Managing Enterprise Cybersecurity
MIS 4596

Unit #12

Agenda

- Schedule Updates
- Identity and Authentication – a historic problem
- Identity and Authentication for controlling access to IT Assets
- Identification
- Authentication
  - Something you know
  - Something you have
  - Something you are
- Multi-factor Authentication

Learning more about RSA

An online tool for checking your work:

https://www.cryptool.org/en/cto/rsa-step-by-step

Part 2. Calculating RSA keys

Note: To help you answer the following questions, view this "RSA Algorithm" video. Also, you can review the RSA wikipedia page example.

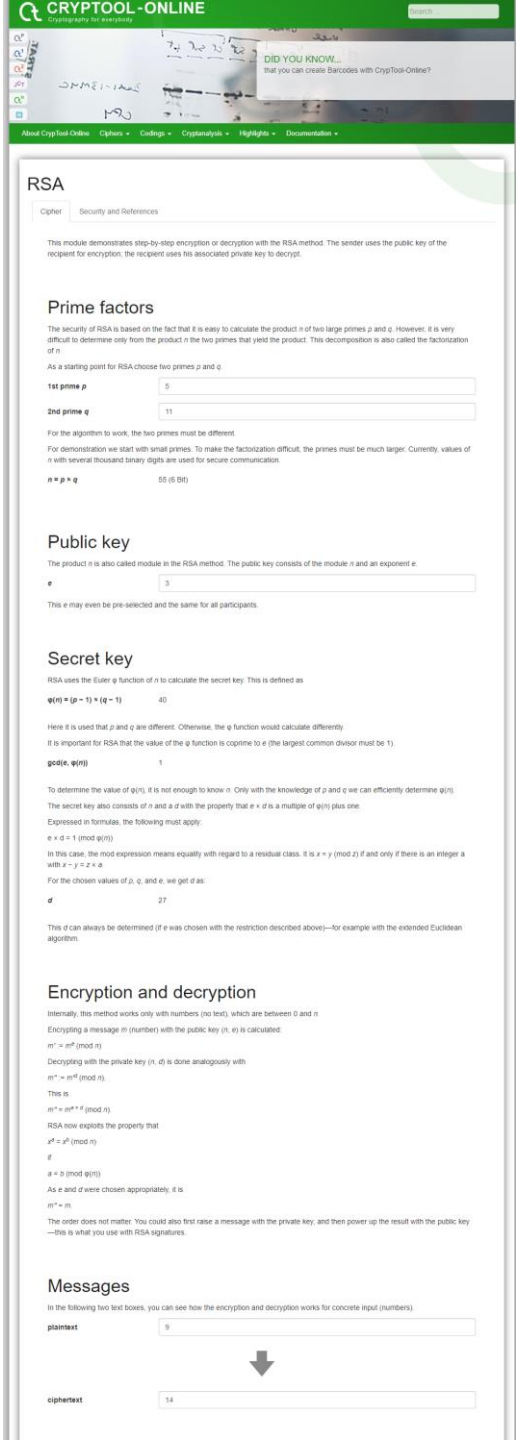
1. Complete encryption and decryption using the RSA algorithm, for the following data (show all work): `p = 5, q = 11, e = 3, M = 9`. Also:

