

# Problem and Improvement of the Composition Documents for Smart Card Composed Product Evaluation

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# Introduction



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## About COMP...



**Common Criteria**

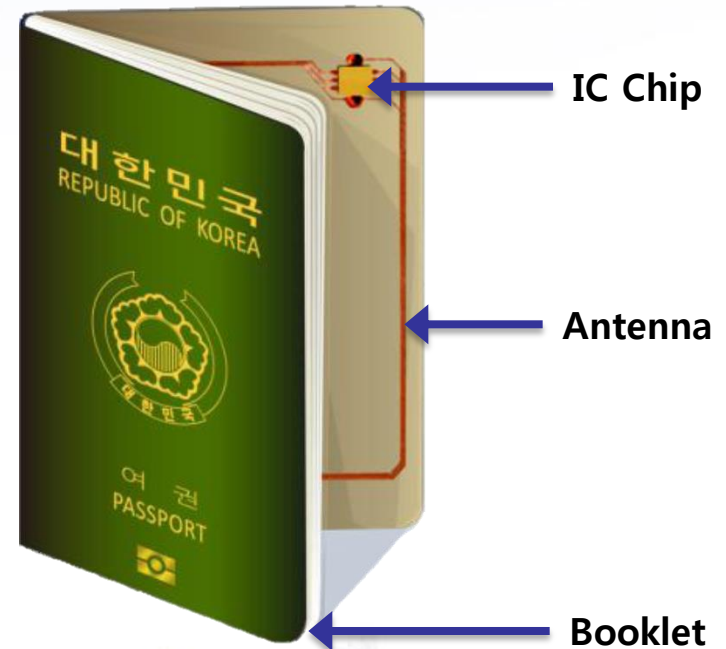
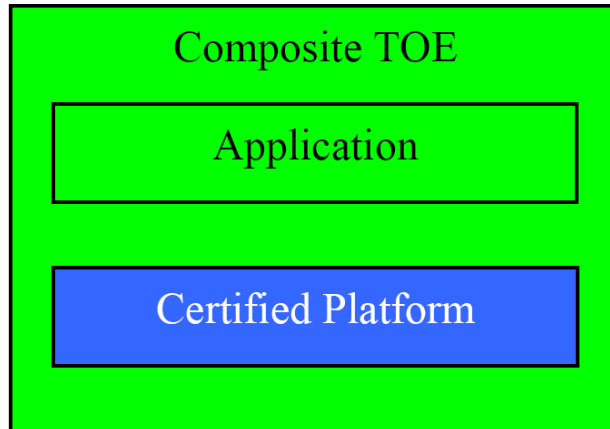
**Supporting Document**  
**Mandatory Technical Document**

Composite product evaluation for  
Smart Cards and similar devices

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## About presentation...

### Problems(difficulties) in composite documents

Insufficient information...

- No exceptional cases of mandatory implementation requirements
- No way to verify integrity of certified platform TOE's software library

### Improving problems of composite documents

Need to provide information about exceptional cases and integrity...

- To avoid applying unnecessary countermeasures of crypto functions
- To confirm that certified platform TOE's configuration is not modified

# Problems



ETR\_COMP (from the platform TOE evaluation facility)  
Guidance (from the platform TOE manufacturer)

Above composite documents enforce to apply the following countermeasure against perturbation attack on DES.

“It is **MANDATORY** ... (countermeasure).”

If application developer can analyze attack potential about perturbation attack, it is easy to determine whether to apply the countermeasure. However, unfortunately, most developers can not do that.

So when evaluating smart card composite product, we have some difficulties. In next slide, let me show you a case of the BAC mechanism in MRTD.





## When attacker has a victims' MRTD,

The attacker doesn't need to perform perturbation attack because he(or she) can read easily victim's private information of the MRTD booklet.

## When attacker doesn't have a victims' MRTD,

The attacker can't operate BAC mechanism because he(or she) doesn't know MRZ information.

Although the attacker know MRZ information, it is unfeasible for the attacker to perform perturbation attack on victims' MRTD in real environment (e.g. immigration inspection in the airport)

**In conclusion, application developers don't need to apply the countermeasure against a perturbation attack on 3DES.**

Generally platform TOE includes software libraries related to cryptographic functions. Composite product evaluator shall confirm platform TOE's integrity about that certified configuration is not modified.

However, there is not proper method to verify an integrity of the software libraries.

- Composite documents provide only version number of the software libraries
- Version number is not sufficient to confirm that certified platform TOE's configuration is not modified

# Improvement

## For improving the problem #1

It is inappropriate that the composition documents specify all possible exceptions. But, if following information is included in those documents, it could be very helpful to application developers.

### Application Note:

Application developer could determine whether to apply the countermeasure as an attack potential in composite product's operational environment.

1. Necessity of perturbation attack
2. Possibility for an attacker to operate TOE's security features
3. Exploitability of obtained secret information, if 2<sup>nd</sup> step is possible

## For improving the problem #2

Most of software products provide a verification method of its integrity. (e.g. checksum or hash value of original image file)

To verify an integrity of the IC chip's software libraries, composition documents (ETR\_COMP) should provide checksum(or hash) value and calculation method.

### **(Example)**

Checksum:

85FF1D426F37C1B6067DBE834A2A76B543E5CA87617F395B  
428B1DFB1B761C47

Calculation method: SHA256

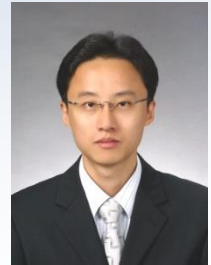
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