

VSS Conformance Clause and Glossary

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Resolution 24-05: Conformance Clause

- Draft a Conformance section for VSS
 - Interim Conformance Clause for augmented 2002 VSS
 - After April, Conformance Clause for re-designed VSS
- Conformance Clause (reminder)
 - States at a high level, what is required in order to conform and to whom the standard applies
 - Defines what conformance to the standards means
 - Specifies how testable requirements are expressed
 - Defines any conditions, constraints, partitioning of the technology, etc. that may be applicable



Interim Conformance Clause: Scope and Applicability

- (What) Minimal requirements include
 - Functional, performance, document, test evaluation, and procedural requirements
- (Who) Requirements for
 - Designers and manufactures of voting systems
 - Testing entities who do qualification testing
 - May be used by testing entities doing certification testing
 - Voting officials, including those responsible for the installation, setup, operation and maintenance of voting machines.



Resolution 33-05: Glossary

- Update 2002 VSS Glossary of Terms
 - Include terms in VSS + terms needed to understand voting, security, human factors, and testing
 - Collect terms from variety of sources
 - VSS, IEEE 1583, HAVA, ISO, NIST publications, States' standards and legislation, etc.
 - Revise and harmonize terms as needed
 - Multiple definitions for the same term or similar terms



Glossary: Highlights

- Added new definitions related to security, human factors, testing
 - E.g., VVPAT, privacy, accessibility, usability, conformity assessment
- Each term includes more than a definition
 - Source, association, and related terms
- Questions on definitions
 - What is a ballot?
 - Clarification needed for accreditation, qualification, certification for consistency with HAVA, NVLAP, VSS



Glossary: Next Steps

- Review and revise definitions
- Add new terms as needed
- Develop Web version of Glossary
 - Multiple views of the Glossary
 - By source, by association
 - Web accessible (eventually)
 - Prototype at http://www.nist.gov/votingglossary