CC Terms

Class – grouping of families with a common focus

Component – smallest selectable set of elements for inclusion in PP, ST, or package

Element – an indivisible security requirement

Evaluation – assessment of PP, ST or TOE against defined criteria

Evaluation Assurance Level (EAL) – A package of assurance components from
Part 3 representing a point on the CC predefined assurance scale

Evaluation Scheme – an administrative and regulatory framework under which
the CC is applied

Family – a grouping of components that share security objectives but differ in
emphasis or rigor

Package – a reusable set of either functional or assurance components (e.g., an
EAL) that together satisfy a defined set of security objectives

Protection Profile (PP) – an implementation–independent set of security
requirements for a category of TOEs that meets specific customer needs