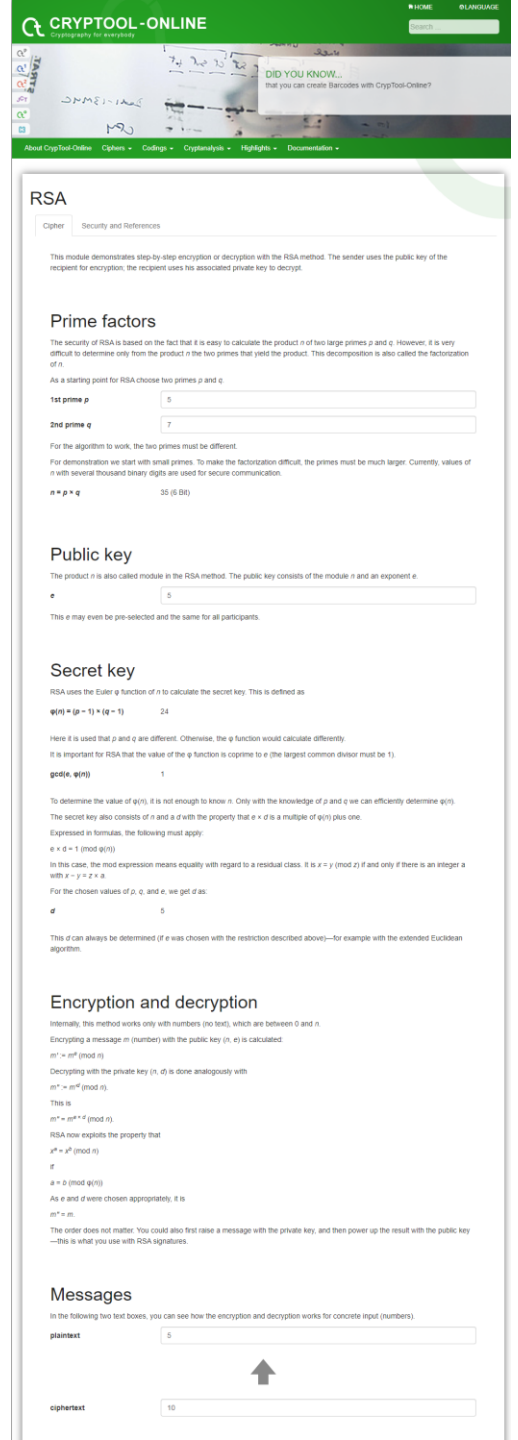
   Question: What is the ciphertext when performing RSA encryption with p=5, q=11, e=3, M=9?

   Question: Show all work for encryption **and** decryption

2. You are Eve. In a public-key system using RSA, you intercept the ciphertext, `C=10`, sent to a user whose public key is `e=5, n=35`.

   Question: What is the plaintext `M`?





Identity and Authentication

"…is about the continuity of relationships, knowing who to trust and who not to trust, making sense of a complex world"

(Schneier, *Secrets and Lies*, p. 68-69)

- Are ancient problems, a Bible example, from approximately 1100 BC talks about the Gileadites who captured the water crossings of the Jordan river leading to Ephraim…,

Bashan
MANASSEH
Damascus
Ashtaroth
Ramoth Gilead
Yarmuk River
Beth Arbel
Sea of Galilee
Gadara
DECAPOLIS
Beth Yerah
Lo Debar
1100 BC
Jabesh Gilead
Jabbok River
Jordan River
Pehel
Beth Shan
J. Umm ed-Daraj
Gilead
Harod Valley
Penuel/Peniel
Rift Valley
Zaphon
Mahanaim
Rabbah (of the Ammonites)
Succoth
Gedor
GAD

5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay;

