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FOREWORD

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OVERVIEW

The Canadian Common Criteria Program provides a third-party evaluation service for determining the trustworthiness of Information Technology (IT) security products. Evaluations are performed by a commercial Common Criteria Testing Laboratory (CCTL) under the oversight of the Certification Body, which is managed by the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security.

A CCTL is a commercial facility that has been approved by the Certification Body to perform Common Criteria evaluations; a significant requirement for such approval is accreditation to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025, the General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories.

By awarding a Common Criteria certificate, the Certification Body asserts that the product complies with the security requirements specified in the associated security target. A security target is a requirements specification document that defines the scope of the evaluation activities. The consumer of certified IT products should review the security target, in addition to this certification report, to gain an understanding of any assumptions made during the evaluation, the IT product's intended environment, the evaluated security functionality, and the testing and analysis conducted by the CCTL.

The certification report, certificate of product evaluation and security target are posted to the Common Criteria portal (the official website of the International Common Criteria Program).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dell ECS v3.8.0.3 (hereafter referred to as the Target of Evaluation, or TOE), from **Dell Technologies**, was the subject of this Common Criteria evaluation. A description of the TOE can be found in Section 1.2. The results of this evaluation demonstrate that the TOE meets the requirements of the conformance claim listed in Section 1.1 for the evaluated security functionality.

Lightship Security is the CCTL that conducted the evaluation. This evaluation was completed on **14 November 2023** and was carried out in accordance with the rules of the Canadian Common Criteria Program.

The scope of the evaluation is defined by the Security Target, which identifies assumptions made during the evaluation, the intended environment for the TOE, and the security functional/assurance requirements. Consumers are advised to verify that their operating environment is consistent with that specified in the security target, and to give due consideration to the comments, observations, and recommendations in this Certification Report.

The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security, as the Certification Body, declares that this evaluation meets all the conditions of the Arrangement on the Recognition of Common Criteria Certificates and that the product is listed on the Certified Products list (CPL) for the Canadian Common Criteria Program and the Common Criteria portal (the official website of the International Common Criteria Program).

1   IDENTIFICATION OF TARGET OF EVALUATION

The Target of Evaluation (TOE) is identified as follows:

Table 1:   TOE Identification

TOE Name and Version	Dell ECS v3.8.0.3
Developer	Dell Technologies

1.1   COMMON CRITERIA CONFORMANCE

The evaluation was conducted using the Common Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 Revision 5, for conformance to the Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 Revision 5.

The TOE claims the following conformance:

EAL2+ with ALC_FLR.2

1.2   TOE DESCRIPTION

The TOE is a software-defined storage platform that provides object and file user access to stored data.

At a high level it is composed of the following main components:

1) ECS Portal and Provisioning Services – provides a Web-based portal that allows self-service, automation, reporting and management of ECS nodes. It also handles licensing, authentication, and provisioning services.
2) Data Services – provides services, tools, and Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to support data path access protocols (NFS, S3, Atmos, CAS).
3) Storage Engine – responsible for storing and retrieving data, managing transactions, and protecting and replicating data.
4) Fabric – provides clustering, health, software, and configuration management as well as upgrade capabilities and alerting.
5) Infrastructure – uses SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 12 SP4 as the base operating system.
6) Hardware – the hardware is provided as a deployed appliance made up of standard hardware components.

1.3   TOE ARCHITECTURE

The TOE is the Dell ECS v3.8.0.3 software running on the EX500 hardware appliance.

