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# TRUSTID Multiplier Event in Germany

Project Information and Technology Day – TRUSTID Info and Tech Day

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2023

Marios Belk, Cognitive UX GmbH



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# Agenda

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## Project Information and Technology Day – TRUSTID Info and Tech Day

Gathering and Welcome Speech by the Host – *Dr. Mario Belk*

Introduction and Overview of the TRUSTID Project – *Dr. Mario Belk*

Ensuring Academic Integrity and Trust in Online Learning Environments: Main Outcomes from a Longitudinal Study on the Analysis, Implementation and Evaluation of an AI-centered Proctoring System in Higher Education Institutions – *Dr. Mario Belk*

### *Coffee Break and Networking*

Design and Implementation of Open-source Privacy-preserving Toolkit and Application Programming Interfaces – *Mr. Michail-Panagiotis Bofos and Dr. Argyris Constantinides*

- TRUSTID Live System Demonstration
- Integrating and Using the TRUSTID Open-Source Technology
- Hands-on Interaction with the Open-source TRUSTID Technology

### *Coffee Break and Networking*

Conclusions, Discussions and Networking



# TRUSTID Overview

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- *TRUSTID: “Intelligent and Continuous Online Student Identity Management for Improving Security and Trust in European Higher Education Institutions”*
- Part of the actions of Erasmus+ 2020 and in particular the Call “*Strategic Partnerships in Response to the COVID-19 Situation: Partnerships for Digital Education Readiness in the field of Higher Education (KA226)*”
- Duration: June 2021 - May 2023 (**24 Months**)
- Currently pursuing **Month 24** of the project

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University of Patras, Patras, Greece (*Project Coordinator*)
- Department of Computer Science, University of Cyprus,  
Nicosia, Cyprus (*Project Partner*)
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Coimbra, Portugal (*Project Partner*)
- Cognitive UX GmbH, Heidelberg, Germany (*Project Partner*)



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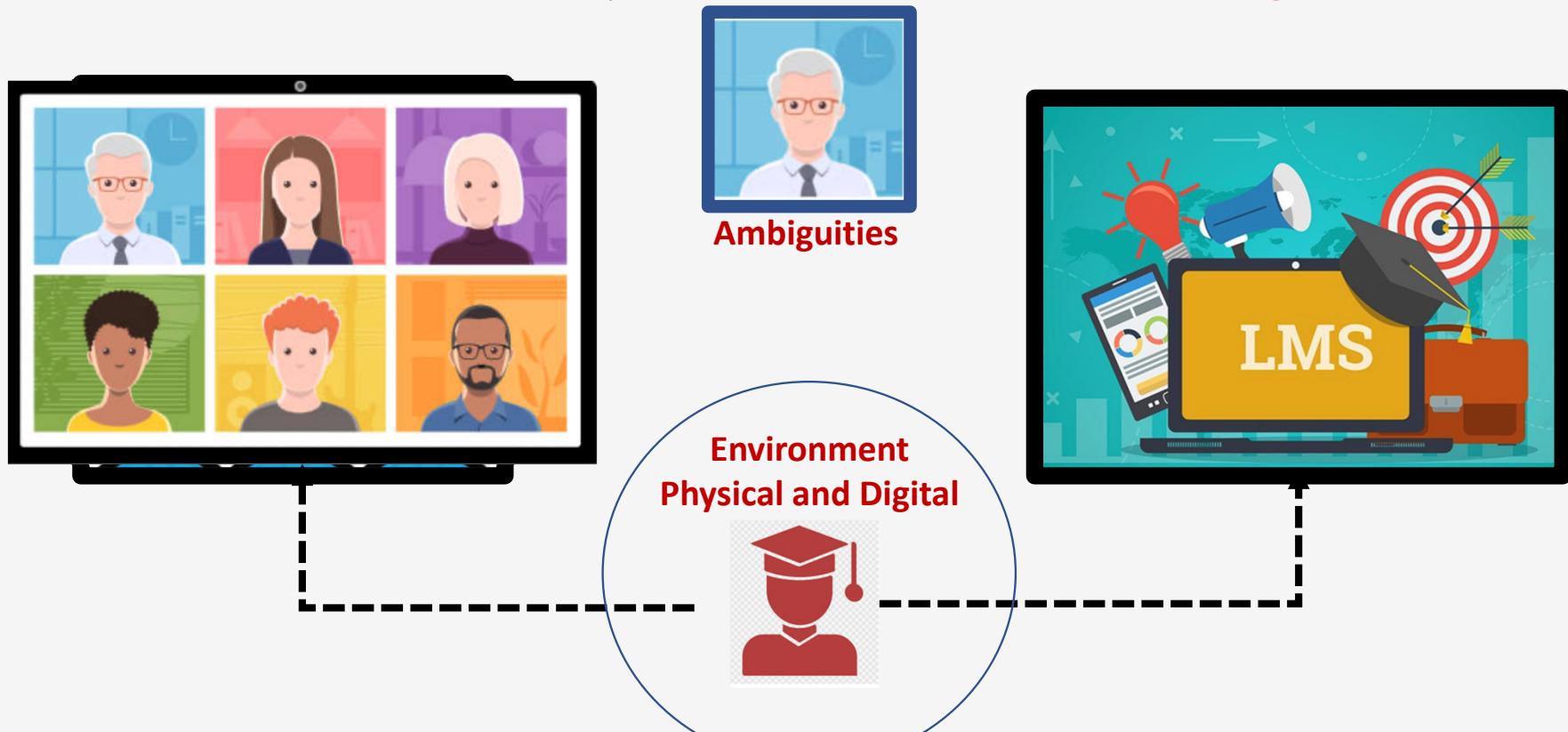
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# Covid-19 outbreak: Problem and Challenges in HEI's

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- Before the Covid-19 outbreak many HEI's followed a **blended learning** educational model



## - Challenges

- Continuously and seamlessly identify students while preserving their privacy and without interrupting or interfering with the current learning activities of each HEI
- Provide insights to instructors in order to take informed decisions for their classes and attendees
- Provide alternative integration capabilities and modes of TRUSTID in order to better adapt to specific requirements of each HEI

Design, develop and evaluate a **multi-tier continuous student identification framework**, bootstrapped to HEIs' needs, that will consist of state-of-the-art intelligent image, voice and interaction data processing **while preserving their privacy**

# Core Objectives

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- Literature review on current practices and procedures related to student identity management of EU HEIs and triangulate findings with stakeholders' studies at the participating HEIs
- Design and develop an integrated framework for student identity management
- Validate the solution through a User-Centered Design (UCD) methodology; two formative studies are planned, during the software development process; and one summative study is planned, after the final release of the software
- Create a repository that will support knowledge building
- Dissemination and exploitation activities – research papers, workshops, seminars, LTTAs, etc.

