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**Performance evaluation protocol for  
digital fitting systems —**

**Part 1:  
Accuracy of virtual human body  
representation**

*Protocole d'évaluation de la performance des systèmes d'habillement  
virtuel —*

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## Introduction

Digital fitting systems are used for evaluating the fit of a garment without making physical patterns or physical garments. In a digital fitting system, a virtual garment is made using virtual patterns, and the fit of physical garment(s) on a physical human body is assessed by draping a virtual garment on a virtual human body or a virtual fit mannequin (fit form). Such systems are useful for designers and manufacturers, educationalists and retailers of garments because the system helps to improve the fit of garments and productivity. It can also be useful for consumers for assessing the fit of mass-produced garments, for online shopping or for selecting an appropriate size.

The digital fitting system enables examination of the fit of a garment by placing a virtual garment on a virtual human body. Greater accuracy in examining the fit of the virtual garment requires a virtual human body representing the human body accurately. There are several methods for creating the virtual human body. The most popular is the use of a 3D body scan data of a human body, scan data of a fit mannequin representing a specified human form and a parametric model created from body dimensions.

This document defines the virtual human body system that forms the basis of the digital fitting system. This document establishes not only the basic functional requirements of this system but also the protocol for assessing the quality of the virtual human body. The protocol is expected to enable users of digital fitting systems (designers, educationalists and retailers) to choose the virtual human body system most appropriate for their purposes and, at the same time, realize easier performance evaluation of digital fitting systems that make use of the virtual human body (including virtual fit mannequin) model. Since the accuracy of scan-derived measurements and surface shape depends on the accuracy of 3D body scanner system used, manual measurements are used for quantitatively evaluating the accuracy of a virtual human body. Accuracy of scan-derived measurements should be evaluated according to ISO 20685-1.

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# Performance evaluation protocol for digital fitting systems —

## Part 1: Accuracy of virtual human body representation

### 1 Scope

This document focuses on the method of quantifying the differences in body dimensions and visualizing shape differences between the human body and a virtual human body model. This document provides a performance evaluation protocol for virtual human body representation systems, which create virtual human body (including virtual fit mannequin) models based on 3D body scan data and/or body dimensions data of a human body. The required accuracy of a virtual human body depends on the purpose and use of the digital fitting system.

### 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 8559-1, *Size designation of clothes — Part 1: Anthropometric definitions for body measurement*

ISO 18825-1, *Clothing — Digital fittings — Part 1: Vocabulary and terminology used for the virtual human body*

ISO 18825-2, *Clothing — Digital fittings — Part 2: Vocabulary and terminology used for attributes of the virtual human body*

ISO 20685-1, *3-D scanning methodologies for internationally compatible anthropometric databases — Part 1: Evaluation protocol for body dimensions extracted from 3-D body scans*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/>

#### 3.1

##### **digital fitting system**

fitting system that provides qualitative and/or quantitative evaluations of overall and/or specific simulation garment fit through analysis of the distribution of surface strain, gap between body and garment, heat map, cross section, surface wrinkles, seam drop, garment balance, etc.

#### 3.2

##### **virtual human modelling system**

system for creating a *virtual human body* (3.3.2) for a specific market or individual

Note 1 to entry: Asymmetrical shape assumed to match the body shape of the individual.

### 3.3 virtual human model

three-dimensional model in digital format

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-1: 2016, 2.1.1]

#### 3.3.1 parametric human body

*virtual human model* (3.3) with changeable parameters such as size and shape, etc.

Note 1 to entry: Parametric human body is created by modifying the parameters of the exemplar model imported from the 3D model library. The exemplar models vary by country as they are based on a database. Therefore, a parametric human body can be made on the basis of height variations, BMI (body mass index) and so on.

Note 2 to entry: The parameters of the parametric human body are presented in the parametric human body software. The parameters of the parametric human body can be added depending on the purpose of users.

Note 3 to entry: to entry See [Figure 1](#).



