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Foreword

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Introduction

Biometric systems can be vulnerable to presentation attacks where attackers attempt to subvert the system security policy by presenting their natural biometric characteristics or artefacts holding copied or faked characteristics. Presentation attacks can occur during enrolment or identification/verification events. Techniques designed to detect presentation artefacts are generally different from those to counter attacks where natural characteristics are used. Defence against presentation attacks with natural characteristics typically relies on the ability of a biometric system to discriminate between genuine enrolees and attackers based on the differences between their natural biometric characteristics. This ability is characterized by the biometric recognition performance of the system. Biometric recognition performance and presentation attack detection have a bearing on the security of biometric systems. Hence, the evaluation of these aspects of performance from a security viewpoint will become important considerations for the procurement of biometric products and systems.

Biometric products and systems share many of the properties of other IT products and systems which are amenable to security evaluation using the ISO/IEC 15408 series and ISO/IEC 18045 in the standard way. However, biometric systems embody certain functionality that needs specialized evaluation criteria and methodology which is not addressed by the ISO/IEC 15408 series and ISO/IEC 18045. Mainly these relate to the evaluation of biometric recognition and presentation attack detection. These are the functions addressed in the ISO/IEC 19989 series.

ISO/IEC 19792 describes these biometric-specific aspects and specifies principles to be considered during the security evaluation of biometric systems. However, it does not specify the concrete criteria and methodology that are needed for security evaluation based on the ISO/IEC 15408 series.

The ISO/IEC 19989 series provides a bridge between the evaluation principles for biometric products and systems defined in ISO/IEC 19792 and the criteria and methodology requirements for security evaluation based on the ISO/IEC 15408 series. The ISO/IEC 19989 series supplements the ISO/IEC 15408 series and ISO/IEC 18045 by providing extended security functional components together with supplementary activities related to these requirements. The extensions to the requirements and supplementary activities found in the ISO/IEC 15408 series and ISO/IEC 18045 relate to the evaluation of biometric recognition and presentation attack detection which are particular to biometric systems.

This document consists of the introduction of the general framework for the security evaluation of biometric systems, including extended security functional components, and supplementary methodology and evaluation activities for the evaluator. The detailed recommendations are developed for biometric recognition aspects in ISO/IEC 19989-2 and for presentation attack detection aspects in ISO/IEC 19989-3.

In this document, the term "user" is used to mean the term "capture subject" used in biometrics.

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Part 1:

Framework

1 Scope

For security evaluation of biometric recognition performance and presentation attack detection for biometric verification systems and biometric identification systemsthis document specifies:

- extended security functional components to SFR Classes in ISO/IEC 15408-2;
- supplementary activities to methodology specified in ISO/IEC 18045 for SAR Classes of ISO/IEC 15408-3.

This document introduces the general framework for the security evaluation of biometric systems, including extended security functional components, and supplementary activities to methodology, which is additional evaluation activities and guidance/recommendations for an evaluator to handle those activities. The supplementary evaluation activities are developed in this document while the detailed recommendations are developed in ISO/IEC 19989-2 (for biometric recognition aspects) and in ISO/IEC 19989-3 (for presentation attack detection aspects). This document is applicable only to TOEs for single biometric characteristic type. However, the selection of a characteristic from multiple characteristics in SFRs is allowed.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 2382:2008, Information technology — Vocabulary

ISO/IEC 2382-37:2017, Information technology — Vocabulary—Part 37: Biometrics

ISO/IEC 15408-1:2009, Information technology — Security techniques — Evaluation criteria for IT security — Part 1: Introduction and general model

ISO/IEC 15408-2:2008, Information technology — Security techniques — Evaluation criteria for IT security — Part 2: Security functional components

ISO/IEC 15408-3:2008, Information technology — Security techniques — Evaluation criteria for IT security — Part 3: Security assurance

ISO/IEC 18045:2008, Information technology — Security techniques — Methodology for IT security evaluation

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 2382:2008, ISO/IEC 2382-37:2017, ISO/IEC 15408-1:2009, ISO/IEC 18045:2008, and the following apply.