parameters:**C:**

```
HVFCCONTEXT context1; // First context
HVFCCONTEXT context2; // Second context
// Initialization function
{
    // Set parameters for default context
    VFSetParameter(..., NULL);
    VFSetParameter(..., NULL);
    // Create first context
    context1 = VFCreateContext();
    // Set parameters for first context
    VFSetParameter(..., context1);
    VFSetParameter(..., context1);
    // Create second context
    context2 = VFCreateContext();
    // Set parameters for second context
    VFSetParameter(..., context2);
    VFSetParameter(..., context2);
}
// Some application function
{
    HVFCCONTEXT context;
    if (/* image from first scanner */) context = context1;
}
```

```
    else
        if (/* image from second scanner */)
            context = context2;
        else
            context = NULL; // default context
    // Call VeriFinger library functions, for example
    VFExtract(..., context);
}
// Uninitialization function
{
    // Delete first context
    VFFreeContext(context1);
    // Delete second context
    VFFreeContext(context2);
}
```

Example: Wrong functions call order:**C:**

```
// Some application function
{
    //...
    VFIdentifyStart(...);
    for (...)
        VFIdentifyNext(...);
    VFVerify(...); // Error, returns VFE_INVALID_MODE
    VFIdentifyEnd(...);
    //...
    VFExtract(...);
    VFIdentifyNext(...); // Error, returns VFE_INVALID_MODE
}
```

4.5.1. VFCreateContext function

Creates context with default parameters.

C:

```
HVFCONTEXT VFINGER_API VFCreateContext();
```

Return values: Return value is newly created context. If context cannot be created returns

VFE_OUT_OF_MEMORY.

4.5.2. VFFreeContext function

Deletes context created with [VFCreateContext](#).

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFFreeContext(HVFCONTEXT context);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| | context, Context | Context to delete |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|

Return values: If context is null returns VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL, else returns VFE_OK.

4.6. Parameters

Some VeriFinger algorithm aspects are controlled through parameters. Parameters are retrieved and set for the specified context by [VFGetParameter](#) and [VFSetParameter](#) functions. Some parameters are read only (informational). If you will try to set a read only parameter VFSetParameter function will return VFE_PARAMETER_READ_ONLY. If you will pass an invalid parameter identifier to one of these functions it will return VFE_INVALID_PARAMETER.

Parameters can be of the following types:

| Referenced as | Size (bytes) | VF_TYPE_XXX constant | C equivalent |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Void | | VF_TYPE_VOID0 | |
| Byte | 1 | VF_TYPE_BYTE1 | BYTE |
| Signed byte | 1 | VF_TYPE_SBYTE2 | SBYTE |
| Word | 2 | VF_TYPE_WORD3 | WORD |

| | | | |
|---------------|---|-------------------|-------|
| Short integer | 2 | VF_TYPE_SHORT4 | SHORT |
| Double word | 4 | VF_TYPE_DWORD5 | DWORD |
| Integer | 4 | VF_TYPE_INT6 | INT |
| Boolean | 4 | VF_TYPE_BOOL10 | BOOL |
| Char | 1 | VF_TYPE_CHAR20 | CHAR |
| String | 4 | VF_TYPE_STRING100 | CHAR* |

To determine parameter type call [VFGetParameter](#) function with parameter identifier VFP_TYPE and value - needed parameter identifier. Also you may use [VFGetParameterType](#) function. Result of the function will be one of VF_TYPE_XXX constants.

When retrieving a parameter value pass pointer to variable of parameter type as value for [VFGetParameter](#) function.

For string parameter pass pointer to first char in the string as value. To retrieve length of the string (not including the terminating null character) pass `null` as value. Function will return length of the string.

When setting a parameter value pass the value casted to double word to [VFSetParameter](#) function.

The following parameter identifiers are defined (grouped by categories):

| Identifier | Value | Read only | Type | Description |
|------------|-------|-----------|------|------------------------------|
| General | | | | |
| VFP_TYPE | 0 | x | | See parameters types earlier |

| | | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------------|---|
| VFP_NAME | 10 | x | String | Name of the VeriFinger library |
| VFP_VERSION_HIGH | 11 | x | Double word | Major version of VeriFinger library |
| VFP_VERSION_LOW | 12 | x | Double word | Minor version of VeriFinger library |
| VFP_COPYRIGHT | 13 | x | String | Copyright of VeriFinger library |
| Features extraction | | | | |
| VFP_EXTRACT_FEATURES | 110 | | Integer | Obsolete, will be removed in the next version |
| VFP_RETURNED_IMAGE | 10002 | | Integer | Specifies what image features extraction function will return. Can be one of the following: |
| VF_RETURNED_IMAGE_NONE | 0 | None image is returned - the image will be the same as passed to features extraction function | | |
| VF_RETURNED_IMAGE_BINARIZED | 100 | Binarized image will be returned (default) | | |
| VF_RETURNED_IMAGE_SKELETONIZED | 200 | Skeletonized image will be returned | | |
| Features matching (Verification and Identification) | | | | |

