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Method, module, and computer program product for identifying user of mobile device

Abstract

A module for authenticating a user of a mobile device. The mobile device has an orientation sensor and a touch screen sensor. The module includes: a behavioral biometrics conversion element, used to perform calculation by matching timestamps with a plurality of behavioral data of operations, sensed by the orientation sensor and the touch screen sensor, on the mobile device to acquire a plurality of behavioral biometrics quantities, and convert, by using a statistical method, multiple sets of the behavioral biometrics quantities into a behavioral biometrics pattern in a histogram constructing manner; and an authentication mechanism core element, used to determine whether the behavioral biometrics pattern conforms to a behavioral biometrics model pattern in a histogram manner. The present invention further includes a method and a computer program product for authenticating a user of a smart phone.

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Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A server including a module for authenticating a user of a mobile device, wherein the mobile device has an orientation sensor and a touch screen sensor, and the module comprises: a behavioral biometrics conversion element, used to perform calculation by matching timestamps with a plurality of behavioral data of operations, sensed by the orientation sensor and the touch screen sensor, on the mobile device to acquire a plurality of behavioral biometrics quantities, and convert, by using a statistical method, multiple sets of the behavioral biometrics quantities into a behavioral biometrics pattern in a histogram constructing manner; and an authentication mechanism core element, used to determine whether the behavioral biometrics pattern conforms to a behavioral biometrics model pattern in a histogram manner.
2. The server according to claim 1, wherein the behavioral biometrics conversion element performs calculation by matching timestamps with a plurality of behavioral data of operations, by a holder of the mobile device, on the mobile device to acquire a plurality of behavioral biometrics quantities of the holder of the mobile device, and performs statistics on multiple sets of the behavioral biometrics quantities to obtain the behavioral biometrics model pattern in a histogram manner.
3. The server according to claim 1, wherein the behavioral data comprises: at least one of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle, a front-rear roll angle, and a left-right roll angle sensed by the orientation sensor; and at least one of a screen touch position, a screen touch area, and a force value, that are sensed by the touch screen sensor sensed by the touch screen sensor.
4. The server according to claim 1, wherein the behavioral biometrics quantities comprise: at least one of the following biometrics quantities converted from the behavioral data sensed by the orientation sensor: a distribution proportion range of variations of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle; a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular velocity of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular velocity of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular velocity of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular velocity of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle; a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular acceleration of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular acceleration

sensor and a touch screen sensor, and the method comprises the following steps: sensing, by the orientation sensor and the touch screen sensor, operations on the mobile device to acquire a plurality of behavioral data; performing, by a behavioral biometrics conversion unit, calculation by matching the behavioral data with timestamps to acquire a plurality of behavioral biometrics quantities; converting, by the behavioral biometrics conversion unit by using a statistical method, multiple sets of the behavioral biometrics quantities into a behavioral biometrics pattern in a histogram constructing manner; and determining, by an authentication mechanism core element, whether the behavioral biometrics pattern conforms to a behavioral biometrics model pattern in a histogram manner.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the behavioral biometrics conversion element performs calculation by matching timestamps with a plurality of behavioral data of operations, by a holder of the mobile device, on the mobile device to acquire a plurality of behavioral biometrics quantities of the holder of the mobile device, and performs statistics on multiple sets of the behavioral biometrics quantities to obtain the behavioral biometrics pattern in a histogram manner.

12. The method according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the behavioral data comprises: at least one of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle, a front-rear roll angle, and a left-right roll angle sensed by the orientation sensor; and at least one of a screen touch position, a screen touch area, and a force value, that are sensed by the touch screen sensor.

13. The method according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the behavioral biometrics quantities comprise: at least one of the following biometrics quantities converted from the behavioral data sensed by the orientation sensor: a distribution proportion range of variations of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle; a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular velocity of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular velocity of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular velocity of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular velocity of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle; a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular acceleration of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular acceleration of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular acceleration of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of variations of an angular acceleration of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle; a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle; a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of an angular velocity of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of an angular velocity of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of an angular velocity of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of an angular velocity of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle; a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of an angular acceleration of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of an angular acceleration of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of an angular acceleration of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of an average value of variations of an angular acceleration of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle; a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle; a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of an angular velocity of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of an angular velocity of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of an angular velocity of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of an angular velocity of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle; a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of an angular acceleration of a front-rear roll angle, a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of an angular acceleration of a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of an angular acceleration of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle, a distribution proportion range of a standard deviation of variations of an angular acceleration of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle.

