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The UID System

Intent of UIDAI

The UIDAI has been setup by the Government of India with a mandate to issue Unique Identification numbers (UID Numbers) to all the residents in the country. UIDAI proposes to create a platform to enrol the residents of the country, issue UID Numbers. These numbers may then be used for authentication. This can be used by several government and private organizations for better delivery of services to residents.

The purpose of the UIDAI is to issue UID Numbers that are (a) robust enough to minimise / eliminate duplicate and fake identities, and (b) can be verified and authenticated in an easy, cost effective way. UIDAI will use common demographic and biometric data for establishing and verifying identity, therefore, it becomes essential to standardize these data fields and verification procedures across its registering partners (Registrars). This will aid interoperability across many systems that capture information and work with the residents.

UIDAI has selected biometrics feature set as the primary method to check for duplicate identity records. In order to ensure that an individual can establish their identity uniquely in an easy and cost-effective manner, it is essential that the captured biometric information is of a quality and standard that is capable of being de-duplicated. Further, for authentication of identity at the time of service delivery by government and private organisations, it is essential that the biometric information capture and transmission are standardized across all users of the UID Application.

In order to set these standards two committees were set up by the UIDAI. The Demographic Data Standards and Verification procedure Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri N.Vittal and the Biometrics Committee chaired by Dr. B.K.Gairola, Director General NIC, have submitted their final reports. These reports are available on the UIDAI website "uidai.gov.in".

Understanding UID System

India will be the first country to implement a biometric-based unique ID system on such a large scale. The UID will serve as a universal proof of identity, allowing residents to establish their credentials anywhere in the country. It will give the government a platform to monitor and track services and resource flows effectively, thereby achieving greater returns on social investments. Confirming 'you are who you say you are' remains the primary, often elusive goal of all identity systems.

The UIDAI approach – which will be online authentication, with biometric check – creates a very strong authentication system, and gives the UIDAI significant ability to confirm an individual's identity.

Goals of UID System

For details on the goal of UID system, refer to the document on UIDAI's website titled "Creating a unique identity for every resident in India - Draft approach" (http://uidai.gov.in/documents/Creating%20a%20unique%20identity%20for% 20every%20resident%20in%20India.pdf).

Key Features of UID System

- **Identity** every resident can have a lifelong ID that is common across systems.
- Authentication Is the process of ascertaining a person's identity, supports answering the basic question "is a resident the person he/she claims to be".

• **Standardization** – Standardization of Know Your Resident (KYR) Data and Processes, and Biometric Standards in order to achieve interoperability across several users of the system.



High Level System Overview

- **UIDAI** The Authority that will issue UID numbers and set standards for enrolment and authentication to be universally followed. UIDAI will among other things will design, develop, and deploy the UID Application with the help of service providers.
- **Registrar** Any government, private or non-governmental agency that can enrol and use online authentication using the UID Application.
- **Enrolment Agency** The agency that will actually enrol residents by capturing their demographic and biometric information in the field. They will be setup or employed on behalf of the Registrar.
- **UID Server** The central server that responds to enrolment and authentication requests.
- **Registrar System** The Registrars' IT systems and processes.
- Enrolment Client Software provided by the UIDAI to Registrar/Enrolling Agencies in order to enrol residents into the UID system.

UID Data and Biometric Standards

Demographic Data Standards

In order to fulfil its purpose, the UIDAI should stay focused on its goals and ensure standardisation. Therefore, it is important that the KYR data is kept to a usable minimum so as to support purpose of UIDAI and to **avoid** other profiling and transactional fields.

Names and Addresses

Names in India can range from a single word to many (sometimes even 5 or more) words in length depending on the region, caste, religion, etc. A standardized structure for names needs to be created for common KYR and interoperability between various systems.

Additionally, the country does not have a standardized national address format or well documented geographic boundaries beyond the village level. This creates issues when trying to map addresses in a standard way. Various forms issued by existing Registrars vary greatly when it comes to capturing addresses.

The Demographic Data Standards and Verification procedure Committee looked into standardization of name and address structure to enable uniformity across the country, recommended the fields which the UIDAI should capture and also prescribed the verification process for the fields.

UID Number Format

The design of the UID number format is based on several principles and requirements:

- The Unique Identifier should simply be a number and not include alphabets since a specific alphabet brings dependency to a specific script/language and literacy.
- The number should be semantics-free. Apart from reserving two special values for the first digit and the last digit (used as check digit), the remaining number value will be generated using a randomized process at the time one requests a new ID.

12 decimal digits will be sufficient to satisfy all the requirements, outlined below.

- The number should support 80 to 100 billion ID's at the outset. In other words, there should be at least 11 digits available for actual numbering.
- The number should be extensible with backwards compatibility to have more decimal digits, for example, 20 digits, if a need should arise in future. This can be accomplished by reserving a value of 0 for first digit of the number
- There should be well known, reserved numbers for purposes outlined below.
- The number should have an error detecting check digit that detects as many data entry errors as possible.
- To make it harder to guess a correct valid ID assigned to anybody we propose a much larger space (80 billion IDs) than the maximum number of IDs needed at anytime (estimated to be about no more than 6 billion IDs). This notion is captured by the density, which we define as a ratio of total number of ID's assigned to the total number of IDs available. Our target is that by design we keep this ratio below 0.05 at all times. The sparseness of the numbers will make it difficult to simply guess numbers. The check digit is another form of sparseness but, being a publicly disclosed algorithm, will not prevent guessing. The check digit enables error detection at data entry.
- There may be a need to assign UIDs to entities such as schools, companies and other institutions to facilitate symmetry in transactions between residents and entities. For example, financial transactions for NREGA scheme may deposit NREGA wages direct from a Gram Panchayat to a

particular resident. Such transactions could take the form: "TransferMoney(GramPanchayat_UID, Resident_UID, Amount)". While several other backend systems need to be in place for such transactions to take place, currently we are making a provision to assign up to ten billion entity UIDs. This requirement is met by reserving the value 1 for first digit (a1=1) to entity UID numbers.

Number Design



The format of 12-digit number is discussed below.

• The Version Number: Some digits may be reserved for specific applications. This is an implicit form of a version number embedded into the numbering scheme. We recommend the following reservations:

0 - numbers (a1 = 0) could be used as an "escape" for future extensions to the length of the number. For example, in future if we need 16 digit numbers, then we could say that 0 means that the number is 16-digits. As of now we can simply declare all 0 - numbers as TBD (to be decided).

1 - numbers (a1 = 1) could be reserved for entities rather than individuals. Alternatively, 11 could be reserved for entities (or 111) to match the size of the reserved space to the number of entities expected.

We could use 2-9 numbers (a1 =2, 3... 9) right away to assign UIDs. That is 80 billion numbers -- plenty of space.

- Number Generation: The numbers are generated in a random, nonrepeating sequence. There are several approaches to doing this in the computer science literature.
- Lifetime: Individual UID number is assigned once at inception and remains the same for the lifetime of the person, and for a specified number of years beyond. At this point there is no consideration of reusing numbers.
- Entity ID's: We expect that entity ID numbers (1- numbers) will have different rules for periods of validity and retirement.

UID for Infants and Children

All children will be assigned a UID number. It is very important for several service organizations such as education and health to be able identify children uniquely in order to deliver services effectively. Children's' fingerprints are not fully formed and hence cannot be used for de-duplication given the current state of technology.