# Intellectual Outputs

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- Intellectual Output 1: Analysis & validation of the TRUSTID framework for HEIs' continuous student identity management (*Conceptual*)
- Intellectual Output 2: Implementation of an open-source software toolkit (*Operational*)
- Intellectual Output 3: Evaluation and validation reports in the context of three case-studies at different HEIs (*Lessons Learned and Guidelines*)
- Intellectual Output 4: Knowledge building online community and repository (*Sustainability*)



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# Key Achievements and Milestones reached

# Intellectual Output 1 – Tasks and Achievements

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## IO1 - Needs Analysis and Design of the Theoretical Framework for Continuous Student Identity Management

**Output:** Publications, Other, Dataset

- Task 1.1: Needs Analysis on Identity Management in HEIs
- Task 1.2: Needs Verification at HEIs
- Task 1.3: Specification of the Framework

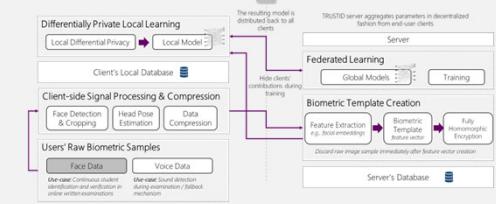
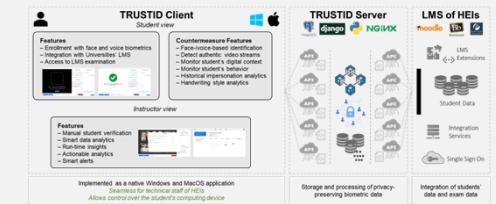
## Achievements and Outputs

### Specifications of the TRUSTID framework

- Refined the framework
- Specifications for the face, voice and interaction identification mechanism
- Specifications for LMS integrations of TRUSTID at UPAT, UCY, UC sites

### Privacy-preserving architecture for continuous student identity management

- Designed the privacy-preserving architecture
- Defined the privacy-preserving smartphone wallet
- Defined the flow between client and server applications of TRUSTID towards achieving privacy-preservation of users' biometric data



# Intellectual Output 2 - Tasks and Achievements

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## IO2 - Design and Implementation of Open-source Privacy-preserving Toolkit and Application Programming Interfaces

**Output:** Software, Services, Publications

- Task 2.1: Architecture Design
- Task 2.2: Privacy-preserving Biometrics
- Task 2.3: Development of Voice-, Image- and Interaction-based Algorithms
- Task 2.4: Integration and Verification Testing

### Achievements and Outputs

Major improvement of the face-based identification mechanism enrollment and continuous identification

Development of the **voice-based and interaction-based identification** mechanisms

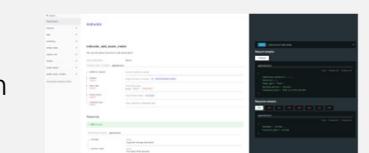
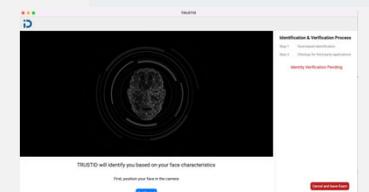
Implemented a new **architecture for privacy-preservation**

**Prototype** designs and implementations

Development and integration of new features in the **native Windows and MacOS applications**

Mechanisms for **LMS integration**

**Application Programming Interface**, end-points for service integration



# Intellectual Output 3 - Tasks and Achievements

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## IO3 - Evaluation Reports regarding Efficiency, Effectiveness and User Acceptance of TRUSTID in Three Case Studies at Higher Education Institutions across Europe

**Output:** Dataset, Publications

- Task 3.1: Design of Experimental Evaluation Methodology
- Task 3.2: Formative Evaluation Report
- Task 3.3: Summative Evaluation Report

### Achievements and Outputs

Successfully completed the PoC2 study with 133 participants, which participated in the user evaluation study in which they interacted with various mechanisms of TRUSTID.

Planned and organized the **final summative evaluation study**

**Running the final summative formative user study** to test the final proof of concept and evaluate its usability and accuracy of implemented identification mechanisms (face, voice, interaction).

# Intellectual Output 4 - Tasks and Achievements

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IO3 - **Knowledge Repository** containing Training Webinars, Guides of Best Practices, Integration Guidelines, Training Materials and Forum Discussions on how to Adopt and Deploy Continuous Student Identity Management Solutions in HEIs

**Output:** Internet, Broadcast, Event, Publications, Video

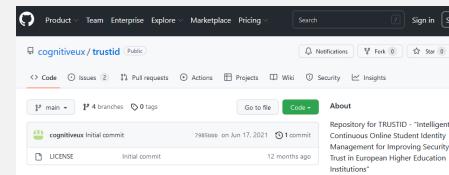
- Task 4.1: Training Webinars
- Task 4.2: Best Practice Guides
- Task 4.3: System Integration Guidelines (through an Application Programming Interface)

## Achievements and Outputs

**Deployment of Final Knowledge Repository**  
<https://trustid-project.eu/kr.php>

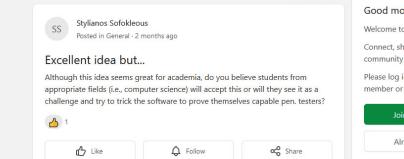
**Deployment of Final TRUSTID Community Forum**  
<https://trustid-project.eu/community.php>

**TRUSTID GitHub Open-source Code Repository**  
Available at: <https://github.com/cognitiveux/trustid>



**Knowledge Repository**

- Educational, Training and Course Material
  - Ethical Guidelines and Data Privacy
  - TRUSTID Solution Design
  - User Needs & User Feedback
  - Threat Models and Countermeasures
  - Image-based Recognition
  - INFOGRAPHIC - Covid19 Impact on Higher Education
  - INFOGRAPHIC - Interviews with Stakeholders and Identified Threat Scenarios
- Open-source TRUSTID System Code :: hosted on GitHub
  - Main GitHub branch
  - TRUSTID Windows Application
  - TRUSTID MacOs Application
  - Face-based User Identification Algorithms



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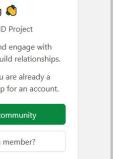
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TRUSTID Project Webinar at the University of Cyprus



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Online Student Identification with Face Recognition



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TRUSTID Webinar - Beyond Passwords: Biometric...



