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testing methodology for biometric data
interchange formats defined in
ISO/IEC 19794 —**

**Part 2:
Finger minutiae data**

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Generalized conformance testing methodology*
- *Part 2: Finger minutiae data*
- *Part 4: Finger image data*
- *Part 5: Face image data*
- *Part 6: Iris image data*
- *Part 8: Finger pattern skeletal data*
- *Part 9: Vascular image data*
- *Part 10: Hand geometry silhouette data*

The following parts are under preparation:

- *Part 3: Finger pattern spectral data*
- *Part 7: Signature/sign time series data*
- *Part 11: Signature/sign processed dynamic data*
- *Part 13: Voice data*
- *Part 14: DNA data*

Introduction

ISO/IEC 19794-2 specifies data interchange formats for recording, storing and transmitting one or more finger minutiae records, possibly within a Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework (CBEFF) data structure. Each minutia may be accompanied by subject-specific metadata contained in a header record. This part of ISO/IEC 29109 defines tests for checking the correctness of the binary record.

The requirements of ISO/IEC 19794-2 cannot be completely achieved until biometric products can be tested to determine whether they conform to its specifications. Conforming implementations are a necessary prerequisite for achieving interoperability among implementations; there is therefore a need for a standardized conformance testing methodology, test assertions and test procedures, as applicable to specific modalities addressed by each part of ISO/IEC 19794. The test assertions will cover as much as is practical of the ISO/IEC 19794 requirements (covering the most critical features), so that the conformity results produced by the test suites will reflect the real degree of conformity of the implementations to ISO/IEC 19794 Data Interchange Format records. This is the motivation for the development of this conformance testing methodology.

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 supports those applications that require use of finger minutiae data according to ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005. It defines a testing methodology to assure conformance of a vendor's application or service to the base ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 specification. Thus, it is intended to:

- establish elements of the Conformance Testing Methodology framework that are specific to the Finger Minutiae-based Data Record requirements of ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 conformance testing,
- define requirements and guidelines for specifying conformance test suites and related test methods for measuring conformity of products and services to the Finger Minutiae-based Data Record requirements of ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005, and
- define test and reporting procedures to be followed before, during and after conformance testing.

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 is applicable to the development and use of conformity test method specifications, conformity test suites for ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 records, and conformance testing programs for ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 conformant products. It is intended primarily for use by testing organizations, but may be applied by developers and users of test method specifications and test method implementations.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 specifies elements of conformance testing methodology, test assertions and test procedures, as applicable to the biometric data interchange format standard relating to finger minutiae data (i.e. ISO/IEC 19794-2).

It establishes

- tests of assertions of the structure of the finger minutiae data format as specified in ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 (Type A Level 1 as defined in ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009),
- tests of assertions of internal consistency by checking the types of values that may be contained within each field (Type A Level 2 as defined in ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009), and
- tests of semantic assertions (Type A Level 3 as defined in ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009).

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 does not establish

- tests of conformance of CBEFF structures embedding ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 biometric data blocks (BDBs),
- tests of other characteristics of biometric products or other types of testing of biometric products (e.g. acceptance, performance, robustness, security),
- tests of conformance of systems that do not produce ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 records, or
- tests for Level 3 conformance testing.

2 Conformance

Biometric data interchange format conformance tests conform to this part of ISO/IEC 29109 if they satisfy all of the normative requirements related to Clause 6. Specifically, they shall use the test methodology specified in ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009, Clauses 6, 7 and 8, and all Level 1 and Level 2 tests shall use the assertions defined in Table 2.

Implementations of ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 tested according to the methodology specified shall be able to claim conformance only to those Biometric Data Record (BDR) requirements specified in ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 that are tested by the test methods established by this methodology.

Implementations of ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 do not necessarily need to conform to all possible aspects of ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005, but only to those ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 requirements that are claimed to be supported by the implementation in an Implementation Conformance Statement, filled out in accordance with Table 1 of this part of ISO/IEC 29109 and ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009, Clause 8.

3 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 19794-2:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 2: Finger minutiae data*

ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005/Cor.1:2009, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 2: Finger minutiae data — Technical corrigendum 1*

ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009, *Information technology — Conformance testing methodology for biometric data interchange formats defined in ISO/IEC 19794 — Part 1: Generalized conformance testing methodology*