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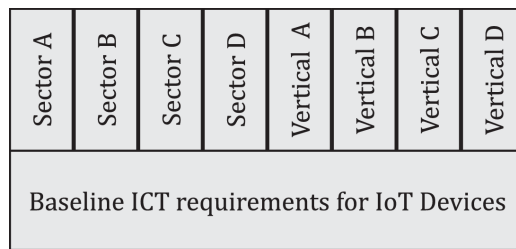
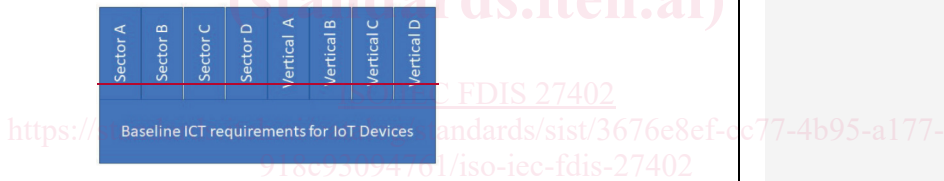
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Introduction

With the increasing number of **Internet of Things (IoT)** devices and increasing reliance on such devices, the security and privacy risks relating to those “things” is expected to grow. Their widespread deployment in networks and systems make them easy and prime targets for cyber attacks.

This document provides a baseline set of information and communication technologies (ICT) requirements so that IoT devices are able to support security and privacy controls. A risk assessment is required to develop a risk treatment plan that identifies the necessary IoT device features and countermeasures. The management of systems which use IoT devices depends upon the capabilities of those devices (among other factors).

Broadly speaking, this document addresses ICT requirements for IoT devices that are made available to the market. The requirements in this document are intended as a baseline, upon which vertical markets (such as health, financial services, industrial, consumer electronics and transportation) can build additional requirements for the expected use and risks of IoT devices in their applications, as depicted in Figure 1. In addition to this document, various sectors (e.g. private/industrial, public, defence, national security) and vertical markets have sector- or vertical-specific requirements, for example those found in **ETSI EN 303 645** for consumer devices and the **IEC 62443** series for industrial devices and systems. While this document can provide requirements for a conformity assessment scheme, it is expected that stakeholders for specific sectors and vertical markets will develop consensus around requirements specific to their contexts, building “on top” of this document. Subsequently, conformity assessment programmes can be developed around those specific sectors and vertical markets. This document would be effectively integrated into such programmes while providing a common set of baseline requirements.



NOTE: Additional requirements may be developed or required by specific sectors and vertical markets.

Figure 1.— Relationship between baseline requirements in this document and potential additional requirements

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As the complex technical landscape of IoT devices evolves, this document can support a scalable globally harmonized approach to the baseline security and privacy requirements and inform technical policy and regulatory initiatives.

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Cybersecurity — IoT security and privacy — Device baseline requirements

1 Scope

This document provides baseline ICT requirements for IoT devices to support security and privacy controls.

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 27000, *Information technology — Security techniques — Information security management systems — Overview and vocabulary*

ISO/IEC 27400:2022, *Cybersecurity — IoT security and privacy — Guidelines*

ISO 31000:2018, *Risk management — Guidelines*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 27000, ISO/IEC 27400, ISO 31000, and the following apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1.1 identifier

information that unambiguously distinguishes one entity from another one in a given identity context

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 23093-1:2022, 3.2.7]

3.1.2 user interface

set of all components of an interactive system that provide information and controls for the user to accomplish specific tasks with the interactive system

[SOURCE: ISO 9241-110:2020, 3.10]

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3.1.3 internet of things IoT

infrastructure of interconnected entities, people, systems and information resources together with services which processes and reacts to information from the physical world and virtual world

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 20924:2021, 3.2.4]

3.1.4 IoT system

system providing functionalities of *internet of things (IoT)* (3.1.3)

Note 1 to entry: An IoT system can include, but not limited to, *IoT devices* (3.1.5), *IoT gateways* (3.1.7), sensors, and actuators.

Note 2 to entry: Conventional IT devices such as smartphones and laptops can form part of an IoT system.

Note 3 to entry: IoT systems also include cloud and network connectivity.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 20924:2021, 3.2.9, modified — Notes 2 and 3 to entry have been added.]

3.1.5 IoT device

entity of an *internet of things (IoT) system* (3.1.4) that interacts and communicates with the physical world through sensing or actuating

Note 1 to entry: An IoT device can be a sensor or an actuator.

Note 2 to entry: An IoT device, in this context, is an assembled device usable for its intended IoT functions without relying on being embedded or integrated into any other product. [ISO/IEC FDIS 27402](#)

Note 3 to entry: IoT devices generally interact via communication interfaces.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 20924:2021, 3.2.6, modified — Notes 1, 2 and 3 to entry have been added.]

