

# Application to Participate in the Slap Fingerprint Segmentation Evaluation 2004 (SlapSeg04)

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## 1. Who Should Participate

- 1.1. Makers of commercially available slap fingerprint segmentation software are invited to participate in the Slap Fingerprint Segmentation Evaluation 2004.
- 1.2. In addition, companies, research organizations, or universities that have developed mature prototype or research slap fingerprint segmentation software are invited to participate.
- 1.3. Anonymous participation will not be permitted.

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## 2. Evaluation Procedure

- 2.1. In order to request participation in SlapSeg04, potential participants must fill out this form (*Application to Participate in SlapSeg04*) 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 to be considered for evaluation.
- 2.2. Upon receipt of the original 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 SlapSeg04 Calendar, as posted on the SlapSeg04 website at <http://fingerprint.nist.gov/SlapSeg04/>.
- 2.3. Before sending software to NIST for evaluation, Participants must segment the SlapSeg04 Sample Data and send the results to NIST for validation. (See the Sample Data page on the SlapSeg04 website for more information.)
- 2.4. SlapSeg04 personnel may allow an organization to enter more than one system in the evaluation if space is available. Organizations interested in having more than one system evaluated should only fill out one copy of this form (*Application to Participate in SlapSeg04*).
- 2.5. Software to be evaluated must be compliant with the SlapSeg04 API Specification, as posted on the SlapSeg04 website at <http://fingerprint.nist.gov/SlapSeg04/>.
- 2.6. After Sample Data results have been validated, Participants should send the software to be evaluated to NIST. Software can be sent by email to [SlapSeg04@nist.gov](mailto:SlapSeg04@nist.gov), or on CD to:  
Slap Segmentation Evaluation 2004 Liaison  
National Institute of Standards and Technology  
Information Access Division (894)  
100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8940  
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8940

### 3. Points of Contact

- 3.1. The SlapSeg04 Liaison is the government point of contact for SlapSeg04.
- 3.2. All correspondence should be directed to [SlapSeg04@nist.gov](mailto:SlapSeg04@nist.gov), which will be received by the SlapSeg04 Liaison and other SlapSeg04 personnel.
- 3.3. These correspondences may be posted on the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) area of the SlapSeg04 website at the discretion of the SlapSeg04 Liaison.
- 3.4. Interested parties and Participants should not contact any individual member of the SlapSeg04 staff.

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### 4. Access to SlapSeg04 Sample Data

- 4.1. The SlapSeg04 Sample Dataset is supplied to Participants to assist in preparing for SlapSeg04.
- 4.2. The fingerprints in the SlapSeg04 Sample Data are representative of the SlapSeg04 Evaluation Data *only* in format. Image quality, collection device and other characteristics may vary between the Sample and Evaluation Datasets.

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### 5. Access to SlapSeg04 Evaluation Data

- 5.1. SlapSeg04 Participants will have no access to SlapSeg04 Evaluation Data, either before or after the test.
- 5.2. The SlapSeg04 Evaluation 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.

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### 6. Release of Evaluation Results

- 6.1. After the completion of the evaluations, the Government will combine all results into a Final Report. The Slap Fingerprint Segmentation Evaluation 2004 Final Report will contain, at a minimum, descriptive information concerning SlapSeg04, descriptions of each experiment, and evaluation results.
- 6.2. Participants will be notified of the public release of the SlapSeg04 Final Report.
- 6.3. After the release of the SlapSeg04 Final Report, Participants may decide to use results of these evaluations for their own purposes. Such results shall be accompanied by the following phrase: "Results shown from the Slap Fingerprint Segmentation Evaluation 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 SlapSeg04 Final Report on the SlapSeg04 website.

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### 7. Additional Information

- 7.1. Any data obtained during these evaluations, 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 SlapSeg04-related claim against SlapSeg04 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 SlapSeg04 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 SlapSeg04 website supersede the information on this form.
- 7.5. With the signing of this form, Participants realize that they can withdraw from the SlapSeg04 evaluations at any time before the software to be evaluated is received by NIST, without their participation and withdrawal being documented in the SlapSeg04 Evaluation Report.
- 7.6. Please send the completed and signed form to:

Via Mail:

Slap Segmentation Evaluation 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

## 8. Request to Participate

<b>Company / Organization Name</b>
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### 8.1. Responsible Party

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

### 8.2. Point of Contact Check if same as Responsible Party above

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

With my signature, I hereby request consideration as a Tentative Participant and Participant in the Slap Fingerprint Segmentation Evaluation 2004, and I am authorizing my company or organization to participate in SlapSeg04 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.

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SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

DATE