6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

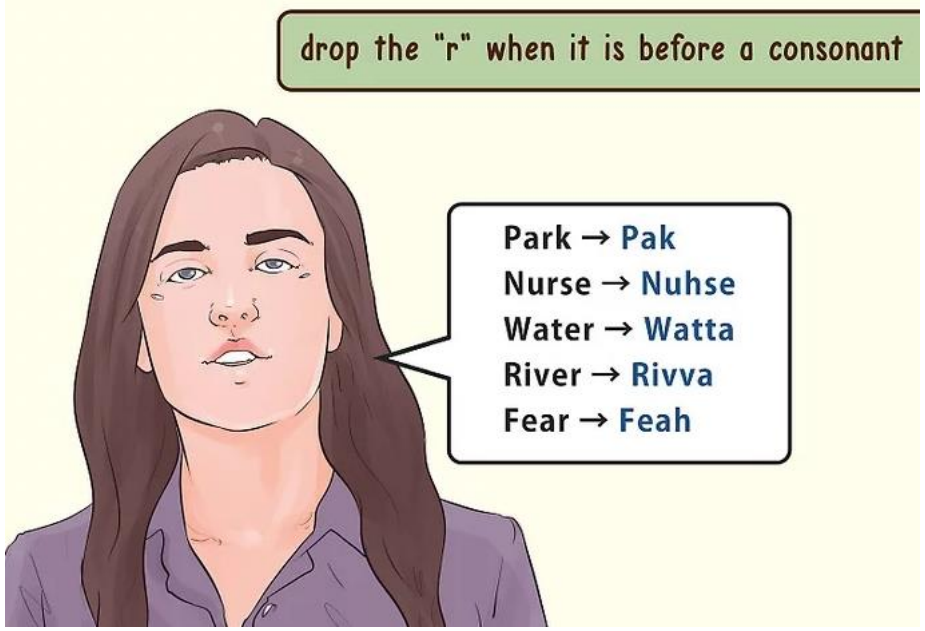
Judges 12:5-6

shibboleth

More recently, the word “Shibboleth” has been incorporated into the English language to mean something that distinguishes or identifies someone:

- a peculiarity of pronunciation, behavior, mode of dress, etc., that distinguishes a particular class or set of persons

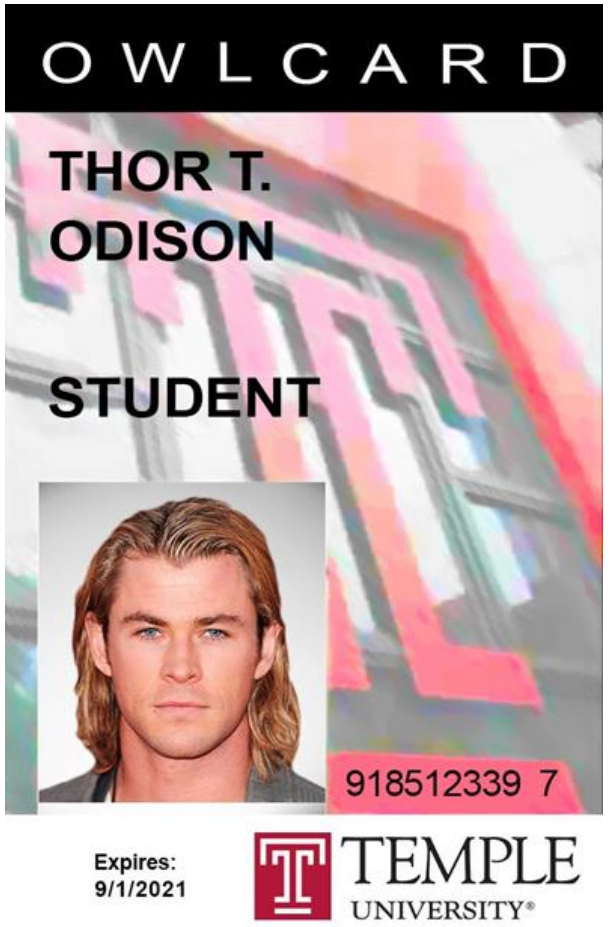
Talking like a stereotypical New Yorker



Question:

When you enter Speakman or Alter Hall and show/swipe your Temple ID, what is happening?