A diagram of the TOE architecture is as follows:
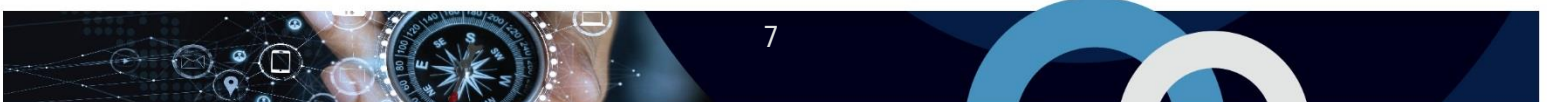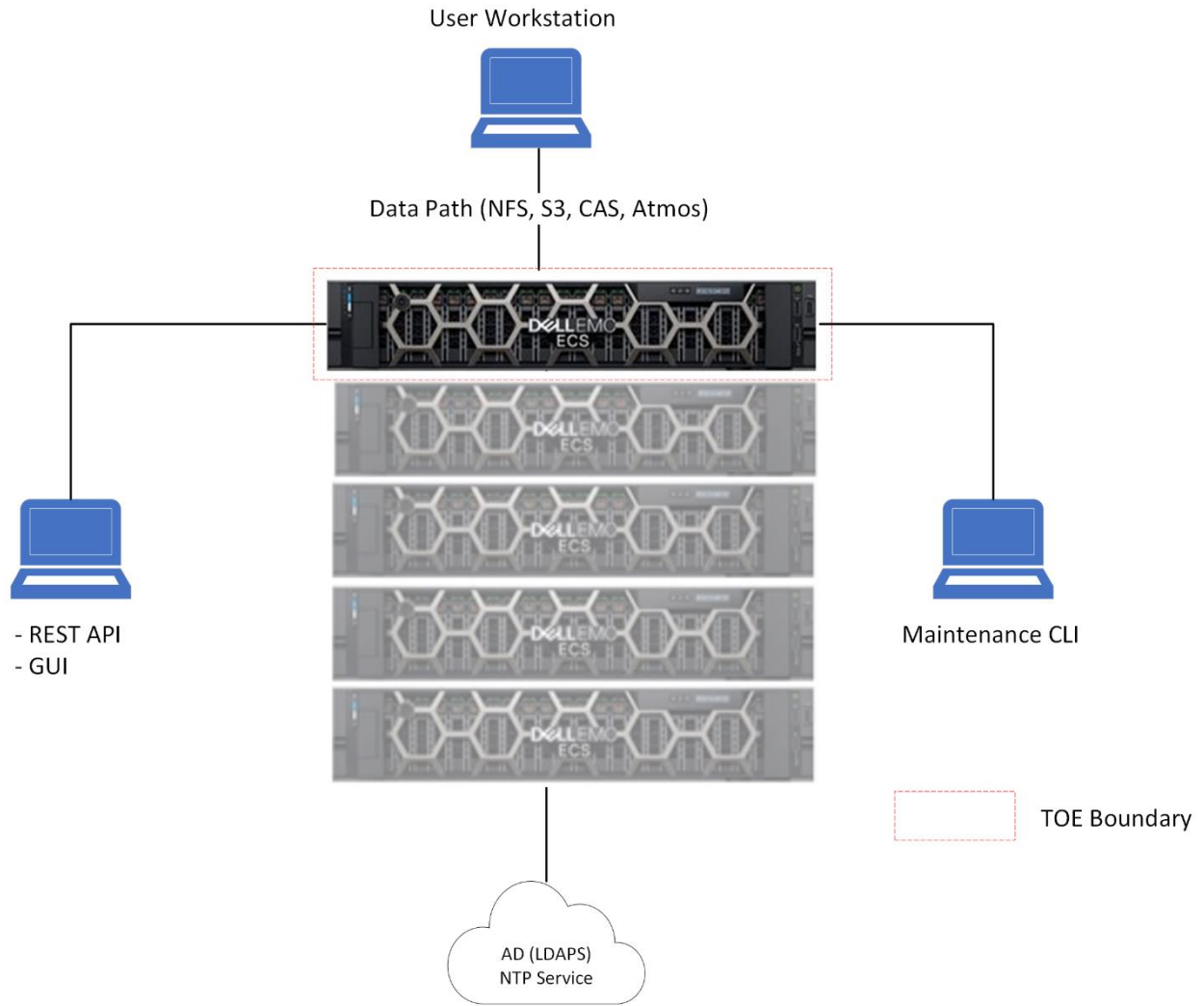
Figure 1: TOE Architecture

2 SECURITY POLICY

The TOE implements and enforces policies pertaining to the following security functionality:

- Security Audit
- Cryptographic Support
- User Data Protection
- Identification and Authentication
- Security Management
- Protection of the TSF
- Resource Utilization
- TOE Access
- Trusted path/channels

Complete details of the security functional requirements (SFRs) can be found in the Security Target (ST) referenced in section 8.2.