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|---|-----|---------------------|---------|--|
| VFP_MATCHING_THRESHOLD | 200 | | Integer | Minimal similarity of two features collections that are identical. Must be not less than zero. See also Matching threshold |
| VFP_MAXIMAL_ROTATION | 201 | | Integer | Maximal rotation of two features collection to each other. Must be in range VFDIR_0..VFDIR_180. See also information about directions in Features and Matching details |
| VFP_MATCH_FEATURES | 210 | | Integer | Obsolete, will be removed in the next version |
| VFP_MATCHING_SPEED | 220 | | Integer | Speed of features matching. Can be one of the following: |
| VF_MATCHING_SPEED_LOW | 0 | Low matching speed | | |
| VF_MATCHING_SPEED_HIGH | 256 | High matching speed | | |
| Features generalization | | | | |
| VFP_GENERALIZATION_THRESHOLD | 300 | | Integer | Has the same meaning for features generalization as VFP_MATCHING_THRESHOLD parameter for features matching. See also Matching threshold |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|------------------------------|---------|---|
| VFP_GEN_MAXIMAL_ROTATION | 201 | | Integer | Has the same meaning for features generalization as VF_MAXIMAL_ROTATION parameter for features matching |
| VeriFinger specific | | | | |
| VFP_MODE | 1000 | | Integer | Specifies mode in which VeriFinger algorithm is operating (optimized parameter set) Can be one of the following: |
| VF_MODE_GENERAL | 0 | General | | |
| VF_MODE_DIGITALPERSONA_UAREU | 100 | DigitalPersona U.are.U | | |
| VF_MODE_BIOMETRIKA_FX2000 | 200 | BiometriKa FX2000 | | |
| VF_MODE_KEYTRONIC_SECUREDESKTOP | 300 | Keytronic SecureDesktop | | |
| VF_MODE_IDENTIX_TOUCHVIEW | 400 | Identix TouchView | | |
| VF_MODE_PRECISEBIOMETRICS_100CS | 500 | PreciseBiometrics 100CS | | |
| VF_MODE_STMICOELECTRONICS_TOUCHCHIP | 600 | STMicroelectronics TouchChip | | |
| VF_MODE_IDENTICATORTECHNOLOGY_DF90 | 700 | IdenticatorTechnology DF90 | | |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| VF_MODE_AUTHENTEC_AFS2 | 800 | Authentec AFS2 |
| VF_MODE_AUTHENTEC_AES4000 | 810 | Authentec AES4000 |
| VF_MODE_ATMEL_FINGERCHIP | 900 | Atmel FingerChip |
| VF_MODE_BMF_BLP100 | 1000 | BMF BLP100 |
| VF_MODE_SECUGEN_HAMSTER | 1100 | SecuGen Hamster |
| VF_MODE_ETHENTICA | 1200 | Ethentica |
| VF_MODE_CROSSMATCH_VERIFIER300 | 1300 | CrossMatch Verifier 300 |

4.6.1. VFGetParameter function

Retrieves specified parameter value for specified context.

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFGetParameter(INT parameter, VOID * value, HVFCONTEXT context);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|-------|----------------------|--|
| | parameter, Parameter | Parameter identifier to retrieve |
| [out] | value, Value | Pointer to variable that will receive parameter value. |
| | Context, Context | Context to retrieve parameter from. Null for default context |

Return values: If context is null and VeriFinger library is not initialized returns VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED. If parameter is invalid (unknown) returns VFE_INVALID_PARAMETER. If value is null returns VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL. For string parameters returns length of the string (not including the terminating null character). Otherwise returns VFE_OK.

Example:

C:

```
// Some application function
{
    CHAR *name;
    INT len;
    DWORD version;
    INT vfp_mode_type;
    INT mode;

    // Get VeriFinger library name
    len = VFGetParameter(VFP_NAME, NULL, NULL);
    name = (CHAR*)malloc((len + 1) * sizeof(CHAR));
    VFGetParameter(VFP_NAME, name, NULL);
    printf(name);
    free(name);

    // Get VeriFinger library major version
    VFGetParameter(VFP_VERSION_HIGH, version, NULL);
    printf("Version: %u.%u", HIWORD(version), LOWORD(version));

    // Determine parameter VFP_MODE type
    vfp_mode_type = VFGetParameter(VFP_TYPE, (VOID*)VFP_MODE, NULL);

    // returned value: VF_TYPE_INT
    // Get integer parameter VFP_MODE value
    VFGetParameter(VFP_MODE, &mode, NULL);
    printf("Mode: %d", mode);
}
```

4.6.2. VFSetParameter function

Sets specified parameter value for specified context.

