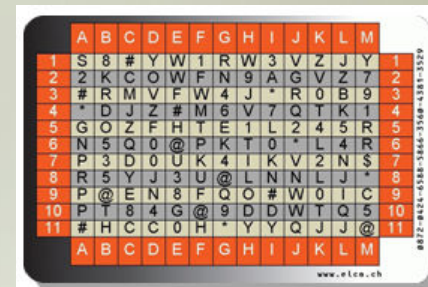


Online authentication methods

“Evaluate the strength of online authentication methods”



Introduction

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Research Project

Research question:

..."Review new and existing online authentication methods in such a way that it is possible to create a "Comparison Matrix" which contains the authentication methods, characteristics and protection against attack vectors." ...

Research goal:

The goal is to define a method to make a well-funded choice for an online authentication method in a customer specific situation, based on the Comparison Matrix.

Agenda

- Project background
- Authentication methods
- Characteristics
- Attack vectors
- Comparison Matrix
- Scenario



Poll

Belangrijkste meetpunt voor veilige software:

- Aantal beveiligingslekken
- Impact van beveiligingslekken
- Aantal dagen dat software lek is
- Aantal uitgebrachte patches
- Aantal patchmomenten
- Beschikbare exploits
- Aantal regels broncode
- Gebruikte ontwikkelmethode
- Anders, ...

Trojaans paard kraakt beveiliging 400 internetbanken

Door [Redactie](#) op dinsdag 15 januari 2008 16:06

Dat malware in staat is om de twee-factor authenticatie te kraken die de banken voor het online bankieren gebruiken is al langer bekend, een nieuw Trojaans paard jaagt zelfs een virusonderzoeker die regelmatig dit soort malware onderzoekt de stuipen op het lijf. "De schaal en complexiteit van deze nieuwe Trojan is zorgwekkend, zelfs voor iemand die op dagelijkse basis banking Trojans ziet", zegt Symantec's Liam OMurchu.



Silentbanker, zoals de malware wordt genoemd, kan de beveiliging van meer dan 400 banken omzeilen, waaronder die in Europese landen. Het Trojaanse paard onderschept transacties die twee-factor authenticatie vereisen, en laat dan de betaling naar de rekening van de crimineel of katvanger, overmaken. Om het slachtoffer niets te laten vermoeden krijgt die een gemanipuleerd afschrift en overzichtspagina te zien. Aangezien de gebruiker niets vermoed, bevestigt die de transactie waarna het geld naar de criminelen wordt overgemaakt. "De

