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## Practical Challenges in Adopting PIV/PIV-I

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## Purpose and Agenda

- Purpose: Explore the policy, process, and mechanisms to securely leverage biometrics to authenticate the presence of a PIV card owner and solicit feedback
- Agenda:
  - Driving Factors
  - PIV Authentication Mechanisms
  - Interoperability
  - Solution Framework
  - O PIV + Local BIO
  - Biometrics Chain-of-Trust

The desired end-state will incorporate lessons learned, establish best practices and a solution framework, and realize economies and efficiencies while maintaining identity assurance and privacy



**Mission Impact** 

## Enable timely access control decisions for authenticated persons

□ Reduce queue times for high volume entry points

□ Leverage existing credential capabilities

#### • Risk-acceptable identity authentication

□ Improve assurance for high-traffic control points

Leverage standard credential and equipment beyond standard functionality



## DoD Minimum Standards for Physical Access

- DoD-wide and federally interoperable access control
- Authenticate USG physical access credentials
- Support access enrollment, authorization processes, and securely share information
- Support PIV (CAC) interoperability
  - Verify authenticity of Federal & DoD-issued cards
  - Authenticate cardholder identity
  - Authorize physical access

- Contact/Contactless IAW FIPS 201-1
- Contactless will be the preferred technology
  - Provides for more rapid throughput
  - **D** Reduces wear and tear on reader and card
- PIV-I acceptable with electronic verification and suitability determination



Source: DTM 09-012, "Interim Policy Guidance for Physical Access Control", change 1, September 30, 2010



## OMB M-11-11: Raising the Bar for PIV Compliance

- Ramps up efforts for Federal Agencies to issue and start making full use of PIV credentials to access Federal Facilities and Information Systems.
- Asks for help in overseeing agency implementation of the plan of action and adoption of the PIV credentials
- An attached DHS memo outlines a plan of action for agencies:
  - □ All new systems under development must be enabled to use PIV
  - Starting in FY12, existing PACS/LACS must be upgraded to use PIV prior to using development and technology refresh funds to complete other activities
  - □ Procurements IAW HSPD and the FAR
  - Processes must accept and electronically verify PIV credentials issued by other federal agencies
  - □ Alignment with FICAM
- DoD responded with their plan in Aug 2011 and with amplifying HSPD-12 and ICAM guidance in Nov 2011









## **Authentication Factors of PIV** Authentication Mechanisms

PIV Authentication Mechanism	Have	Know	Are	Authentication Factors (HKA Vector)*	Interface
CAK + BIO (-A)	х	х	х	3	Contact
BIO-A	х		х	2	Contact
РКІ	х	х		2	Contact
BIO			х	1	Contact
САК	х			1	Contact/ Contactless
CHUID + VIS	х			1	Contact/ Contactless

Source: SP 800-116, A Recommendation for the Use of PIV Credentials in PACS, 2008

\* For all combined mechanisms not in the table, the sum of the HKA vectors correctly predicts the number of factors achieved. For example, PKI + BIO(-A) also achieves three-factor authentication, but is not present in the table because three factors are predicted by the sum of the HKA vectors of PKI and BIO(-A).



FIPS-201-1 Constrains BIO Authentication

- Only with contact read
- Only with PIN activation of card (privacy, not "know")
- Only with reference samples for automated comparison
  - □ Face if present is not intended for facial recognition
  - □ Fingerprints are typical
  - Iris images optional (required in Draft FIPS 201-2 when fingerprints are not available)





## Authentication with PIV CHUID

Some characteristics of the CHUIDbased authentication mechanism are as follows:

- Digitally-signed object
- Can be used for rapid authentication for high volume access control
- Low resistance to use of unaltered card by non-owner of card
- Applicable with contact-based and contactless readers.





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### Authentication with CAK

Some characteristics of the PKI-CAK authentication mechanism are as follows:

- Requires the use of online certificate status checking infrastructure
- Highly resistant to credential forgery
- Applicable with contact-based and contactless readers.



#### Process Flow:

- The reader reads the Card Authentication Key (CAK) certificate from the PIV Card Application.
- The reader issues a challenge string to the card and requests an asymmetric operation in response.
- The card responds to the previously issued challenge by signing it using the card authentication private key
- 4. The response signature is verified and standards-complant PKI path validation is conducted. The related digital certificate is checked to ensure that it is from a trusted source. The revocation status of the certificate is checked to ensure current validity.
- The response is validated as the expected response to the issued challenge.
- The FASC-N from the card authentication certificate is extracted and passed as input to the access control decision.