Hence during enrolment, details of the parents are captured in order to link the child to established UID numbers so that either parent's information can be used to authenticate the child. When the child's biometrics are well-formed (as per biometric committee recommendations), biometric capture will take place and the child will be de-duplicated to ensure the uniqueness of the child. Until the child's biometrics can be used for de-duplication, their UID record will be flagged as "De-duplication not performed".

The best way to ensure that in the future all residents are correctly assigned UIDs is by enrolling infants at birth. This will require the birth registration systems be it manual or computerized get integrated into the UID enrolment process.

Data Fields Summary

Information	Fields	Mandatory /	Data Type
		Optional	
Personal	Name	Mandatory	Varchar (99)
Details	Date of Birth##	Mandatory	Date
	Gender	Mandatory	Char (1) – M/F/T
Address	Residential Address	Mandatory	8 address lines and pin code
Details			
Parent /	Father's/Husband's	Conditional	Varchar (99)
Guardian	/Guardian's Name*		
Details	Father's/Husband's	Conditional	Number (12)
	/Guardian's UID*		
	Mother's/Wife's	Conditional	Varchar (99)
	/Guardian's Name*		
	Mother's/Wife's	Conditional	Number (12)
	/Guardian's UID*		
Introducer	Introducer Name**	Conditional	Varchar (99)
Details	Introducer's UID**	Conditional	Number (12)
Contact	Mobile Number	Optional	Varchar (18)
Details	Email Address	Optional	Varchar (254)

A flag is maintained to indicate if Date of Birth (DoB) is verified, declared, or approximate.

* For infants, Father/Mother/Guardian's name (at least one) and UID is mandatory.

* For children under a particular age, biometric de-duplication will not be done. Hence their UID will be flagged as such until they are biometrically de-duplicated at a later age (see section on UID for Children). Their UID will be linked to at least of the parent's UID.

* For adults, Name of either Father/Husband/Guardian or Mother/Wife/Guardian is mandatory. But, an option will be provided to not specify in the case the adult is not in a position or does not want to disclose.

****** For residents with no document proof, an "introducer" should certify his/her identity. See later section on Introducer System.

Table 1: Data Fields Summary

Data Verification Process

It is essential that key demographic data is verified properly so that the data within UID system can be used for authentication of identity by various systems. There are 3 distinct methods of verification:

- Based on supporting documents
- Based on introducer system (see section 3.5 for details)
- Based on the NPR (National Population Register) process of public scrutiny

All the above forms of verification are acceptable for UID enrolment.

At a high level the 'Personal Details' and the 'Address Details' are mandatory, whereas the 'Parent/Guardian', 'Introducer' and 'Contact' details are optional or conditional.

In order to verify the correctness of certain mandatory fields, such as Name, date-of-birth and address, there is a concept of 'Proof of Identity' (PoI) and "Proof of Address" (PoA). PoI requires a document containing the resident's name and photograph, whereas the PoA contains the name and address.

Verification Summary

Information	Fields	Verification	Verification Procedure
		Required ?	
Personal	Name	Yes	• Any of the PoI documents.
Details			\circ Introducer for people who
			have no documents.
	Date of Birth##	No	
	Gender	No	
Address	Residential Address	Yes	• Any of the PoA documents.
Details	(for UID letter		\circ Introducer for people who
	delivery and other		have no documents.
	communications)		\circ Address will be physically

				verified during UID letter
				delivery. But, resident's
				physical presence not
				required during letter
				delivery.
Parent /	Father's/Husband's	Conditional	0	No verification of
Guardian	/Guardian's Name*			Father/Husband/Guardian
Details	Father's/Husband's			in the case of adults.
	/Guardian's UID*			
	Mother's/Wife's	Conditional	0	No verification of
	/Guardian's Name*			Mother/Wife/Guardian in
	Mother's/Wife's			the case of adults.
	/Guardian's UID*			
Introducer	Introducer Name**	Yes	0	Introducer's Name, UID on
Details	Introducer's UID**			the form.
			0	Physical presence of the
				introducer at the time of
				enrolment may not be
				practical. UIDAI will
				therefore suggest alternate
				methods to overcome this
				practical difficulty.
Contact	Mobile Number	No		
Details	Email Address	No		
## A flag is main	tained to indicate if Date of B	Rirth (DoB) is verifie	ed, d	eclared, or approximate.
* For infants, Fat	her/Mother/Guardian's name	e (at least one) and	UID	is mandatory.
For adults, Name of either Father/Husband/Guardian or Mother/Wife/Guardian is mandatory.				
** For residents with no document proof, an "introducer" should certify his/her identity. See later section				
on Introducer System.				

Table 2: Process Summary

For complete document, please refer to

http://uidai.gov.in/documents/UID_DDSVP_Committee_Report_v1.0.pdf

Biometric Data Standards

The UIDAI biometrics committee was constituted to provide the UIDAI with direction on the biometrics standards, suggest best practices and recommend biometric modalities for the UID system. These standards govern the biometric specifications required by the UID system.

Details of the committee's findings can be found at http://uidai.gov.in/documents/Biometrics_Standards_Committee%20report.pdf

Application Architecture

This chapter details out the architecture of the UID application and provide high level descriptions of the various modules within the system. In addition to high level system architecture, this chapter also describes the architecture principles and current choice of various technology frameworks that should be used to build the application.

Architecture Goals

- 1. **Scalability**: Ability to scale the system within servers, across servers, and across Data Centers (DCs) without inherent bottlenecks and code changes.
- 2. **Performance**: Ability to perform enrolment and authentication services within the expected time under peak load.
- 3. **Security**: Ability to secure data from thefts, tampering, unwanted modifications, network attacks, and other security threats using physical and logical measures.
- 4. **Interoperability**: Ability to interoperate with other systems/services <u>using open interfaces</u> and ability to continually re-factor and/or replace specific components without affecting rest of the system. Note that UIDAI only provide enrolment and authentication APIs and does not provide open interfaces to directly access resident's data by any system.
- 5. **Manageability**: Ability to manage end-to-end system and its components to ensure system health and SLAs.
- 6. **Availability**: Ability of the system to be up and running over long periods of time and ensure continuous availability.
- 7. **Upgradeability**: Ability to seamlessly upgrade services, components, and modules without affecting services and open interfaces.
- 8. **Maintainability**: Ability to continuously maintain, enhance, re-factor system without breaking other parts.

- 9. **Open Standards Based**: Technology choices should be based on open standards and widely adopted frameworks as long as it meets the needs of the system.
- 10. **Cloud Enabled**: Ability to deploy and run the application within a private cloud platform to take advantage of next generation cloud features.



High Level System View

The UID Server System consists of the UID application that sits on top of the eGovernance Cloud Platform. UID Server System is deployed centrally on one or many data centres and exposes various services over a secure network. Main application modules are "Enrolment Module" and "Authentication Module". In addition, various other modules for administration, analytics, reporting, fraud detection, portal user interface, etc. are also part of the UID Server System.



On the other hand, UID Enrolment Client is a rich client application that can be deployed to large number of computers on the field and works in offline disconnected mode. Enrolment agencies use the client software to enrol residents into the system on the field and upload data onto the server as a batch.

Following sections discuss these systems in detail and list out the functional and technical requirements of each of those systems and modules within them.

eGovernance Cloud Platform

Cloud computing is fast emerging as the next generation computing paradigm to build and deploy Internet applications targeting large sets of geographically dispersed users. Cloud computing facilitates these applications to be deployed and managed in distributed systems across data centres and provide clean abstraction from low level resource and application management. Typically these

deployments are highly virtualized and help businesses to use processors, memory, disks, and network in an optimal way.

