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- NIST SP 800-63 rev. 4 represents an update to all 4 volumes of the standard.
- Update follows 2 separate public comment and discussion periods, multiple meetings with federal agencies and industry.
- Retains 3 assurance level model for IAL, AAL and FAL and basic organizational structure.
- Key objectives for rev. 4:
 - Increased flexibility for identity service implementation
 - Enhanced fraud resilience
 - Equity considerations
 - Enhanced agency flexibility for digital identity risk management and alignment with RMF.

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Digital Identity Guidelines

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Volume Overview – Substantive Changes



Base Document	Identity Proofing & Enrollment	Authentication & Lifecycle Mgt.	Federation & Assertions
Digital Identity Risk Assessment: revised content to address equity impacts, privacy and usability	IAL 1: Incorporated controls for IAL1 identity proofing to support lower risk applications.	Phishing Resistance: Added definition and requirements for phishing resistant authenticators.	Redefined FALs : clarified requirements to make compliance more understandable, particularly at FAL3.
For digital identity risk assessment to better align to RMF/FISMA	Trusted Referee & Applicant Reference: expanded content on Trusted Referee and introduced the	Requirements : Updated biometric performance	Provisioning & Identity APIs: Added content to include providing requirements for Relying Parties and a identity APIs used to passe identity.
xAL Selection: Updated xAL selection approach to better address impacts to equity, privacy, and usability.	concept of "Applicant References" to expand access and risk based options for agencies.	requirements and metrics and included discussion of equity impacts.	identity APIs used to passe identity attributes and data. Bound Authenticators : Added
Subscriber Account: Added requirements for maintenance of subscriber accounts to govern	Digital Evidence: Added more explicit language to support use of digital evidence in proofing.	Account Recovery: Provided additional context on account recovery options to account for users with limited access to	language for the use of "bound authenticators" in support of high assurance federation use cases (e.g., FAL3).
retention of PII, authenticators, and consent agreements. (Normative requirements in A, B,	Privacy Risk Assessments: Added requirements for privacy risk assessments for PII collection, retention,	multiple authenticators. Wireless Connections:	Federation Agreements: Expanded guidance and requirements for
C)	use, and consent.	Guidance and requirements for wireless direct connections for	Federation Agreements and IDP & RP responsibilities.

cryptographic authenticators.

RP responsibilities.

Questions/Comments?



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