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFSetParameter(INT parameter, DWORD value, HVFCONTEXT
context);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| | parameter, Parameter | Parameter identifier to set |
| | value, Value | Parameter value to set |
| | context, Context | Context to set parameter to. Null for default context |

Return values: If context is null and VeriFinger library is not initialized returns VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED. If identification is started returns VFE_INVALID_MODE. If parameter is invalid (unknown) returns VFE_INVALID_PARAMETER. Otherwise returns VFE_OK.

Example:**C:**

```
// Some application function
{
    // Set VFP_MODE parameter to VF_MODE_DIGITALPERSONA_URU
    VFSetParameter(VFP_MODE, (DWORD)VF_MODE_DIGITALPERSONA_URU, NULL);
}
```

4.7. Features extraction

You can use features extraction to extract features from fingerprint image and then store them in a database (enroll fingerprint). For more information see [Fingerprint images](#) and [Features](#).

Use [VFExtract](#) function to perform features extraction.

4.7.1. VFExtract function

Extracts features from fingerprint image in the specified context.

Image has to be an array of bytes of size width*height and pointer to the first element of this array has to be passed to this function. Image resolution has to be passed to the function. Function resizes image to resolution of VF_IMAGE_RESOLUTION dpi (dots per inch) internally. Filtered image that is returned by the function is resized back to original resolution. Features returned by the function have resolution of VF_IMAGE_RESOLUTION dpi, so if you wish to display features on the image you have to draw features on the image resized to VF_IMAGE_RESOLUTION dpi.

Features have to be an array of bytes and pointer to the first element of the array has to be passed to this function. Number of bytes occupied by features in the array will be returned by the function in size (Size) parameter. If array size is less than needed then behavior of the function is undefined. To ensure that array is large enough set its size to at least VF_MAX_FEATURES_SIZE. For more information see [Features](#).

The function uses features extraction and VeriFinger specific [Parameters](#).

C:

```
#define VF_IMAGE_RESOLUTION500
#define VF_MIN_IMAGE_RESOLUTION50
#define VF_MAX_IMAGE_RESOLUTION5000
#define VF_MIN_IMAGE_DIMENSION16
#define VF_MAX_IMAGE_DIMENSION2048
#define VF_MAX_FEATURES_SIZE 10000
INT VFINGER_API VFExtract(INT width, INT height, BYTE * image, INT resolution,
BYTE * features, DWORD * size, HVFCONTEXT context);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|----------|------------------|--|
| | width, Width | Fingerprint image width. After resize have to be in range from VF_MIN_IMAGE_DIMENSION to VF_MAX_IMAGE_DIMENSION |
| | height, Height | Fingerprint image height. After resize have to be in range from VF_MIN_IMAGE_DIMENSION to VF_MAX_IMAGE_DIMENSION |
| [in/out] | image, Image | Fingerprint image to extract features from. After execution of the function contains filtered image |
| | resolution, Res- | Resolution of the fingerprint image (in dots per inch). Must |

| | | |
|-------|--------------------|--|
| | olution | be in range from VF_MIN_IMAGE_RESOLUTION to VF_MAX_IMAGE_RESOLUTION |
| [out] | features, Features | After execution of the function contains features extracted from fingerprint image |
| [out] | size, Size | After execution of the function contains size of the features in bytes. |
| | context, Context | Context to perform features extraction in. Null for default context. |

Return values: If VeriFinger library is not registered returns VFE_NOT_REGISTERED. If context is null and VeriFinger library is not initialized returns VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED. If fingerprint image width or height is not in legal range returns VFE_ILLEGAL_IMAGE_SIZE. If resolution is not in legal range returns VFE_ILLEGAL_IMAGE_RESOLUTION. If image, features or size is null returns VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL. Otherwise performs features extraction and returns either VFE_OK or VFE_LOW_QUALITY_IMAGE (if fingerprint image quality is low). VFE_LOW_QUALITY_IMAGE is only a warning. Calling application can either ignore it or ask the user to rescan the fingerprint.

Example:

C:

