



Biometric Fingerprint Reader

A small, stylized icon of a fingerprint scanner. It is a rectangular device with a silver border and a blue screen displaying a white fingerprint pattern.

Developer's Guide

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I. Introduction

Description

The Biometric Fingerprint Reader plug-in from Productive Computing offers functions that allow you to incorporate biometric fingerprint authentication, security and script control options in FileMaker. The plug-in is intended to be used with Digital Persona U.areU 4500 Reader device. With this plug-in technology, FileMaker Pro can recognize and authenticate individuals based on who they are, instead of what they know (passwords and PINs) or what they possess (keys and swipe cards). These operations are accomplished by using FileMaker function calls from within FileMaker calculations. These calculations are generally determined from within FileMaker 'SetField' or 'If' script steps.

Intended Audience

FileMaker developers or persons, who have knowledge of FileMaker scripting, calculations and relationships as proper use of the plug-in requires that FileMaker integration scripts be created in your FileMaker solution.

Successful Integration Practices:

- 1) Read the Developer's Guide
- 2) Read the Functions Guide
- 3) Review our FileMaker Demo found here: http://www.productivecomputing.com/dl/Biometric/Biometric_Reader.zip
- 4) Watch video tutorials found here: <http://www.productivecomputing.com/video/?p=1236>

II. Integration Steps

Accessing and using the plug-in functions involve the following steps.

1) Install and Register the Plug-in

Installing the Plug-in:

The first step is to install the plug-in into FileMaker.

- 1) Quit FileMaker Pro completely.
- 2) Locate the plug-in in your download which will be located in a folder called "Plug-in and Installer". On Windows the plug-in will have a ".fmx" extension.
- 3) Copy the actual plug-in and paste it to the Extensions folder which is inside the FileMaker program folder. On Windows this is normally located here: C:\Program Files\FileMaker\FileMaker X\Extensions.
- 4) Start FileMaker. Confirm that the plug-in has been successfully installed by navigating to "Preferences" in FileMaker Pro, then click the "Plug-ins" Tab. There you should see the plug-in listed with a corresponding check box. This indicates that you have successfully installed the plug-in.

Registering the Plug-in:

The next step is to register the plug-in which enables all plug-in functions.

- 5) Confirm that you have access to the internet and open our FileMaker demo file, which can be found in the "FileMaker Demo File" folder in your original download.
- 6) If you are registering the plug-in in Demo mode, then simply click the "Register the Plug-in" button and do not change any of the fields. Your plug-in should now be running in "DEMO" mode. The mode is noted in our FileMaker Demo file on the Setup tab.
- 7) If you are registering a licensed copy, then simply enter your license number in the "LicenseID" field and click the "Register the Plug-in" button. Make sure you remove the Demo License ID and enter your registration information exactly as it appears in your confirmation email. Your plug-in should now be running in "LIVE" mode. The mode is indicated on the Setup tab in our FileMaker Demo file or by calling the PCFP_GetOperatingMode function.

Congratulations! You have now successfully installed and registered the plug-in!

Why do I need to Register?

In an effort to reduce software piracy, Productive Computing, Inc. has implemented a registration process for all plug-ins. The registration process sends information over the internet to a server managed by Productive Computing, Inc. The server uses this information to confirm that there is a valid license available and identifies the machine. If there is a license available, then the plug-in receives an acknowledgment from the server and installs a certificate on the machine. This certificate never expires. If the certificate is ever moved, modified or deleted, then the client will be required to register again. On Windows this certificate is in the form of a ".pci" file.

The registration process also offers developers the ability to automatically register each client machine behind the scenes by hard coding the license ID in the PCFP_Register function. This proves beneficial by eliminating the need to manually enter the registration number on each client machine. There are other various functions available such as PCFP_GetOperatingMode and PCFP_Version which can assist you when developing an installation and registration process in your FileMaker solution.

How do I hard code the registration process?

You can hard code the registration process inside a simple "Plug-in Checker" script. The "Plug-in Checker" script should be called at the beginning of any script using a plug-in function and uses the PCFP_Register, PCFP_GetOperatingMode and PCFP_Version functions. This eliminates the need to manually register each machine and ensures that the plug-in is installed and properly registered. Below are the basic steps to create a "Plug-in Checker" script.