Over the last few years several vendors have started offering these computing environments as "public" or "private" Internet cloud for the use of business. Next generation applications should be architected and deployed over such computing platforms to take advantage of scale and elasticity of the cloud. A private cloud deployment is very appropriate for eGovernance applications and Governments in various countries are rapidly adopting this platform.

UID Application will be architected for the cloud and will sit on an "eGovernance Cloud Platform" that will be assembled using open architecture and components. UIDAI will work with experts and platform providers to design and architect this platform. Specific procedures for building, sharing, and deploying this platform will be worked out in due course of time.

The eGovernance Platform will consist of mainly 3 layers:

- Back Office layer
- Infrastructure layer
- Operations layer
- Persistent Store (database) layer

Back Office Layer

The back office layer consists of administrative modules such as:

- Analytics and Monitoring
- Fraud Detection
- Billing & CRM
- Customer & Tech Support

Infrastructure Layer

The infrastructure layer contains system components such as:

• Distributed computing platform

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- Application Server
- Distributed caching service
- Event Management
- Audit & Logging System
- Process Management
- Application Monitoring and Management
- Alert and Task management
- Business Workflow processor and Rule engine

Operations Layer

The operations layer contain components that help administer the data centre and servers of the UID system, they include

- Data centre operations & management modules
- Network Management
- Data backup and archival
- Disaster recovery system

UID Application

The UID application consists of the interface layer and the application layer as shown in the architecture diagram.

Interface Layer

The interface layer is the only way in which the UID system can be accessed by the outside world, it supports the key enrolment and authentication services as well as makes available portals and other analytics and monitoring reports to both end users the residents as well as the eco-system of UID partners.

Application Layer

The UID application layer mainly consists of 2 components with other supporting components:

- 1. Enrolment Server
- 2. Authentication Server

Enrolment server

The enrolment server which works in conjunction with the enrolment client, takes in a request for UID enrolment and after establishing the uniqueness of the resident using biometric de-duplication, assigns a UID number. The enrolment consists of several sub-components

- Enrolment Module This module is the server counterpart to the enrolment client. It orchestrates the entire server side enrolment workflow to completion by calling various other sub-components like address-normalization, server side validation, biometric deduplication etc.
- Batch File Processing Due to the poor penetration of high bandwidth Internet services across large parts of the country, the UID enrolment needs to be designed for offline enrolment, where the enrolment client software continues to capture enrolment data at the local level and a batch file is submitted by the enrolling agency (through the Registrar) when connectivity is available. The creation, validation, uploading and tracking of these batch files is handled by the 'Batch file processing' sub-component.
- Address Normalization Since 1.2 billion residents and their addresses will be captured in the process of creating the UID database, it is important that the address field is structured correctly and can be used for UID authentication as well as service delivery by several Registrars. This sub-component with the help of administration boundary codification (e.g. mapping Pincodes to administrative boundaries like state id, district id, and village id)

and physical address verification (during UID letter delivery) will help addresses to be well structured.

- Local Language Support The UID system will support 2 languages (local language and English) during enrolment data capture. Though the UID client software will help transliterate from the source language (in which the form was typed, most likely the local language) to the other language, the server needs to validate the data being submitted in the 2 languages. There is also a need for the server to update the UID client with the latest language dictionaries and stemmers to keep the transliteration engine updated.
- Name Dictionary Since the Name is likely to be used while authentication by several Registrars, it is important that a name dictionary be created and continually updated on the server side so that it ensures reliable authentication. These name dictionaries have to be maintained in all languages supported by the UID system.
- Pre-enrolment Since the capture of biometrics using sophisticated biometric devices by highly trained professionals could be the bottle-neck in the entire enrolment processes, it is desirable to complete the other demographic data capture and verification ahead of the biometric capture. This step is called pre-enrolment. It is conceivable that through existing databases available to the Registrars (For example, state governments BPL, PDS, or NREGA databases) a pre-enrolment workflow can import data into the client module, and only call upon residents to capture biometric data so that it can be linked to the existing demographic record for that resident. The pre-enrolment server sub-component will need to support the above workflow see UID enrolment diagram.

Note that even with pre-enrolment, final verification is done at the time of enrolment during which biometric data will also be captured.

- Biometric Server The biometric server component will process the biometric information (fingerprints, photo of face and iris) to perform the minutiae extraction in the case of fingerprint and iris as well matching in order to de-duplicate the record before UID issue. During enrolment the biometric de-duplication requires a 1:N check against the entire database to ensure uniqueness. This is perhaps the most compute intensive operation that the UID server system will handle at peak loads of enrolment. Please see the section on Biometrics overview later in this document and the UID Biometric Standards report for a detailed review of the biometric capture, de-duplication and authentication.
- Letter Delivery & Management The UIDAI will send a letter to the resident's address upon successful enrolment and issue of UID number. The printing, delivery and tracking of the letter is the purpose of this sub-component. This is likely to involve integration with the delivery partner in order to track the letter and its delivery in the UID's enrolment workflow. Exception processing in the case of undelivered letter, lost letter handling, etc. will be designed and be part of this workflow.

Authentication server

The UID authentication server will provide several ways in which a resident can authenticate themselves using the UID online system. At a high level a Registrar can perform 'Demographic Authentication' or 'Biometric Authentication' or a combination, but in all the above forms of authentication the UID number needs to be submitted so that this operation is reduced to a 1:1 match (the resident's UID record is first selected using the number and then the demographic/biometric inputs are matched against the database fields for authenticating the resident). Various combinations of demographic and biometric authentication APIs can be supported.

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Note: All authentication services provide only a "yes/no" answer. No other data about the resident will be part of the response. There will not be any open APIs to access resident's data from the system.

Authentication server provides services for various UID authentication schemes. These include identity verification supporting verification of demographic fields and biometric signatures for residents. This is a 24x7x365 application providing anytime anywhere authentication over mobile and broadband networks. Authentication servers are high performance, massively distributed, and deployed across geographically distributed clustered system.

Authentication Channels: Authentication can be performed by accessing web services through an authentication client device (e.g. Mobile-phone/POS-device/Computer with a biometric scanner), can be performed by calling a phone number with operator assistance or IVR, by submitting a request via SMS. The UID interface layer will need to support multiple channels of authentication access.

Assurance Levels: The level of assurance that a Registrar can get from the UID system depends on several factors. For instance a biometric authentication against the UID central server provides a high level of assurance, whereas a demographic authentication could provide a medium level of assurance.

Match Thresholds: The various demographic and biometric matchers work on match thresholds and not on absolute digital (MATCH/NON-MATCH) outputs, the interpretation of match scores to a MATCH or NON-MATCH needs to be tuneable using match thresholds. The match thresholds need to be configurable by the Registrar based on their clientele, service delivery and hence authentication needs.

• **Demographic Authentication** – Online services that match demographic details against the input using transliteration and fuzzy matching.

- **Biometric Authentication** Online services that match biometric signature of the resident against the stored data.
- **Simple Authentication** Online service that match just name against UID number. This service is also available over SMS.
- Advanced Authentication Online service that match demographic and biometric inputs and support multi-factor authentication using PIN and DPIN.

UID Application will support only online methods of authentication. Any offline authentication support needs to be provided by the Registrar's own system.



