

Application to Participate in the Minutiae Interoperability Exchange Test 2004 (MINEX04)

1. Who Should Participate

- 1.1. Developers of commercially available fingerprint minutiae matcher and/or fingerprint minutiae extraction software compliant with ANSI INCITS 378-2004 “Fingerprint Minutiae Format for Data Interchange” are invited to participate in MINEX04.
 - 1.2. In addition, companies, research organizations, or universities that have developed mature prototype or research fingerprint minutiae matcher and/or fingerprint minutiae extraction software compliant with ANSI 378-2004 are invited to participate.
 - 1.3. Anonymous participation will not be permitted.
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2. How to Participate

- 2.1. In order to request participation in MINEX04, potential participants must fill out this form (*Application to Participate in MINEX04*) identifying the Responsible Party and the Point of Contact, print and sign the form, and send to the location designated below.
 - The Responsible Party is an individual with the authority to commit the organization to the terms in this document.
 - The Point of Contact is an individual with detailed knowledge of the system applying for participation.
- 2.2. Upon receipt of the signed form by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the organization will be classified as a “Participant”. NIST must receive the form by the due date described in the MINEX04 Calendar, as posted on the MINEX04 website at <http://fingerprint.nist.gov/MINEX04/>.
- 2.3. Before sending software to NIST, Participants must extract minutiae from the MINEX04 Sample Data and send the results to NIST for validation. NIST will validate the format of the minutiae for compliance with ANSI INCITS 378-2004. Upon validation, the software will be sent to NIST and installation will be checked by running the Sample Data, and comparing those results to the sample results submitted earlier by the Participants (See the Sample Data page on the MINEX04 website for more information.)
- 2.4. After Sample Data results have been validated, Participants should send the software to NIST. Software can be sent by email to MINEX04@nist.gov, or on CD to:
Minutiae Interoperability Exchange Test 2004 Liaison
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Information Access Division (894)
100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8940
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8940

- 2.5. MINEX04 personnel may allow an organization to send more than one system if resources are available. Organizations interested in having more than one system participate in the test should only fill out one copy of this form (*Application to Participate in MINEX04*).
- 2.6. Software submitted must be compliant with the MINEX04 API Specification, as posted on the MINEX04 website at <http://fingerprint.nist.gov/MINEX04/>.

3. Points of Contact

- 3.1. The MINEX04 Liaison is the government point of contact for MINEX04.
- 3.2. All correspondence should be directed to MINEX04@nist.gov, which will be received by the MINEX04 Liaison and other MINEX04 personnel.
- 3.3. These correspondences may be posted on the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) area of the MINEX04 website at the discretion of the MINEX04 Liaison.
- 3.4. Interested parties and Participants should not contact any individual member of the MINEX04 staff.

4. Access to MINEX04 Sample Data

- 4.1. The MINEX04 Sample Dataset is supplied to Participants to assist in preparing for MINEX04.
- 4.2. The fingerprints in the MINEX04 Sample Data are representative of the MINEX04 Test Data *only* in format. Image quality, collection device and other characteristics may vary between the Sample and Test Datasets.

5. Access to MINEX04 Test Data

- 5.1. MINEX04 Participants will have no access to MINEX04 Test Data, either before or after the test.
- 5.2. The MINEX04 Test Datasets will be protected under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) as applicable.

6. Release of MINEX04 Results

- 6.1. After the completion of MINEX04, the Government will combine all results into a Final Report. The Minutiae Interoperability Exchange Test 2004 Final Report will contain, at a minimum, descriptive information concerning MINEX04, descriptions of each experiment, and test results.
- 6.2. Participants will be notified of the public release of the MINEX04 Final Report.
- 6.3. After the release of the MINEX04 Final Report, Participants may decide to use the results for their own purposes. Such results shall be accompanied by the following phrase: "Results shown from the Minutiae Interoperability Exchange Test 2004 do not constitute endorsement of any particular system by the Government." Such results shall also be accompanied by the Internet address (URL) of the MINEX04 Final Report on the MINEX04 website.

7. Additional Information

- 7.1. Any data obtained during MINEX04, as well as any documentation required by the Government from the participants, becomes the property of the Government. Participants will not possess a proprietary interest in the data and/or submitted documentation.
- 7.2. With the signing of this form, Participants attest that they will not file any MINEX04-related claim against MINEX04 Sponsors, Supporters, staff, contractors, or agency of the U.S. Government, or otherwise seek compensation for any equipment, materials, supplies, information, travel, labor and/or other participant provided services.
- 7.3. The Government is not bound or obligated to follow any recommendations that may be submitted by the Participant. The United States Government, or any individual agency, is not bound, nor is it obligated, in any way to give any special consideration to MINEX04 Participants on future contracts.
- 7.4. With the signing of this form, Participants realize that any test details and/or modifications that are provided in the MINEX04 website supersede the information on this form.
- 7.5. With the signing of this form, Participants realize that they can withdraw from the MINEX04 at any time before their software is received by NIST, without their participation and withdrawal being documented in the MINEX04 Final Report.
- 7.6. Please send the completed and signed form to:

Via Mail:

Minutiae Interoperability Exchange Test 2004 Liaison
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Information Access Division (894)
100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8940
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8940

Via Facsimile:

(301) 975-5287

Request to Participate

Company / Organization Name

Responsible Party

Title	First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix
Street/Mailing Address				
City		State	Zip Code	
Phone Number	Fax Number	Email Address		

Point of Contact Check if same as Responsible Party above

Title	First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix
Street/Mailing Address				
City		State	Zip Code	
Phone Number	Fax Number	Email Address		

With my signature, I hereby request consideration as a Participant in the Minutiae Interoperability Exchange Test 2004, and I am authorizing my company or organization to participate in MINEX04 according to the rules and limitations listed in this document.

With my signature, I also state that I have the authority to accept the terms stated in this document.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

DATE