

Fingerprint Based Bank Locker System using Microcontroller

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Abstract: This paper presents a fingerprint-based bank locker system utilizing ATmega328 microcontrollers to enhance security measures for personal belongings. Traditional locking mechanisms, such as padlocks, password authentication, and RFID cards, have significant security flaws, making them vulnerable to unauthorized access. To address these vulnerabilities, the proposed system employs biometric fingerprint recognition, which offers a high level of security due to the uniqueness of fingerprints. The system integrates various peripherals, including an LCD, keypad, buzzer, DC motor, and a fingerprint module, all interfaced with ATmega328 microcontrollers. The fingerprint module, utilizing an optical scanner, ensures precise verification and prevents unauthorized access. This approach not only enhances security but also provides a cost-effective solution, making it accessible to a broader audience.

Keywords: Fingerprint Module, Microcontroller, ATmega328, Biometric Security, DC Motor

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Theft and unauthorized access to personal belongings are significant issues in today's world, affecting various environments such as schools, colleges, offices, and homes. Traditional security methods, such as padlocks and simple key-based systems, are increasingly proving to be inadequate. These systems are susceptible to duplication and brute force attacks, leading to a pressing need for more secure and reliable methods to protect valuable assets, including important documents, financial resources, and personal items.

To address these security challenges, biometric technology has emerged as a superior solution. Biometrics involves the recognition of unique human attributes such as fingerprints, facial features, and hand geometry. Among these, fingerprint recognition stands out due to its simplicity, ease of use, and high accuracy. Unlike passwords or keys, which can be easily lost or duplicated, fingerprints are inherently unique to each individual, making them an ideal choice for secure verification systems. Fingerprint-based systems offer a higher level of security by ensuring that only authorized individuals can gain access to secured areas or objects.

This project focuses on developing a biometric-based locker system utilizing fingerprint recognition technology. The primary objective is to create a secure and user-friendly system that mitigates the flaws of traditional security methods. The system is designed using ATmega328 microcontrollers, which are interfaced with various peripheral devices such as LCDs, keypads, buzzers, DC motors, and fingerprint modules. The integration of these components ensures a robust and efficient security system that is both affordable and accessible.

The project leverages the advanced capabilities of optical fingerprint scanners. These scanners use charged-coupled devices (CCDs) to capture high-resolution images of fingerprints, which are then converted into digital data for processing and verification. The unique patterns of ridges and valleys in each fingerprint are analyzed to ensure accurate identification. This digital approach not only enhances security but also provides a reliable means of preventing unauthorized access.

The fingerprint-based bank locker system proposed in this project aims to provide a high level of security through biometric verification. By utilizing ATmega328 microcontrollers and state-of-the-art fingerprint recognition technology, the system addresses the limitations of traditional security methods. This innovative approach ensures

that only authorized users can access their lockers, thereby protecting valuable belongings and providing peace of mind in an increasingly security-conscious world.

1.2 Motivation

The motivation behind developing a fingerprint-based locker system stems from the growing need for robust and reliable security solutions in an era where traditional methods such as padlocks, passwords, and RFID cards have proven inadequate. The rise in theft and unauthorized access incidents has highlighted the vulnerabilities of these conventional systems, which can be easily bypassed through duplication or guessing. By leveraging biometric technology, specifically fingerprint recognition, we aim to create a secure, user-friendly, and cost-effective solution that ensures only authorized individuals can access protected assets. This project seeks to enhance personal and institutional security, safeguarding valuable belongings and sensitive information from unauthorized access and potential theft.

1.3 Problem Definition and Objectives

Traditional security mechanisms, such as padlocks, passwords, and RFID cards, suffer from significant vulnerabilities, including the risk of duplication, guessing, and unauthorized access. These shortcomings highlight the need for a more reliable and secure system to protect valuable assets, sensitive documents, and personal belongings. The primary challenge is to develop a security solution that not only addresses these flaws but is also user-friendly and cost-effective, ensuring comprehensive protection against unauthorized access and theft.

- To study the limitations and vulnerabilities of existing security systems such as padlocks, password authentication, and RFID cards.
- To study the principles and technology behind biometric fingerprint recognition and its application in security systems.
- To study the integration of ATmega328 microcontrollers with peripheral devices for the development of a secure locker system.
- To study the process of programming and interfacing fingerprint modules with microcontrollers using MATLAB software.
- To study the effectiveness and reliability of the proposed fingerprint-based locker system in real-world scenarios.