Overview of Biometrics

The biometric functions are critical portions of the UID application. Given the unprecedented task of performing de-duplication of 1.2 billion records, the biometric components will be procured from biometric solution providers and will not be developed in house. Therefore the biometric requirements focus more on integration requirements. Certain biometric requirements such as de-duplication accuracy are provided for context only.



The biometric view of the overall system is divided into three sub modules:

- 1. Biometric enrolment client: The enrolment client captures biometric features of face image, ten fingerprints and dual iris images. It performs postprocessing such as segmentation and image quality check. After the required criteria are met, biometric data is passed over to the enrolment client software.
- 2. Duplicate check: A core component of Enrolment Server is biometric duplicate check. The duplicate check sub-module receives incoming biometric data and performs duplicate check against its database. This software runs in "batch" mode and is not synchronized with the image capture process. If a duplicate enrolment is suspected, the enrollee's demographical and biometric information is sent over to a manual deduplication workstation. Only on successful manual verification, the UID number is assigned.
- 3. Biometric verification: An API based function within Authentication Server accepts uncompressed or compressed image or feature set to compare against template stored in the database.

All of the three sub-modules will have a well defined interface with each other. The interface is based on well-accepted simple ISO standard, a relational database or well-insulated API. Any of the modules can be replaced without affecting the other sub-modules. This is a key requirement of the UID system. The sub-modules fit inside more complete overall processes of Enrolment and Authentication.

Biometric System Selection Goals

Three system level goals drive the overall design of the biometric system design.

- 1. **Interoperability**: For foundation level system such as UID system, the design must allow for replacement of components without any impact on the remaining components. The components in this context should be as fine grained as possible. Use of open standards such as ISO are mandatory.
- 2. Avoidance of vendor lock-in: In the area of biometrics, proprietary algorithm and data representation are perhaps required to achieve performance and accuracy requirements of the UIDAI. The system is designed such that these algorithms and data representation form a part of the black box, and the entire box can be replaced without any impact on the other biometrics black boxes. For example, one can replace enrolment server biometric de-duplication solution without any impact on the authentication server biometric verification solution. All proprietary data formats needed within each solution are not exposed outside of the black box. Use of open source also aids in standardization.
- 3. **User Convenience**: The entire process of enrolment and authentication must be conducted with strict conformance to quality and precision. At the same time, the process will provide transparency, flexibility and convenience to the resident. For example, the collection of biometric features will have user interface that is consistent with these requirements.

Inter-module Interfaces

There are four important interfaces/data representation formats.

1. **Biometric Enrolment Client**: The captured biometric data is represented per UIDAI Biometrics Design Standards. The images are in uncompressed format. Security and encryption requirements are specified in their respective section. This data is sent to the Enrolment server.

- Biometric Enrolment Server: Upon successful de-duplication and assignment of UID number, server stores biometric data in the Master UID DB. The biometric data format is per UIDAI Biometric Design. The data format and database used by the biometric de-duplication solution is within the "black box".
- 3. **Biometric Authentication Server**: The biometric authentication solution will generate the biometric template needed for verification from the Master UID DB. The templates are per UIDAI Biometric Design Standards. The storage and management of templates within the biometric solution is opaque to the rest of the system. It should be noted that templates created by Biometric Enrolment Server for de-duplication are distinct (and could be different) from the templates created in the authentication. Both templates are within the "black box" of respective biometric solutions.
- 4. **Authentication requests**: Incoming biometric verification request data format will comply with the UIDAI Biometric Standards.

Note: Following sections describe main application modules in detail. At the end of each individual section, a list of requirements is provided in tabular format. Requirements are numbered using an internal requirement numbering scheme (e.g. REQ-EC-SYS-101-P1) for traceability throughout the software development lifecycle.

Enrolment Module

Introduction to UID Enrolment



Enrolment Server Flow



Enrolment Client Flow



Requirements at a Glance

Requirement ID	Requirement Title
REQ-EC-SYS-100	General Client Features
REQ-EC-SYS-101-P1	Capturing Usage Metadata
REQ-EC-SYS-102-P1	Supporting Local Storage for Master Data
REQ-EC-SYS-103-P1	Ability to Import Pre-enrolment Data
REQ-EC-SYS-104-P1	Ability to Pull up Resident Record Locally from
	Imported Pre-enrolment Data
REQ-EC-SYS-105-P1	Support for Multiple Pre-enrolment Data Sources
REQ-EC-SYS-106-P1	Ability to Print Enrolment Receipt
REQ-EC-SYS-107-P1	Ability to Capture Usage Metadata for Analysis
REQ-EC-SYS-108-P1	Support for Localization in Supported Indian
	Languages
REQ-EC-SYS-109-P5	Support for Audio Messaging (confirmations,
	instructions, etc.) in Indian Languages

REQ-EC-SYS-200	Demographic Data Collection
REQ-EC-SYS-201-P1	Capturing UID Data Fields as per Specification
REQ-EC-SYS-202-P1	Supporting Indian Language Transliteration
REQ-EC-SYS-203-P1	Supporting Local Data Validation
REQ-EC-SYS-204-P1	Supporting Pincode Validation
REQ-EC-SYS-205-P1	Mapping Pincode to Region Codes
REQ-EC-SYS-206-P1	Normalizing Address Structure
REQ-EC-SYS-207-P1	Capturing KYR Process Data
REQ-EC-SYS-208-P5	Ability to Auto Suggest Values Entered Before based
	on Fuzzy Comparisons and Dictionaries
REQ-EC-SYS-209-P1	System Verification of KYR Process
REQ-EC-BIO-300	Biometric Data Collection
REQ-EC-BIO-301-P1	Ability to Capture Finger Prints as per Specification
REQ-EC-BIO-302-P1	Ability to Capture Photo as per Specification
REQ-EC-BIO-303-P1	Ability to Capture Iris as per Specification
REQ-EC-BIO-304-P1	Ability for Supervisory Overrides
REQ-EC-BIO-305-P1	Ability to Check Biometrics Quality as per Standards
REQ-EC-BIO-306-P1	Ability Perform Segmentation
REQ-EC-BIO-307-P1	Ability to Retry Specific Number of Times
REQ-EC-BIO-308-P1	Automatic Audit of Forced Capture
REQ-EC-BIO-309-P5	Support for Local Duplicate Checks
REQ-EC-BIO-310-P1	Biometric Sample
REQ-EC-BIO-311-P1	Biometric Bundle
REQ-EC-SYS-400	Client Manageability
REQ-EC-SYS-401-P1	Ability to Easily Install the Client
REQ-EC-SYS-402-P1	Ability to Auto Update from a Central Server
REQ-EC-SYS-403-P1	Ability to Upgrade Easily with Small Patches
REQ-EC-SYS-404-P1	Ability to Export and Import Master Data
REQ-EC-SYS-405-P1	Ability to Export Enrolment Data