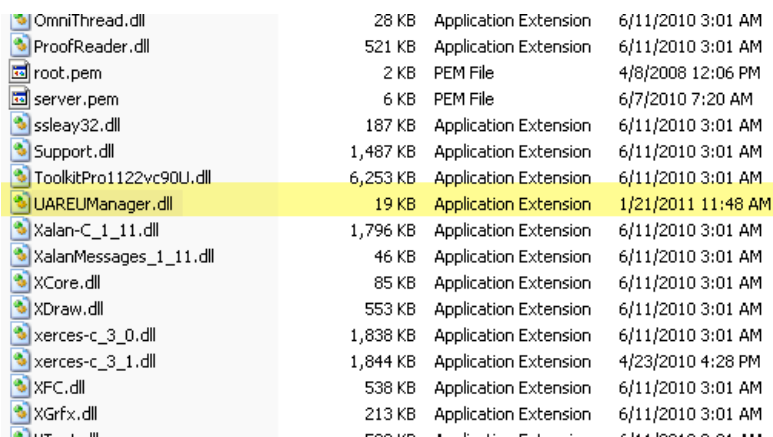
```
If [ PCFP_Version( "short" ) = "" or PCFP_Version( "short" ) = "?" ]  
Show Custom Dialog [ Title: "Warning"; Message: "Plug-in not installed."; Buttons: "OK" ]  
If [ PCFP_GetOperatingMode ≠ "LIVE" ]  
Set Field [Main::gRegResult; PCFP_Register( "licensing.productivecomputing.com" ; "80" ; "/PCIReg/pcireg.asp" ;  
"your license ID" )  
If [ Main::gRegResult ≠ 0 ]  
Show Custom Dialog [ Title: "Registration Error"; Message: "Plug-in Registration Failed"; Buttons: "OK" ]
```

Please also visit our video library here: <http://www.productivecomputing.com/video/?p=1236> for additional setup information.

2) Installing the Fingerprint Device Libraries

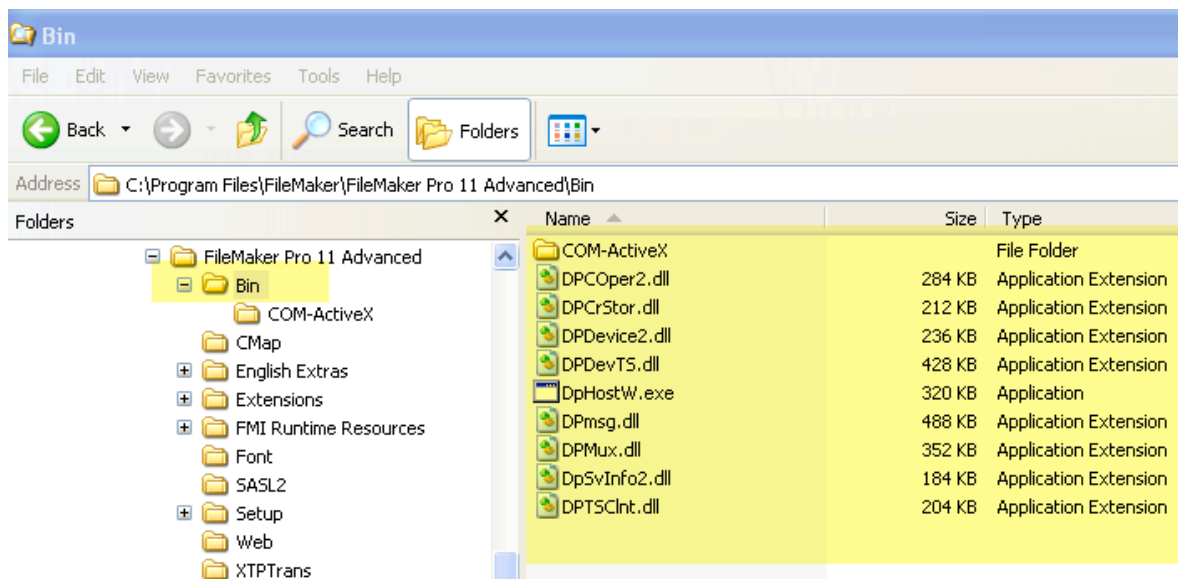
Locate the "PCBiometric.exe" installer in your download which will be located in a folder called "Plug-in and Installer." Click on the "PCBiometric.exe" installer and follow the prompts to run the installer. During this time you will be prompted to select your FileMaker version. Please ensure that you select your correct FileMaker version that you are using such as C:\Program Files\FileMaker\FileMaker Pro 11\ . The installer may take a moment to run as all the UAREU and companion dll files are being unpacked. For the curious minds, the following files are unpacked in your selected FileMaker version as shown in figure 2.0 and 2.1 below. Please do not alter or move these files. To uninstall these files, please uninstall the "PC Biometric" from your Programs area found in the Control Panel.

