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1	63-Base	1.1 Scope and Appli	2	400-409	This section talks to the guidance applying to all online services for which some level of digital identity is required, and the primary focus on organizations that interact with external users. We have had questions posed to performing a Digital Identity Risk Assessment (DIRA) for e-Signatures (which are typically considered authorizations not authentication). The glossary does not clearly talk to electronic transaction as the definition for this does not address any ID proofing or Authentication requirements (definition electronic transaction - is a process of exchanging electronic data within computer-mediated networks. The data being exchanged digitally contains electronic records). However, the glossary does have a definition for Digital Authentication which states "The process of establishing confidence in user identities that are digitally presented to a system." e-Signatures are a digital method for signing a document or record, and is the legal equivalent of a signature on paper.	Can you add a definition to clarify in the NIST guidance to explain that an e-Signature is not a method for identity or authentication, however, supports the authorization through a digital method for signing a document or record, and is the legal equivalent of a signature on paper?