Login

E-mail:
Wachtwoord:
 of registreer

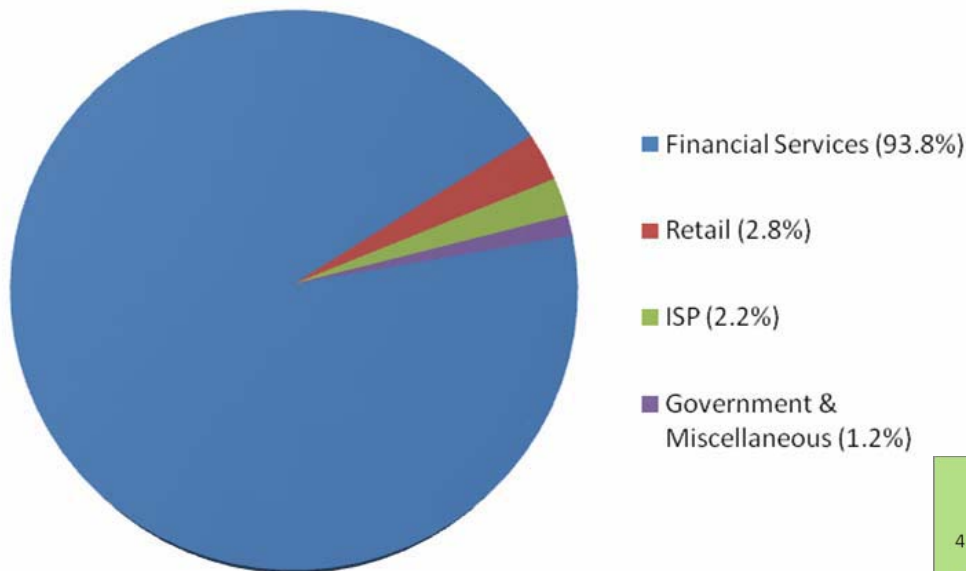
Stelling

ANP zelf schuldig aan computervredebreuk door Novum



Antiphishing.org

November 2007



Phishing Reports Received Nov. '06 - Nov. '07



Authenticate

Something
you know

- PIN
- Password

Something
you have

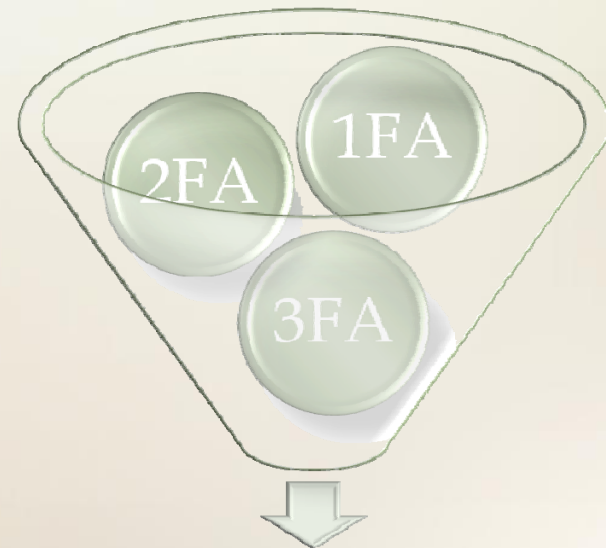
- RSA SecurID
- Elcard, USB tokens

Something
you are

- Fingerprint, Iris
- Voice, Face

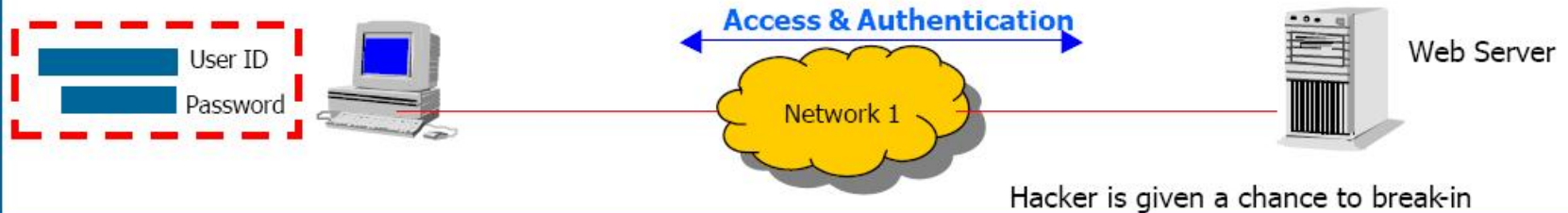
Multifactor authentication

- One-Factor Authentication
- Two-Factor Authentication
- Three-Factor Authentication