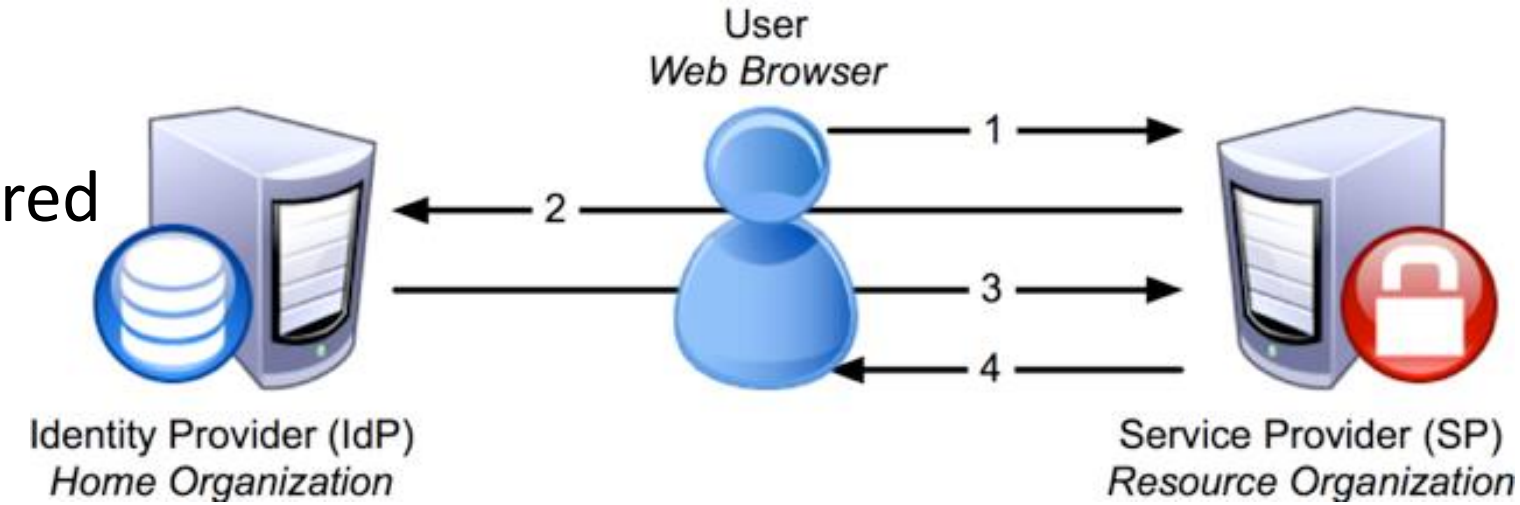
- *Identification ?*
- *Authentication ?*
- *Authorization ?*



shibboleth

In today's information technology a shibboleth is a single shared community-wide password that enables members of that community to access an online resource without revealing their individual identities

We no longer believe a shared password is safe



Controlling Access to IT Assets

- A central theme of information system security
- Many different security controls work together to provide access control
  - Identity, Authentication, Authorization, Auditing…
- IT Asset includes:
  - Information
  - Systems
  - Devices
  - Facilities
  - Personnel