Operators (mm, inch)  
Stature (1883,7, 74,2)  
Leg Length (944,4, 37,2)  
Shoulder Width (402,1, 15,8)  
Arm Length (574,4, 22,6)  
Neck (340,2, 13,4)  
Upper Arm (322,7, 12,7)  
Lower Arm (273,7, 10,8)  
Bust (960,9, 37,8)  
Waist (748,5, 29,5)  
Abdomen (828,5, 32,6)  
Hip (934,1, 36,8)  
Midthigh (533,1, 21,0)  
Knee (348,9, 13,7)  
Calf (376,8, 14,8)

**Figure 1 — Examples of parameters of a male adult body**

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-1: 2016, 2.1.1.1]

#### 3.3.2 virtual human body

*virtual clone* (3.3.2.1) for digital fitting in the apparel industry, including information such as size, shape, cross section, body texture and skeletal structure

Note 1 to entry: Also called “fashion avatar”. In computing, an avatar is the graphical representation of the user or the user’s alter ego or character.

Note 2 to entry: The virtual human body is classified into two key types: virtual clone and virtual twin.

Note 3 to entry: In this document, virtual human body includes at least virtual clone, virtual twin and virtual fit mannequin model.

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-1: 2016, 2.1.1.2, modified — Note 3 to entry has been added.]



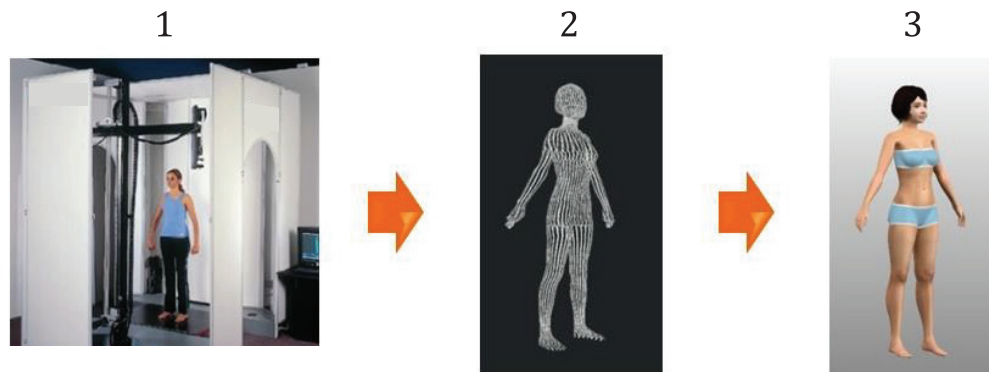
### 3.3.2.1 virtual clone virtual shape

*virtual human body* (3.3.2) that is created by forming three-dimensional surface data from a 3D body scanned, using surface modelling processes including noise elimination, hole-filling and mesh generation

Note 1 to entry: It is essential that a user be scanned first to create a virtual clone.

Note 2 to entry: The virtual clone is identical to the body shape of the user.

Note 3 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).



#### Key

- 1 3D scanning
- 2 3D scanned point cloud
- 3 virtual clone

**Figure 2 — Process of creating a virtual clone**

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<https://standards.iteh.ai/> [SOURCE: ISO 18825-1: 2016, 2.1.1.2.1] /32dc2632-163e-4454-a353-c7d1b2d267f7/iso-20947-1-2021

### 3.3.2.2 virtual twin virtual size

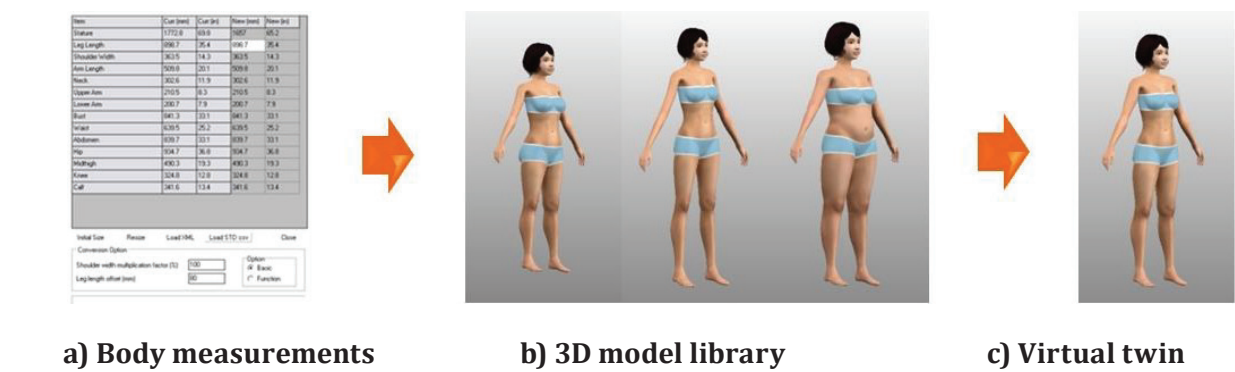
*virtual human body* (3.3.2) morphed according to body dimensions acquired either through manual or automatic measurements

Note 1 to entry: The virtual twin is a *parametric human body* (3.3.1) as it can be altered with parameters.