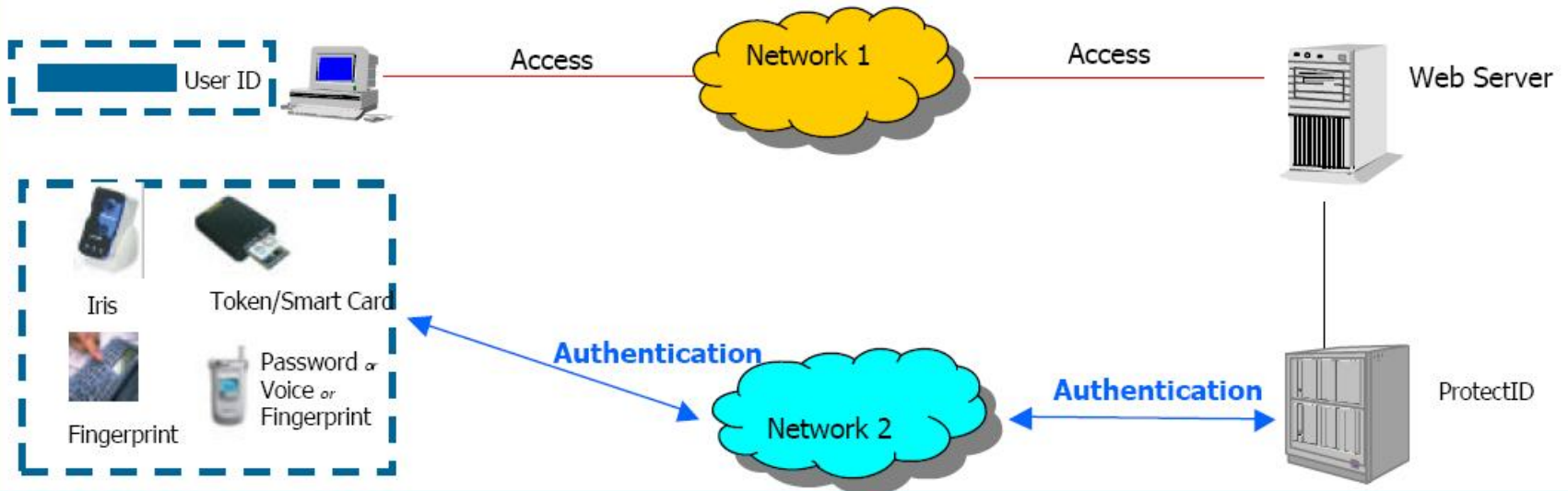


In-Band versus Out-Of-Band

In-Band Authentication: User ID & Password sent on the same network



Out-of-Band Authentication: User ID & Password sent on separate networks



Authentication methods

- Password (only)
- SIM Toolkit
- Hardware Token
- Graphical
- EMV Smartcard
- PKI Smartcard
- One Time Password
- Bookmark

Virtual keyboard

- No hardware keyboard required
- Requires Flash / JavaScript
- Random positioning of the characters
- Prevents keylogger attacks
- But makes it easier for shoulder surfing and screen capturing

Virtual keyboard examples

ING DIRECT

Welcome to ING DIRECT USA!

To login to your account, please complete the following three steps.

Step 1 Customer Number:

Step 2 First 4 digits of your Social Security Number:

Step 3 Use your mouse to click the numbers on the keypad that correspond to your PIN.

OR

Use your keyboard to type the [letters](#) from the keypad that correspond to your PIN.

What is this?

PIN:

TreasuryDirect

[TreasuryDirect Home](#) [Public Debt Home](#) [Site Map](#) [Contact Us](#)

Access Your TreasuryDirect Account

TreasuryDirect does not provide paper savings bonds or paper account statements. To get a paper copy of your account information, use your browser's toolbar to print the pages you need.

Login to Your Account

Account Number:

Password: Use your mouse to enter your password on the keyboard below. (Password is not case sensitive.)

[Learn more about Security Features and Protecting your Account.](#)

[Enter](#) [Forgot your Account Number?](#) [Forgot your Password?](#)

New Customer? [Open an Account.](#)

Welcome to Citibank Online

▼ Login to your Account

Your card number
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Use your mouse to enter your IPIN(Internet Password)

Please Note : Your IPIN is NOT case sensitive

[Back](#) [Clear](#)

[Login](#)

This password is

The Internet Password (IPIN)

The Query Password (QPIN)

citibank

Welcome to Citibank Online

Use your **keyboard** to enter your 16 digit ATM / Debit Card Number or Credit Card Number or Loan ID or WorldMoney Card

Save my card number and create bookmarks

Enter your Password using the Mouse

new copy

Internet Password is not case sensitive.

