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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— Addition and update of references to the related projects in all relevant standardization bodies.

— Addition to the Scope, to include not only on-card biometric comparison, but all other interactions of biometrics and integrated circuit cards (ICCs).

— Addition of the example of the ePassport, which is a widely-deployed application using off-card biometric comparison.

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Introduction

There are a large number of applications where the need for implementing jointly integrated circuit cards (ICC) and biometrics can arise. In those cases, system designers and integrators need to be aware of the range of international standards and technical reports that are applicable. All of these potential reference documents have been developed by different standardization bodies and committees. ISO/IEC JTC1 (Joint Technical Committee) subcommittees develop standards in the following areas:

ICCs:

ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 17 (*Information technology — Cards and security devices for personal identification*)

Security aspects:

ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 27 (*Information technology — Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection*)

Biometrics:

ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 37 (*Information technology — Biometrics*)

Other regional or sectoral standardization bodies are also applicable.

In this context, the system designer and developer have a large number of documents at their disposal, but with little information about which of them is really applicable. There are no general rules, as depending on the application, different alternatives are available.

This document provides information on the published documents and relates them to the kind of application to be developed. When referring to different applications, these will be classified attending to the verification needs of the application, not to the final sector where the application is to be deployed.

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Interactions among standards cover different implementation levels, from data formats to be used to the application profiles, including application programming interfaces (APIs) and security mechanisms.

This document places special emphasis on providing recommendations and policies needed by developers to integrate the use of both biometrics and ICCs in applications.

The structure of this document is as follows:

— Clause 5 provides a first overview to the different decisions that have to be taken when developing an application that can involve the use of ICCs and biometrics.

— Clauses 6 to 10 provide an overview to the different International Standards and Technical Reports that can be applicable to the application to be developed.

— Clause 11 provides examples of implementations that can be used by application designers and developers as guidelines.

All ISO/IEC documents mentioned in this document are listed in the Bibliography at the end of this document.

NOTE Future editions of this document will add more information about Biometric System-on-Card technology and the use of the PBO command.

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1 Scope

This document summarizes how some of the main international standards and recommendations approach personal identification and its related information security, with regard to the integration of biometrics and integrated circuit cards (ICCs). It also provides examples of how biometrics and ICCs are integrated in applications.

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 2382-37, *Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 37: Biometrics*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 2382-37 and the following 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 https://www.electropedia.org/

NOTE ISO/IEC 2382-37 is freely available at https://standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/index.html

3.1
biometric template
set of stored biometric features comparable directly to probe biometric features

Note 1 to entry: In the ISO/IEC 7816 series, the term "template" has a completely different meaning, being in that case the “value field of a constructed data object”, regardless to whether the data object relates to biometrics or not.

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

APDU	Application Protocol Data Unit
API	Application Programming Interface
ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
BAC	Basic Access Control
BDB	Biometric Data Block (as defined in the ISO/IEC 19785 series)

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