Identity Management

Identification and Authentication are distinct functions

Identification: Who you say you are

Authentication: Confirmation that you are who you say you are

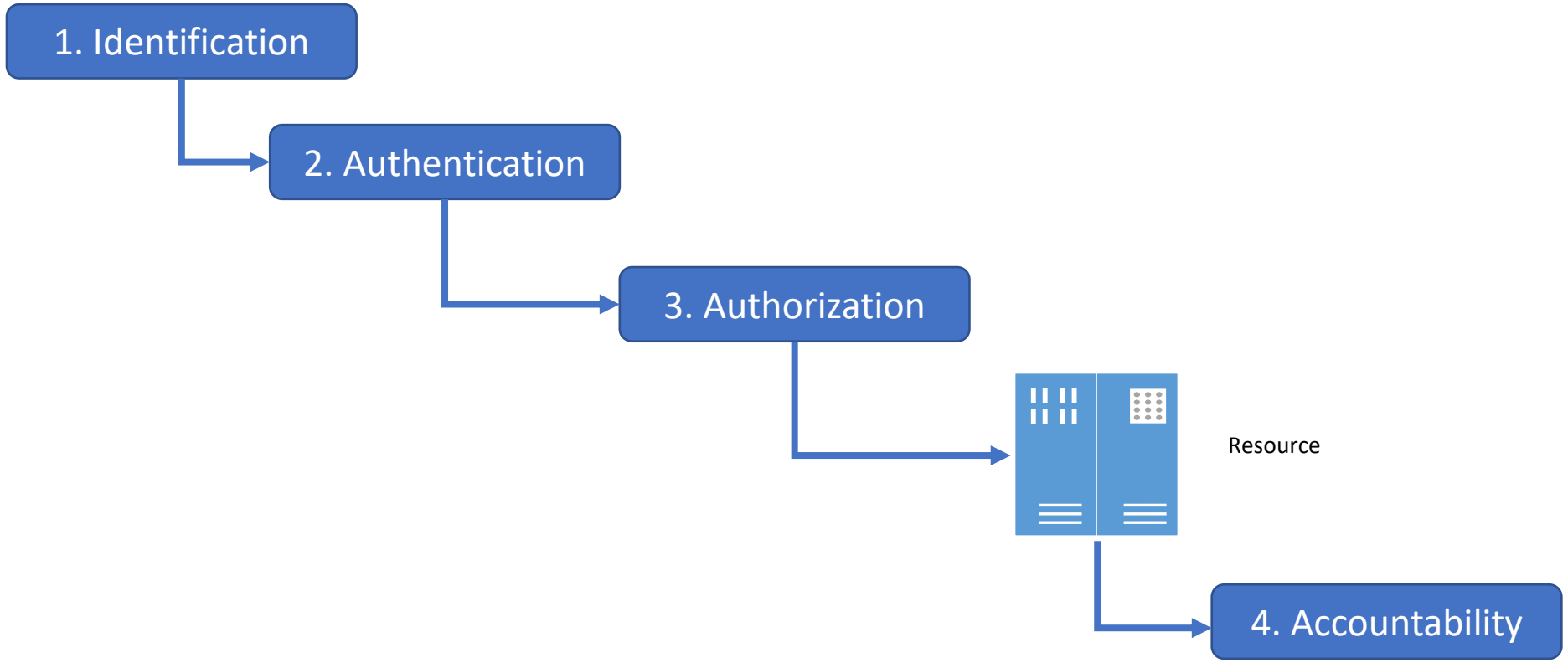
Identity and Authentication

First line of defense in battling unauthorized access to network resources and systems

- Broad term covering several types of mechanisms that control access to features of networks, computers and information stored and flowing within them

Identification, Authentication, Authorization, and Accountability ("AAA")

To access an information system resource, a user must pass through the following logical steps:



Authorization: Access to information…

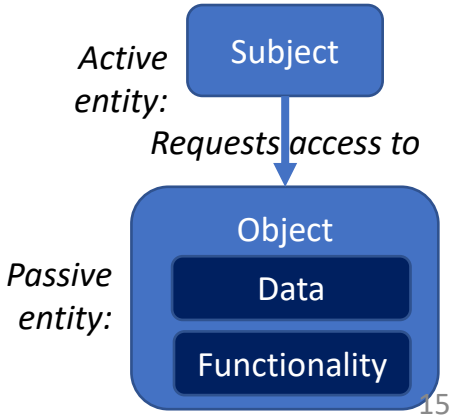
Access is the ability to create a flow of information between user and system

The flow of information between a subject and an object

- Subject
  - Always the active entity - requesting access to an object or data within the object
  - Can be users, programs, processes, services, computers…
  - When authorized, subjects can modify objects
- Object
  - Always the passive object - providing information to active subjects
  - Can be data files, databases, computers, programs, processes, services, storage media…