[Login](#)

Secure & Protected

Online identity fraud/phishing
Special Offers
Security tips



- Still have problems logging in ? [Click here](#) to login using keyboard
- Don't have Internet password? [Click here](#) to get one

Virtual keyboard examples 2

A more sophisticated example of the Dexia bank (Luxembourg)

The image shows a virtual keyboard interface for a login page. On the left, there are three input fields: '1. UserID' with the value '12345', '2. Wachtwoord' (password) masked with asterisks, and '3. TANcode' with a callout bubble indicating '1e teken' (1st character) and a blue highlight on the first of ten character slots. Below the input fields are buttons for 'Verbinding' (Connection) and 'Reset'. On the right is a 6x6 grid of virtual keys. The keys are arranged as follows:

S	T	Y	3	P	
A	R	8	N	X	2
Z	G	U	C	I	Q
4	W	M	F	D	J
E	5	7	1	L	9
V	B	H	K	6	

At the bottom of the interface, there is a blue instruction: 'Plaats de blauwe vorm op het gevraagde letterteken en klik om uw keuze te bevestigen' (Place the blue shape on the requested letter and click to confirm your choice).

PassFaces

- Graphical authentication
- JavaScript, ActiveX, Java
- Completely mobile
- User selects a face from each page
- Custom image databases available
- Prevents keylogger attacks

PassFaces 2

Sign Up 

Welcome to Passfaces

Action

Click on Your Passface

There is only one on the screen.

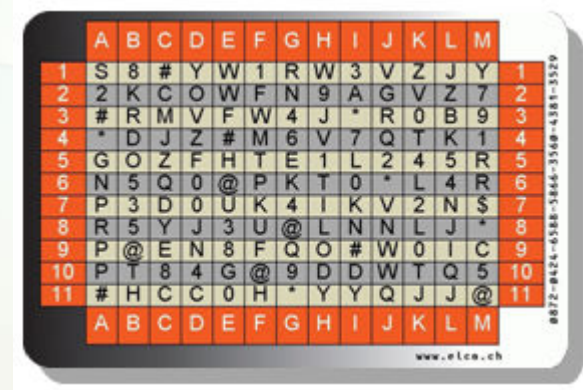
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Passfaces are picked from sets of 9 faces. You determine the number of sets.

One Time Password manual

- Elcard
- Different layouts
- Different form factors
- A Scratch card adds a little more security



Bookmark authentication

- Use a Bookmark as a “virtual token”
- Token is not send over the network
- JavaScript to read the token
- No Cookies are used

[https://site.com/login#\[TOKEN\]](https://site.com/login#[TOKEN])

Examples are:

- BeamAuth
- PhishCops

Characteristics

- Additional hardware
- Additional software
- Complexity
- Scalability
- Portability
- Login time
- System requirements
- Acquisition costs
- Deployment costs
- Operating costs

Comparison Matrix Characteristics

The Comparison Matrix shows the authentication methods and their characteristics, based on a scale from 1 to 5, where higher is better.

- Investigate the available options
- Assign values to the authentication methods

Authentication methods:	Characteristics:										Total score
	Additional hardware	Additional software	Complexity	Scalability	Portability	Login time	System requirements	Acquisition Cost	Deployment Cost	Operating Cost	
Username & Password	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	47
Partial password	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	5	4	2	44
Virtual Keyboard	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	39
SIM Toolkit (HandyID)	3	1	3	2	4	2	2	3	4	4	28
RSA SecurID	2	5	2	2	3	3	5	1	1	3	27
Passmark Sitekey (now RSA)	5	2	3	3	1	4	5	3	3	4	33
Passfaces	5	5	4	3	5	3	5	3	3	4	40
Passpicture	5	5	4	3	5	3	5	3	3	4	40
EMV Smartcard	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	3	18
Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Smartcard	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	3	18
One Time Password manual (Elcard)	4	5	5	2	3	4	5	4	4	5	41
One Time Password manual (Scratchcard)	4	5	5	2	3	2	5	4	4	5	39
One Time Password automatic (SMS)	3	5	4	4	4	1	3	2	3	4	33
One Time Password synchronous	1	5	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	3	22
One Time Password a-synchronous	1	5	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	3	22
Bookmark authentication	5	5	4	4	2	4	5	3	4	5	41

(Score based on scale 1 -- 5, higher is better)

Attack vectors

- Shoulder surfing
- Keylogger
- Screen capturing
- Brute force (exhaustive search)
- Guess attack (knowing someone)
- Dictionary attack
- Hardware (observation) attack
- Social engineering
- Phishing attack
- Man In The Middle (MITM) attack
- Man In The Browser (MITB) attack
- Network sniffing
- Short access

Attack vectors explained

Guess attack

Useful for “secret questions” (password forgotten).