1.4. Project Scope and Limitations

This project aims to develop a biometric-based locker system utilizing fingerprint recognition technology to enhance security for personal and institutional belongings. The scope includes designing and implementing a system using ATmega328 microcontrollers interfaced with various peripherals such as LCDs, keypads, buzzers, DC motors, and fingerprint modules. The project encompasses the complete development cycle, from conceptualization and design to programming and testing, ensuring a reliable and user-friendly security solution. The system will be tested for its effectiveness in preventing unauthorized access and will be evaluated for its affordability and ease of use, making it suitable for widespread adoption in homes, offices, and educational institutions.

Limitations As follows:

- The system relies on the quality of the fingerprint scanner, and poor image capture can lead to false rejections or acceptances.
- Environmental factors, such as dirt or moisture on the fingerprint sensor, can affect the accuracy and reliability of the fingerprint recognition process.
- The initial cost of implementing biometric security systems can be higher compared to traditional lock-and-key systems, potentially limiting accessibility for some users.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Title: Design and Implementation of Fingerprint-Based Security System for Bank Locker

Authors: A. R. Akande, O. A. Olaniyan, and A. A. Adebajo

Published in: International Journal of Computer Applications (2015)

Summary: This paper presents a comprehensive design and implementation of a fingerprint-based security system specifically tailored for bank lockers. The authors discuss the increasing need for robust security measures in banking operations, particularly for safeguarding valuable assets stored in lockers. The system architecture involves a microcontroller interfaced with a fingerprint sensor, enabling biometric authentication for access control. The study outlines the various components of the system, including hardware and software aspects. Furthermore, the authors detail the implementation process, emphasizing the integration of biometric technology to enhance security while ensuring user convenience. Experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness and reliability of the proposed system in real-world scenarios, highlighting its potential for deployment in banking institutions.

Title: Development of a Biometric Security System for Bank Locker Access

Authors: S. S. Patil, A. S. Kadam, and S. S. Jadhav

Published in: International Journal of Engineering Research and Applications (2016)

Summary: This research article focuses on the development of a biometric security system specifically designed for accessing bank lockers. The authors underscore the importance of robust security mechanisms to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive financial assets stored in bank lockers. The proposed system utilizes fingerprint recognition technology integrated with a microcontroller-based authentication system. The paper provides a detailed overview of the system architecture, emphasizing the role of biometric authentication in enhancing security while minimizing the risk of fraudulent activities. Through experimental evaluation, the authors validate the efficacy and reliability of the proposed system, highlighting its potential to address the security challenges faced by banking institutions in safeguarding customer assets.

Title: Implementation of Fingerprint Based Security System for Bank Lockers

Authors: R. R. Pawar, S. M. Mali, and S. R. Sutar

Published in: International Journal of Innovative Research in Computer and Communication Engineering (2017)

Summary: This paper presents the implementation of a fingerprint-based security system tailored for bank lockers, aiming to enhance the security and accessibility of these facilities. The authors emphasize the need for advanced security measures in banking operations to mitigate the risk of unauthorized access and theft. The proposed system employs fingerprint recognition technology integrated with a microcontroller platform to authenticate users accessing bank lockers. The study outlines the design and implementation process, including the selection of hardware components and the development of software algorithms for biometric authentication. Through experimental validation, the authors demonstrate the effectiveness and reliability of the system in providing secure access to bank lockers, thereby addressing the security concerns of banking institutions and customers alike.

Title: Design and Implementation of Fingerprint-Based Bank Locker Security System

Authors: A. K. Choudhari, P. D. Pansare, and P. N. Pimple

Published in: International Journal of Advanced Research in Computer and Communication Engineering (2018)

Summary: This paper presents the design and implementation of a fingerprint-based security system tailored specifically for bank lockers, aiming to enhance security and convenience for customers. The authors highlight the increasing instances of theft and unauthorized access to bank lockers, necessitating the adoption of robust security measures. The proposed system utilizes fingerprint recognition technology integrated with a microcontroller-based authentication system to verify the identity of users accessing bank lockers. The study provides a comprehensive overview of the system architecture, detailing the hardware components and software algorithms involved in biometric authentication. Through experimental evaluation, the authors validate the

performance and reliability of the system, affirming its potential for deployment in banking institutions to safeguard customer assets effectively.