REQ-EC-SYS-406-P1	Retention of Data till Server Receipt Confirmation
REQ-EC-SYS-407-P1	Recovery of Data in case of Disk Failure
REQ-EC-SYS-500	Client Security
REQ-EC-SYS-501-P1	Support for Operator Authentication – Biometric,
	Multi-factor
REQ-EC-SYS-502-P1	ACL Based Authorization and Task Management
REQ-EC-SYS-503-P1	Support for Detailed Audit Trail
REQ-EC-SYS-504-P1	Ability to Secure Enrolment Data from Theft
REQ-EC-SYS-505-P1	Ability to Secure Enrolment Data from Tampering
REQ-EC-SYS-506-P1	Ability to Secure Enrolment Client from Tampering
REQ-EC-SYS-507-P1	Ability to Authorize Supervisory Overrides
REQ-EC-SYS-508-P5	Ability to Protect Data from Malware and Viruses
REQ-EC-SYS-509-P1	Ability to Protect Specific Master Data (such as ACLs)
	from Tampering
REG-EC-SYS-600	Integration Features
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REQ-ES-SYS-103-P1	Integrate with Biometric Server for De-duplication
REQ-ES-SYS-104-P1	Publishing Events to Other Parts of the System
REQ-ES-SYS-105-P1	Ability to Audit Enrolment Processing
REQ-ES-SYS-106-P1	Ability to Store Intermediate Enrolment Data
REQ-ES-SYS-107-P1	Generating UID Number as per Specification
REQ-ES-SYS-108-P1	Interfacing with Letter Dispatch System
REQ-ES-SYS-109-P1	Tracking Statuses Based on Enrolment Workflow
REQ-ES-SYS-110-P1	Ability to Manually Take Decisions on Exceptions
REQ-ES-BIO-200	Biometric De-duplication
REQ-ES-BIO-201-P1	Ability to Perform Unbundle and Consistency Check
REQ-ES-BIO-202-P1	Ability to Perform Segmentation
REQ-ES-BIO-203-P1	Ability to Check Image Quality
REQ-ES-BIO-204-P1	Ability Perform Multi-modal De-duplication as per
	Accuracy Specifications
REQ-ES-BIO-205-P1	Ability to Perform Manual Check
REQ-ES-SYS-300	Integration Features
REQ-ES-SYS-300 REQ-ES-SYS-301-P1	Integration Features Supporting Integration with Enrolment Clients for
REQ-ES-SYS-300 REQ-ES-SYS-301-P1	Integration FeaturesSupporting Integration with Enrolment Clients for Master Data Update
REQ-ES-SYS-300 REQ-ES-SYS-301-P1 REQ-ES-SYS-302-P1	Integration FeaturesSupporting Integration with Enrolment Clients for Master Data UpdateSupporting Enrolment Client Software Update
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REQ-ES-SYS-402-P1	Ability to Deploy Enrolment Server across Many	
	Servers for Scalability	
REQ-ES-SYS-403-P1	Ability to Deploy Enrolment Server across	
	Partitioned Data	
REQ-ES-SYS-404-P1	Ability to Load-balance Jobs Across Servers	
REQ-ES-SYS-405-P1	Ability to Restart from Failures	
REQ-ES-SYS-406-P1	Ability to Execute Multiple Sub-tasks (validation, de-	
	dup, etc.) in Parallel	
REQ-ES-SYS-407-P1	Ability to Add and Remove Nodes from Cluster	
	without Affecting Jobs	
REQ-ES-SYS-408-P1	Ability to Handle Peak Load and Maintain Expected	
	Throughput	
REQ-ES-SYS-500	Data Storage	
REQ-ES-SYS-501-P1	Ability to Store Data Across Multiple Storage	
	Schemes	
REQ-ES-SYS-502-P1	Ability to Partition Data Horizontally and Vertically	
	and Distribute Across Nodes	
REQ-ES-SYS-503-P1	Ability to Secure Data Storage for All UID Data	
REQ-ES-SYS-600	Network, Deployment, and Manageability	
REQ-ES-SYS-601-P1	Ability to Deploy Enrolment Servers within Secure	
	Network	
REQ-ES-SYS-602-P1	Ability to Deploy Partitions Across Different	
	Networks Secured from Each Other	

Authentication Module

Understanding Authentication

There are multiple forms of authentication that the UIDAI can offer providing different levels of assurance ranging from high to low. Here we summarize the main forms of authentication, depending on the situation and equipment available.

Online Authentication

Online authentication is supported by the UID system. This can include:

- Online demographic authentication where the authenticating agency compares the UID number and demographic information of the UID holder to the information stored in the UID database. The assurance level here is medium.
- Online biometric authentication where the biometrics of the UID holder, his/her UID number and key demographic details are compared to the details on the server. The assurance level in this case is high.
- Online demographic/biometric authentication with API where the Registrar's backend system makes a programmatic call to the authentication APIs exposed by the UID system to perform authentication. The assurance level here may be medium-high depending on whether the check used demographic or biometric inputs.

Offline Authentication

Following offline authentication methods may be optionally supported by the Registrar, and does not use the authenticating service provided by the UIDAI.

- Photo match authentication where the photo on the Registrar-issued card is compared with the cardholder. This is the most basic form of authentication. The assurance level here is low.
- Offline biometric authentication compares the scanned fingerprint of the cardholder to the biometric stored on the Registrar-issued card. The assurance level here is medium.

Stateless Authentication Services

UIDAI expects extremely large volume of authentication requests a day once the UID number is widely adopted within various systems across the country. To cater to such large volumes, all authentication APIs should be stateless for high scalability and seamless load-balancing.

This means that "no" state should ever be maintained on the server and every request should be serviced as if it is a new request. Authentication clients should maintain necessary state during interaction with the resident to allow error handling, retries, and overall provide a friendly experience to residents.

Managing Assurance Levels

Authentication services should be made available under various assurance levels. Based on the functional need, applications should be able to choose an appropriate assurance level for its use. For example, banking or financial application may choose to use a higher level of assurance compared to NREGA or RSBY.

When choosing higher assurance levels, it is important to note that complexity (in terms of device and user knowledge point of view) also increases. Following chart indicates the relationship between assurance level and complexity.



Assurance Level

- A Simple demographic authentication has lowest complexity
- B Using biometric (finger print or iris) input during authentication increases assurance. Complexity also increases due to the fact that resident need to provide his/her biometric and possibility of errors or usage issues increases.
- C Using DPIN (dynamically generated transaction level PIN) increases the assurance further. But requirement for a mobile device and obtaining and inputting DPIN adds complexity.
- D Using a secret PIN adds further assurance. But, most residents may not be able to remember PIN. In addition, communicating, resetting, etc. adds to process complexity.
- **E** Using a combination of biometric/DPIN/PIN (multi-factor) during authentication provides highest assurance, with most complexity.

Note: Above graph is for illustrative purposes only.

"Tolerance Level" for Fuzzy Matches

Authentication services will allow checking of demographic data such as name and address. In the context of Indian names and local language usages, (see a separate requirement on local language support during authentication) name and address matching can be tricky and can result in high non-matches. To avoid this issue, authentication services will support a concept called "Tolerance Level". This is the parameter which tells the authentication server how fuzzy the match can be. Requesting applications can provide their desired tolerance level as part of the input.

Tolerance level should only be supported for "Name" and "Address" matching. Requesting applications can supply an acceptable level as part of the input for authentication service. For example, when checking addresses, LPG delivery application may need "high" tolerance level where as NREGA may only need a "medium" level.

Typically, tolerance level is mapped to an internal "match score". For example, "High" tolerance level may be mapped to a match score greater than 95, "Medium" >80, and so on. Usage of match score or other techniques should be clarified as part of design.