Name of your first pet? / Mothers first name?

Search information through sites like: Hyves and MySpace.

Hardware (observation) attack

Vary from copy a TAN code list to an electron microscope.

Attack vectors explained 2

Man In The Browser attack

- Installed by a Trojan Horse
- Similar to MITM
- Works inside the web browser
- No hyperlink to click on
- Activates by typing an URL
- Hard to prevent and disinfect

Attack vectors explained 3

Short access

Is it possible to do a successful login when an attacker has short physical access to the computer / hardware?

Comparison Matrix Attack vectors

The Comparison Matrix shows the authentication methods and the attack vectors. Through the use of values which represent the probability to succeed the attack.

Based on a scale from 1 to 5 where higher is a better resistance against the attack. Likely to succeed the attack:

- 1 = very likely
- 2 = likely
- 3 = possible
- 4 = not likely
- 5 = negligible

Authentication method:	Attack vectors:													Total score:
	Shoulder surfing	Keylogger	Screen capturing	Brute force (exhaustive search)	Guess attack (knowing someone)	Dictionary attack	Hardware (observation) attack	Social engineering	Phishing attack	Man In The Middle attack	Man In The Browser attack	Network sniffing	Short access	
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Partial password	4	3	5	1	3	2	5	3	3	1	2	2	3	37
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One Time Password manual (scratch card)	3	4	4	4	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	46
One Time Password Automatic (SMS)	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	56
One Time Password synchronous	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	58
One Time Password a-synchronous	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	5	60
Bookmark authentication	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	2	4	3	46

(Likely to succeed the attack: [1 = very likely], [2 = likely], [3 = possible], [4 = not likely], [5 = negligible])

Scenario

An online banking site wants to offer customers safe login, even from an internet-cafe abroad. The solution must be highly resistant against:

- Shoulder surfing
- Keyloggers
- Screen capturing

At least 3 or higher is required for these items
(higher is preferred)

Scenario 2

Usable in an internet café abroad

This points out 3 important characteristics:

- Additional software
- Additional hardware
- Portability

Scenario 3

When we apply the requirements on the Comparison Matrix Characteristics, this results in the following authentication methods:

- Username & Password
- Partial password
- Virtual Keyboard
- PassFaces
- Passpictures
- One Time Password manual (Elcard)
- One Time Password manual (Scratchcard)
- One Time Password automatic SMS

Shown from the Comp. Matrix

Authentication methods:	Characteristics:				
	Additional hardware	Additional software	Complexity	Scalability	Portability
Username & Password	5	5	5	5	5
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One Time Password manual (Elcard)	4	5	5	2	3
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One Time Password automatic (SMS)	3	5	4	4	4
	1	5	1	2	3
	1	5	1	2	3
	5	5	4	4	2

Scenario 4

The result of the Characteristics is now used in the Comparison Matrix Attack vectors. Here we will check how resistant the authentication methods are against the selected attacks, in this scenario:

- Shoulder surfing
- Keyloggers
- Screen capturing

Scenario 5

We now apply the selected attacks on the Comparison Matrix Attack vector. Here we select (from the remaining) authentication methods with a 3 or higher, this results in the following authentication methods:

- One Time Password manual (Elcard)
- One Time Password manual (Scratchcard)
- One Time Password automatic SMS

Shown from the Comp. Matrix

Authentication method:	Attack vectors:		
	Shoulder surfing	Keylogger	Screen capturing
[Redacted]	3	1	4
	4	3	5
	1	5	1
	5	4	4
	4	4	4
	3	2	3
	2	5	2
	2	5	2
	4	5	5
	4	5	5
One Time Password manual (Elcard)	3	4	4
One Time Password manual (scratch card)	3	4	4
One Time Password Automatic (SMS)	4	4	4
[Redacted]	4	4	4
	4	4	4
	3	3	3

Questions