```
// Extraction function
{
    INT width, height;
    BYTE *image;
    INT resolution;
    BYTE features[VF_MAX_FEATURES_SIZE];
    DWORD size;
    // Load the image from file or get the image from scanner
    // ...
    VFExtract(width, height, image, resolution, features, &size, NULL);
}
```

4.8. Features generalization

You can use features generalization to increase quality of the recognition. Generalization performs conjunction of several features collections to one collection, validates each feature and removes noisy features. You can use features generalization during enrollment. To obtain features for generalization use [Features extraction](#) functions.

Generalization uses `VF_GENERALIZATION_THRESHOLD` [parameter](#) for matching to determine if provided features collections are of the same finger. For more information see [Matching threshold](#).

Use [VFGeneralize](#) function to perform features generalization.

4.8.1. VFGeneralize function

Performs generalization of features collections in the specified context. Currently generalization can be performed only for `VF_GENERALIZE_COUNT` features collections.

This function uses features extraction, features generalization, features matching and VeriFinger specific [Parameters](#).

C:

```
#define VF_GENERALIZE_COUNT 3
INT VFINGER_API VFGeneralize(INT count, const BYTE * const * gen_features,
BYTE * features, DWORD * size, HVFCONTEXT context);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|-------|----------------------------|---|
| | count, Count | Count of features collections to generalize |
| [in] | gen_features, Gen-Features | Array of features collections to generalize |
| [out] | features, Features | After execution of the function contains generalized features |
| [out] | size, Size | After execution of the function contains size of generalized features in bytes. |
| | context, Context | Context to perform features generalization in. Null for default context. |

Return values: If VeriFinger library is not registered returns `VFE_NOT_REGISTERED`. If context is null and VeriFinger library is not initialized returns `VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED`. If identification is started returns `VFE_INVALID_MODE`. If count of features collections is other than `VF_GENERALIZE_COUNT` returns `VFE_INVALID_ARGUMENT`. If features collections are null returns `VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL`. If one of the passed features collections has invalid format returns `VFE_INVALID_FEATURES_FORMAT`. If features collections cannot be generalized returns `VFE_FAILED`. Otherwise return index of features collection on which base features generalization has been performed.

Example:

C:

```
// Generalization function
{
    BYTE *feats[3];
    BYTE features[VF_MAX_FEATURES_SIZE];
    DWORD size;
    feats[0] = /*obtain first fingerprint features*/;
    feats[1] = /*obtain second fingerprint features*/;
    feats[2] = /*obtain third fingerprint features*/;
    if (VFSucceeded(VFGeneralize(3, feats, features, &size, NULL))
        printf("Generalization succeeded");
    else
        printf("Generalization failed");
}
```

4.9. Verification

You can use verification to determine if two features collections are of the same finger. It uses `VFP_MATCHING_THRESHOLD` parameter (See [Matching threshold](#)). To obtain features from fingerprint image use [Features extraction](#) functions. Also you may use [features generalization](#) functions to increase recognition reliability.

Use [VFVerify](#) function to perform verification.

4.9.1. VFVerify function

Performs two features collections verification in the specified context.

Pass pointer to matching details structure that will receive details of features collections matching (set size (Size) member before calling the function to actual size of the structure). Pass null if you are not interested in matching details. For more information see [Matching details](#).

This function uses features matching and VeriFinger specific parameters. For more information see [Parameters](#).

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFVerify(const BYTE * features1, const BYTE * features2,
VFMATCHDETAILS * md, HVFCONTEXT context);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|---|
| [in] | features1, Features1 | First fingerprint features |
| [in] | features2, Features2 | Second fingerprint features |
| [in/out] | md, MD | After execution of the function contains details of features collections matching |
| | context, Context | Context to perform verification in. Null for default context. |

Return values: If VeriFinger library is not registered returns VFE_NOT_REGISTERED. If context is null and VeriFinger library is not initialized returns VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED. If identification is started returns VFE_INVALID_MODE. If one of the features collections is null returns VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL. If one of the passed features collections has invalid format returns VFE_INVALID_FEATURES_FORMAT. If insufficient memory then returns VFE_OUT_OF_MEMORY. If features collections similarity is high enough (see VFP_MATCHING_THRESHOLD in [Parameters](#)) returns VFE_OK (the same finger features collections). Otherwise returns VFE_FAILED.

Example:

C:

```
// Verification function
{
    BYTE *features1, *features2;
    VFMATCHDETAILS md;
    BOOL result;
```

```
features1 = /*obtain first fingerprint features*/;
features2 = /*obtain second fingerprint features*/;
md.size = sizeof(md);
result = VFSucceeded(VFVerify(features1, features2, &md, NULL));
if (result)
    printf("Same finger. Similarity: %d", md.similarity);
else
    printf("Different fingers. Similarity: %d", md.similarity);
}
```

4.10. Identification

Use identification to identify fingerprint in the database.