Figure 2.0 - UAREUManager.dll file located in the C:\Program Files\FileMaker\FileMaker Pro X\ folder



File Name	Size	Type	Date Modified
OmniThread.dll	28 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
ProofReader.dll	521 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
root.pem	2 KB	PEM File	4/8/2008 12:06 PM
server.pem	6 KB	PEM File	6/7/2010 7:20 AM
ssleay32.dll	187 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
Support.dll	1,487 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
ToolkitPro1122vc90U.dll	6,253 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
UAREUManager.dll	19 KB	Application Extension	1/21/2011 11:48 AM
Xalan-C_1_11.dll	1,796 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
XalanMessages_1_11.dll	46 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
XCore.dll	85 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
XDraw.dll	553 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
xerces-c_3_0.dll	1,838 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
xerces-c_3_1.dll	1,844 KB	Application Extension	4/23/2010 4:28 PM
XFC.dll	538 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM
XGfx.dll	213 KB	Application Extension	6/11/2010 3:01 AM

Figure 2.1 - Companion files located in the C:\Program Files\FileMaker\FileMaker Pro X\Bin folder



You are now ready to connect your Biometric device to your computer.

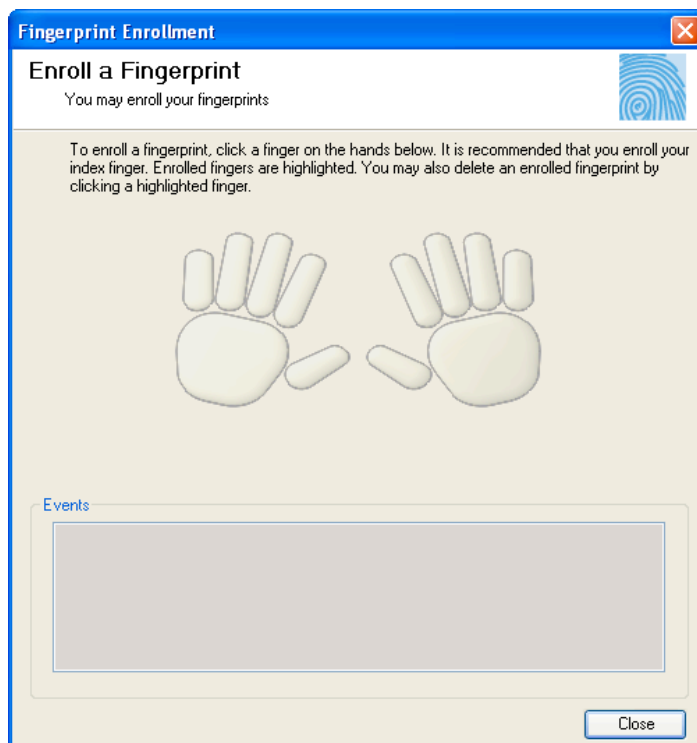
3) Initialization

You must initialize once per FileMaker session. The function used to initialize is the PCFP_Initialize (MaxFingerprints) function. This function initializes the biometric libraries required by the plug-in and the Digital Persona device manager. The MaxFingerprints parameter allows you to specify the number of fingerprints you are allowed to store in the device manager at a given time. If unsure what you should set this parameter to, then "500" is a good starting point. You can always adjust this number later if needed.

4) Enroll a User

After initialization then we are ready to start enrolling users. The PCFP_EnrollUser(UserID) function is used to enroll users. After you pass the name of the user being enrolled such as "Sally" or "007," then you will see the dialog prompting you to enroll fingerprints as shown in figure 4.0 below. Please note that it takes about 10 seconds to display the Enrollment dialog for the first time in a FileMaker session. After the user is enrolled the scripts import the information from the plug-in and a record is created for each finger, for each person.