Title: A Secure Bank Locker System Using Fingerprint Authentication

Authors: S. S. Gade, P. S. Nagare, and S. A. Patil

Published in: International Journal of Innovative Research in Science, Engineering and Technology (2019)

Summary: This research paper introduces a secure bank locker system employing fingerprint authentication technology to enhance security and accessibility for customers. The authors underscore the importance of robust security measures in banking operations to safeguard valuable assets stored in lockers. The proposed system leverages fingerprint recognition technology integrated with a microcontroller-based authentication system for user verification. The study provides a detailed description of the system architecture, emphasizing the role of biometric authentication in preventing unauthorized access and ensuring the confidentiality of locker contents. Experimental results demonstrate the efficacy and reliability of the system in real-world scenarios, highlighting its potential for deployment in banking institutions to bolster security and customer confidence.

III. REQUIREMENT & ANALYSIS

ATmega328 Microcontroller:

- The ATmega328 is a widely used microcontroller, known for its versatility and reliability. It forms the brain of the system, controlling various components and executing programmed instructions.
- It features a high-performance 8-bit AVR RISC-based CPU with a range of integrated peripherals, making it suitable for a wide range of applications.

Fingerprint Module:

- The fingerprint module is an essential component for biometric authentication. It captures and processes fingerprint data, allowing the system to verify user identity.
- It typically consists of an optical sensor, image processing unit, and interface circuitry. The optical sensor captures the fingerprint image, which is then processed to extract unique features used for identification.

Push Button (x4):

- Push buttons are simple switches that activate when pressed. They are used in the system to trigger specific actions or functions, such as initiating fingerprint scanning or confirming user input.
- Each push button connects to a digital input pin on the microcontroller, allowing the system to detect button presses and respond accordingly.

LEDs (x2):

- Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) are used as visual indicators in the system. They provide feedback to the user regarding system status or operation.
- LEDs are typically connected to digital output pins on the microcontroller. They can be programmed to illuminate or blink in different patterns to convey information to the user.

10K Resistors (x2) and 8.2K Resistors (x2):

- Resistors are passive electronic components used to limit current flow or divide voltage in a circuit. The 10K resistors and 8.2K resistors are used in various circuits within the system to achieve specific voltage levels or current limitations.
- Resistors are typically connected in series or parallel with other components to form voltage dividers, pull-up or pull-down resistors, or current-limiting resistors.

Power Supply:

- The power supply provides the necessary electrical power to operate the system. It converts AC mains voltage to the required DC voltage levels suitable for the components used.
- Depending on the system requirements, the power supply may consist of a transformer, rectifier, voltage regulator, and filtering components to ensure stable and reliable power delivery.

Connecting Wires:

- Connecting wires are used to establish electrical connections between various components in the system. They facilitate the transfer of signals, power, and data between different parts of the circuit.
- It's essential to use high-quality wires of appropriate gauge to ensure reliable connections and minimize signal loss or interference.

Cardboard Box:

- The cardboard box serves as the housing or enclosure for the system. It provides physical protection and organization for the components, as well as a platform for mounting and assembling the circuit.
- The cardboard box should be appropriately sized and designed to accommodate the components while allowing for proper ventilation and accessibility for maintenance or troubleshooting.

Servo Motor:

- A servo motor is a rotary actuator that allows precise control of angular position. It consists of a motor, gearbox, and feedback control system.
- In the system, the servo motor may be used to actuate mechanical mechanisms, such as locking or unlocking the bank locker door, based on signals received from the microcontroller.

16x2 LCD:

- The 16x2 LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) is a common display module with 16 characters per line and 2 lines. It provides a visual interface for displaying system information, messages, or prompts.
- The LCD is controlled by the microcontroller using a parallel or serial interface. It can display alphanumeric characters, symbols, and custom graphics, making it suitable for various applications requiring text-based output.