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TRUSTID Webinar - Strong Authentication Best Practic...

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# Ensuring Academic Integrity and Trust in Online Learning Environments

Main Outcomes from a Longitudinal Study on the Analysis, Implementation and Evaluation of an AI-centered Proctoring System in Higher Education Institutions

# Needs Analysis

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- *Aims*
  - Verify the needs analysis with the active involvement of the participating HEIs
  - Identify the current authentication and identity management practices and their drawbacks within the online/distance learning domain
- **Conduct a series of semi-structured interviews** with stakeholders with the university partners
  - *Sample:* 31 stakeholders participated from all partner HEIs

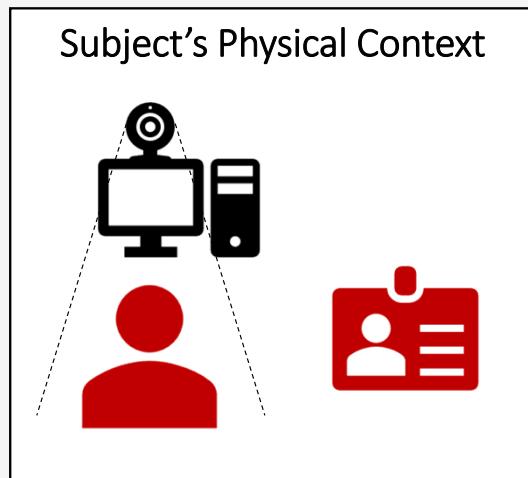
## Three-phase methodology

- Phase A: Needs Analysis
- Phase B: Needs Verification Analysis
- Phase C: Countermeasures and Features

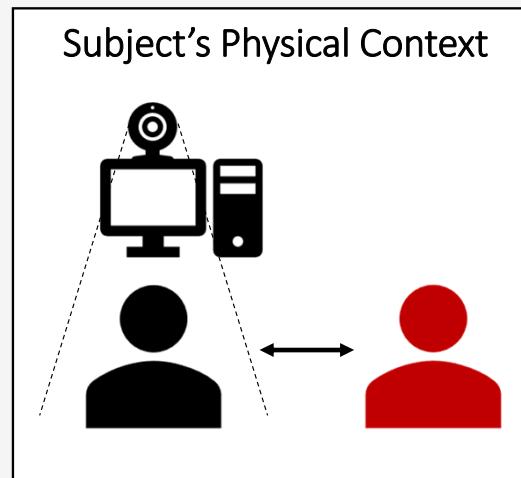
Stakeholder Group	Higher Education Institution 1	Higher Education Institution 2	Higher Education Institution 3
Students	2	3	3
Instructors	3	4	3
System Administrators	2	2	2
Decision Makers	2	1	1
Data Protection Experts	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>

# Identification of Impersonation Threat Scenarios

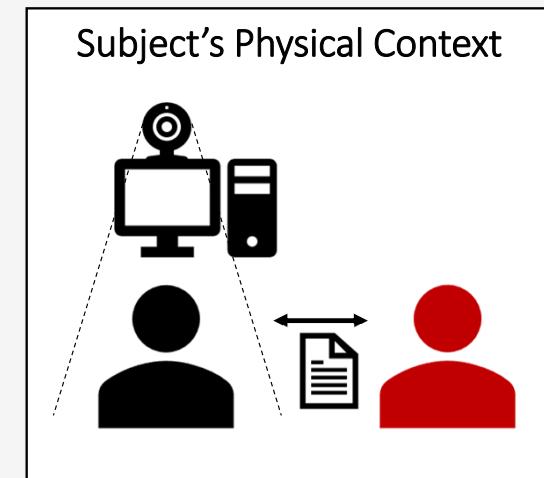
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*Subject fakes his/her identity proofs during enrolment*



*Subject switches seats with another person after enrolment*



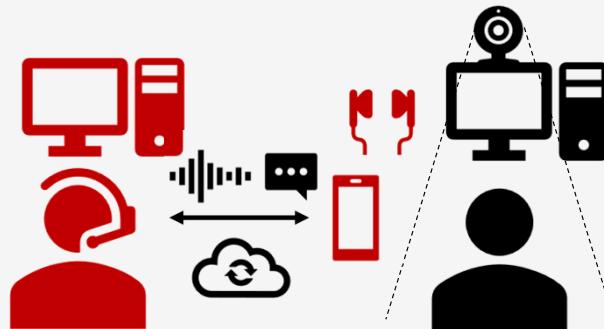
*Exchange of hardcopy written messages*

# Identification of Communication, Collaboration and Resource Access Threat Scenarios

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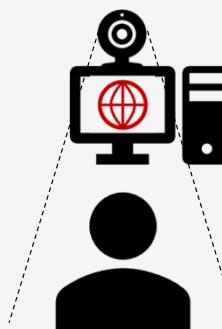
## - Computer Mediated Scenarios



*Remote communication/collaboration between a smartphone or another computer of the subject and another remote computer*

*B<sub>1</sub>: Communication through voice or chat*

*B<sub>2</sub>: Collaboration through mobile application (e.g., remote desktop connection)*



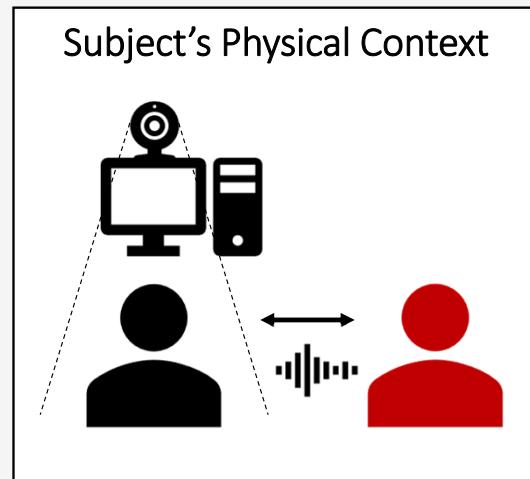
*Subject seeks for help from online resources, search engines, which are not allowed based on the examination policy*