axis azimuth angle; and at least one of the following biometrics quantities converted from the behavioral data sensed by the touch screen sensor: an X-axis absolute coordinate of a start position of an operating trajectory, a Y-axis absolute coordinate of a start position of an operating trajectory, an X-axis absolute coordinate of an end position of an operating trajectory, a Y-axis absolute coordinate of an end position of an operating trajectory, a position labeled and quantized through picture segmentation on an operating trajectory, a straight line distance between a start position and an end position of an operating trajectory, a distance in an X-axis direction between a start position and an end position of an operating trajectory, a distance in a Y-axis direction between a start position and an end position of an operating trajectory, a path length of an operating trajectory, a variation of a tangent angle on an operating trajectory, a variation of a curvature on an operating trajectory, a variation of a period of time taken for an operating trajectory, a variation of a velocity on an operating trajectory, a variation of an acceleration on an operating trajectory, a screen touch area on an operating trajectory, a force value on an operating trajectory.

14. The method according to claim 10, wherein the authentication mechanism core element classifies the behavioral biometrics pattern according to the behavioral biometrics model pattern by using a classifier algorithm, so as to determine whether the behavioral biometrics pattern conforms to the behavioral biometrics model pattern.

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the classifier algorithm is a weighted k-nearest-neighbor (W-KNN) algorithm, a support vector machine (SVM) algorithm, an artificial neural network (Multi-Layer Perceptron, MLP) algorithm, a Bayes algorithm or a decision tree algorithm.

Description

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is related to and claims the priority benefit of Chinese Patent Application Serial No 103122478, filed Jun. 8, 2014, the text and drawings of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field

The present invention relates to an electronic device, and in particular, to a method, a module, and a computer program product for authenticating a user of a mobile device.

2. Related Art

As smart phones become popular and multifunctional, an increasing number of users use a smart phone in life to surf the Internet, take pictures, listen to music, watch movies, and share information. However, although the use of a smart phone may greatly improve convenience for a user in life, as an increasing quantity of data is stored in a smart phone or a remote service, corresponding data privacy needs to be ensured urgently.

At present, a commercially available protection mechanism for a smart phone is generally a pattern lock or a combination lock, an unlock pattern of such a protection mechanism is easily peeped at and learned by others; when another person obtains the smart phone and inputs the code learned from the peep, the person can use the smart phone and access local or remote data. Such a protection mechanism is easily cracked by a malicious person.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing problems, the present invention provides a method, a module, and a computer program product for authenticating a user of a mobile device. When a user operates a smart phone, an orientation sensor and a touch screen sensor built in the smart phone are used to collect behavioral biometrics

of holding of and operations on the smart phone by the user to perform authentication, so as to form a new generation protection mechanism for a smart phone and provide stronger protection for a smart phone.

A first aspect of the present invention provides a module for authenticating a user of a mobile device, where the mobile device has an orientation sensor and a touch screen sensor, and the module includes:

a behavioral biometrics conversion element, used to perform calculation by matching timestamps with a plurality of behavioral data of operations, sensed by the orientation sensor and the touch screen sensor, on the mobile device to acquire a plurality of behavioral biometrics quantities, and convert, by using a statistical method, multiple sets of the behavioral biometrics quantities into a behavioral biometrics pattern in a histogram constructing manner; and

an authentication mechanism core element, used to determine whether the behavioral biometrics pattern conforms to a behavioral biometrics model pattern in a histogram manner.

A second aspect of the present invention provides a method for authenticating a user of a mobile device, where the mobile device has an orientation sensor and a touch screen sensor, and the method includes the following steps:

sensing, by the orientation sensor and the touch screen sensor, operations on the mobile device to acquire a plurality of behavioral data;

performing, by a behavioral biometrics conversion unit, calculation by matching the behavioral data with timestamps to acquire a plurality of behavioral biometrics quantities;

converting, by the behavioral biometrics conversion unit by using a statistical method, multiple sets of the behavioral biometrics quantities into a behavioral biometrics pattern in a histogram constructing manner; and

determining, by an authentication mechanism core element, whether the behavioral biometrics pattern conforms to a behavioral biometrics model pattern in a histogram manner.