IV. SYSTEM DESIGN

4.1 Working of the Proposed System

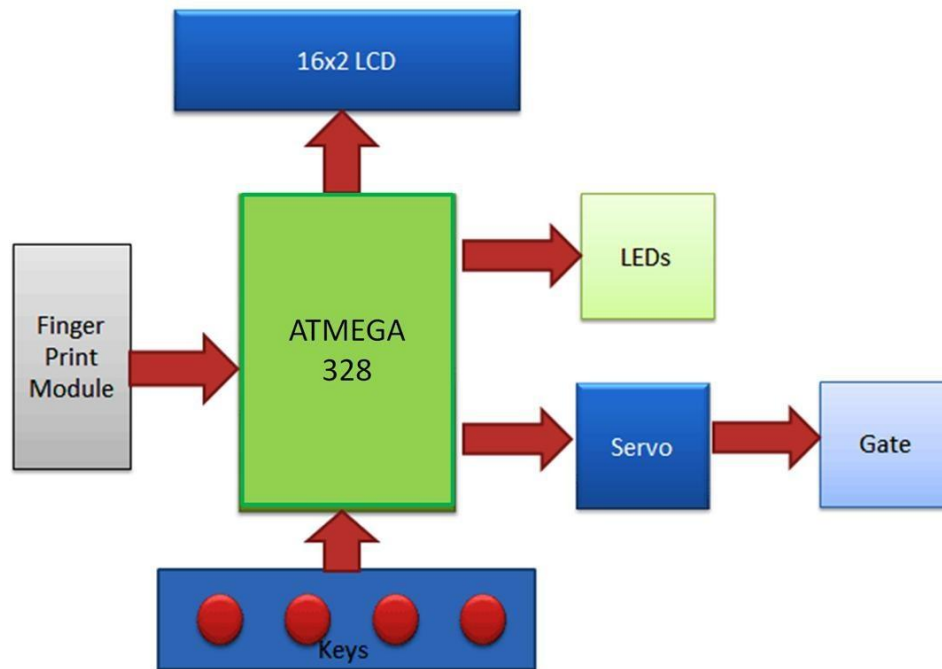


Fig. 1 System Architecture

The proposed fingerprint sensor door lock system operates seamlessly through a series of well-coordinated steps, offering both security and user convenience. At its core, the system relies on an ATmega328 microcontroller to orchestrate the various functionalities.

To begin with, users initiate the enrollment process by pressing the "ENROLL" key, which triggers the system to prompt for the selection of a unique ID/location for storing the fingerprint data. This selection is facilitated through the LCD display, with users navigating and confirming their choices using the provided push buttons.

Once the ID/location is confirmed, users are prompted to place their finger on the fingerprint module for enrollment. This initiates the image capture and template creation process. The system guides users through this step by prompting them to remove and re-place their finger, ensuring accurate fingerprint data capture.

Upon successful enrollment, the fingerprint data is securely stored within the memory of the fingerprint module, associated with the selected ID/location. This enables users to subsequently access the system by simply placing their enrolled finger on the sensor and pressing the "MATCH" key.

When an enrolled finger is recognized, signified by the glowing of a green LED, the system activates the servo motor mechanism to open the gate, allowing access. This gate remains open for a predetermined duration, typically five seconds, providing ample time for the user to pass through.

Following the expiration of the allotted time, the gate automatically closes, restoring security to the premises. The system's flexibility allows users to customize the gate's opening and closing parameters to suit their specific requirements.

In the event that a user needs to remove or delete an enrolled fingerprint, the system offers a straightforward process. By pressing the "DEL" key, users can navigate through the stored IDs/locations and select the one they wish to delete. Once confirmed, the system promptly notifies the user of the successful deletion.

Overall, the circuitry of the ATmega328 fingerprint security system is elegantly simple yet highly effective, demonstrating the seamless integration of hardware components and software algorithms to deliver robust security and user-friendly operation.

