

Acronym	Description
BLM	Ballot Layout Management. Verity Election Office module used to manage data such as ballot content, ballot formats, and ballot style previews.
BMD	Ballot Marking Device. An electronic vote-capture device via an electronic voter interface that allows the voter to alter previously made choices without spoiling the ballot. After selections are marked and reviewed, the BMD produces a printed, human-readable paper ballot that reflects the voter's selections. The BMD does capture or retain any cast vote record data.
BPS	Hart InterCivic Ballot Production Service. Fee-based service that provides ballot programming and ballot printing service for customers who use Hart InterCivic voting devices.
CCOS	Central Count Optical Scan. Paper ballot scanning system that processes marked paper ballots at a central location. CCOS systems are capable of reading marked ballots and saving cast vote records based on voter marks. <i>Note: "Central Count Optical Scan" is a standard VVSG term that makes no assumptions about the technology used for scanning purposes. More specifically, "optical scan" may include digital scanning technology.</i>
COTS	Commercial-off-the-shelf hardware and software products.
DRE	Direct Record Electronic. A voting system that records votes by means of a ballot display provided with mechanical or electro-optical components that can be activated by the voter; that processes data by means of a computer program; and that records voting data and ballot images in memory components. A DRE produces a tabulation of the voting data stored in a removable memory component and as printed copy.
EAC	Election Assistance Commission. Federal agency created by HAVA chartered with, among other things, overseeing the testing and certification of voting systems.
EDM	Election Data Management. Verity Election Office module used to manage data such as election types, contest information, voting logic, audio recordings, and multi-language data.
EMS	Election Management System. Appendix A – Glossary of VVSG 1.1 defines an election management system as "[a] set of processing functions and databases within a voting system that defines, develops and maintains election databases, performs election definitions and setup functions, format ballots, count votes, consolidates and report results, and maintains audit trails.
GUI	Graphic User Interface (i.e. human-computer interface, in software application).
JDM	Jurisdiction Data Management. Verity Election Office module used to associate politically significant geographic units with specific variable data. For Verity 1.0, JDM requirements are not defined, as any jurisdiction information relevant to a specific election will be managed through EDM.
MRD	Market Requirements Document articulating the market opportunity, requirements, business justification for pursuing it and the required solution to exploit it.
PPM	Polling Place Data Management. Verity Election Office module used to manage data such as polling place names polling place facility information. For Verity 1.0, PPM requirements are not defined, as any polling-place information relevant to a specific election will be managed through EDM. In future versions of Verity, PPM may manage data that is not election specific, such as facility information, poll workers associated with polling places, and so forth.

PRD	Product Requirements Document (this document) follows an MRD and specifies use cases, functional and non-functional requirements for a system component.
VSTL	Voting System Test Laboratory. Independent non-federal test laboratory accredited by the Election Assistance Commission and qualified to test voting systems to approved voting system standards.
VVPAT	Voter-Verifiable Paper Audit Trail. Human-readable printed record of all voter selections presented to the voter to review and check for accuracy.
VVSG	Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. Standards created by the National Institute of Science and Technology and used by the EAC to test and certify voting systems.
WYSIWYG	“What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get”. Term used to describe a visual method of rendering ballot styles, to see an accurate representation of how ballots are laid out. As used in Verity PRDs, WYSIWYG refers to rendering only, and not to edit functions.