First start identification with unknown fingerprint (test) features. Use [VFIdentifyStart](#) function.

Then walk through all database features (sample features) and match them with test features (with [VFIdentifyNext](#) function) until matched (function returns VFE_OK) or end of the database passed. It uses VFP_MATCHING_THRESHOLD [parameter](#) (see [Matching threshold](#)).

You may also use G to increase speed of the identification: match first sample features which G is equal to test features G; then sample features which G difference with test features is 1, then with G difference 2 and so on. It is a quite high probability that fingerprint will be identified during first matches if it is in the database. See also [Features](#).

End the identification ([VFIdentifyEnd](#) function).

To obtain features for identification use [Features extraction](#) function (for enrollment in the database you may also use [features generalization](#) functions).

Example:

C:

```
// Identification function
{
    BYTE *test_features;
    BYTE *sample_features;
    BOOL found;
    test_features = /*obtain features of fingerprint to identify*/;
    VFIdentifyStart(test_features, NULL);
    found = FALSE;
    for (/* walk through database */)

```

```

    {
        sample_features = /*some features from the database*/;
        if (VFSucceeded(VFIdentifyNext(sample_features, NULL, NULL))
        {
            found = TRUE;
            break;
        }
    }
    VFIdentifyEnd(NULL);
    if (found)
        printf("Fingerprint found in the database");
    else
        printf("Fingerprint not found in the database");
}

```

4.10.1. VFIdentifyStart function

Starts identification with specified test features in specified context.

This function uses features matching and VeriFinger specific parameters. For more information see [Parameters](#).

C:

```

INT VFINGER_API VFIdentifyStart(const BYTE * test_features, HVFCONTEXT
context);

```

Parameters:

| | | |
|------|------------------------------|--|
| [in] | test_features, Test-Features | Test features |
| | context, Context | Context to start identification in Null for default context. |

Return values: If VeriFinger library is not registered returns VFE_NOT_REGISTERED. If context is null and VeriFinger library is not initialized returns VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED. If identification is started returns VFE_INVALID_MODE. If test features collection has invalid format returns VFE_INVALID_FEATURES_FORMAT. If test features are null returns VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL. If insufficient memory then returns VFE_OUT_OF_MEMORY.

4.10.2. VFIdentifyNext function

Matches sample features with test features in specified context.

Pass pointer to matching details structure that will receive details of features collections matching (set size (Size) member before calling the function to actual size of the structure). Pass null if you are not interested in matching details. For more information see [Matching details](#).

This function uses features matching and VeriFinger specific parameters. For more information see [Parameters](#).

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFIdentifyNext(const BYTE * sample_features, VFMATCHDETAILS *
md, HVFCONTEXT context);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|--|
| [in] | sample_features, SampleFeatures | Sample features |
| [in/out] | md, MD | After execution of the function contains details of features collections matching. |
| | Context, Context | Context to perform features matching in. Null for default context. |

Return values: If VeriFinger library is not registered returns VFE_NOT_REGISTERED. If context is null and VeriFinger library is not initialized returns VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED. If identification is not started returns VFE_INVALID_MODE. If sample features are null returns VFE_ARGUMENT_NULL. If test features collection has invalid format returns VFE_INVALID_FEATURES_FORMAT. If features collections similarity is high enough (see VFP_MATCHING_THRESHOLD in [Parameters](#)) returns VFE_OK (the same finger features collections). Otherwise returns VFE_FAILED.

4.10.3. VFIdentifyEnd function

Ends the identification started with [VFIdentifyStart](#) function in specified context.

C:

```
INT VFINGER_API VFIdentifyEnd(HVFCONTEXT context);
```

Parameters:

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---|
| | context, Context | Context to end identification in. Null for default context. |
|--|---------------------|---|

Return values: If VeriFinger library is not registered returns `VFE_NOT_REGISTERED`. If context is null and VeriFinger library is not initialized returns `VFE_NOT_INITIALIZED`. If identification is not started returns `VFE_INVALID_MODE`.

4.11. Matching threshold and similarity

VeriFinger features matching algorithm provides value of [features](#) collections similarity as a result. It can be obtained in [matching details](#). The higher is similarity, the higher is probability that features collections are obtained from the same finger fingerprints.

You can set matching threshold - the minimum similarity value that [verification](#) and [identification](#) functions accept for the same finger fingerprints. You can set the matching threshold using `VFP_MATCHING_THRESHOLD` [parameter](#) (`VFP_GENERALIZATION_THRESHOLD` for [features generalization](#)).

