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## Biological Identity for Immigration Processing

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Immigration processing spans years. An asylum applicant photographed and fingerprinted at initial intake may not reach adjudication for three to five years. In that time, physical appearance changes, documents are lost, and the biometric template captured at intake degrades in matching accuracy. Biological identity provides continuity-based verification that bridges these timelines, maintaining identity through behavioral trajectory rather than depending on static templates that may no longer match the person standing at the adjudication window.

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### The temporal gap in immigration identity

Immigration systems capture identity at intake: photograph, fingerprints, biographical data. These artifacts are stored and used for verification at every subsequent interaction. But immigration processing timelines are long. Children age. Adults gain or lose weight. Injuries heal or develop. The person at

year-three adjudication may look substantially different from the person at year-zero intake.

For refugee populations, the problem is compounded. Documents from the country of origin may be unavailable or unreliable. Fingerprint quality may be degraded from manual labor. The biometric enrollment may have occurred under field conditions that produced low-quality templates. The identity infrastructure assumes a stable, high-quality enrollment that the humanitarian context often cannot provide.

Duplicate detection, determining whether an applicant has filed under multiple identities, depends on biometric matching against the enrolled database. When enrollment quality is low and the temporal gap is long, false non-match rates increase, meaning the system fails to detect duplicates, and false match rates also increase, meaning the system incorrectly links unrelated individuals.

## Why biometric re-enrollment does not solve the gap

Re-enrolling biometrics at each interaction updates the template but creates a chain of templates that must be linked. Each re-enrollment is a new static template, subject to the same degradation over time. The fundamental problem remains: static templates assume stability in a population that is experiencing significant change.

Additionally, frequent re-enrollment in immigration contexts raises concerns about data accumulation. Each enrollment captures more biometric data, expanding the database surface area for potential breach or misuse. The identity system demands more data without improving continuity.

## How biological identity addresses immigration processing

Biological identity constructs an identity trajectory from each interaction. Rather than capturing a static template at intake and matching against it years later, the system builds a behavioral and biological trajectory that evolves with each touchpoint. The trust slope evaluates whether the person at the current interaction is a plausible continuation of the trajectory established at previous interactions.

A child enrolled at age eight and adjudicated at age thirteen maintains identity continuity through a developmental trajectory. The system does not try to match an eight-year-old's fingerprints against a thirteen-year-old's. It evaluates whether the biological trajectory from eight to thirteen is consistent with expected developmental patterns.

For refugee populations with degraded initial enrollment, biological identity accumulates identity confidence across interactions. A low-quality initial enrollment provides weak identity confidence. Each subsequent interaction adds trajectory data that strengthens the identity assessment. Identity confidence increases over time rather than degrading as templates age.

Duplicate detection benefits from trajectory analysis. Two applications from the same person, even under different biographical data, will show converging behavioral trajectories when the applicants interact with the system at overlapping locations or time periods. Trajectory convergence detection supplements biometric matching with behavioral pattern analysis.

## What implementation looks like

An immigration system deploying biological identity captures behavioral and biological trajectory data at each interaction: intake, biometric appointments, interview sessions, and check-in requirements. The system maintains an evolving identity trajectory for each case.

For asylum processing, biological identity provides identity continuity across years-long timelines without depending on documents that may be unavailable or biometric templates that may have degraded. The trajectory-based approach strengthens identity confidence over time rather than weakening it.

For border processing, biological identity enables rapid verification of frequent crossers through behavioral trajectory matching. Regular border crossers develop distinctive interaction patterns that the trajectory model recognizes, enabling expedited processing for verified travelers while flagging trajectory anomalies for additional scrutiny.

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Identity from behavioral continuity. No stored templates. No keys.

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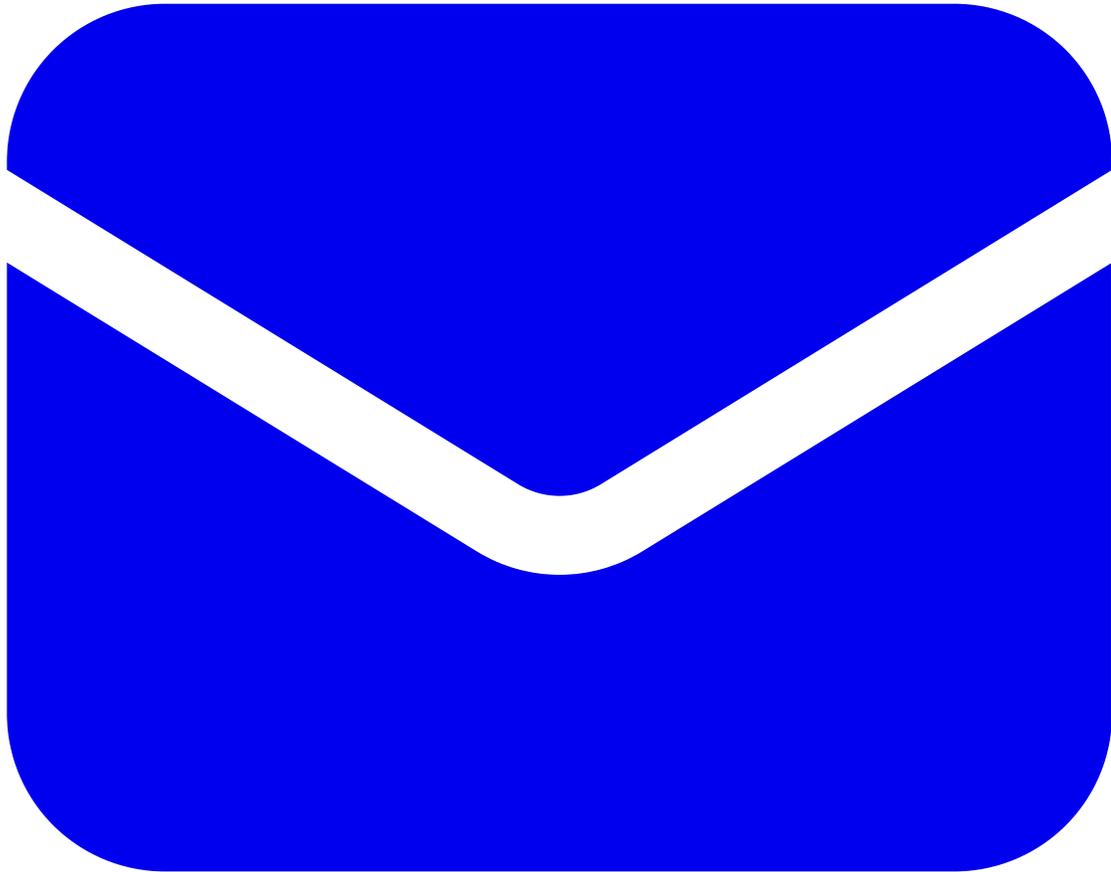
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