# Identification of Communication, Collaboration and Resource Access Threat Scenarios

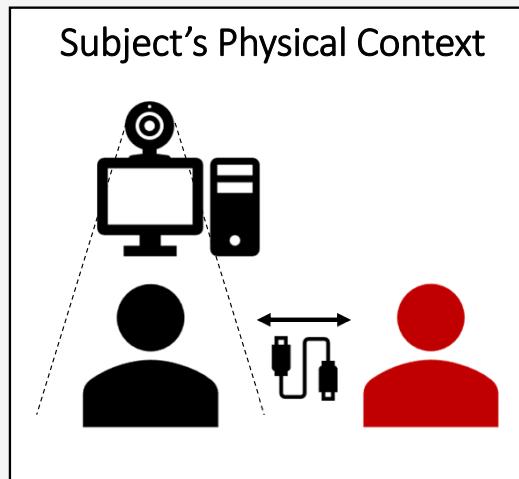
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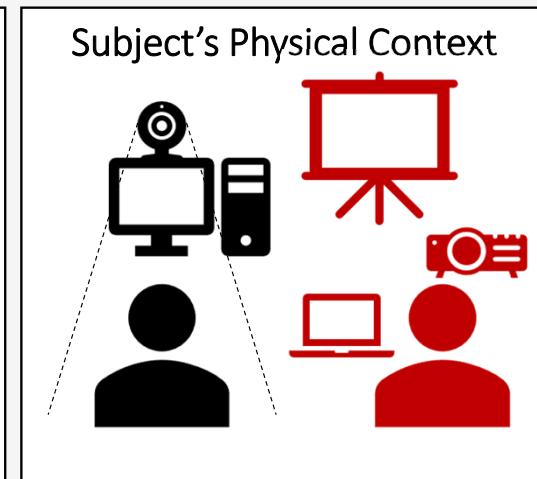
## - In-situ Scenarios



*Interaction with another person in the same room through voice*



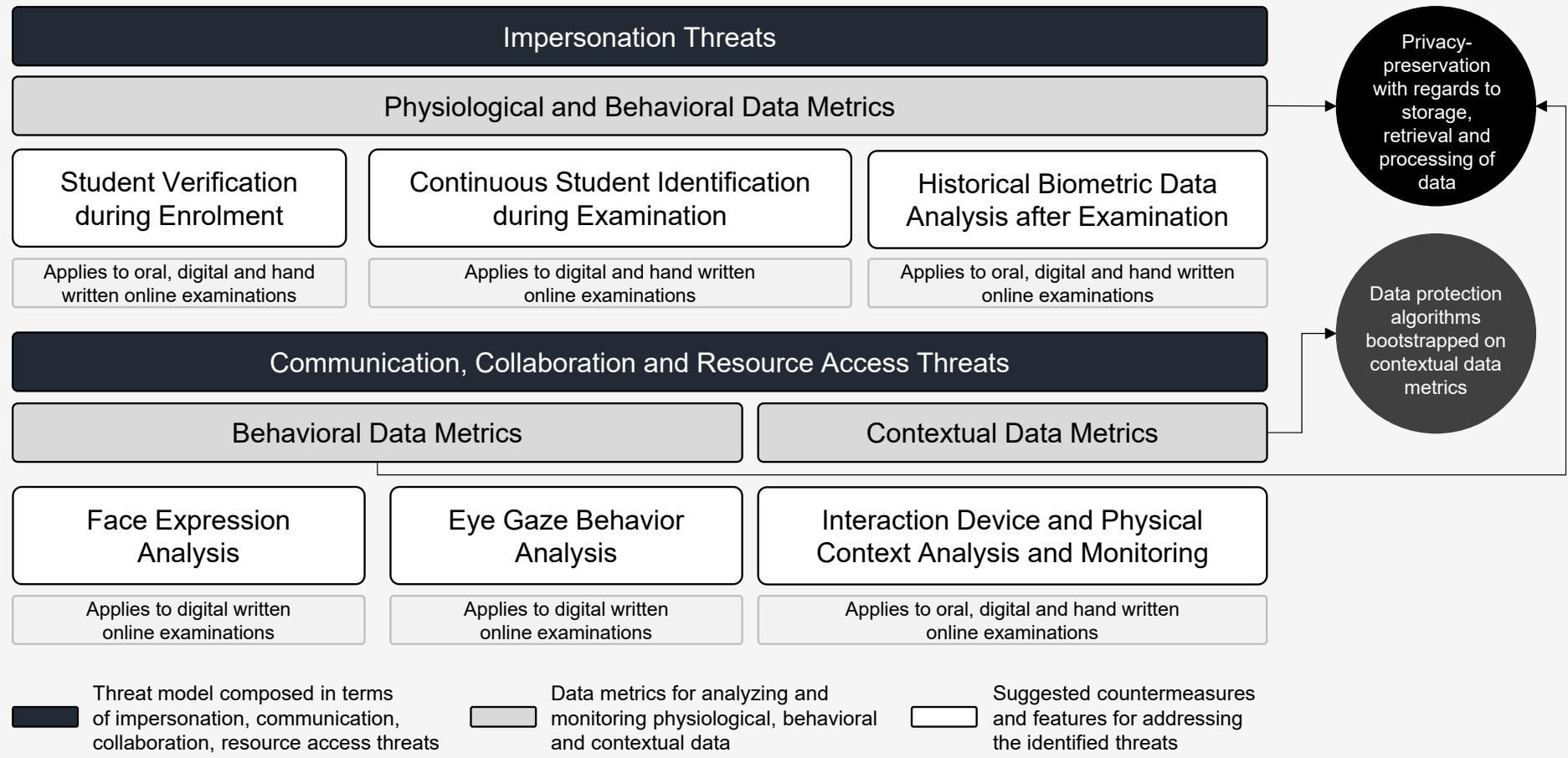
*Another person that is in the same room as the subject is interacting with the examination using other devices of the subject's computer*



