

Figure 1.2 Security Concepts and Relationships

- **Assets** are generally 4 types : Valuable resources such as Hardware, software, Data and Network
- **Vulnerabilities** can be leaky (confidentiality issue), corrupted (integrity issue) or unavailable.
- Corresponding to the various types of vulnerabilities, there are **threats** that. A threat represents potential security harm to an asset.
- An **attack** is a threat action and, if successful, leads to threat consequence. The agent carrying out the attack is referred to as an attacker, or **threat agent**.
- Attacks can be active or passive. It may be an inside attack or outside attack
- Finally, a **countermeasure** is any means taken to deal with a security attack. A countermeasure can be devised to **prevent** a particular type of attack. When prevention is not possible, the goal is to **detect** the attack and then **recover** from the effects of the attack. A countermeasure may itself introduce new vulnerabilities that may be exploited by threat agents representing a residual level of **risk** to the assets.
- **Owners** will seek to minimize that risk given other constraints.

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A number of network security algorithms based on cryptography make use of random numbers. Random numbers exhibit the

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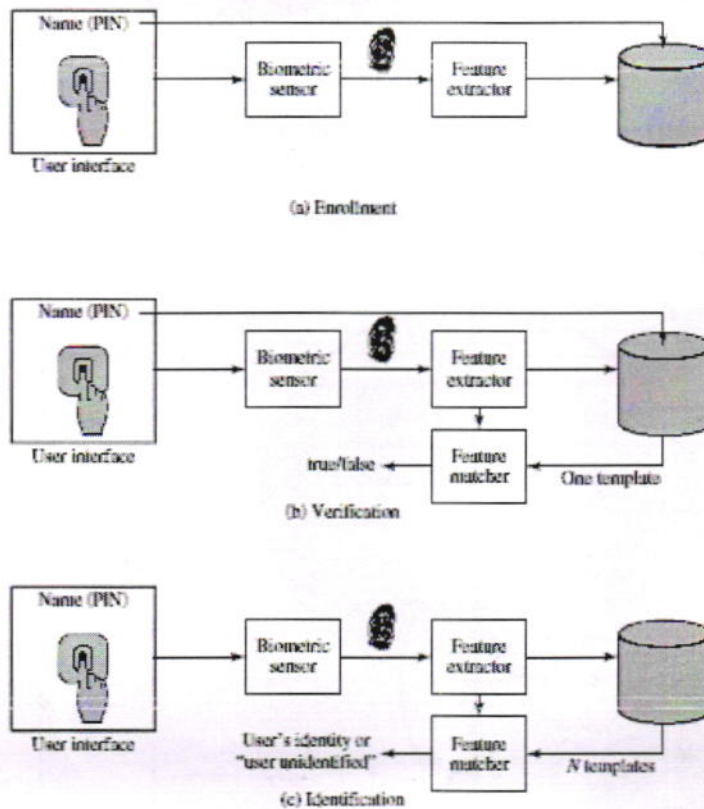
property of uniqueness and unpredictability.

Examples :

- 1) Generation of keys for public-key encryption algorithms.
- 2) Generation of a stream key for symmetric stream cipher
- 3) Generation of a symmetric key for use as a temporary session key or in creating digital envelope
- 4) In key distribution technique like **Kerberos**, random numbers are used for handshaking to prevent replay attacks.
- 5) Session key generation by key distribution centre or by one of the principals.

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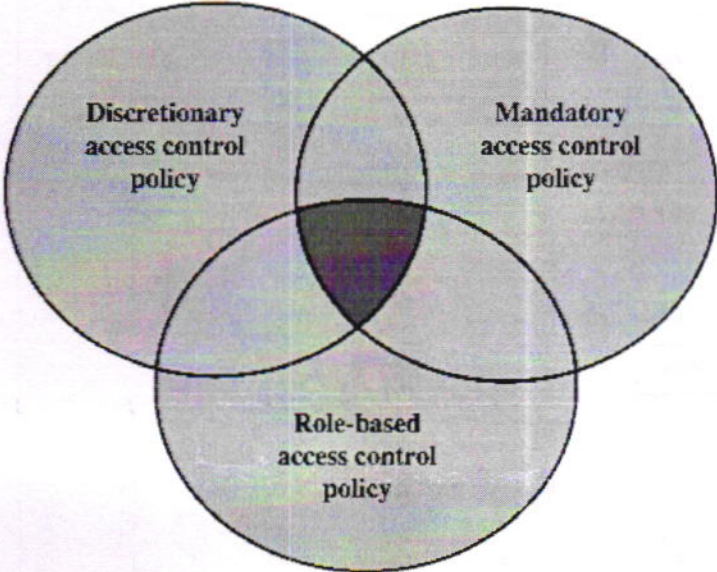
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**Figure 3.6 A Generic Biometric System** Enrollment creates an association between a user and the user's biometric characteristics. Depending on the application, user authentication either involves verifying that a claimed user is the actual user or identifying an unknown user.

- First step is **enrollment**
  - User presents the name, some password or PIN to the system
  - System senses some biometric characteristics of the user
  - Digitizes the input and extract a set of features that can be stored as a set of numbers referred to as user's

	<p>template</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrollment creates an association between a user and the user's biometric characteristics</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second step is either <b>verification</b> or <b>identification</b> which depends on application       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For <b>verification</b>, the user enters a PIN and also uses a biometric sensor. The system extracts the corresponding features and compares that to the template stored for the user.</li> <li>- For <b>identification</b>, the user uses the biometric sensor without providing any additional information like PIN. The systems extracts the features and compares it with the set of stored templates. If there is no match, the user is rejected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2		
II. 4)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An access control policies are stored in an authorization database which decides what types of access are permitted to each user or process under each circumstance.</li> <li>• Access control policies are generally grouped into the following categories:</li> <li>• <b>Discretionary access control (DAC):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>DAC</b> controls access based on the identity of the user and on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1.5 <i>for diagram</i>	4 x 1.5 = 6	6

