



# Security Evaluation of Biometric Systems in Common Criteria

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# Introduction (I)

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### Main Target

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Future Works

- Guidelines are necessary for helping developers and evaluators to perform biometric evaluations
- Precedents:
  - BEM (Biometric Evaluation Methodology)
    - Previous version of CC
    - It refers to performance evaluation methodologies that were implemented before the development of current standards (ISO/IEC 19795)
  - PPs and STs
    - Security evaluation of biometric systems requires to meet specific error rates
      - ✓ Security policy
      - ✓ Refinement of the FIA\_UAU component
    - This guidance refers to BEM and the same references that are included in it.



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- It is essential for security evaluation of biometric systems to analyse the biometric system performance
- New guidelines shall be developed
  - Based on
    - BEM
    - ISO/IEC 19795 Biometric performance testing and reporting
  - Considerations
    - It will be conformant with current version of CC



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- Most relevant changes to BEM related to the following assurance requirements:
  - AGD: Guidance Documents
  - ATE: Tests
- Biometric performance evaluation that will be reproducible (ISO/IEC 19795 Parts 1 and 2)
  - Technological evaluation
    - Biometric algorithm
    - Database collection
  - Scenario evaluation
    - “End-to-end” biometric system
    - Test subjects

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- BEM

- Biometric privacy
- Environmental influences
- Setting of thresholds

- Proposal for a new document

- It should consider common activities for the installation and operation mode that are also relevant for performance testing
- AGD\_PRE:
  - Environmental influences considering environmental factors (as BEM) and also the operation configuration
    - ✓ Biometric system placement
    - ✓ User's interactions



# AGD: Guidance Documents (II)

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- AGD\_OPE:

- User guides

- ✓ Guidance for the capture process including how to present their biometric characteristic and interact with the biometric sensor
- ✓ Feedback before, during and after the process
- ✓ Recommendations to protect biometric data

- Administrator guides

- ✓ How to perform enrolment function specifying quality requirements in detail
- ✓ How to guide and train users for enrolment and verification/identification processes

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# ATE: Tests (I)

- BEM

- Performance testing: FMR and FNMR
- Appropriate and statistically representative data
- Take care in configuring the equipment, verifying its correct functioning and consistency in collection procedures

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- ATE\_COV:
  - Technology evaluations: biometric systems that not include biometric capture sensor
  - Scenario evaluations: biometric systems
  - Test size, user characteristics, the number of samples and transactions shall be according to the expected results and the confidence level to achieve

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# ATE: Tests (II)

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- ATE\_FUN:

- Check that test documentation includes the mandatory parts of the ISO/IEC 19795 for planning, executing and reporting biometric evaluations
- Check that test plan describes the scenarios for performing each test
  - ✓ Technology evaluations: conditions of the database collection
  - ✓ Scenario evaluations: user characteristic and how environmental conditions are controlled
- Check the test application:
  - ✓ Data recording during the evaluation
  - ✓ Methods to calculate statistics
- Check test procedures:
  - ✓ Level of effort, decision policies, visits and test crew flow

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# ATE: Tests (III)

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- ATE\_IND:

- Test subset shall include to obtain FMR and FNMR
- Elaborate test documentation that includes the mandatory parts of the ISO/IEC 19795 for planning and executing biometric evaluations
- Conduct testing
  - ✓ Scenario evaluations:
    - the appropriate test crew shall be recruitment according to user characteristics
    - user shall be trained and guided as it was specified in guidance documents
- Obtain statistics: performance rates shall be calculated including the corresponding uncertainty respectively
- Report test results considering the requirements of ISO/IEC 19795 standard

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# Conclusions and Future Works

- Conclusions

- A proposal to develop new guidelines for helping developers and evaluators to perform biometric security evaluations using CC has been explained.
- It has been based on BEM and ISO/IEC 19795 standards.
- It shows requirements for applying AGD and ATE assurance components

- Future Works

- Fulfil the proposal describing all relevant changes for the rest of assurance components
- Implement specific methodologies for potential vulnerabilities

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