OcuLock: Exploring Human Visual System for Authentication in Virtual Reality Headmounted Display

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Virtual Reality (VR) technology is boosting.

• The market size reached 3.6 billion dollars in 2018*.



*Viar360, "Virtual reality market size in 2018 with forecast for 2019," 2019.

Diverse Applications

Entertainment



Healthcare





Fear of Driving







Acrophobia





Military



Diverse Applications



Authentication System

• Protect HMD from unauthorized access.



State-of-the-art Methods

Password



Unlock pattern



Head motion Body motion





0.5m

State-of-the-art Methods

- Expose authentication actions *.
- Behaviors change over time.



*Ling, Zhen, Zupei Li, Chen Chen, Junzhou Luo, Wei Yu, and Xinwen Fu. "I Know What You Enter on Gear VR." In 2019 IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security (CNS), pp. 241-249. IEEE, 2019.

Solution: Human Visual System (HVS) auth.

- An unobservable solution.
- Behavioral and physiological biometric.



Challenge 1: HVS Hard to Measure

- HVS components are hard to measure in VR HMD.
 - Limited space.
 - Dark environment.



Challenges 2: Redundant Training

• Each new user requires a new classifier.



System Architecture

- Module 1: capture the electrical signals from HVS.
- Module 2: authenticate EOG samples based on similarity.



Module 1 - Visual Stimuli

Fixed-Route (FR)

City-Street (CS)

Illusion (IL)







Eye rotation, blinks

Scan path

Micro-saccades

Module 1 - EOG Signal Acquisition

• Remove interference using filters.



Module 2 - Signal Processing

- Recognize saccades (S), fixations(F) and blinks(B).
 - Continuous wavelet transform algorithm*.



*A. Bulling, J. A. Ward, H. Gellersen, and G. Troster, "Eye movement analysis for activity recognition using electrooculography," IEEE transactions on pattern analysis and machine intelligence, 2010.

Module 2 - Authentication

• Extracts behavioral and physiological features from the EOG signal.



Module 2 - Authentication

• Compare sample A and B with template sample T.



Module 2 - Authentication

• Are A and B the same as template?



- 70 participants.
 - Each provides 10 records.
- Records are partitioned into training and testing sets.
 - 1:1, by subject.
 - In each set, 61075 comparison results (1575 positive, 59500 negative).



• F1 scores of all combinations of matching algorithm and classifiers.



Matching algorithms:

Ansari-Bradley test (AB); Mann-Whitney u-test (MW); Two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (KS); Two-sample Cramer-von Mises test (CM); Two-sample t-test (TS).

• Best F1 score using AB Test and SVM (linear).



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• Low equal error rate: EER(FR)=5.27%; EER(CS)=7.32%; EER(IL)=3.55%.



Experiment - Statistical Attack

• The attacker calculates the PDF of features from users, then uses the most probable feature values to generate the forgery.



Experiment - Statistical Attack

 Low impact at equal error rate: EER(FR)=6.93%; EER(CS)=7.93%; EER(IL)=4.97%.



Experiment - Time Efficiency

• Trade-off between security and convenience.



Experiment - Temporal Stability

- 5 participants.
- The accuracy is stable.





Conclusion

- We propose an EOG-based framework to measure the HVS as a whole for VR authentication.
- We design a record-comparison driven authentication scheme.
- We perform an extensive evaluation of the proposed OcuLock system.

Thank you