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Introduction

The functionalities and computation capabilities of consumer-grade mobile devices are evolving fast. Authentication technologies using biometrics based on physiological or behavioural characteristics (e.g. fingerprint, face, voiceprint) have been developed and widely adopted across various mobile platforms. Compared to traditional authentication methods on mobile devices such as passwords, patterns, or SMS messages, biometric characteristics are easy to use and hard to share. Authentication methods using biometrics can, in some respects, provide a secure, reliable, and convenient solution, albeit with some potentially awkward restrictions.

However, the fragmentation of computing environments for mobile devices (e.g. different operating systems, different trusted environment implementations, different biometric system implementations, and open computation environments in mobile devices) often results in inconsistent implementations, which potentially increase the risks of vulnerabilities in, and attacks against, mobile devices. This fragmentation makes it even more necessary to analyse security challenges, threats, and security frameworks for authentication using biometrics on mobile devices. It is also necessary to specify the high-level security requirements that can mitigate the security risks for applications of authentication using biometrics in mobile devices.

Biometrics in this document is used for authentication on mobile devices whose result is consumed by relying parties. This document applies to the cases where the biometric data and any derived biometric data, except information on the verification outcome, do not leave the device, i.e. local modes.

This document provides high-level security requirements and recommendations for authentication using biometrics on mobile devices, including for functional components and for communication between the biometric system and the mobile applications requesting authentication success. Detailed security requirements are left to implementations. This document also analyses security challenges, threats, and security frameworks for authentication using biometrics on mobile devices.

The following contents are not addressed in this document:

- Identity proofing and enrolment requirements.
- The use of biometrics for authentication to applications which are entirely local to the mobile device and no remote service is involved.