### Authentication with PKI-AUTH

Some of the characteristics of the PKI-Auth authentication mechanism are as follows:

- Requires the use of online certificate status checking infrastructure
- Highly resistant to credential forgery
- Strong resistance to use of unaltered card by non-owner since PIN is required to activate card
- Applicable with contact-based card readers.
- The PKI-Auth shall be the alternative authentication mechanism, in cases where neither the fingerprints nor its alternative iris images could be collect for on-card storage. (Draft FIPS 201-2)



Process Flow:

- The reader reads the PIV Authentication Key certificate from the PIV Card Application
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  The cardholder is prompted to submit a PIN.
- The submitted PIN is used to activate the card.
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## Interoperability (across issuers)

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Authenticator	FIPS-201-1-1	FIPS-201-2- Draft	Interoperable
CHUID	Mandatory	Mandatory	Yes
PIV-Auth	Mandatory*	Mandatory	Yes (DoD requires activation)
Biometric, Fingerprint	Mandatory	Mandatory	Yes (when not available, fall back to PIV-Auth or Iris)
Biometric, Iris	Optional	Mandatory*	Required when fingerprint record cannot be issued
ΡΚΙ-ϹΑΚ	Optional	Mandatory	Yes, when available
symmetric CAK	Optional	Optional	No, issuer-specific
digital signature key	Optional*	Optional	No, issuer-option, DoD Std
key management key	Optional*	Optional	No, issuer-option, DoD Std
Other Biometrics or Keys (contact or wireless)	Optional	Optional	No, issuer-specific, issuer- option



Interoperability = "Least Common Denominator"

- "Mandatory" features "least common denominator"
  - Expected of all issuers
  - Establishes the threshold of interoperability

#### • "Optional" features

- Not expected of all issuers
- □ When implemented, may be standard
- Not interoperable across all issuers/relying parties

### **Solution Framework**



Leverage Lessons Learned to provide a structured path or "bridge" over the "risk canyon"

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## PIV + Local Bio -- Registration

#### • Registration

Authenticate cardholder

• CHUID, PKI-CAK, PKI-Auth, BIO-A

• Verify identifier, digital signatures, and certificate paths

Enroll local record

o Identifier, CHUID Hash, PKI-CAK or PKI-Auth Ceri

PIV biometric templates\*

Local biometric image/template\*



 \* Dependent on local authentication needs; "SP 800-76 does specify or off, shall be wrapped in the header defined in section 6." Patrick Grother, SP800-76 FAQs, http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/SNS/piv/npivp/SP80076FAQ.htm

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PIV + Local BIO -- Authentication

- Contactless (ISO/IEC 14443)
  - □ Tee-up local record with PIV card CHUID (minimal)

Or

□ Authenticate PIV card with PKI-CAK (preferred)

Then

Capture live biometric sample and verify against local reference

Security with tap-and-go convenience/performance

Path checks off-line/batch, within refresh requirements









## PIV + Local BIO --Authentication

#### • Contact (ISO/IEC 7816)

□ Tee-up local record with PIV card CHUID

Or

□ Authenticate PKI-CAK or PIV-AUTH

Then

Capture live biometric sample and verify against local reference

Alternative to on-card templates or where contactless is not an option



Path checks off-line/batch, within refresh requirements







## **PIV Biometric Repositories**

• Authoritative Source: Each PIV Issuer maintains the authoritative source repository for their respective cardholders.

#### Local Trusted Source:

• Each PIV card is a subset of the PIV issuer's repository

• A PACS may cache a subset of one or more authoritative sources to support local operations

#### Local Authenticated Source:

Locally enrolled biometric modality, not available from an authoritative source, where the person is authenticated to the authoritative source

## Extending the Biometric Chain of Trust



## Potential for Logical Access Control

- Biometric authentication will not / cannot replace use of PKI for remote authentication (at least not in the near future)
- Biometric authentication can
  - Perhaps with adjustments to technology and policy
  - □ Activate PKI private key operations
  - Resume or unlock an established session
  - □ Authenticate to mobile devices, activating PKI or other crypto keys





## Summary

- Need for assurance with high throughput
- PKI and Biometric authentication currently requires contact read and cardholder interaction
   Contactless Smart
- Reviewed authentication methods
- Proposed PIV + local BIO methods
- Biometric Chain-of-Trust







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#### **Contact Smart Card**





## **Questions and Feedback**

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### Authentication with PIV CHUID



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## Authentication with BIO(-A)



Process flow:

- 1. Present card for contact read
- 2. Present PIN
- 3. Unlock card and verify PIV CHUID expiry
- 4. Retrieve BIO reference sample
- 5. Present BIO live sample
- 6. Compare BIO samples