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Introduction

ISO/IEC 18000 defines the air interfaces for radio frequency identification (RFID) devices used in item management applications. ISO/IEC 18000-63 defines the air interface for these devices operating at frequencies from 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C.

ISO/IEC 29167 defines crypto suite air interfaces for ISO/IEC 18000-63 utilising on tag cryptography functions.

This document provides test methods for performance measurement of the ISO/IEC 29167 devices.

NOTE This specification is a system measurement of tag and interrogator performance.

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1 Scope

This document defines test methods to measure the performance of crypto suites of radio frequency identification (RFID) devices (tags and interrogators) for item management as specified in ISO/IEC 18000-63 and ISO/IEC 29167 (all parts).

These test methods measure the crypto suite system performance (tags and interrogators) against the crypto suite outcomes as required by the desired set of use case requirements for a specific application/service. These test methods are used as an extension of ISO/IEC 18046-1 but can be used in a standalone manner.

Crypto suite performance can vary substantially between crypto suites, implementations of a crypto suite for tags and interrogators and crypto suite outcomes in specific interrogation scenarios. Tag crypto functions require time and energy to complete successfully. The desired crypto strength and method influence the time and energy required. "Crypto suite performance" is therefore defined in this document as "the shortest time to complete a crypto outcome at a given read distance in relation to the RF power available". This document provides guidelines in the evaluation of the measurement results.

The test methods do not measure crypto capabilities which include crypto strength, suitability and robustness. They neither measure random generator performance nor deal with key management.

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 18000-63, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 63: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C*

ISO/IEC 18046-1, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification device performance test methods — Part 1: Test methods for system performance*

ISO/IEC 19762, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19762 and ISO/IEC 18000-63 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

4.1 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, symbols given in ISO/IEC 19762 and ISO/IEC 18000-63 apply.

4.2 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviated terms given in ISO/IEC 19762 and ISO/IEC 18000-63 apply.

5 Measurement context

The combination of ISO/IEC 18000-63 and ISO/IEC 29167 provides a set of security outcomes by utilising on-chip cryptography functions. The set of potential crypto functions are as follows:

1) Authentication – this method may be used where the physical interrogation environment ensures that the risk of over the air splicing or message confusion is countered within the scope of the overall security risk.

   a) Tag – the interrogator trusts the tag.

   b) Interrogator – the tag trusts the interrogator.

   c) Mutual – the tag and the interrogator trust each other.

2) Communication

   a) Authenticated communication – This counters over the air splicing or message confusion.

   Tag => Interrogator – the interrogator trusts the message from the authenticated tag.

   Interrogator => Tag – the tag trusts the message from the authenticated interrogator.

   Interrogator <=> Tag – the tag and interrogator trust each other's messages.

   b) Encrypted communication – This counters eavesdropping.

   Tag => Interrogator – messages from the tag can only be recovered by the interrogator.

   Interrogator => Tag – messages from the interrogator can only be recovered by the tag.

   Interrogator <=> Tag – messages can only be recovered by the two participants.

   c) Authenticated and encrypted communication (a and b).

   Tag => Interrogator

   Interrogator => Tag

   Interrogator <=> Tag

3) Untraceability may be achieved by ensuring that the tag cannot be uniquely recognised by the messages between the tag and the interrogator.

6 Setup of test equipment

Test equipment shall be setup in accordance with ISO/IEC 18046-1.

Duration may be measured by programming the interrogator to perform interrogation duration measurement or by using a spectrum analyser. Whichever is used shall be noted on the test report.

7 System parameters

7.1 General

These system parameters, while not addressed by the specification, should be considered by users.

7.2 Crypto performance

Crypto performance normally refers to crypto strength, suitability and robustness, which is associated with key length, crypto algorithms, hash function, time to process, energy required to process, to name a few.

The applicability of the crypto method of a crypto suite should be performed by inspection which needs to consider the following:

1) The system (which uses the crypto suites) implementation needs to address the risk profile of the system use.

2) Random generator performance of both the tag and the interrogator.

3) Crypto strength.

4) Key management.

5) Revocation of compromised tags or sets of tags because of a compromised key.

6) Roll-over to news keys sets, maintaining operability of deployed tags and future proving data structure changes.

NOTE 1 The following specifications (of many more) can assist in evaluating points 1 and 2:

— FIPS 140-2;

— NIST/SP 800-22, Rev. 1a.

NOTE 2 Items 3) to 6) are complex issues which extend beyond key lengths and key configures within the digital domain. See NIST/SP 800-57-1, Rev. 4 and NIST/SP 800-131A, Rev. 1.

7.3 Interrogator-system architecture

The overall performance of a crypto suite enable application/service/system should be analysed to determine the suitability of the crypto suite within the system. For example; data network latency and the design of the crypto suit interrogator sub-system (see Annex A) may influence crypto suite performance within a system. This analysis is beyond the scope of this document.

8 Measurements in scope

ISO/IEC 29167-1 specifies the particular outcomes achievable by a crypto suite implementation. The measurement of the desired outcomes should be evaluated in the wider context of the desired security system it enables; see Annex B.

If supported, the following crypto suite outcomes should be measured for performance:

1) Tag authentication;

2) Interrogator authentication;

3) Mutual authentication;

4) Authentic message: Tag => Interrogator;