*Projection of answers on a whiteboard*

# Threat Model, Data Metrics and Countermeasures

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# Design and Implementation of Open-source Privacy-preserving Toolkit and Application Programming Interfaces

# Intellectual Output 2 (IO2)

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- Design and Implementation of Open-source Privacy-preserving Toolkit and Application Programming Interfaces
- Lead: Cognitive UX GmbH
- Participating Partners:
  - University of Patras
  - University of Cyprus
  - University of Coimbra ISR
- Output type: Services / structures – E-learning platform
- Media: Software, Service, Publications



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# IO2 - Tasks and Task Leaders

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- Task 2.1: Architecture Design
  - **Lead:** Cognitive UX GmbH
  - *Participating:* University of Patras, University of Cyprus, University of Coimbra
- Task 2.2: Privacy-preserving Biometrics
  - **Lead:** University of Cyprus
  - *Participating:* University of Patras, University of Coimbra, Cognitive UX GmbH
- Task 2.3: Development of Voice-, Image- and Interaction-based Algorithms
  - **Lead:** Cognitive UX GmbH
  - *Participating:* University of Patras, University of Cyprus, University of Coimbra
- Task 2.4: Integration and Verification Testing
  - **Lead:** Cognitive UX GmbH
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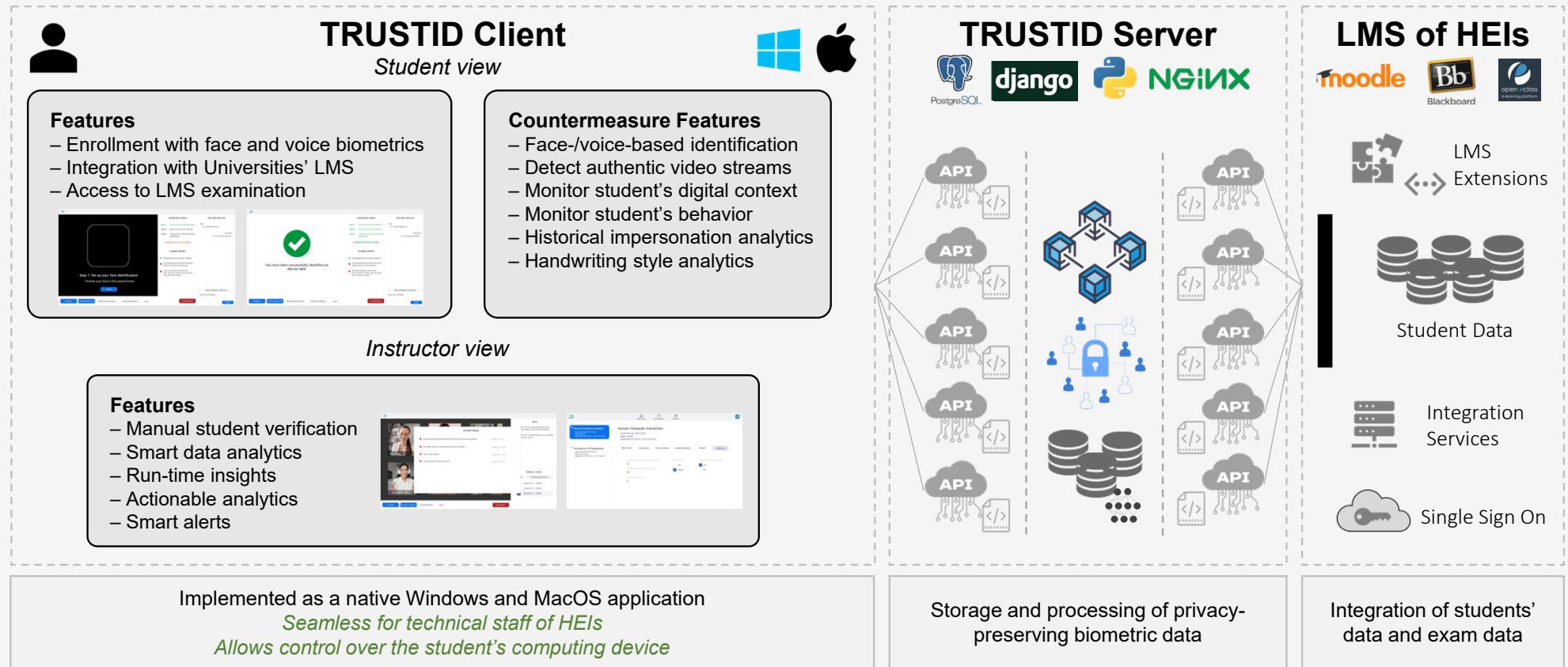
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# TRUSTID High-level Framework

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# Client Application

Windows and MacOS

# Integrated Login

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TRUSTID :: Intelligent Student Identity Management

**TRUSTID**

Email

Password

Organization  University of Cyprus   
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**Login**



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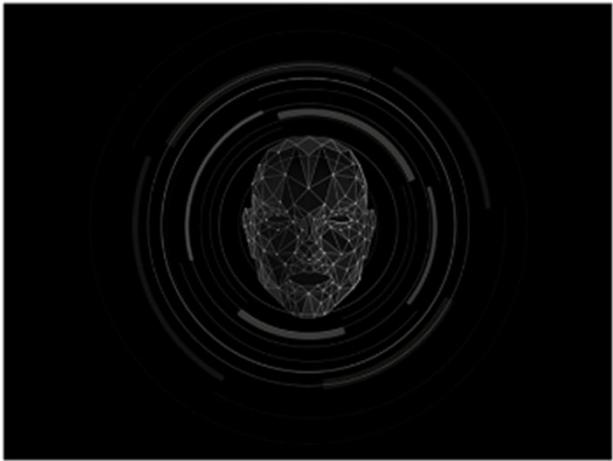
# Register Face Biometrics

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Face Enrollment

## Register Face Biometrics



TRUSTID needs your consent to collect your face data  
Please select I consent to continue

I consent

Cancel Enrollment

Biometrics Process

Step 1 - Consent

Step 2 - Face Biometrics

Biometrics Ready



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# Register Voice Biometrics

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Voice Enrollment

## Register Voice Biometrics



Biometrics Process

Step 1 - Consent

Step 2 - Voice Biometrics

Biometrics Ready

TRUSTID needs your consent to collect your voice data  
Please select I consent to continue