Requirement ID	Requirement Title
REQ-AS-SYS-100	Authentication Services
REQ-AS-SYS-101-P1	Support for Tolerance Level for Fuzzy Matches
REQ-AS-SYS-102-P1	Online Demographic Data Check
REQ-AS-SYS-103-P1	Basic Name Check
REQ-AS-SYS-104-P1	Online Address Check
REQ-AS-SYS-105-P1	Test Automation for APIs
REQ-AS-SYS-106-P1	Statelessness of APIs

Requirements at a Glance

REQ-AS-SYS-200	Managing Assurance Levels
REQ-AS-SYS-201-P1	Using Biometric during Authentication
REQ-AS-SYS-202-P1	Using DPIN during Authentication
REQ-AS-SYS-203-P5	Using PIN during Authentication
REQ-AS-SYS-204-P5	Performing Multifactor Authentication
REQ-AS-SYS-300	Local Language Support
REQ-AS-SYS-301-P1	Local Language Support for Demographic
	Authentication
REQ-AS-SYS-302-P1	Local Language Support for Address Verification
REQ-AS-SYS-400	Performance, Scalability, and Availability
REQ-AS-SYS-401-P1	Simple Authentication Performance
REQ-AS-SYS-402-P1	Advanced Authentication Performance
REQ-AS-SYS-403-P1	Address Verification Performance
REQ-AS-SYS-404-P1	Horizontal Scalability
REQ-AS-SYS-405-P1	High Availability within a DC
REQ-AS-SYS-406-P1	High Availability Across Multiple DCs
REQ-AS-SYS-407-P1	Ability to Partition Data Across Servers and DCs
REQ-AS-SYS-408-P1	Ability to Load-balance Across Servers and DCs
REQ-AS-SYS-500	Security and Auditing
REQ-AS-SYS-501-P1	Protecting from Stealing Request Data
REQ-AS-SYS-502-P1	Protecting from Unauthorized Clients
REQ-AS-SYS-503-P1	Protecting from Request Tampering
REQ-AS-SYS-504-P1	Ability to Audit Authentication Requests
REQ-AS-SYS-505-P1	Ability to Retain Audit Trails for Prescribed Days
REQ-AS-SYS-506-P1	Ability to Optionally Notify Resident of
	Authentication Requests
REQ-AS-SYS-600	Synchronization Requirements
REQ-AS-SYS-601-P1	Ability to Synchronize changes from Enrollment DB

REQ-AS-SYS-602-P1	Ability to Synchronize across DCs
REQ-AS-SYS-603-P1	Ability to Guarantee Change Propagation
REQ-AN-SYS-100	Authentication Network
REQ-AN-SYS-101-P1	Basic Authentication over SMS
REQ-AN-SYS-102-P1	Advanced Authentication over Internet Connection
REQ-AC-SYS-100	Authentication Client
REQ-AC-SYS-101-P1	Cell Phone for SMS Authentication
REQ-AC-SYS-102-P1	Devices for use with Internet Connection (Mobile,
	POS, Computer, etc.)

Fraud Detection Module

Generally, fraud is defined as intentionally deceiving a person or organization to gain illegal access to resources and benefits. It is important for the UID system to create a fraud detection module that is able to detect and minimize identity fraud.

Following are some of the examples of fraud

- 1. Misrepresenting information
- 2. Multiple registrations by the same resident
- 3. Creating invalid registrations of people who don't exist
- 4. Identity theft by authenticating as someone else
- 5. One or more of the above, without the knowledge or understanding by the resident

Given the heterogeneity of fraud detection, one cannot expect a single algorithm to address the situation. A layered Fraud Detection engine must be implemented as a part of the UID project which can detect/prevent various types of fraud. A systems-based approach combined with manual inspection, investigation and learning is essential for a complete fraud detection system.

The fraud detection system should be designed to detect who committed the fraud at an individual or organizational level. Depending on the method used, it may also be able to detect the channel through which the fraud was committed.



Systems Overview

Above figure shows the components of the fraud detection system at a high level. The fraud detection system should be designed keeping modularity in mind, such that each functional block can be perceived as a black box with input and output interfaces to the rest of the system. The entire fraud detection system is a black box within the larger UID system, with a well-defined input and output interface.

- 1. Data Store (DS): Sync audit trails and UID data from the UID data store
- 2. **Fraud engine (FE)**: Contains rules and algorithms for fraud detection
- 3. Inspection console (IC): Anything requiring manual review is sent here
- 4. Action engine (AE): All external actions (manual and automatic) are processed here

Both, FE and AE have extensible rule engines. The FE should also have a highly standardized and flexible interface that allows new algorithms from universities

and industry to be plugged in, without requiring detailed knowledge of other modules.

The fraud detection system must operate within the constraints of privacy and policies that are outlined in the UIDAI Act and other subordinate legislation (currently in draft stage).

Requirements at a Glance

Requirement ID	Requirement Title		
REQ-IO-FRD-400	Published Inputs and Outputs		
REQ-IO-FRD-411-P1	Supporting Black List Input		
REQ-IO-FRD-412-P1	Supporting KYR Data as Input		
REQ-IO-FRD-413-P1	Audit Trails as Input		
REQ-IO-FRD-421-P1	Supporting Internal Feedback for Learning		
REQ-IO-FRD-422-P1	Updating Blacklist based on Patterns		
REQ-IO-FRD-423-P1	Supporting Manual Investigation		
REQ-DS-FRD-500	Fraud Data Store		
REQ-DS-FRD-510-P1	Creating Data Store		
REQ-DS-FRD-511-P1	Supporting Storage of UID Fields for Optimal		
	Analysis		
REQ-DS-FRD-512-P1	Supporting Storage of Audit Trails for Optimal		
	Analysis		
REQ-DS-FRD-520-P1	Supporting Reputation scores		
REQ-DS-FRD-530-P1	Supporting Extensible Metadata		
REQ-DS-FRD-540-P1	Supporting Pluggable Engine based on Interfaces		
REQ-DS-FRD-541-P1	Supporting Read/Write Interfaces to UID Server		
REQ-DS-FRD-542-P1	Supporting Read/Write Interfaces to to Fraud Engine		
REQ-DS-FRD-543-P1	Supporting Read/Write Interfaces to Action Engine		
REQ-DS-FRD-550-P1	Process Session Data		
REQ-DS-FRD-560-P1	Supporting Detailed Logging		

REQ-DS-FRD-570-P1	Supporting ACLs
REQ-FE-FRD-600	Fraud Engine
REQ-FE-FRD-610-P1	Rules Interfaces
REQ-FE-FRD-620-P1	Supporting Job Scheduler
REQ-FE-FRD-630-P1	Methods for detecting fraud
REQ-FE-FRD-631-P1	Detecting Data Anomalies
REQ-FE-FRD-634-P1	Supporting State Driven Transitions
REQ-FE-FRD-635-P1	Supporting Setting Limits
REQ-FE-FRD-636-P1	Supporting Geographical analysis
REQ-FE-FRD-640-P1	Providing Rule engine
REQ-IC-FRD-700	Inspection Console
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1	Inspection Console User Interface for Manual Inspections
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1 REQ-IC-FRD-702-P1	Inspection ConsoleUser Interface for Manual InspectionsUser Interface for Configuration of Fraud Engine
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1 REQ-IC-FRD-702-P1	Inspection Console User Interface for Manual Inspections User Interface for Configuration of Fraud Engine
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1 REQ-IC-FRD-702-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-800	Inspection Console User Interface for Manual Inspections User Interface for Configuration of Fraud Engine Action Engine
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1 REQ-IC-FRD-702-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-800 REQ-AE-FRD-810-P1	Inspection Console User Interface for Manual Inspections User Interface for Configuration of Fraud Engine Action Engine Supporting Configurable Action Engine Workflow
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1 REQ-IC-FRD-702-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-800 REQ-AE-FRD-810-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-811-P1	Inspection ConsoleUser Interface for Manual InspectionsUser Interface for Configuration of Fraud EngineAction EngineSupporting Configurable Action Engine WorkflowKeeping Track of Action Event Creator Identity
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1 REQ-IC-FRD-702-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-800 REQ-AE-FRD-810-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-811-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-812-P1	Inspection ConsoleUser Interface for Manual InspectionsUser Interface for Configuration of Fraud EngineAction EngineSupporting Configurable Action Engine WorkflowKeeping Track of Action Event Creator IdentityKeeping Track of Action Event Triggered
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1 REQ-IC-FRD-702-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-800 REQ-AE-FRD-810-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-811-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-812-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-813-P1	Inspection ConsoleUser Interface for Manual InspectionsUser Interface for Configuration of Fraud EngineAction EngineSupporting Configurable Action Engine WorkflowKeeping Track of Action Event Creator IdentityKeeping Track of Action Event TriggeredConfiguring Action Event processing
REQ-IC-FRD-700 REQ-IC-FRD-701-P1 REQ-IC-FRD-702-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-800 REQ-AE-FRD-810-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-811-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-812-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-813-P1 REQ-AE-FRD-814-P1	Inspection ConsoleUser Interface for Manual InspectionsUser Interface for Configuration of Fraud EngineAction EngineSupporting Configurable Action Engine WorkflowKeeping Track of Action Event Creator IdentityKeeping Track of Action Event TriggeredConfiguring Action Event processingPublishing Action Event Results