Matching threshold is linked to false acceptance rate (FAR, different fingers fingerprints erroneously accepted as the of the same finger) of matching algorithm. The higher is threshold, the lower is FAR and higher FRR (False Rejection Rate, same finger fingerprints erroneously accepted as different fingers fingerprints) and vice a versa. You can use `VFMatchingThresholdToFAR` and `VFFARToMatchingThreshold` functions to convert, matching threshold to FAR in percents and vice a versa. Only values of and for FAR between 1% and 0.001% can be calculated more or less correctly. All other values are calculated very approximately. These functions are not part of VeriFinger library; for C they are implemented in `VFingerX.h` and `VFingerX.c` files.

C:

```
double VFMatchingThresholdToFAR(INT th);
INT VFFARToMatchingThreshold(double f);
```

4.12. Matching details

Matching details describes relationship between pair of feature collections determined during [verification](#) or [identification](#). Matching details are defined as structure, pointer to which you can pass to verification or identification functions. It can be one of the following structures. When passing to the function set size (Size) member to size of actual structure and cast pointer to the structure to pointer to the first structure. See also [Features](#).

C:

```
typedef struct _VFMatchDetails
{
    DWORD Size;
    INT Similarity;
    INT Rotation;
    INT TranslatonX;
    INT TranslationT;
} VFMatchDetails;

#define VF_MAX_MATCHED_MINUTIA_COUNT 1024
typedef struct _VFMatchedMinutiae
{
    INT Count;
    SHORT Test[VF_MAX_MATCHED_MINUTIA_COUNT];
    SHORT Sample[VF_MAX_MATCHED_MINUTIA_COUNT];
} VFMatchedMinutiae;

typedef struct _VFMatchDetailsEx
{
    DWORD Size;
    INT Similarity;
    INT Rotation;
    INT TranslationX;
    INT TranslationY;
    VFMatchedMinutiae MM;
} VFMatchDetailsEx;
```

Members:

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| <i>Size</i> | Size of the structure. Set this member before calling a function |
| <i>Similarity</i> | Similarity between pair of feature collections. The bigger is the value the higher is similarity. See also Matching threshold and similarity |

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Rotation</i> | Rotation of two features collections to each other. It is an angle in range [0, VFDIR_360). See also information about directions in Features |
| <i>TranslationX</i> | Translation between two features collections along X axis |
| <i>TranslationY</i> | Translation between two features collections along Y axis |
| <i>MM.Count</i> | Count of minutiae common for two features collections in MM collection |
| <i>MM.Test</i> <i>MM.Sample</i> | Matched minutiae arrays (common minutiae for two features collections). First - index of minutia in test (first) features collection, second - index of minutia in sample (second) features collection. See also Features |

Example:**C:**

```
//Identification function
{
    BYTE * testFeatures;
    BYTE * sampleFeatures;
    VFMatchDetails md;

    //...
    VFIdentifyStart(testFeatures, NULL);
    md.Size = sizeof(md);
    for (...)
    {
        VFIdentifyNext(sampleFeatures, &md, NULL);
        printf("Similarity: %d", md.Similarity);
    }
    VFIdentifyEnd(NULL);
}

// Verification function
{
    BYTE * features1, * features2;
    VFMatchDetailsEx md;
```

```

    INT I;

    // ...
    md.Size = sizeof(md);
    VFVerify(features1, features2, (VFMatchDetails *)&md, NULL);
    for (i = 0; i < md.MM.Count; i++)
        printf("Matched minutia %d: index in first features - %d; index in
second features - %d\n", i, md.MM.Test[i], md.MM.Sample[i]);
}

```

4.13. Fingerprint features

Features or features collection or template are data extracted from fingerprint image that is used in [verification](#) and [identification](#). To obtain features from fingerprint image use [Features extraction](#) functions. You may also use [features generalization](#) to improve quality of the features.

Features are stored in array of bytes. Size of the array will never exceed VF_MAX_FEATURES_SIZE.

You can use VFFeatGetXxx and VFFeatSet functions to decompress and compress features.

C:

```

typedef enum _VFSingularPointType
{
    vfsptUnknown = 0,
    vfsptCore = 1,
    vfsptDoubleCore = 2,
    vfsptDelta = 3
} VFSingularPointType;

typedef struct _VFSingularPoint
{
    INT X;
    INT Y;
    VFSingularPointType T;
    BYTE D;
} VFSingularPoint;

typedef enum _VFMinutiaType
{
    vfmtUnknown = 0,
    vfmtEnd = 1,