A third aspect of the present invention provides a computer program product storing a program, where after the program is loaded and executed by a mobile device or a computer, the method in the second aspect of the present invention is accomplished.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The disclosure will become more fully understood from the detailed description given herein below for illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the disclosure, and wherein:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of operations for authenticating a user of a smart phone according to the present invention;

FIG. 2A is a schematic diagram of sensing a magnetic-axis azimuth angle of a smart phone according to the present invention;

FIG. 2B is a schematic diagram of sensing a pitch angle of a smart phone according to the present invention;

FIG. 2C is a schematic diagram of sensing a left-right roll angle of a smart phone according to the present invention;

FIGS. 3A and 3B are schematic diagrams of sliding trajectories on a touch screen according to the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a histogram of relationships between positions and occurrence proportions of operating trajectories according to the present invention; and

FIG. 5 is a flowchart of operations for authenticating a user of a smart phone according to the present

2. a left-right roll angle θ_r of the smart phone 10, and
3. a compound angle θ_h of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle of the smart phone 10;

a distribution proportion range of average values of variations of angular velocities:

1. an angular velocity V_p of a pitch angle when the smart phone 10 is rolled in a front-rear direction,
2. an angular velocity V_r of a left-right roll inclination of the smart phone 10,
3. an angular velocity V_h of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle of the smart phone 10, and
4. an angular velocity V_y of an magnetic-axis azimuth angle of the smart phone 10; and

a distribution proportion range of average values of the variations of the angular accelerations of angles:

1. an angular acceleration a_p of a pitch angle when the smart phone 10 is rolled in a front-rear direction,
2. an angular acceleration a_r of a left-right roll inclination of the smart phone 10,
3. an angular acceleration a_h of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle of the smart phone 10, and
4. an angular acceleration a_y of a magnetic-axis azimuth angle of the smart phone 10.

A habitual stability (behavioral biometrics quantities associated with standard deviations) of holding the smart phone 10:

a distribution proportion range of standard deviations of variations of angles:

1. a pitch angle θ_p when the smart phone 10 is rolled in a front-rear direction,
2. a left-right roll angle θ_r of the smart phone 10, and
3. a compound angle θ_h of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle of the smart phone 10;

a distribution proportion range of standard deviations of variations of angular velocities:

1. an angular velocity V_p of a pitch angle when the smart phone 10 is rolled in a front-rear direction,
2. an angular velocity V_r of a left-right roll inclination of the smart phone 10,
3. an angular velocity V_h of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle of the smart phone 10, and
4. an angular velocity V_y of an magnetic-axis azimuth angle of the smart phone 10; and a distribution proportion range of standard deviations of the variations of angular accelerations of angles:

1. an angular acceleration a_p of a pitch angle when the smart phone 10 is rolled in a front-rear direction,
2. an angular acceleration a_r of a left-right roll inclination of the smart phone 10,
3. an angular acceleration a_h of a compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle of the smart phone 10, and

4. an angular acceleration a.sub.y of the magnetic-axis azimuth angle of the smart phone 10.

Definitions and calculation formulas of behavioral biometrics quantities based on three axes of the smart phone 10 are as follows:

A compound angle of a front-rear roll angle and a left-right roll angle of the smart phone is: $.THETA..sub.h = \{\text{square root over } (.THETA..sub.p.\text{sup.}2 + .THETA..sub.r.\text{sup.}2)\}$,

a calculation formula of an angular velocity: $v.\text{sub.}\theta = (.THETA..sub.k - .THETA..sub.k-1) / (t.\text{sub.}k - t.\text{sub.}k-1)$, where v.sub.θ is a variation V.sub.p, V.sub.r, V.sub.h or V.sub.y of an angle, THETA. is a variation .THETA..sub.p, .THETA..sub.r, and .THETA..sub.h of an angle, and t is a timestamp;

a calculation formula of an angular acceleration is: $a.\text{sub.}\theta = (v.\text{sub.}k - v.\text{sub.}k-1) / (t.\text{sub.}k - t.\text{sub.}k-1)$, where a.sub.θ is a variation a.sub.p, a.sub.r, a.sub.h or a.sub.y of an angle, and v is a variation V.sub.p, V.sub.r, V.sub.h or V.sub.y of an angle;

a calculation formula of an average value:

an angle:

$.THETA.\text{times.}\text{times.}THETA. \text{##EQU00001##}$ where .THETA..sub.i is a variation .THETA..sub.p, .THETA..sub.r or .THETA..sub.h of an angle,

an angular velocity:

$.theta.\text{times.}\text{times.}\theta. \text{##EQU00002##}$ where v.sub.θ.sub.i is a variation V.sub.p, V.sub.r, V.sub.h or V.sub.y of an angle, and

an angular acceleration:

$.theta.\text{times.}\text{times.}\theta. \text{##EQU00003##}$ where a.sub.θ.sub.avg is a variation a.sub.p, a.sub.r, a.sub.h or a.sub.y of an angle;

a calculation formula of a standard deviation:

an angle:

$.THETA.\text{times.}\text{times.}THETA..THETA. \text{##EQU00004##}$

an angular velocity:

$.theta.\text{times.}\text{times.}\theta.\theta. \text{##EQU00005##}$ and

an angular acceleration:

$.theta.\text{times.}\text{times.}\theta.\theta. \text{##EQU00006##}$

When a user operates the smart phone 10, the touch screen sensor 14 can sense a position touched by the user on a two-dimensional plane of the touch screen 22, and an area and the magnitude of a force (a pressure) of the touch on the touch screen 22. Therefore, the behavioral biometrics of the operation by the user on the smart phone 10 may be classified into three types according to features: a touch trajectory, an action (velocity and acceleration) of a touch trajectory, and a specific characteristic (a touch area and a pressure) of the touch on the touch screen 22, and altogether there are 16 behavioral biometrics quantities calculated and converted by the behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 based on the numerical values sensed by the touch screen sensor 14.

Definitions and calculation formulas of the behavioral biometrics based on the numerical values such as several screen touch positions, screen touch areas, force values, and timestamps sensed by the touch screen

MLP) algorithm, a Bayes algorithm, a decision tree algorithm, among other algorithms.

The authentication mechanism core element 20 is trained by using the behavioral biometrics model pattern, of a corresponding holder of the smart phone 10, established by the behavioral biometrics conversion element 18. To improve the accuracy of classification and determination of the behavioral biometrics model pattern and the behavioral biometrics pattern, behavioral biometrics model patterns of one or more persons other than the holder of the smart phone 10 may be added to the authentication mechanism core element 20 to be tested, so that the accuracy of the classification and determination of the behavioral biometrics model pattern and the behavioral biometrics pattern by the authentication mechanism core element 20 can be improved. The behavioral biometrics model patterns of persons other than the holder of the smart phone 10 may be provided by a system supplier or a programmer.

FIG. 5 is a flowchart of operations for authenticating a user of a smart phone according to the present invention. During the description of procedures and steps in FIG. 5, reference may be made to FIG. 1 to FIG. 4.

A smart phone 10 includes an orientation sensor 12, a touch screen sensor 14, and a touch screen 22, and an authentication module 16 includes a behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 and an authentication mechanism core element 20. The authentication module 16 may be built in an operating system or an application (app) of the smart phone 10.

In another embodiment, the authentication module 16 may be built in a server (not shown). When the authentication module 16 is built in a server, several magnetic-axis azimuth angles, pitch angles, left-right roll angles, and timestamps sensed by the orientation sensor 12 and several screen touch positions, screen touch areas, force values, and timestamps sensed by the touch screen sensor 14 are transferred to the behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 through a network, and a result of classification and determination by the authentication mechanism core element 20 is transferred to the smart phone 10 through the network.

The smart phone 10 is used to sense behavioral biometrics of a user, so as to monitor a behavior of a user in real time. The behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 and the authentication mechanism core element 20 are implemented on a remote server, and provide operation service through the efficacy of remote server hardware.

In the embodiment of FIG. 5, a case where an operation mechanism and a module for authenticating a user of a smart phone are embedded in an app of Facebook is used as an example, and a user of the smart phone 10 taps and selects a pattern of Facebook on an application page on the touch screen 22. When the user taps and selects the pattern of Facebook, the smart phone 10 starts the operation mechanism and the module for authenticating a user of a smart phone (Step S60).

When a user slides once on the touch screen 22, the smart phone 10 generates a set of numerical values such as several magnetic-axis azimuth angles, pitch angles, left-right roll angles, and timestamps sensed by the orientation sensor 12 and several screen touch positions, screen touch areas, force values, and timestamps sensed by the touch screen sensor 14 (Step S62).

After the orientation sensor 12 and the touch screen sensor 14 transfer a set of the numerical values to the behavioral biometrics conversion element 18, the behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 performs the foregoing calculation on a set of numerical values of three axes (that is, a magnetic-axis azimuth angle, a pitch angle, and a left-right roll angle) of the smart phone 10 to obtain 33 behavioral biometrics quantities, of a range of a variation of an absolute angle or a relative angle, a range of a variation of an average value, and a range of a variation of a standard deviation, that are separately based on a variation of an angle, a variation of an angular velocity, and a variation of an angular acceleration. The behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 performs the foregoing calculation on a set of numerical values such as a touch trajectory, an action (velocity and acceleration) of the touch trajectory, and specific characteristics (a touch area and a pressure) of the touch on the touch screen 22 to obtain 16 behavioral biometrics quantities (Step S64).