Note 2 to entry: The virtual twin is not identical to the user; but is a close approximation that can be altered by entering parameters retrieved from a population database.

Note 3 to entry: See [Figure 3](#).

Note 4 to entry: A virtual twin can be created directly from the person being scanned or as in case of most digital systems from an existing library.



NOTE Body measurements are necessary to create a virtual twin.

Figure 3 — Process of creating a virtual twin

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-1: 2016, 2.1.1.2.2, modified — “that is applied” has been replaced by “according to” and Note 4 to entry has been added.]

3.3.2.3  
virtual fit mannequin  
virtual human body (3.3.2) that represents an actual human body model in digital format used for garment visualization

Note 1 to entry: The model is used for draping simulation (3D form and design realization for example) and examining silhouette and fit of a garment.

Note 2 to entry: See Figure 4.



Figure 4 — Process of creating a virtual fit mannequin

### 3.4

#### virtual standing position

posture of a *virtual human model* (3.3) used for measuring dimensions and fit

Note 1 to entry: In a virtual standing position, the head is in the Frankfurt plane, the long axes of the feet should be parallel to one another and 200 mm apart. The upper arms are abducted to form a 20° angle with the sides of the torso and the elbows are straight. But the palms face toward the torso. This position shall be used for evaluating the fit of garments.

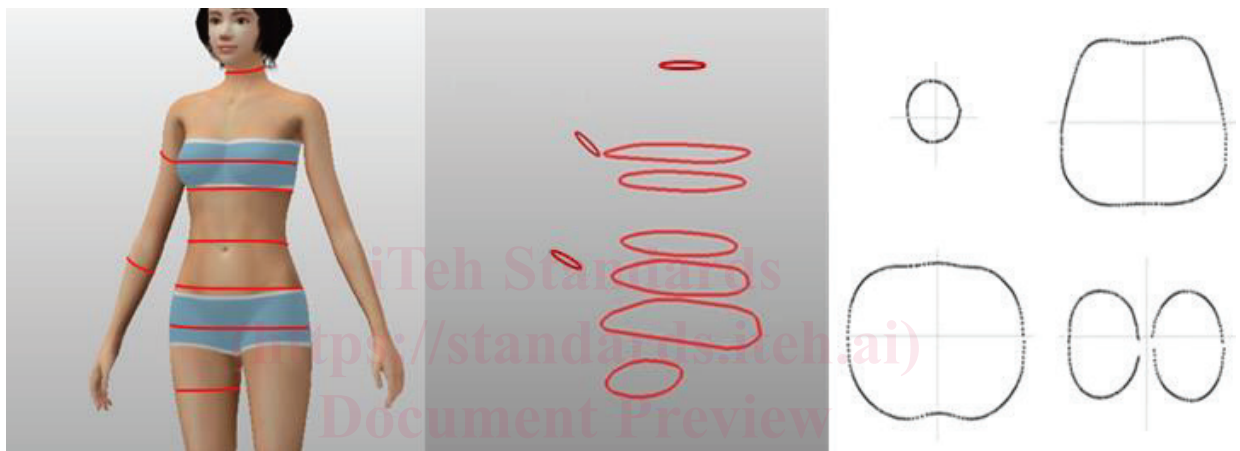
### 3.5

#### virtual cross section

closed contour extracted from the plane cutting a virtual body segment perpendicular to its main axis or the three principle axes

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 5](#).

Note 2 to entry: The main axis is the axis that connects the joints on either side of the virtual body segment.



**Figure 5 — Examples of virtual body cross sections**

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-1: 2016, 2.2.2]

### 3.6

#### virtual body landmarks and levels

points that define the characteristic of the body shape of the user in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: For example, points of bone prominence, peak points on a convex or concave surface, or points like the bust point can be virtual body landmarks.

Note 2 to entry: On a physical body, a virtual fit mannequin or a physical fit mannequin, the landmarks and the levels are defined in the same manner.

Note 3 to entry: Some of the landmarks are evaluated in terms of their levels in this document (see [Table 1](#)).