```

```

        vfmtBifurcation = 2
    } VFMinutiaType;

typedef struct _VFMinutia
{
    INT X;
    INT Y;
    VFMinutiaType T;
    BYTE D;
    BYTE C;
    BYTE G;
} VFMinutia;

// Features compression
INT VFINGER_API VFFeatSet(BYTE g, INT mCount, const VFMinutia * m,
INT spCount, const VFSingularPoint * sp, INT boWidth,
INT boHeight, const BYTE * bo, BYTE * features);

// Features decompression
INT VFINGER_API VFFeatGetG(const BYTE * features);
INT VFINGER_API VFFeatGetMinutiaCount(const BYTE * features);
INT VFINGER_API VFFeatGetMinutiae(const BYTE * features, VFMinutia * m);
INT VFINGER_API VFFeatGetSPCount(const BYTE * features);
INT VFINGER_API VFFeatGetSP(const BYTE * features, VFSingularPoint * sp);
INT VFINGER_API VFFeatGetBOSize(const BYTE * features, INT * pWidth, INT *
pHeight);
INT VFINGER_API VFFeatGetBO(const BYTE * features, BYTE * bo);

```

All functions take features (Features) argument as compressed features and/or m (M) argument as minutia array (mCount (MCount) is length of the array), sp (SP) argument as singular point array (spCount (SPCount) is length of the array), bo (BO) argument as blocked orientation image (in similar format as [fingerprint image](#); boWidth (BOWidth) and boHeight (BOHeight) are accordingly width and height of blocked orientations image). VFFeatSet function returns size of compressed features.

Features consist of:

- G - obtained using VFFeatGetG function
- Minutiae - obtained using VFFeatGetMinutiae function (number of minutiae obtained using VFGetMinutiaCount function)
- Singular points - obsolete, obtained using VFFeatGetSP function (number of singular points obtained using VFGetSPCount function). VeriFinger does not extract singular

points

- Blocked orientations - obsolete, obtained using `VFFeatGetBO` function (size of blocked orientations obtained using `VFGetBOSize` function). VeriFinger does not extract blocked orientations.

G: G is a global fingerprint feature that reflects ridge density. It can have values from 0 to 255, so it occupies one byte. The bigger is value the bigger is ridge density. You can use `VFFeatG` function to get ridge density.

Minutiae: Minutiae are points in fingerprint image where finger ridges end or separate. Each minutia is a structure with the following members: X, Y - coordinates in pixels, T - type, D - direction, C - curvature, G - g.

Singular points: Singular points are locations in fingerprints image where finger ridges screw. Each singular point is a structure with the following members: X, Y - coordinates in pixels, T - type, D - direction. Each minutia and singular point has x and y coordinates (from top-left corner of the image) and direction. Direction is byte value in range [`VFDIR_0`, `VFDIR_360`). To convert it to degrees multiply by 180 and divide by `VFDIR_180` and vice a versa to convert degrees to direction. Also you may use `VFDirToDeg` and `VFDegToDir` functions. To convert them to radians and vice a versa use `VFDirToRad` and `VFRadToDir` functions. Following constants are defined:

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|
| <code>VFDIR_0</code> | 0 | 0° |
| <code>VFDIR_45</code> | 30 | 45° |
| <code>VFDIR_90</code> | <code>VFDIR_45 * 2</code> | 90° |
| <code>VFDIR_135</code> | <code>VFDIR_45 * 3</code> | 135° |
| <code>VFDIR_180</code> | <code>VFDIR_45 * 4</code> | 180° |
| <code>VFDIR_225</code> | <code>VFDIR_45 * 5</code> | 225° |
| <code>VFDIR_270</code> | <code>VFDIR_45 * 6</code> | 270° |
| <code>VFDIR_315</code> | <code>VFDIR_45 * 7</code> | 315° |

| | | |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| VFDIR_360 | VFDIR_45 * 8 | 360° |
| VFDIR_UNKNOWN | 127 | Unknown direction |
| VFDIR_BACKGROUND | 255 | Background |

Blocked orientations: Blocked orientations are ridges orientation of every fingerprint image block of VF_BLOCK_SIZE * VF_BLOCK_SIZE pixels. Can be byte value range [VFDIR_0, VFDIR_180), VFDIR_UNKNOWN or VFDIR_BACKGROUND.

C:

```
// Conversion from VFDIR_XXX to degrees and vice a versa
#define VFDirToDeg(dir) ...
#define VFDirToDegF(dir) ...
#define VFDegToDir(deg) ...

// Conversion from VFDIR_XXX to radians and vice a versa
#define VFDirToRad(dir) ...
#define VFRadToDir(a) ...

// Orientation stuff
#define VFIsBadArea(orient) ...
#define VFIsGoodArea(orient) ...
#define VFTheOrient(orient) ...
#define VFIsUnknown(orient) ...
#define VFIsOrient(orient) ...
```

Chapter 5. Scanner API

Scanner API is very simple and can be easily understood from `scanner.h` file.

