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Mobile PKI – Enabling Transition to Zero Trust

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Zero Trust

Zero Trust is a cybersecurity model that mandates strict identity verification for every person and device attempting to access resources, regardless of their location or network.

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Zero Trust with Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Zero Trust with PKI leverages cryptographic certificates to continuously authenticate and authorize every user and device, ensuring secure access without inherent trust.



Advantages of PKI based Zero Trust

1. Robust Identity Verification

• PKI provides strong, cryptographic-based identity verification, ensuring that only authenticated users, devices, and services can access resources.

2. Enhanced Security Through Encryption

• PKI enables end-to-end encryption, ensuring that data is protected both in transit and at rest, reducing the risk of data breaches.

3. Automated Trust Management

• PKI automates the management of digital certificates, including issuance, renewal, and revocation, ensuring that trust policies are consistently enforced without manual intervention.

4. Interoperability with Existing Systems

• PKI integrates seamlessly with existing infrastructure, including legacy systems, cloud services, and mobile devices, facilitating a smooth transition to a Zero Trust model.

5. Non-Repudiation

• PKI provides non-repudiation through digital signatures, ensuring that actions performed within the network are traceable and cannot be denied by the entity that performed them.

6. Future-Proofing with Crypto-Agility

• PKI supports crypto-agility, allowing organizations to update and adapt cryptographic algorithms as new threats and standards emerge, ensuring long-term security.



Smartphones have evolved into powerful, multifunctional devices which can bridge the gap between user and device access to environments with zero trust posture

Secure Authentication! Mobile first

Power multi-factor authentication using Mobile PKI for login authentication for Email Client, Applications (Web/Mobile/Desktop), Devices, Firewalls, VPN's etc



Core of Mobile PKI – Secure Element

The secure foundation for key management and cryptographic operations, ensuring robust protection of sensitive data and compliance with security standards.



FIPS 140-2 Level 2 Certified

Apple Security Evolution

Apple Corecrypto Module: iPhone FIPS 140-2 Certification

1. Certification Achievement

• FIPS 140-2 Security Level 2 Certification: Achieved in 2019 for the "Apple Corecrypto Module: Secure Key Store," which includes cryptographic capabilities.

2. Secure Key Management

• Hardware based protection: The SEP provides a dedicated, tamper-resistant environment for cryptographic operations and key management.

3. Supported iOS versions

• iOS 11 and Later: Certification covers iPhones running iOS 11 or later, ensuring that cryptographic functions adhere to FIPS 140-2 standards.

4. Secure Enclave Processor

SEP handles cryptographic operations such as encryption and key management securely. Keys are
protected by being stored in the SEP, which is designed to resist physical attacks and unauthorized
access.

Android Security Evolution

StrongBox - A secure hardware-based module that provides advanced key management and cryptographic operations for enhanced device security.

1. Certification Achievement

 EAL 4+ CC but certified against German Federal Security Standards BSI PP 0084 2014 protection profile widely used in Digital ID, ePassports etc

2. Supported Android versions

 Supported devices running Android 9 or higher can have a StrongBox Keymaster, an implementation of the Keymaster or Keymint HAL that resides in a hardware security module-like secure element.

3. Features

- Its own CPU
- Secure Storage
- A true random-number generator
- Mechanisms to resist package tampering
- Support cryptographic operations
- Key attestation

Mobile PKI Architecture

A robust framework for managing digital identities, securing communications, and authenticating users on mobile devices.



Advantages of Mobile PKI

- Enhanced Security: Mobile PKI provides strong authentication through digital certificates, ensuring that only authorized users can access sensitive information and systems.
- Seamless Integration: Mobile PKI can integrate with various mobile applications and platforms, enabling secure access to resources from smartphones and tablets.
- **Improved User Convenience**: By leveraging mobile devices for authentication, users can easily access systems and services without needing additional hardware tokens or cumbersome password management.
- **Support for Zero Trust Architecture**: Mobile PKI plays a crucial role in Zero Trust models by providing strong, device-based authentication and ensuring that access is granted only to verified users and devices.
- **Cost Efficiency**: Implementing mobile PKI can reduce the need for physical hardware tokens and their associated management costs.
- Scalability: Mobile PKI solutions can scale with the organization's growth, accommodating an increasing number of users and devices without significant additional infrastructure.
- **Compliance and Regulatory Requirements**: Mobile PKI helps organizations meet various compliance standards and regulatory requirements by providing secure authentication and data protection.
- **Digital Signing and Encryption**: Mobile PKI enables secure digital signing of documents and encryption of communications directly from mobile devices, ensuring data integrity and confidentiality

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