Administration Module

The UID system deals with a range of entities that access the system for specific administrative activities such as adding users, configuring access permissions, etc. The Administration module deals with the creation, management, and reporting of activities from these entities. The following entities are defined.

- **Registrars**: These entities are the primary contractual partners with which the UIDAI has agreements in place to enrol residents. A Registrar will have various users associated with it, who will be able to manage business processes that include the creation of Sub-Registrars, and enrolment agencies.
- **Sub-Registrars**: Various departments within a State are known as Sub-Registrars.
- **Enrolment Agencies**: A Registrar typically works through enrolment agencies for actual field implementation.
- **Field Agents**: These users are out in the field, typically part of an enrolment agency, collecting data from residents.
- **Introducers**: Registrars and/or UIDAI may enlist the support of introducers, who will vouch for the identity of individuals who lack sufficient documentation / proof of identity, and address. These introducers may belong to government or private enterprises including NGOs. Introducers must be added to the system before they can actually start introducing residents. For details, refer to section 3.5 of DDSVP Committee report.
- Authentication Clients: These are the business users of the UID system, who are allowed to verify the identity of various individuals.

In addition to external entities, certain internal groups (within the UIDAI) are also defined.

- Administrators: These users are responsible for managing the system. They have the ability to create other user types, setup groups, and assign access control parameters.
- Customer Service Agents: These respond to requests from residents regarding various aspects of the UID system. Various use cases will be determined, which will allow the agent to answer user queries related to specific UIDs.
- **Biometric De-duplication Agents**: When the biometric system identifies certain enrolment records to be potentially duplicate, this is sent over to

de-duplication agents who use the demographic data, as well as the biometric data to identify duplicates (or otherwise).

• **Fraud Detection Agents**: These are part of the fraud unit, who are allowed to make certain queries to identify certain patterns of usage, and potential fraudulent activities.

The Administration module will allow the creation, modification, and deletion of these user records, and groups, as well as the setting up of appropriate access controls. In addition, it will provide an analytics / reporting module which will allow the UIDAI to track the performance and reliability of the system.

Administering Trust Network

The administration module is responsible for the creation, deletion, and modification of user records, groups, and permissions. Trust flows through this system from the UIDAI to the resident. The administration module should allow this trust network to be created, and managed.

Administering Various Cases

The main use cases are:

- Administration: Creation / User Management
- **Business Management**: Signing up Registrars, tracking documentation, and contracts.
- **Pre-Enrolment**: Collecting demographic data of residents prior to going out in the field and enrolling them.
- **Enrolment**: Issuing a UID number to a resident, after collecting the necessary demographic biometric data, and ensuring that no duplicate IDs are created.
- **Authentication**: Validating that a certain [Resident data, UID number] pair is present in the system.

The administration module will allow administrators, and other users to see the status of these use cases, trace specific use cases, and measure the performance of individual users, and subsystems. The system will have built-in escalation mechanisms, to handle failure / delays. In the event of certain performance measurements going out of bounds, alerts can be sent by email / other escalation mechanisms.

Requirement ID	Requirement Title
REQ-AD-SYS-100	General Features
REQ-AD-SYS-101-P1	User Management
REQ-AD-SYS-102-P1	Roles, and Access Control list management
REQ-AD-SYS-103-P1	Business Process instrumentation
REQ-AD-SYS-104-P1	Status Reports

Requirements at a Glance

Analytics and Reporting Module

The progress of UID enrolments and the subsequent authentication requests needs to be provided for public view as well as Registrar monitoring. It would be desirable to be able to track these progress indicators by administrative boundary (State, District etc) as well as by Registrar (PAN, NREGA, PDS, Banks, Telecoms etc). The analytics and reporting module will publish these aggregate numbers for public consumption. A visual reporting system that includes GIS, graphs and pie-charts is envisioned in order to make the information userfriendly and accessible.

The Analytics and Reporting module will provide reports on the use cases, as well as the subsystems, and users involved in the handling of these cases. Aggregate statistics, by region, will be presented visually with the help of a map where appropriate, which will allow users to drill down on regions, and get statistics.

Requirement ID	Requirement Title
REQ-AR-SYS-100	General Features
REQ-AR-SYS-101-P1	Business Process Aggregate Metrics Reports
REQ-AR-SYS-102-P1	Interactive, Map based Aggregation / Drilldown
REQ-AR-SYS-103-P1	Sub-system Reports as Needed

Requirements at a Glance

Information Portal

The information portal will provide an overall dashboard to track the performance of the UID system. This is divided into the following portals.

Partner Portal

The UID project is based on a partnership model consisting of Registrars and their respective enrolling agencies on the ground. There are other entities such as device suppliers, trainers, letter delivery agencies, pre-enrollers etc all of whom play an important role in enrolling 1.2 billion residents. The partner portal will cater to the needs of the partner community.

This portal will provide them with overall statistics for use cases that involve them, as well as allow them to track individual cases.

These users will be able to track:

- Administration, and User management creation / deletion of the user records
- Aggregate Pre-Enrolment stats for them number, latency, validation issues. (for Registrars, Sub-Registrars, and Enrolment Agencies)
- Aggregate Enrolment statistics for them number, latency, approvals, rejection reasons (for Registrars, Sub-Registrars, and Enrolment Agencies)

- Aggregate Authentication statistics for them number, latency, success / failures (for authentication clients)
- Track individual resident cases pre-enrolment, enrolment, and authentication that they are involved in.

Public Portal

The UID being a project of national importance will need to continually share various design, development, implementation and operational aspects with the public. The grievance redressal system needs to also be integrated into the public portal in order to redress complaints and grievances faced by residents in the process of enrolment or authentication. The UID information portal will address the above needs. This portal will also provide all users with information about the UID system, and allow them to drill down on the performance by region, etc. It will not allow users to track individual cases.

However, a method will be provided to get in touch with the UID for specific questions, as well as addressing grievances.