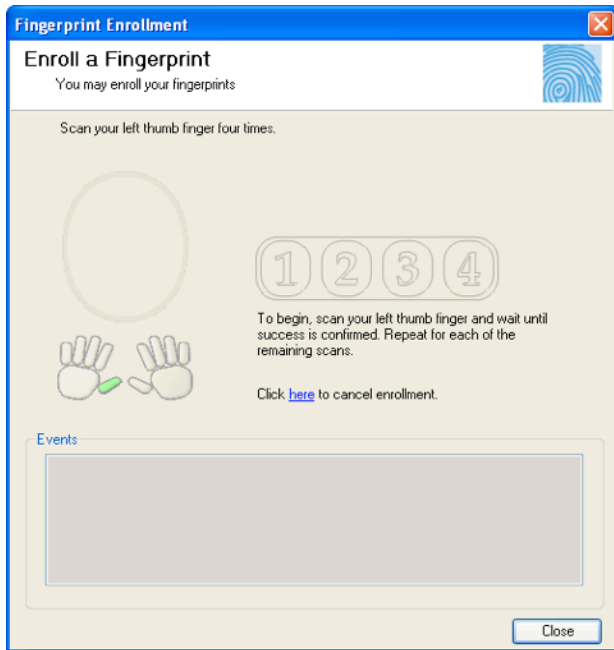
Figure 4.0 - Initial Fingerprint Enrollment screen



Click on the finger you wish to enroll such as your left thumb.

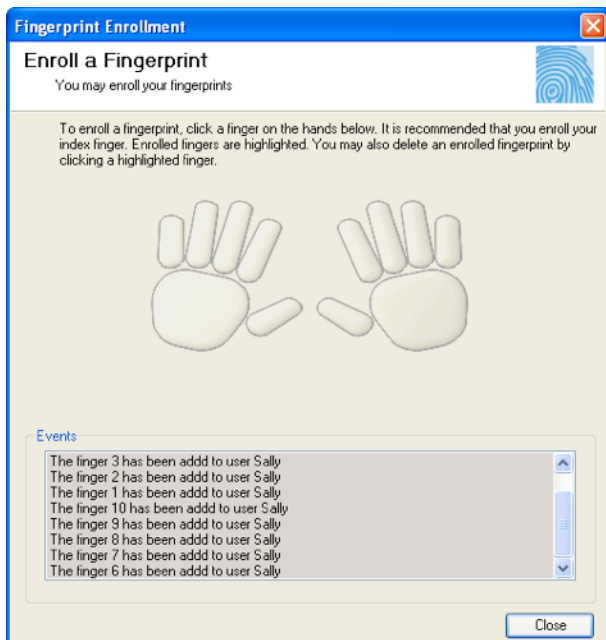
Then you will be prompted to scan your left thumb four times as shown in figure 4.1 below.

Figure 4.1 - Fingerprint Enrollment screen for scanning specific fingers



Simply place your left thumb on the DigitalPersona device four times. Afterwards you will receive confirmation as shown in figure 4.2 that your left thumb (or finger 6) has been successfully added for the user. Select the next finger to add for this user. We recommend enrolling all ten fingers the initial time you enroll a user as it is much more complicated to add a finger to an existing user.

Figure 4.2 - Fingerprint Enrollment screen showing all fingers that have been successfully added.



Select the "Close" button and you have now successfully enrolled a user and their fingerprints.

Now that you have enrolled a user and their fingerprints, there may be a time when you want to know what fingers you have enrolled for a user. The `PCFP_GetFingersForUser(UserID)` function will retrieve a string of numbers representing each finger enrolled for the given UserID. As shown in figure 4.4 below the following numbers represent each finger. 1 represents the right thumb, 2 represents the right index finger, 3 represents the right middle finger, 4 represents the right ring finger, 5 represents the right pinky, 6 represents the left thumb, 7 represents the left index finger, 8 represents the left middle finger, 9 represents the left index finger and 10 represents the left pinky.

Figure 4.3 - Finger Key Index



5) Delete a User

After you have enrolled a user, you may have a need to delete the user. The two functions available to delete users are `PCFP_DeleteAllUsers` and `PCFP_DeleteUser(UserID)`. This gives you the option to delete all users or delete the user specified. Please note that when a user is deleted, so are all their corresponding fingerprints. In order to use these functions, the device manager must be initialized and the user specified must exist in the device manager.