I consent

Cancel Enrollment



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# Control and Manage Biometrics

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The screenshot shows a web-based application window titled "TRUSTID :: Intelligent Student Identity Management". The top navigation bar includes icons for "Dashboard", "Examinations", "Biometric Models", and a user profile icon labeled "AC". The main content area is titled "Edit Biometrics" and features two entries:

Biometric Type	Created on	Action
Voice	06/12/2022 12:47:50	<a href="#">Update</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
Face	06/12/2022 12:48:50	<a href="#">Update</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>



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# Continuous Face Identification

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Face Identification

## Face-based Identification



TRUSTID will identify you based on your face characteristics  
First, position your face in the camera frame

Get Started

Cancel

### Identification and Verification Process

- Step 1 - Face-based identification
- Step 2 - Voice-based identification
- Step 3 - Checkup for third-party applications

Identity Verification



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# Continuous Voice Identification

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Voice Identification

## Voice-based Identification



### Identification and Verification Process

- Step 1 - Face-based identification
- Step 2 - Voice-based identification
- Step 3 - Checkup for third-party applications

### Identity Verification

Your voice is now being recorded - Please speak loudly and clearly

Capture

Cancel



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# Digital Written Examination Scenario

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Written Examination

Multiple Choice Questions

**What does the ERASMUS acronym stand for?**

European Committee Agency Scheme for the Mobility of University Students

European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students

European Continental Agility Scheme for the Mobility of University Students

European Congress Ambassador Scheme for the Mobility of University Students

**Monitoring**

Camera capture is enabled

Voice capture is enabled

Checkup running applications is enabled

TRUSTID will periodically capture your photo and voice for continuous identification purposes and will checkup the running applications and processes on your computer

**User Feedback Mechanism**

I will impersonate with another person

I will open a forbidden application

**Send Feedback**

**Close Exam**



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# Oral Examination Scenario

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Oral Examination

## Oral Examination in Progress



**Monitoring**

Camera capture is enabled

Checkup running applications is enabled

TRUSTID will periodically capture your photo and voice for continuous identification purposes and will checkup the running applications and processes on your computer

**User Feedback Mechanism**

I will impersonate with another person

I will open a forbidden application

**Send Feedback**

**Close Exam**

Start Voice Capture

Stop Voice Capture



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# Examination Management Dashboard

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ID Dashboard Examinations Management

Add Exam

Edit Exams

Enroll



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<button>Add</button> <button>Cancel</button>		

Edit Exam

Name	ID	Date	Enrolled Students
Introduction	61667302972	07/12/2022 00:00:00	59

View Enrolled Students Edit Exam Cancel



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# LMS Integration and Synchronization Tools

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Upload and Enroll to Exam

**Upload and Enroll Students:**

Upload students:

C:\Users\argyr\Downloads\test\_users (1).csv

First name	Last name	Email
Adamos	Adamou	aadamou@live.com

Select Exam:

61667302972

Select all students:  Yes

All students selected

View Enroll Students

Students Enrolled in Exam: Introduction

First name	Last name	Email
Christou	Panikos	panikoschristou@yahoo.com
Georgiou	Mariaeleni	mgeorg04@ucy.ac.cy
Panagi	Paraskevi	ppanag03@ucy.ac.cy
Tsakilioti	Evangelia	euatsakilioti@gmail.com
Tzamou	Maria	mtzamo01@ucy.ac.cy
Sofocleous	Elena	sofokleous.elena@ucy.ac.cy
Sofocleous	Elena	elenadepp1524@gmail.com
Aristodemou	George	george_arist@gmail.com



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# TRUSTID Backend – Application Programming Interface

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**TRUSTID API**

The endpoints for interacting with the TRUSTID server

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Schemes: **HTTP**

Filter by tag

**instructor**

- POST** /instructor/add\_exam
- POST** /instructor/enroll\_students
- GET** /instructor/list\_exam
- POST** /instructor/update\_exam\_details

**login**

- POST** /login

**monitoring**

- POST** /monitoring

**refresh\_token**

- POST** /refresh\_token

**register\_user**

- POST** /register\_user

**student**

- POST** /student/identification
- GET** /student/list\_exam

**trustid\_version**

- GET** /trustid\_version

**update\_exam\_condition**

- POST** /update\_exam\_condition

## login

**POST** /login

Creates a JSON Web Token if the provided credentials are correct

**Parameters**

Name	Description
<b>data</b> <small>required</small>	<small>(body)</small>  <small>Edit Value   Model</small>  <pre>{     "email": "string",     "password": "string" }</pre>

**Cancel**

Parameter content type: application/json

**Execute**

**Responses**

Code	Description
201	JSON Web Token has been created successfully. The value is returned in <code>resource_obj</code> .

Response content type: application/json

**Code** **Description**

201 **JSON Web Token has been created successfully. The value is returned in `resource_obj`.**

**Example Value | Model**

```
{  
    "message": "string",  
    "resource_name": "string",  
    "resource_obj": {}  
}
```

# Web API – Documentation

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Authentication

- instructor >
- login >
- monitoring >
- refresh\_token >
- register\_user >
- student > AUTHORIZATIONS: Bearer REQUEST BODY SCHEMA: application/json
- trustid\_version >
- update\_exam\_condition >

Documentation Powered by ReDoc

**instructor**

**instructor\_add\_exam\_create**

The view that allows instructors to add examinations

AUTHORIZATIONS: Bearer

REQUEST BODY SCHEMA: application/json

additional\_material boolean (Additional material)

duration integer (Duration in minutes) [ 0 .. 9223372036854776000 ]

exam\_type string (Exam type)  
Enum: "Oral" ["Written"]

privacy\_policy string (Privacy policy)  
non-empty

scheduled\_date string <date-time> (Scheduled date)

**Responses**

200 Success

RESPONSE SCHEMA: application/json

message string  
A general message description

resource\_name string  
The name of the resource

POST /instructor/add\_exam

Request samples

Payload

application/json

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```
{  
    "additional_material": true,  
    "duration": 0,  
    "exam_type": "Oral",  
    "privacy_policy": "string",  
    "scheduled_date": "2021-12-13T13:28:55Z"  
}
```

Response samples

200 400 401 403 404 405 415 500

application/json

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```
{  
    "message": "string",  
    "resource_name": "string"  
}
```