2.1 CRYPTOGRAPHIC FUNCTIONALITY

The following cryptographic implementations are used by the TOE in support of Data at Rest (D@RE) and have been evaluated by the CMVP:

Table 2: Cryptographic Implementation(s)

Cryptographic Module/Algorithm	Certificate Number
RSA BSAFE Crypto-J JSAFE and JCE Software Module v6.2.5	CMVP 3819
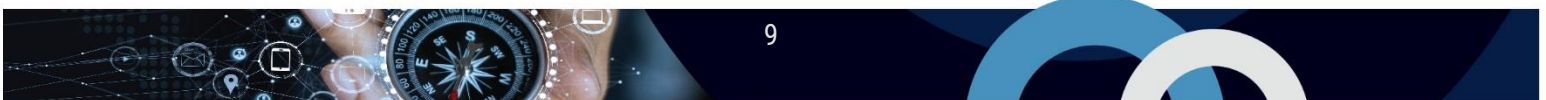
3   ASSUMPTIONS AND CLARIFICATION OF SCOPE

Consumers of the TOE should consider assumptions about usage and environmental settings as requirements for the product's installation and its operating environment. This will ensure the proper and secure operation of the TOE.

3.1   USAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions are made regarding the use and deployment of the TOE:

- The operational environment provides authentication services to the TOE in support of access control decisions.
- The TOE will be located within controlled access facilities, which will prevent unauthorized physical and logical access.
- The authorized administrators are not careless, wilfully negligent, or hostile, are appropriately trained and will follow the instructions provided by the TOE documentation.

3.2   CLARIFICATION OF SCOPE

The following features outside the logical TOE scope and have not been evaluated:

- Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS) user access to stored data
- Transfer of audit records to a syslog server
- Advanced Retention Management (ARM)
- Geo-Federation and Geo-Replication (Multi-site deployment)

The CLI is used only during installation and then locked by ECS professional services.

4 EVALUATED CONFIGURATION

The evaluated configuration for the TOE comprises:

TOE Software/Firmware	Dell ECS v3.8.0.3.138685.3a0a9b6bf3a
TOE Hardware	EX500
Environmental Support	Domain Controller - Windows Server 2019 with Active Directory
	Time Server - NTP

4.1 DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are provided to the consumer to assist in the configuration and installation of the TOE:

a) ECS 3.8 Administration Guide, April 2023
https://dl.dell.com/content/manual52394679-ecs-3-8-administration-guide.pdf

b) ECS 3.8 Security Configuration and Hardening Guide, June 2023
https://dl.dell.com/content/manual26095053-ecs-3-8-security-configuration-and-hardening-guide.pdf?language=en-us&ps=true

c) ECS EX Series Hardware Guide, April 2023
https://dl.dell.com/content/manual51504581-ecs-3-7-ex-series-hardware-guide.pdf?language=en-us&ps=true

d) EMC Centera SDK Version 3.3, API Reference Guide, July 2012
https://dl.dell.com/content/docu41502_centera-sdk-3-3-api-reference-guide.pdf?language=en-us

e) Dell Technologies ECS REST API-References
https://dl.dell.com/downloads/9PKFR_ECS_3.8_REST_API-Reference.zip

f) Dell ECS v3.8.0.3 Common Criteria Guide, v1.3, 14 November 2023

Note: To gain access to some of these documents, users will need to register the product and create a corporate-level account as described at https://www.dell.com/support/kbdoc/en-us/000021768/how-to-registerfor-access-to-dell-emc-online-support.

5   EVALUATION ANALYSIS ACTIVITIES

The evaluation analysis activities involved a structured evaluation of the TOE. Documentation and process dealing with Development, Guidance Documents, and Life-Cycle Support were evaluated.

5.1   DEVELOPMENT

The evaluators analyzed the documentation provided by the vendor; they determined that the design completely and accurately describes the TOE security functionality (TSF) interfaces and how the TSF implements the security functional requirements. The evaluators determined that the initialization process is secure, that the security functions are protected against tamper and bypass, and that security domains are maintained.

5.2   GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

The evaluators examined the TOE preparative user guidance and operational user guidance and determined that it sufficiently and unambiguously describes how to securely transform the TOE into its evaluated configuration and how to use and administer the product. The evaluators examined and tested the preparative and operational guidance and determined that they are complete and sufficiently detailed to result in a secure configuration.

