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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 detect 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 enrollees 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 regular 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 this document.

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 requirements together with assurance activities related to these requirements. The extensions to the requirements and assurance 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 provides guidance and requirements to the developer and the evaluator for the supplementary activities on presentation attack detection specified in ISO/IEC 19989-1. It builds on the general considerations described in ISO/IEC 19792 and the presentation attack detection testing methodology described in ISO/IEC 30107-3 by providing additional guidance to the evaluator.

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

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Part 3: Presentation attack detection

1 Scope

For security evaluation of biometric verification systems and biometric identification systems, this document is dedicated to security evaluation of presentation attack detection applying the ISO/IEC 15408 series. It provides recommendations and requirements to the developer and the evaluator for the supplementary activities on presentation attack detection specified in ISO/IEC 19989-1.

This document is applicable only to TOEs for single biometric characteristic type but for the selection of a characteristic from multiple characteristics.

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 15408-3:2008, *Information technology — Security techniques — Evaluation criteria for IT security — Part 3: Security assurance components*

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

ISO/IEC 19989-1:2020, *Information Technology — Security techniques — Criteria and methodology for security evaluation of biometric systems – Part 1: framework*

ISO/IEC 30107-3:2017, *Information technology — Biometric presentation attack detection — Part 3: Testing and reporting*

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

attack presentation acquisition rate

APAR

proportion of attack presentations using the same *PAI species* (3.15) from which the data capture subsystem acquires a biometric sample of sufficient quality

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.5]

3.2

attack presentation classification error rate

APCER

proportion of attack presentations using the same *PAI species* (3.15) incorrectly classified as *bona fide presentations* (3.5) in a specific scenario

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.1]

3.3

attack presentation non-response rate

APNRR

proportion of attack presentations using the same *PAI species* (3.15) that cause no response at the PAD subsystem or data capture subsystem

EXAMPLE A fingerprint system may not register or react to the presentation of a PAI due to the PAI's lack of realism.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.3]

3.4

attack type

element and characteristic of a presentation attack, including *PAI species* (3.15), concealer or impostor attack, degree of supervision, and method of interaction with the capture device

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.1.3]

3.5

bona fide presentation

interaction of the biometric capture subject and the biometric data capture subsystem in the fashion intended by the policy of the biometric system

Note 1 to entry: Bona fide is analogous to normal or routine, when referring to a bona fide presentation.

Note 2 to entry: Bona fide presentations can include those in which the user has a low level of training or skill. Bona fide presentations encompass the totality of good-faith presentations to a biometric data capture subsystem.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.1.2]

3.6

bona fide presentation classification error rate

BPCER

proportion of *bona fide presentations* (3.5) incorrectly classified as presentation attacks in a specific scenario

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.2]

3.7

bona fide presentation non-response rate

BPNRR

proportion of *bona fide presentations* (3.5) that cause no response at the PAD subsystem or data capture subsystem

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.4]

3.8**concealer attack presentation non-identification rate****CAPNIR**

<full-system evaluation of an identification system> proportion of concealer presentation attacks using the same *PAI species* (3.15) in which the reference identifier of the concealer is not among the identifiers returned or, depending on intended use case, in which no identifiers are returned

Note 1 to entry: In a negative identification system, such as a black-list, the concealer can intend that no identifiers are returned to avoid scrutiny by a human operator.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.9]

3.9**concealer attack presentation non-match rate****CAPNMR**

<full-system evaluation of a verification system> proportion of concealer attack presentations using the same *PAI species* (3.15) in which the reference of the concealer is not matched

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.7]

3.10**false-negative identification-error rate****FNIR**

proportion of identification transactions by users enrolled in the system in which the user's correct identifier is not among those returned

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 19795-1:2006, 4.6.8]

3.11**false-positive identification-error rate****FPIR**

proportion of identification transactions by users not enrolled in the system, where an identifier is returned

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 19795-1:2006, 4.6.9]

3.12**impostor attack presentation identification rate****IAPIR**

<full-system evaluation of an identification system> proportion of impostor attack presentations using the same *PAI species* (3.15) in which the targeted reference identifier is among the identifiers returned or, depending on intended use case, at least one identifier is returned by the system

Note 1 to entry: An attacker can be both an impostor (trying to match an existing non-self enrollee) and a concealer (obscuring his real biometric sample with a PAI).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.8]

3.13**impostor attack presentation match rate****IAPMR**

<full-system evaluation of a verification system> proportion of impostor attack presentations using the same *PAI species* (3.15) in which the target reference is matched

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.2.6]

3.14**non-standard PAI**

presentation attack instrument (PAI) not corresponding to a *standard PAI species* (3.18).

3.15

PAI species

class of presentation attack instruments created using a common production method and based on different biometric characteristics

EXAMPLE 1 A set of fake fingerprints all made in the same way with the same materials but with different friction ridge patterns would constitute a PAI species.

EXAMPLE 2 A specific type of alteration made to the fingerprints of several data capture subjects would constitute a PAI species.

Note 1 to entry: The term “recipe” is often used to refer to how to make a PAI species.

Note 2 to entry: Presentation attack instruments of the same species may have different success rates due to variability in the production process.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 30107-3: 2017, 3.1.6]

3.16

penetration testing

testing used in vulnerability analysis for vulnerability assessment, trying to reveal vulnerabilities of the TOE based on the information about the TOE gathered during the relevant evaluation activities

Note 1 to entry: In the ISO/IEC 15408 series, this term is used without definition.

3.17

standard PAI

PAI in *standard PAI species* ([3.18](#))

3.18

standard PAI species

PAI species ([3.15](#)) determined and specified as standard by a certification body or a technical community for the purpose of conducting evaluations

Note 1 to entry: If standard PAI species are not specified, the developer as well as the evaluator prepare *non-standard PAIs* ([3.14](#)) to use in evaluation activities.

4 Abbreviated terms

ADV	security assurance requirement (SAR) class of development
	NOTE The class name is defined in ISO/IEC 15408-3. Here, A stands for assurance requirement, DV for development. The class name is defined in this way in ISO/IEC 15408.
ATE	security assurance requirement (SAR) class of tests
AVA	security assurance requirement (SAR) class of vulnerability assessment
AVA_VAN	security assurance requirement (SAR) family for vulnerability analysis in class AVA
FMR	false match rate
FNIR	false-negative identification-error rate
FNMR	false non-match rate
FPIR	false-positive identification-error rate
FTAR	failure to acquire rate
FTER	failure to enrol rate