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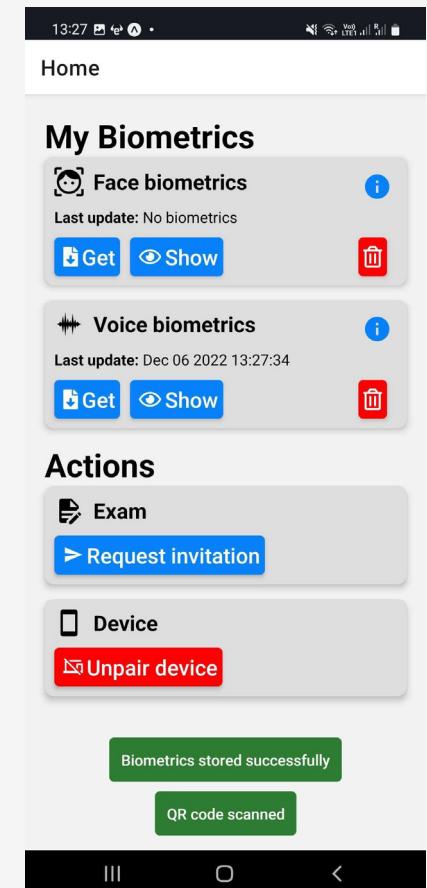
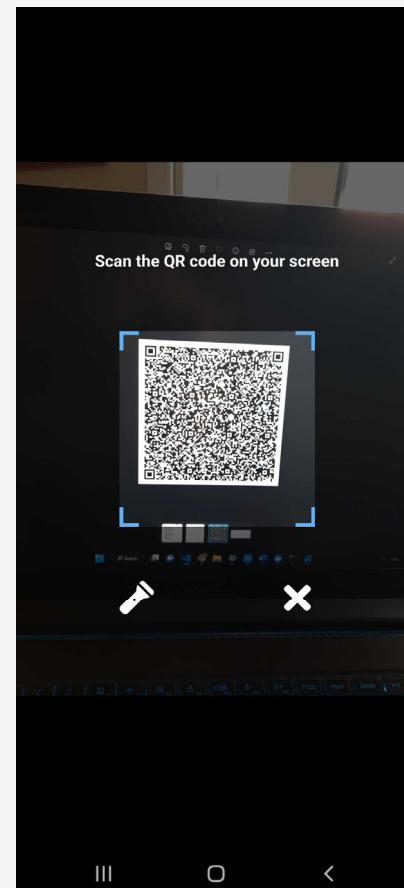
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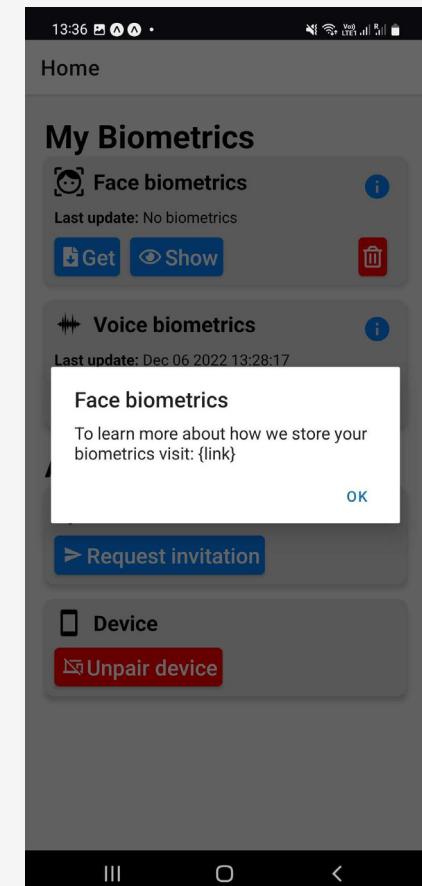
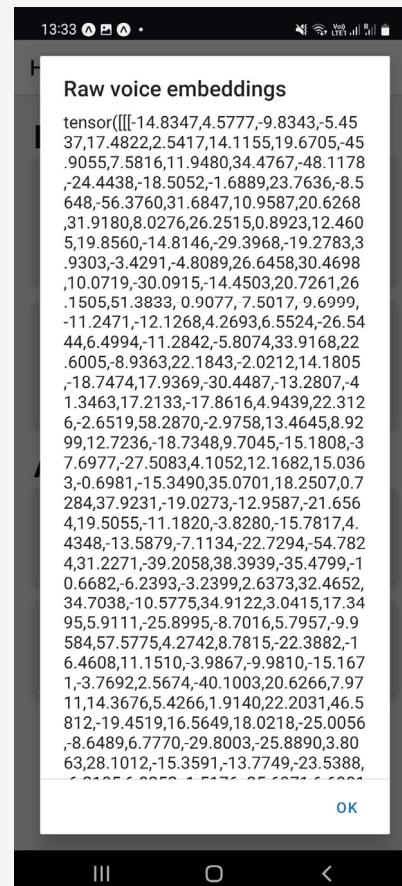
# Wallet for biometrics models

- Pair mobile application with TRUSTID system to fetch and store the biometric models locally



