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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by The Open Group [as Open Trusted Technology Provider Standard (O-TTPS) V1.2, Part 2: Assessment Procedures for the O-TTPS] and drafted in accordance with its editorial rules. It was adopted, under the JTC 1 PAS procedure, by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 20243-2:2018), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- Wording has been changed throughout the document, including in introductory materials, attribute definitions and requirements, as necessary to improve clarity and/or concision.
- The definition of “component” has been clarified to include both hardware and software.
- A definition for “security-critical” has been added.
- PD\_DES.01 has become a mandatory requirement.
- PD\_CFM.04 has become a mandatory requirement.
- The attribute definition of PD\_QAT has been clarified.
- The attribute definition of PD\_PSM has been clarified.

- The SE\_VAR requirements have been largely reworked and reorganized, with a new mandatory requirement being added and several existing requirements becoming mandatory.
- SE\_PPR.02 has become a mandatory requirement.
- SE\_PPR.04 has become a mandatory requirement.
- SC\_RSM.05 has become a mandatory requirement.
- SC\_ACC.04 has become a mandatory requirement.
- SC\_ESS.02 has become a mandatory requirement.
- SC\_ESS.03 has become a mandatory requirement.
- SC\_ESS.04 has been completely rewritten and has become a mandatory requirement.
- SC\_BPS.02 has become a mandatory requirement.
- The SE\_STH requirements have been largely reworked and reorganized, with a new requirement being added and an existing requirement becoming mandatory.
- SC\_CTM.02 has been revised heavily and has become a mandatory requirement.
- SC\_MAL.02 has been heavily revised and has become a mandatory requirement.

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## Preface

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### This Document

The Open Group Open Trusted Technology Forum (OTTF) is a global initiative that invites industry, government, and other interested participants to work together to evolve the O-TTPS and other OTTF deliverables.

This document is Part 2 of the Open Trusted Technology Provider Standard (O-TTPS). It has been developed by the OTTF and approved by The Open Group, through The Open Group Company Review process. There are two distinct elements that should be understood with respect to this document: the O-TTPF (Framework) and the O-TTPS (Standard).

**The O-TTPF (Framework):** The O-TTPF is an evolving compendium of organizational guidelines and best practices relating to the integrity of Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) products and the security of the supply chain throughout the entire product lifecycle.

An early version of the O-TTPF was published as a White Paper in February 2011, revised in November 2015, and has since been updated and published as a Guide in September 2021 (see Referenced Documents). The O-TTPF serves as the basis for the O-TTPS, future updates, and additional standards. The content of the O-TTPF is the result of industry collaboration and research as to those commonly used commercially reasonable practices that increase product integrity and supply chain security. The members of the OTTF will continue to collaborate with industry and governments and update the O-TTPF as the threat landscape changes and industry practices evolve.

**The O-TTPS (Standard):** The O-TTPS is an open standard containing a set of guidelines that when properly adhered to have been shown to enhance the security of the global supply chain and the integrity of COTS ICT products. Part 1 of the O-TTPS (this document) provides a set of guidelines, requirements, and recommendations that help assure against maliciously tainted and counterfeit products throughout the COTS ICT product lifecycle encompassing the following phases: design, sourcing, build, fulfillment, distribution, sustainment, and disposal.

The O-TTPS, Part 2: Assessment Procedures for the O-TTPS (see Referenced Documents) provides assessment procedures that may be used to demonstrate conformance with the requirements provided in Clause 6 of the O-TTPS, Part 1.

Using the guidelines documented in the O-TTPF as a basis, the OTTF is taking a phased approach and staging O-TTPS releases over time. This staging will consist of standards that focus on mitigating specific COTS ICT risks from emerging threats. As threats change or market needs evolve, the OTTF intends to update the O-TTPS by releasing addenda to address specific threats or market needs.

The O-TTPS is aimed at enhancing the integrity of COTS ICT products and helping customers to manage sourcing risk. The authors recognize the value that it can bring to governments and commercial customers worldwide, particularly those who adopt procurement and sourcing strategies that reward those vendors who follow the O-TTPS best practice requirements and recommendations.

**NOTE** Any reference to “providers” is intended to refer to COTS ICT providers. The use of the word “component” is intended to refer to either hardware or software components.

### **Intended Audience**

The O-TTPS is intended for organizations interested in helping the industry evolve to meet the threats in the delivery of trustworthy COTS ICT products. It is intended to provide enough context and information on business drivers to enable its audience to understand the value in adopting the guidelines, requirements, and recommendations specified within. It also allows providers, suppliers, and integrators to begin planning how to implement the O-TTPS in their organizations. Additionally, acquirers and customers can begin recommending the adoption of the O-TTPS to their providers and integrators.

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## Introduction

Part 2 of the O-TTPS specifies the procedures to be utilized by an assessor when conducting a conformity assessment to the mandatory requirements in the O-TTPS.<sup>1)</sup>

These Assessment Procedures are intended to ensure the repeatability, reproducibility, and objectivity of assessments against the O-TTPS. Though the primary audience for this document is the assessor, an Information Technology (IT) provider who is undergoing assessment or preparing for assessment, may also find this document useful.

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<sup>1)</sup> The O-TTPS Part 1 is freely available at: [www.opengroup.org/library/c185-1](http://www.opengroup.org/library/c185-1).



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Part 2:

## Assessment procedures for the O-TTPS

### 1 Scope

The Assessment Procedures defined in this document are intended to ensure the repeatability, reproducibility, and objectivity of assessments against the O-TTPS. Though the primary audience for this document is the assessor, an Information Technology (IT) provider who is undergoing assessment or preparing for assessment, may also find this document useful.

#### 1.1 Conformance

The Open Group has developed and maintains conformance criteria, assessment procedures, and a Certification Policy and Program for the O-TTPS as a useful tool for all constituents with an interest in supply chain security.

The conformance requirements and assessment procedures are available in the O-TTPS, Part 2: Assessment Procedures for the O-TTPS.

Certification provides formal recognition of conformance to the O-TTPS, which allows:

- Providers and practitioners to make and substantiate clear claims of conformance to the O-TTPS
- Acquirers to specify and successfully procure from providers who conform to the O-TTPS

#### 1.2 Future Directions

Refer to the O-TTPS, Part 1: Requirements and Recommendations.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.