Note 4 to entry: When a physical body or a physical fit mannequin is 3D scanned, markers for the landmarks can be put on it to extract their positions.

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-1:2016, 2.2.4]

**Table 1 — Virtual and physical body landmark points and levels**

No.	Virtual body landmark points	Male/Female
1	Virtual back neck-base point	both
2	Virtual shoulder point (Right and Left)	both
3	Virtual axilla point	male
4	Virtual bust point	female
5	Virtual underbust point	female
6	Virtual midriff level	female
7	Virtual side waist point (Right and Left)	both
8	Virtual back waist point	both
9	Virtual top hip level	both
10	Virtual hip point	both
11	Virtual crotch point	both
12	Virtual gluteal fold point	both
13	Virtual elbow point (Right and Left)	both
14	Virtual wrist point (Right and Left)	both
15	Virtual side neck-base point (Right and Left)	both
16	Virtual landing heel point	both

**3.6.1****virtual back neck-base point**

most posterior point at the back neck-base on the midsagittal plane with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.5]

**3.6.2****virtual shoulder point**

most lateral point of the shoulder ridge line passing through the cross section covering the middle plane of the torso and arm with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.6]

**3.6.3****virtual axilla point**

lowest point under the axillary passing through the cross section between the torso and arm with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.7]

**3.6.4****virtual bust point**

most anterior point of the bust with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: This point is used for a female.

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.10, modified — Note 1 to entry modified.]

**3.6.5****virtual underbust point**

lowest point or its level under the bust projection with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: This point is used for a female.

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.11, modified — "or its level" has been added, Note 1 to entry has been modified.]

### 3.6.6

#### **virtual midriff level**

midway between the levels of the virtual underbust point and virtual side waist point

Note 1 to entry: This level is used for a female.

Note 2 to entry: [SOURCE: ISO 8559-1:2017, 3.1.21, modified — Term and definition modified to apply to the virtual human body, Note 1 to entry modified.]

### 3.6.7

#### **virtual side waist point**

most concave point or its level of the (right) side waist when viewed from the front with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.12]

### 3.6.8

#### **virtual back waist point**

point of the back waist on the midsagittal plane at the level of the *virtual side waist point* (3.6.7) with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.13]

### 3.6.9

#### **virtual top hip level**

midway between the level of the virtual side waist point and virtual side hip point

[SOURCE: ISO 8559-1:2017, 3.1.24, modified — Term and definition modified to apply to the virtual human body.]

### 3.6.10

#### **virtual hip point**

most posterior point of the hip when viewed from the front when the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) is in a *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.15, modified — "when viewed from the front" has been added.]

### 3.6.11

#### **virtual crotch point**

lowest point of the torso on the midsagittal plane with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.16]

### 3.6.12

#### **virtual gluteal fold point**

most concave point on the sagittal plane passing through the *virtual hip point* (3.6.10) between hip and thigh or its level with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.20]

### 3.6.13

#### **virtual elbow point**

most protruding point of the elbow

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.17]

### 3.6.14

#### **virtual wrist point**

most concave point of the extended line of the little finger passing through the cross section between the arm and hand with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.18]

### 3.6.15

#### **virtual side neck-base point**

intersection point of the concave contour line at the neck-base passing through the shoulder ridge line with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.4]

### 3.6.16

#### **virtual landing heel point**

lowest point or level of the posterior calcaneus with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: The virtual landing heel point can reach the floor or the top of the shoe heel.

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.1.26, modified — "or level" has been added, Note 1 to entry has been modified.]

## 3.7

### **virtual body dimensions**

size information on virtual body segments of the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) that corresponds to measured anthropometric dimensions of the user in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: See 6.2.

### 3.7.1

#### **virtual chest girth**

horizontal girth of the torso passing through the *virtual axilla point* (3.6.3) with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.2.17]

### 3.7.2

#### **virtual bust girth**

horizontal girth of the torso passing through the *virtual bust point* (3.6.4) with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.2.18]

### 3.7.3

#### **virtual underbust girth**

horizontal girth of the torso passing through the *virtual underbust point* (3.6.5) with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.2.19]

### 3.7.4

#### **virtual waist girth**

horizontal girth of the torso passing through the *virtual side waist point* (3.6.7) with the *virtual human body* (3.3.2) in the *virtual standing position* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 18825-2:2016, 2.2.20]