# Wallet for biometrics models

- Management of biometrics models
  - Display
  - Delete
  - Privacy policy

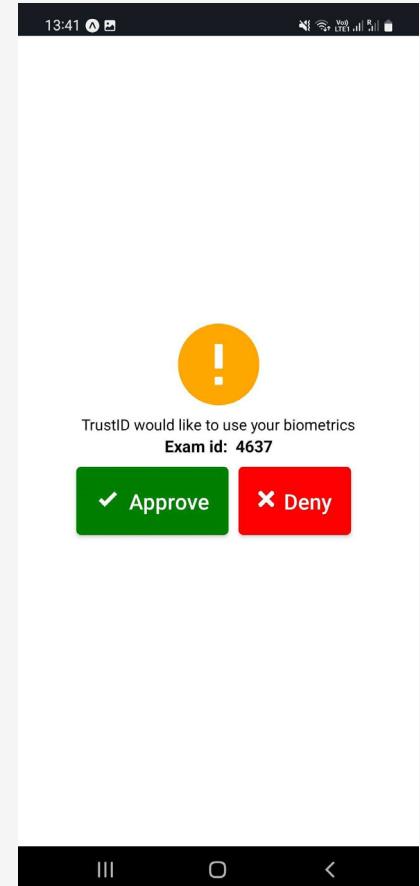
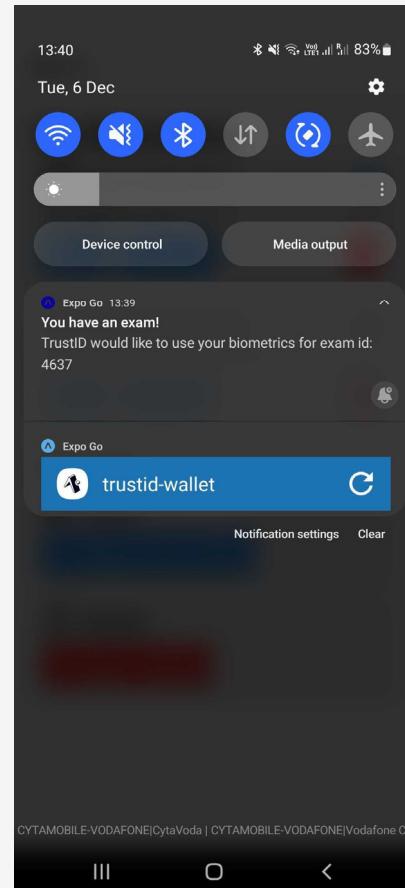


# Wallet for biometrics models

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- Push notification for approval of sharing of biometrics models during online examination



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# User Study Scenarios for Proof of Concept 2

# Aims of the Evaluation

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We conducted a user study aiming to evaluate:

- i) the resilience of TRUSTID to impersonation attacks during an online examination by evaluating the implemented face- and voice-based identification mechanism;
- ii) usability and user experience of end-users based on their interactions with the TRUSTID system; and
- iii) perceived security and privacy of users towards the TRUSTID system

# Study Design 1/2

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## Type of study

- Studies are held virtually
  - Researchers from each partner HEI communicate with the participants through an off-the-shelf communication tool, Zoom

## Sample size, user profiles and duration

- Recruit 133 students and/or instructors
- *Duration:* ~20-30 minutes

## Preparation phase

- Invite participants through the following URL:
  - [https://trustid-project.eu/participate\\_upat.php](https://trustid-project.eu/participate_upat.php)
  - [https://trustid-project.eu/participate\\_uc.php](https://trustid-project.eu/participate_uc.php)
  - [http://trustid-project.eu/participate\\_ucy.php](http://trustid-project.eu/participate_ucy.php)
- Ask participants to subscribe to the PoC2 user evaluation study
  - Read information about the method of study, planned dates, etc.
  - Provide email so that we can communicate during the PoC2 study period



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# Study Design 2/2

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## Evaluation Phase

- **Step 1:** Participants download and install the implemented applications (Windows or MacOS)
- **Step 2:** Instructors enroll participants in the user study and they receive their login credentials in their email
- **Step 3:** Evaluate specific threat scenarios and functionalities
  - *Type of examination:* Digital oral, Digital written
  - *Impersonation threats*
    - Perform the student verification step based on *face-based* and *voice-based* identification
    - Continuous student identification based on *face* and *voice* data
  - *Collaboration/communication threats*
    - Monitoring the students' computing device's running applications and processes
  - *Other functionalities:*
    - Management of biometric models (Enroll/Update/Delete)
    - Integration of the new version of face-based identification which uses GRPC
    - Management of Examinations and LMS integration
      - Moodle integration - fetch students' information and automatically enroll to TRUSTID
      - Instructors upload .csv with students' information exported from other LMS
      - Add/Update examination to the TRUSTID system
- **Step 4:** Conduct semi-structured interviews and focus groups to receive feedback from the participants about their experience with the TRUSTID solution

# Resilience to Impersonation Attacks

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## Summary of the sample and the collected data

Mock Examination Type	# of Participants	# of Face Images	Audio Samples Length (in minutes)
<i>Online Written</i>	65	1804	75.68
<i>Online Oral</i>	68	1530	123.47
<b>Totals</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>3334</b>	<b>199.15</b>

## Summary of the sample and the collected data for impersonation attacks

Mock Examination Type	# of Participants	# of Face Images	Audio Samples Length (in minutes)
<i>Online Written</i>	24	391	31.04
<i>Online Oral</i>	32	582	52.73
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>83.77</b>

# Summary of the results for each identification case

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Identification Case	Face Recognition (Success Rate)	Voice Recognition (Success Rate)
<i>Student identification in order to join examination</i>	100%	100%
<i>Continuous student identification prior to performing an impersonation attack</i>	94.80%	91.36%
<i>Continuous student identification while performing an impersonation attack</i>	76.57%	78.53%



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# Questionnaire Results

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Question	Disagree	Moderate	Agree
Overall, how simple and clean is the TRUSTID software's user interface?	3	10	89
Overall, how intuitive to navigate is the TRUSTID software's user interface?	2	11	89
Overall, what's your opinion on the way features and information in the TRUSTID software are laid out?	5	10	87
Overall, how secure do you find the face identification process?	9	22	71
Overall, how secure do you find the voice identification process?	12	23	67
Overall, do you like the idea to be identified with face-based biometric identification during an online examination?	21	20	61
Overall, do you like the idea to be identified with voice-based biometric identification during an online examination?	26	24	52



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# Key Findings

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## What worked well in PoC2:

- The System Usability Score was calculated to be 78, which is a high score (Any score above 68 would be considered above average[1]).
- Face enrollment.
- Face identification in both the registration and continuous monitoring phases.
- Continuous monitoring of running processes and detection of forbidden communication/collaboration tools.

## Improvements for PoC3:

- Voice enrollment and voice identification issues in some cases. Relevant quotes:

*“The voice registration wasn't successful the first few times” ~ P6*

*“The voice registration did not work, I had to change my default microphone input in windows for it to work” ~ P7*

*“Voice recognition didn't work at first, but worked once I put headphones on, even though the microphone used was always the same, an independent one from the headphones” ~ P14*

[1] <https://www.usability.gov/>

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