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**Information technology — Machine-  
readable test data for biometric  
testing and reporting —**

**Part 1:  
Test reports**

*Technologies de l'information — Données d'essai lisibles par machine  
pour les rapports et les essais biométriques —*

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 29120-1:2015), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- corrections have been made to data types and syntax.

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 29120 series can be found on the ISO and IEC websites.

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## Introduction

This document is intended to enhance the utility and usability of biometric test reports and data by providing them in a common and machine-readable form. This document is intended to provide:

- documentary evidence that a product has been tested;
- a statement of authenticity of the test report;
- an ability to maintain a registry of products;
- a clear mechanism for maintaining product availability and certification status; and
- a relying system with information that allows it to depend on a biometric product used in a remote authentication context.

This document is not intended to replace traditional biometric test reports. Indeed, as such texts are essential to the complete documentation of a test, they are viewed as parents of the machine-readable content defined in the ISO/IEC 29120 series and are explicitly referenced in these reports.

Accordingly, the parts of the ISO/IEC 29120 series establish requirements for, and define formats for, signed test reports and biometric datasets as follows.

This document establishes machine-readable records for documenting the output of a biometric test. This supports the documentary reporting requirements of ISO/IEC 19795-1 and ISO/IEC 19795-2. This document is primarily intended to support scenario and technology tests. Additionally, interoperability tests may be documented by a collection of ISO/IEC 29120-1 test reports (one for each tested combination of components). The document also includes mechanisms to protect the integrity of the test report. This assures a receiving system that the test information (date, laboratory, accreditation body, manner of testing, conformance, test size, accuracy) can be relied upon and used appropriately.

As the various parts of the ISO/IEC 19795 series have been published, there has been an increasing reliance on the correct conduct of tests and their documented outputs. Although the ISO/IEC 19795 series includes extensive disclosure and reporting requirements, it does not establish definitive data formats for those pieces of information. Other data concerning the commissioning, accreditation and conducting of tests can also be valuable to consumers of the test reports. In addition, this document is intended to benefit users of biometric tests via improved:

- conformance to testing standards,
- reliability (via automation of relevant activities), and
- comparability of test results.



# Information technology — Machine-readable test data for biometric testing and reporting —

## Part 1: Test reports

### 1 Scope

This document establishes:

- machine-readable records for documenting the output of a biometric test;
- formats for data that ISO/IEC 19795 series tests are required to report; and
- an ASN.1 syntax for test reports.

This document does not:

- require, prohibit, or otherwise specify the format of biometric samples or templates used in a test;
- require, prohibit or otherwise specify the encapsulation of biometric samples or templates used in a test; or
- regulate metrics for tests.

NOTE The reportable metrics are established in ISO/IEC 19795-1.

### 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 19795-1, *Information technology — Biometric performance testing and reporting — Part 1: Principles and framework*

ISO/IEC 19795-2, *Information technology — Biometric performance testing and reporting — Part 2: Testing methodologies for technology and scenario evaluation*

ISO/IEC 19785-3, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 3: Patron format specifications*

ISO/IEC 8825-1, *Information technology — ASN.1 encoding rules — Part 1: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)*

ISO/IEC 8825-4, *Information technology — ASN.1 encoding rules — Part 4: XML Encoding Rules (XER)*

ISO 8601-1, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 1: Basic rules*