6) Storing and Uploading Fingerprint Templates

Once you have enrolled users and their fingerprints, then the fingerprint templates can be found in the dynamic linked library (dll) for the device or in FileMaker. Depending on your solution it may be necessary to retrieve fingerprint templates from the dll into FileMaker OR to add fingerprint templates from FileMaker to the dll.

The `PCFP_ImportUserFromDevice(UserID ; FingerPosition)` function is used to retrieve fingerprint templates from the dll into FileMaker. Once FileMaker is turned off, then the fingerprint templates are removed from the dll. Each time you enroll a user, then it would be wise to import the fingerprint template and store the fingerprint templates in FileMaker.

The `PCFP_AddFingerprintToUser(UserID ; FingerprintData ; FingerPosition)` function adds the fingerprint template from FileMaker to the dll. When FileMaker is turned off, then the dll is erased and it may be necessary to add all the fingerprint templates back to the dll for use.

In order to better understand how to use these two functions, please refer to the training videos and the FileMaker Demo file as these functions are best understood in action.

7) Identify a User

Once you have successfully enrolled a user and their fingerprints, then you can identify the user giving the user access to any area of functions desired. The `PCFP_Identify(optPrintCount)` function is used to identify a user and the `optPrintCount` parameter determines how many fingerprints are required to identify a user. It takes about 10 seconds to display the Identification dialog for the first time in a FileMaker session. For example, let's say that you are using the biometric plug-in to clock employees in and out of your time clock solution. Once the employees (and their fingerprints) have been enrolled, then you can use the `PCFP_Identify` function to identify the employee and successfully clock the employee in or out in your solution. Since fingerprints are unique to the user, then this is a much more reliable and accurate means of identifying a user thus eliminating fraudulent activity. Perhaps you have a highly secure FileMaker solution and you want to require the user to scan 3 fingers in order to provide them access into the system, then you would pass `PCFP_Identify("3")` to require the user to scan 3 fingers before being granted access.

8) Handling Errors

When something unexpected happens, a plug-in function will return a result of !!ERROR!!. This makes it simple to check for errors. If a plug-in function returns !!ERROR!!, then immediately after call PCFP_GetLastError ("Text") function for a detailed description of what the exact error was or PCFP_GetLastError("Number") for an error number.

We find that most developers run into issues due to a lack of error trapping. Please ensure that you properly trap for errors in your solutions. Here are a few samples of how you can check for errors.

```
Set Variable [ $result = MyPluginFunction( "a" ; "b" ; "c" ) ]
If [ $result = !!ERROR!! ]
Show Custom Dialog [ "An error occurred: " & PCFP_GetLastError( "Text" ) ]
End If
```

The PCFP_GetLastError(format) function gives you the option to display the error description or error number. Displaying the error number is more user friendly in international environments, where an English error description may not be desired. If the format parameter is set to "Number" such as PCFP_GetLastError ("Number"), then an error number will be returned. If format parameter is empty such as PCFP_GetLastError or PCFP_GetLastError("Text"), then an English error description will be returned. The error numbers and their meanings can be found below.

Value	Meaning
0	Success
-1	Plug-in not registered or session expired
-3	Invalid # of Parameters
-4	Invalid Parameter value(s)
-10	Failed Registration
-9001	Process timeout
-9002	No active passport
-9003	User does not exist in system
-9004	Unable to create id from name
-9005	SDK Error:
-9006	App Data Error:
-9007	System error:
-9008	User has fingerprint at that position
-9009	This template already exists in the database
-9012	That user already exists
-9013	You must initialize
-9014	User canceled enrollment
-9015	An instance of the UAREUManager.dll was not created

III. Contact Us

Successful integration of a FileMaker plug-in requires the creation of integration scripts within your FileMaker solution. A working knowledge of FileMaker Pro, especially in the areas of scripting and calculations is necessary. If you need additional support for scripting, customization or setup (excluding registration) after reviewing the videos, documentation, FileMaker demo and sample scripts, then please contact us via the avenues listed below.

Phone: 760-510-1200

Email: support@productivecomputing.com

Forum: www.productivecomputing.com/forum

Please note assisting you with implementing this plug-in (excluding registration) is billable at our standard hourly rate. We bill on a time and materials basis billing only for the time in minutes it takes to assist you. We will be happy to create your integration scripts for you and can provide you with a free estimate if you fill out a Request For Quote (RFQ) at www.productivecomputing.com/rfq . We are ready to assist and look forward to hearing from you!