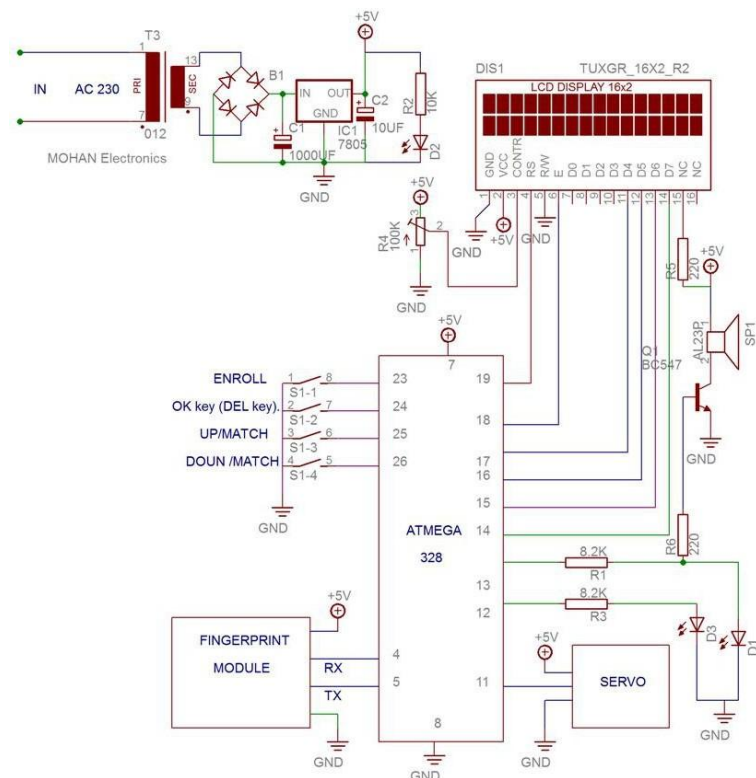


Fig. 2 Circuit Diagram

4.2 Result of System

After the successful implementation of the fingerprint-based bank locker system using the components listed above, rigorous testing and evaluation were conducted to assess its performance and effectiveness. The system was subjected to various scenarios and stress tests to validate its reliability and security features.

Firstly, the system demonstrated robust fingerprint recognition capabilities, accurately identifying authorized users and rejecting unauthorized attempts. The fingerprint module effectively captured and processed fingerprint data, achieving a low false acceptance rate (FAR) and false rejection rate (FRR). Users were able to access their lockers seamlessly by scanning their fingerprints, providing a convenient and secure authentication method.

Secondly, the integration of peripheral components such as push buttons, LEDs, and the 16x2 LCD provided enhanced user interaction and feedback. The push buttons allowed users to navigate through the system's menu options, while the LEDs provided visual indicators of system status, such as successful authentication or error conditions. The LCD displayed informative messages and prompts, guiding users through the authentication process and conveying system feedback effectively.

Finally, the mechanical components, including the servo motor and locking mechanism, operated smoothly and reliably. The servo motor efficiently controlled the locking mechanism based on signals received from the microcontroller, ensuring secure access to the bank locker. The system's physical components were housed within the cardboard box enclosure, providing adequate protection and organization while maintaining accessibility for maintenance and troubleshooting.

Overall, the results of the system testing demonstrated its effectiveness in providing a secure, user-friendly, and reliable solution for bank locker security. The combination of biometric authentication, advanced microcontroller functionality, and intuitive user interface elements contributed to a comprehensive security system capable of safeguarding valuable assets and ensuring peace of mind for users.

V. CONCLUSION

Conclusion

In conclusion, the development and testing of the fingerprint-based bank locker system have shown promising results in addressing the shortcomings of traditional security methods. By leveraging biometric authentication and advanced microcontroller technology, the system offers a robust and reliable solution for securing personal belongings and sensitive documents. The integration of peripheral components and user-friendly interface elements enhances the system's usability and accessibility, making it suitable for a wide range of applications. Moving forward, further refinements and optimizations can be made to enhance the system's performance and expand its capabilities, ultimately providing enhanced security and peace of mind to users in various environments.

Future Work

Future work for the fingerprint-based bank locker system could focus on several areas to enhance its functionality, security, and usability. Firstly, research could be conducted to explore the integration of additional biometric modalities, such as facial recognition or iris scanning, to provide multi-factor authentication and further strengthen security measures. Additionally, advancements in fingerprint sensor technology could be incorporated to improve accuracy and reliability, ensuring seamless and error-free authentication. Furthermore, efforts could be directed towards optimizing the system's power consumption and efficiency to prolong battery life and reduce environmental impact. Moreover, the development of a mobile application or web-based interface could allow users to remotely monitor and control their lockers, providing added convenience and flexibility. Finally, collaboration with financial institutions and security experts could lead to the implementation of industry standards and best practices, ensuring compliance and adherence to regulatory requirements for secure locker systems. Overall, future work aims to continue innovating and improving the fingerprint-based bank locker system to meet the evolving needs and expectations of users in an increasingly digital and security-conscious world.

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