All users will be able to see:

- 1. List of Registrars, Enrolment Agencies, etc.
- 2. Number of UIDs issued by time (day, month, year), and region (country, state, district, city)
- 3. Performance Metrics At an aggregate level the number of Registrars, latency to allocate UIDs, number of complaints, etc.
- 4. Authentication requests count, latency, success / failures.
- 5. Grievance requests filed with the UIDAI, and the responses.

Data Portal

We want to expose all publishable public information through a "Data Portal" where all data is exposed in machine readable formats. This portal allows 3rd party developers to develop web 2.0 applications based on this data. REST style

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URLs should expose this data and should encourage the ecosystem to build applications to take advantage of this data.

Requirement ID	Requirement Title
REQ-IP-SYS-100	Partner Portal
REQ-IP-SYS-101-P1	Provide Partner Level Statistics
REQ-IP-SYS-102-P1	Provide Partner Level Metrics
REQ-IP-SYS-103-P1	Supporting Drill Down within Various Reports
REQ-IP-SYS-104-P1	Track Individual Support Cases
REQ-IP-SYS-200	Public Information Portal
REQ-IP-SYS-201-P1	Provide Aggregate Metrics Visibility
REQ-IP-SYS-202-P1	Support Grievance Requests, and Handling
REQ-IP-SYS-300	Data Portal
REQ-IP-SYS-301-P1	Expose Public API for all Portal Data Access
REQ-IP-SYS-302-P1	Implement Public APIs
REQ-IP-SYS-303-P5	Provide an Application Development Platform

Requirements at a Glance

Implementation Frameworks

This section provides a high level overview of development frameworks to be used for the application development. The principles behind the choice of the implementation frameworks:

- 1) Need to scale to large number of enrolments and authentications.
- 2) No vendor lock-in.
- 3) Use of open-source technologies wherever available and prudent.
- 4) Use of open standards to ensure interoperability.
- 5) Ensure wide device driver support for biometric devices (important factor in the choice of the client implementation frameworks).
- 6) Use of technology platforms and tools that have large pool of qualified and trained technology personnel.

UID Server Frameworks

UID Server includes application modules that processes enrolment requests coming from the Registrars, validates data, does biometric de-duplication, generates UID number, and communicates with the resident as well as the Registrar. In addition to providing enrolment services, it also offers various online authentication services including biometric authentication to verify the claim of a resident.

Following are the technology framework choices for the UID Server modules:

- Machine architecture 8086 32-bit / 64-bit Server
- Operating System Linux
- Database Industry Strength RDBMS
- Distributed computing platform, message queue, web server, distributed caching platform, biometric matching algorithm, etc. Provided by vendors / 3rd party providers / libraries
- Application APIs, web services, user interfaces, etc. built on Java using available 3rd party libraries and frameworks

UID Client Frameworks

Enrolment Client is a rich client application that needs to work offline (without connectivity to any server) and fully support features such as demographic data collection, data transliteration, address normalization, biometric data capture, secure data storage, etc.

Following are the technology framework choices for the UID Enrolment Client:

- Machine architecture 8086 32-bit Desktop / Laptop
- Operating System Multiple (Windows, Linux, Mac)
- Device Drivers (biometric), Transliteration Engine, and other external components – Provided by vendors / 3rd party providers
- Application (API and User Interface) Built on rich client technologies on supported the operating systems

Note: In the future, UIDAI may decide to choose alternate technology frameworks if found necessary to meet the technology needs of the system.

Engineering Environment Overview



Planned Roadmap of UID Application

UIDAI plans to use a rapid development and continuous build-test-release cycle for its application development. Continuous builds, highly automated test environment, and monthly integrated internal release cycles are critical for the success of this project.

Release 1

An integrated and fully tested initial release "Release 1" is planned in July, 2010. This release1 consists of 2 sub-releases

- 1) Cloud based eGovernance platform release1
- 2) The UID application release1

The UID application release primarily consists of Enrolment Client, Enrolment Server with multiple biometric de-duplication engines, Authentication Server, and simple Administration Server. This release should handle up to the capacity of 1 million (10 lakhs) UID being enrolled into the system.

Release 2

Next main release "Release 2" is planned in November, 2010. This release consists of 2 sub-releases:

- 1) Cloud based eGovernance platform release2
- 2) The UID application release2

the UID application "Release 2" consists of "Release 1" features as well as additional fully functioning modules such as Administration, Analytics & Reporting, Partner & Public Portals, Fraud Detection, and enhancements to few other supporting frameworks. This release also is designed towards much higher scalability and should handle capacity up to 100 million (10 crores).

Features and Releases

Enrollment Client – Features	1.0	2.0	Future Versions
Pre-enrolment data support for pilot registrars	Ø		
Advanced pre-enrolment data support		V	
Self pre-enrollment portal		Ŋ	
Demographic Data Capture	V		
Basic Transliteration	V		
Advanced Transliteration (local language keyboard, name dictionary)	Ŋ		
Address Capture and region code normalization	Ŋ		
Address Normalization (basic code mapping)	Ŋ		
Address Normalization (street and landmark smart matching)		V	
Biometric Capture	V		
Biometric Verification, Quality checks	Ŋ		
Local De-duplication		Ŋ	
Data storage (encrypted and digitally signed)	Ŋ		
Secure Data Upload	Ŋ		
Secure Data Sync	V		
Software Auto-update		V	
Pluggability of Client into other application	Ø		

Operator Auth (biometric & password)		
Advanced Security Features (mal-ware checks, system		A
validation checks, etc.)		

Enrollment & Auth Server – Features	1.0	2.0	Future Versions
Enrollment Data Interface	V		
Biometric De-duplication	Ø		
Advanced Biometric De-duplication (for medium scale)		V	
Manual De-duplication Interface	V		
Letter Printing and Delivery			
Advanced Biometric (multi-modal) De-duplication and Scaling		Ø	
Data Validation and UID Generation	V		
Distributed Computing Platform		V	
Distributed Caching Framework		V	
Data Encryption	Ø		
Data Partitioning		V	
Simple Authentication Service			
Advanced Authentication Service (Biometric, Address check, language support)	Ø		
Multi-factor Authentication (PIN, DPIN)		V	

High Availability Deployment	V		
Manual User management (operator, admin, introducer, etc.)	Ŋ		
Advanced UI for Configuration Data Management		V	

Other Server Modules – Features	1.0	2.0	Future Versions
Fraud Detection Engine		V	
Rules Engine		V	
Basic CRM Features		V	
Advanced CRM			
Billing			
Basic 3 rd Party Application Development Infrastructure		V	
Advanced 3 rd Party Application Development Platform			Ŋ
Portal Interface	Ø		
IVR and Call Center Interface		Ø	
Mobile Interface	Ø		
Administration UI		V	
Pub/Sub Event Framework		V	
Alert & Task Management	Ø		
Process/Workflow Management	Ø		
Advanced Process/Workflow Management		V	

Advanced Data Security, Partitioning		Ŋ	
Multi-DC Deployment			Ŋ
Basic DC Operations (Server Admin, Backup, NW Admin)		Ŋ	
Advanced Multi-DC Operations			Ŋ
Test Automation, Continuous Builds, Automated	Ŋ		
Deployment			

Overview of workload

UID Application Release 1 should be built to scale up to 1 million (10 lakhs) UID numbers and subsequent version - Release 2 - should have the capacity to scale up to 100 million (10 crores) UID numbers.

Note: These are only system capacity numbers and not the actual UID number roll out plan. A detailed field rollout plan will be prepared by UIDAI and published later.