This file has `scanner_info` structure:

```
struct scanner_info
{
    int dpi;
    char *name;
    int version;
    void (*close) (void);
    int (*init) (void);
    unsigned char * (*read) (int *width, int *height);
};
extern struct scanner_info scanner_AFS4000;
extern struct scanner_info scanner_af_s2;
extern struct scanner_info scanner_fx2k;
```

Currently VerFinger Linux SDK has support for AFS4000, AF-S2, and FX 200 scanners.

Every scanner driver has exported name pointing to `scanner_info` structure. This structure is the same for every scanner.

`scanner_info` structure description:

| Structure member | Description |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <code>int dpi</code> | Specifies scanners resolution in DPI. |
| <code>char *name</code> | Scanner name in human readable format (null-terminated string). |
| <code>int version</code> | Driver version. |
| <code>void (*close) (void)</code> | Function used to close hardware device after use. |
| <code>int (*init) (void)</code> | Function used to open hardware device before |

| | |
|---|--|
| | use. Returns 0 if operation was successful. |
| unsigned char * (*read) (int *width, int *height) | <p>Image scanning. Return NULL, if no image can be received from scanner or returns pointer to image if scan was successful.</p> <p>width and height can't be NULL, returns image size.</p> <p>Returned memory can't be released, and is overwritten with second scan.</p> |

Important

These drivers are not thread safe.

Example:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <scanner.h>
struct scanner_info* scanner = &scanner_AFS4000;
int main (void)
{
    int w, h;
    char *image;

    // open device
    if (scanner->init())
        return 1; // initialization error

    // scan image
    image = scanner->read(&w, &h);
    if (image == NULL)
        return 2; // scanning error

    // close device
    scanner->close();

    // return OK
    return 0;
}
```

This sample can be compiled using GCC compiler:

```
gcc sample.c -Iscanner scanner/AFS400.o -o sample -lusb
```

AFS400.o requires libusb and must be linked with -lusb

afs-s2.o requires libusb and must be linked with -lusb

fx2k.o must be linked with -lfx3L -lfx3scan -lfxoem -lm

Chapter 6. Sample applications

VeriFinger Linux SDK contains two samples: simple console demo and GUI sample based on GTK library.

Console demo program demonstrates simple VeriFinger usage. This is very good start point.

Gtk demo demonstrates usage of VeriFinger library and scanner drivers. It allows to test enrollment and identification using scanner or image files.

6.1. Console Demo

This demo shows how to use VeriFinger library. It loads TIFF files, extracts fingerprint features performs comparison. This demo uses [VFExtract](#) function to extract features from fingerprint image and compares these images using function [VFVerify](#). For identification demo utilizes [VFIdentifyStart](#), [VFIdentifyNext](#) and [VFIdentifyEnd](#) functions.

This demo requires `libtiff` to load TIFF files.

To compile demo you need `libtiff` header files.

Compile:

```
make
```

Run:

```
make run
```

If VeriFinger library is installed on system, please type:

```
./vf_console_demo
```

or set `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH="../VFinger:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}"
```

and run `vf_console_demo`

6.2. GTK demo

This demo shows how to use VeriFinger library and scanners. This demo can input data from image file or fingerprint scanner. This demo also shows how to change VeriFinger algorithm parameters.

This demo shows how to:

- Use [VFGetParameter](#) and [VFSetParameter](#) functions
- Decompress and visualize fingerprint features.
- Extract features using [VFExtract](#).
- Perform identification ([VFIdentifyStart](#), [VFIdentifyNext](#) and [VFIdentifyEnd](#)).
- Work with low quality images.
- Generalize features using [VFGeneralize](#) function
- Use [scanner API](#).

This demo supports background scanning and can be used for presentations. It supports simple data base, which can be loaded from file or saved back.

Demo requires GTK+ 2.0 at minimum, and GTK+ 2.2.4 is recommended. As some problems were detected using GTK+ 2.2.2 we do not recommend use of this version (sometimes GTK doesn't close dialog windows).

AF-S2 and AES4000 scanner driver require `libusb` library. These drivers and demo has been tested on 2.4.x and 2.6.x Linux kernels.

To run this demo:

GTK+ 2 and VeriFinger libraries must be installed.

VeriFinger library can be installed into system or exported environment variable:

```
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=" ../VFinger:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}" ./vf_gtk_demo
```

or type

```
make run
```

To compile this demo:

GTK+ 2 and GTK+-2-dev libraries must be installed on system. libusb-dev library must be installed if fingerprint scanner will be used. To compile run:

```
make
```