Abstract title Imaging device identification and detection of image tampering

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Abstract text
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Current forensic analysis of digital photographs, videos, and corresponding scanning devices often represents an important part of criminal investigation. Imaging devices such as digital cameras, camcorders, or scanners are nowadays widely used, many criminal acts are captured by them, and, moreover, some of the criminal acts are even directly dependent on them, like for example children pornography or tax evasions. In our research we focused on an identification of imaging devices under investigation and on following verification of an originality of acquired images. The ability to uniquely identify or to exclude certain types or models of imaging devices as possible imaging device is very important for the very investigation process. The Imaging Device Identification provides suggestions about the manufacturer and the given model based on the analysis of sensor noise characteristics and on the image-related EXIF information, which reflects camera producer. The noise characteristics were chosen for their discriminability, stability, and accuracy even under real conditions.

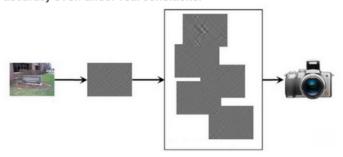
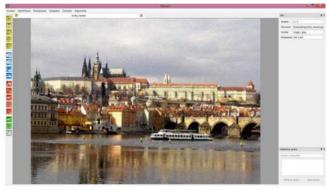


Figure: Noise characteristic for a camera identification.

The verification of the data acquisition source was proposed, too, in order to distinguish data from the camera, scanner and/or LCD panel. Proposed approach is based on the regularity of colors and patterns in images. In the second part of our work we paid attention to decision making if the data were intentionally manipulated. The tampering can serve for concealing unwanted image details, or even for creation of fictitious scenes. The *Analysis of Additional Changes* is devoted to the verification of such image data. The methodology is based on the image and video mathematical characteristics such as JPEG artifacts or traces after a image data interpolation, on estimated parameters of an image noise, on chromatic aberrations, and on moment-based descriptors.



Software PIZZARO

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