Section 4.1 provides details on the guidance documents.

5.3   LIFE-CYCLE SUPPORT

An analysis of the TOE configuration management system and associated documentation was performed. The evaluators found that the TOE configuration items were clearly marked.

The evaluators examined the delivery documentation and determined that it described all the procedures required to maintain the integrity of the TOE during distribution to the consumer.

6 TESTING ACTIVITIES

Testing consists of the following three steps: assessing developer tests, performing independent tests, and performing a vulnerability analysis.

6.1 ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPER TESTS

The evaluators verified that the developer has met their testing responsibilities by examining their test evidence, and reviewing their test results, as documented in the Evaluation Test Report (ETR). The correspondence between the tests identified in the developer's test documentation and the functional specification was complete.

6.2 CONDUCT OF TESTING

The TOE was subjected to a comprehensive suite of formally documented, independent functional and penetration tests. The detailed testing activities, including configurations, procedures, test cases, expected results and observed results are documented in a separate Test Results document.

6.3 INDEPENDENT TESTING

During this evaluation, the evaluator developed independent functional & penetration tests by examining design and guidance documentation.

All testing was planned and documented to a sufficient level of detail to allow repeatability of the testing procedures and results. The following testing activities were performed:

a. Repeat of Developer's Tests: The evaluator repeated a subset of the developer's tests
b. Interoperability Testing: The evaluator tested secure channel operation with a known-good implementation.
c. Datapath testing: The evaluator performed S3, Atmos, and NFS testing.
d. User management: The evaluator tested user generation and role capabilities.
e. Time synchronization: The evaluator verified NTP configuration and timestamp generation.

6.3.1 INDEPENDENT TESTING RESULTS

The developer's tests and the independent tests yielded the expected results, providing assurance that the TOE behaves as specified in its ST and functional specification.

6.4   VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS

The vulnerability analysis focused on 4 flaw hypotheses.

- Public Vulnerability based (Type 1)
- Technical community sources (Type 2)
- Evaluation team generated (Type 3)
- Tool Generated (Type 4)

The evaluators conducted an independent review of all evaluation evidence, public domain vulnerability databases and technical community sources (Type 1 & 2).   Additionally, the evaluators used automated vulnerability scanning tools to discover potential network, platform, and application layer vulnerabilities (Type 4).   Based upon this review, the evaluators formulated flaw hypotheses (Type 3), which they used in their vulnerability analysis.

Type 1 & 2 searches were conducted on **19 September 2023** and included the following search terms:

Dell ECS	Jetty	OpenSSL
Dell Elastic Cloud Storage 3.0	SUSE 12	Dell Communication Module
Nginx	RSA BSAFE Crypto-J	

Vulnerability searches were conducted using the following sources:

NIST National Vulnerability Database https://nvd.nist.gov/	CISA – Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Catalog https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog
Dell Security Advisories and Notices https://www.dell.com/support/security/en-ca/	

6.4.1   VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS RESULTS

The vulnerability analysis did not uncover any security relevant residual exploitable vulnerabilities in the intended operating environment.

7 RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION

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This evaluation has provided the basis for the conformance claim documented in Table 1. The overall verdict for this evaluation is **PASS**. These results are supported by evidence in the ETR.

7.1 RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

It is recommended that all guidance outlined in Section 4.1 be followed to configure the TOE in the evaluated configuration.

8 SUPPORTING CONTENT

8.1 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Definition
CAVP	Cryptographic Algorithm Validation Program
CCTL	Common Criteria Testing Laboratory
CMVP	Cryptographic Module Validation Program
CSE	Communications Security Establishment
EAL	Evaluation Assurance Level
ETR	Evaluation Technical Report
IT	Information Technology
ITS	Information Technology Security
PP	Protection Profile
SFR	Security Functional Requirement
ST	Security Target
TOE	Target of Evaluation
TSF	TOE Security Function

8.2 REFERENCES

Reference
Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 Revision 5, April 2017.
Common Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation, CEM, Version 3.1 Revision 5, April 2017.
Dell ECS v3.8.0.3 Security Target, v1.4, 14 November 2023
Dell ECS v3.8.0.3 Evaluation Technical Report, v1.2, 14 November 2023