When the user slides on the touch screen multiple times, multiple sets of numerical values such as several magnetic-axis azimuth angles, pitch angles, left-right roll angles, and timestamps sensed by the orientation

sensor 12 and several screen touch positions, screen touch areas, force values, and timestamps sensed by the touch screen sensor 14 are transferred to the behavioral biometrics conversion element 18. The behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 performs the foregoing calculation to obtain multiple sets of 33 behavioral biometrics quantities of the holding behavioral biometrics and 16 behavioral biometrics quantities of the operating behavioral biometrics. The behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 performs biometric quantization and conversion of a histogram on the multiple sets of behavioral biometrics quantities, that is, statistically establishes a behavioral biometrics pattern corresponding to each behavioral biometrics quantity in a histogram. For example, FIG. 4 shows a behavioral biometrics pattern of positions of operating trajectories in behavioral biometrics quantities in a histogram (Step S66).

The behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 transfers the multiple sets of behavioral biometrics patterns corresponding to each behavioral biometrics quantity to the authentication mechanism core element 20. The authentication mechanism core element 20 uses the foregoing classifier algorithm to perform classification and determination on the behavioral biometrics pattern according to a behavioral biometrics model pattern on a histogram, so as to determine whether the user of the smart phone 10 is the holder of the smart phone 10 (Step S68).

The establishment of a behavioral biometrics model pattern (similar to the pattern on the histogram in FIG. 4) of a corresponding holder of the smart phone 10 is to statistically construct several behavioral biometrics model patterns corresponding to each behavioral biometrics quantity on a histogram by using more sets of 33 behavioral biometrics quantities of the holding behavioral biometrics and 16 behavioral biometrics quantities of the operating behavioral biometrics. If a behavioral biometrics model pattern is established from more sets of 33 behavioral biometrics quantities of the holding behavioral biometrics and 16 behavioral biometrics quantities of the operating behavioral biometrics, a result generated by the authentication mechanism core element 20 through classification and determination performed on the behavioral biometrics model pattern and the behavioral biometrics pattern is more accurate.

If the result of the classification and determination performed by the authentication mechanism core element 20 on the behavioral biometrics model pattern and the behavioral biometrics pattern is false, that is, the behavioral biometrics model pattern does not conform to the behavioral biometrics pattern, which represents that the user who operates the smart phone 10 is not the holder of the smart phone 10, the authentication mechanism core element 20 sends an error signal to the smart phone 10, so that the smart phone 10 displays an error message on the touch screen 22 or displays a home page to stop the user from operating programs such as the Facebook app (Step S70). If the result of the classification and determination performed by the authentication mechanism core element 20 on the behavioral biometrics model pattern and the behavioral biometrics pattern is true, that is, the behavioral biometrics model pattern conforms to the behavioral biometrics pattern, which represents that the user who operates the smart phone 10 is the holder of the smart phone 10, the authentication mechanism core element 20 sends a correct signal to the smart phone 10, so that the user may keep operating the Facebook app (Step S72).

In another embodiment, when the behavioral biometrics conversion element 18 and the authentication mechanism core element 20 are built in the server (not shown), in Step S64, the orientation sensor 12 and the touch screen sensor 14 transfer the foregoing sensed numerical values through the network to the behavioral biometrics conversion element 18, in Step S70 and Step S72, the authentication mechanism core element 20 sends an error signal or a correct signal to the smart phone 10, and procedures and steps that are not elaborated are the same as the procedures and steps in the foregoing embodiment, description of which is omitted herein.

The foregoing method for authenticating a user of a smart phone in the present invention may be implemented by a computer program product, and after a smart phone downloads the computer program product from, for example, the network and executes the computer program product, steps of the method in the foregoing description and drawings may be implemented.

The present invention provides a method, a module, and a computer program product for authenticating a user of a mobile device. An orientation sensor and a touch screen sensor that are built in a smart phone are used to collect, when a user operates the smart phone, behavioral biometrics about holding of and operations on the smart phone of the user to perform authentication, so as to form a new generation protection mechanism for a smart phone and provide stronger protection for a smart phone.

Although the present invention is described above with reference to preferred embodiments and exemplary drawings, the present invention should not be limited thereto. Various modifications, omissions, and variations made by a person skilled in the art do not depart from the scope of the present invention.

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