3.1.6 IoT device developer

entity that creates an assembled final *internet of things (IoT) device* (3.1.5)

Note 1 to entry: "~~final~~Final" in this definition means the stage of delivery to the IoT service developer in the assemble process.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 27400:2022, 3.4]

3.1.7 IoT gateway

entity of an IoT system that connects one or more proximity networks and the IoT devices on those networks to each other and to one or more access networks

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 20924:2021, 3.2.8]

3.1.8 trusted computing base TCB

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totality of protection mechanisms within a computer system, including hardware, firmware and software, the combination of which is responsible for enforcing a security policy

3.1.9 cryptographic module

set of hardware, software, and/or firmware that implements security functions and are contained within the cryptographic boundary

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 19790:2012, 3.25]

3.1.10 critical security parameter CSP

security-related information whose disclosure or modification can compromise the security of a *cryptographic module* (3.1.9)

Note 1 to entry: A CSP can be plaintext or encrypted.

Note 2 to entry: In the example, "certificates" refers to private keys matching public keys inside certificates.

EXAMPLE-1: Secret and private cryptographic keys, authentication data such as passwords, PINs, certificates or other trust anchors.

EXAMPLE-2: Configuration settings required for initialization.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 19790:2012, 3.18, modified — Note note 2 to entry and Example example 2 have been added.]

3.1.11 public security parameter PSP

security related public information whose modification can compromise the security of a *cryptographic module* (3.1.10)

EXAMPLE: Public cryptographic keys, public key certificates, self-signed certificates, trust anchors, one-time passwords associated with a counter and internally held date and time.

Note 1 to entry: A PSP is considered protected if it cannot be modified or if its modification can be determined by the module.

Note 2 to entry: Here "public key certificates" refers to "public key contained in certificates".

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 19790:2012, 3.99, modified — Note 2 to entry has been added.]

3.1.12 sensitive security parameter SSP

critical security parameters (CSP) (3.1.11) and public security parameters (PSP) (3.1.12)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 19790:2012, 3.110]

3.1.13 3.1.12 factory default

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state of the device after factory reset or after final production/assembly

Note 1 to entry: This includes the physical device and software (including firmware) that is present on it after assembly.

3.1.4413 fail-safe mode

device or feature which, in the event of failure, responds in a way that causes no harm, or minimizes the harm, to other devices, and causes no danger, or minimizes the danger, to personnel

[SOURCE: ISO 25197:2020, 3.32]

3.2 Abbreviated terms

- API application programming interface
ASLR address space layout randomization
CPU central processing unit
CSP critical security parameter
ICT information and communication technologies
IoT internet of things
PIN personal identification number
PSP public security parameter
RoT root of trust
TCB trusted computing base
SWID software identification
XML extensible markup language

4 Overview

IoT systems bring security and privacy risks, and ISO/IEC 27400 provides general information and guidance about these risks and threats to security and privacy. To address these risks, users (organizations and consumers) should implement appropriate controls, which are also detailed in ISO/IEC 27400. For these These controls cannot be implemented, if the IoT devices do not have to have the supporting functionality (process policies, capabilities and processes, and the etc.)

The IoT system developers will are expected to develop their own requirements and seek IoT devices that support necessary functionality them. This document provides baseline ICT requirements for IoT devices. In many cases, additional requirements will be imposed or are expected to address the security and privacy risks of specific vertical markets or higher risk environments.

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5 Requirements

5.1 Requirements for IoT device policies and documentation

5.1.1 Risk management

5.1.1.1 Requirements

~~(Requirement 5.1.1-1.1)~~ IoT devices shall have documentation recording the results of a risk assessment process performed at the IoT device level in the context of a risk assessment at the system level.

~~(Requirement 5.1.1-1.2)~~ The risk assessment process shall take into account intended outcomes for the intended use case.

~~(Requirement 5.1.1-1.3)~~ The risk assessment process shall also take into account the needs and expectations of interested parties (e.g. those parties on networks that to which the IoT device is connected to), including physical and logical undesired effects.

NOTE_1 Risk assessment techniques can be found in IEC 31010 and ISO/IEC 27005.

NOTE_2 IoT device developers will usually perform the risk assessments and produce the risk treatment plans.

~~(Requirement 5.1.1-1.4)~~ The risk assessment shall take into account that IoT devices can be constrained (e.g. limited battery, little memory, 'weak' CPU), which informs the risk treatment process.

~~(Requirement 5.1.1-1.5)~~ Risk assessment and treatment processes shall be defined and applied as follows:

- a) determine if a separate risk assessment and treatment processes are necessary for different products;
- b) select appropriate risk treatment options, taking account of the risk assessment results;

NOTE 3_1 Sector- or vertical market-specific standards can be used in addition to this document. Such a standard can provide a risk assessment and/or risk treatment plan specific to the sector or vertical market, and complying with such standards can be used to satisfy requirements in this document.

- c) determine all controls that are necessary to implement the risk treatment option(s) chosen;
- d) identify all security and privacy features of the IoT device from the controls identified in c) above;

NOTE 4_2 IoT device developers can design features as required or identify them from any appropriate source, such as an industry standard or sector guidance.

- e) compare the features identified in 5.1.1-d) above with those in 5.2, and verify that no necessary features have been omitted;

NOTE 5_3 5.2 contains a list of baseline features. Users of this document are directed to 5.2 to ensure that no requirements are overlooked.

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