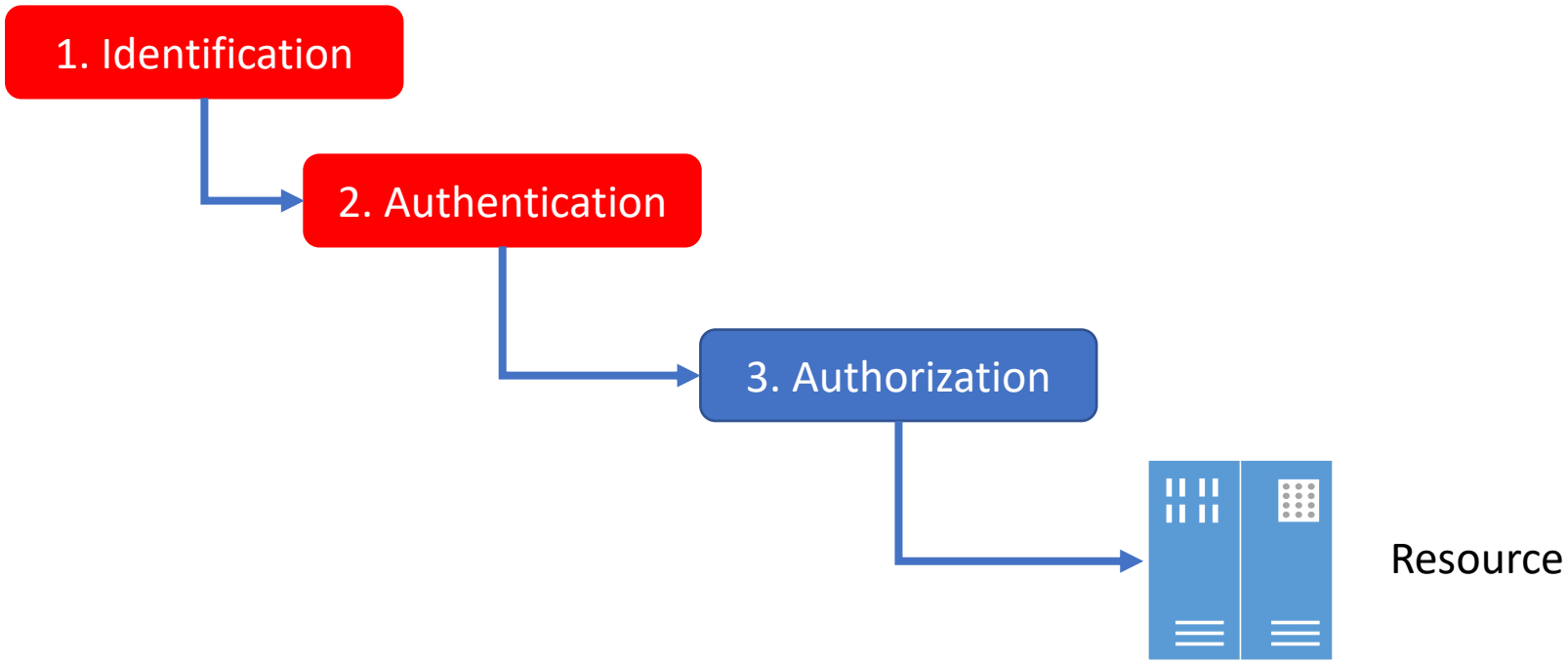
E.g. "***A user (subject) accesses an object (data file)***"

Note: *Roles of subject and object can switch during interactions – e.g. a computer program can be both a data requester and a data provider, switching back and forth*



To access a network's resource, a user must:

Prove their identity (i.e. has the necessary credentials)



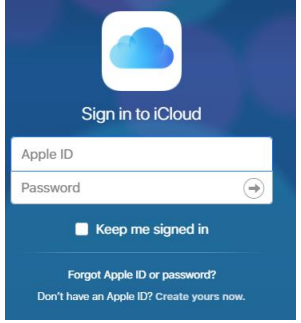
Identification and Authentication

Usually involves a two-step process:

1. **Identification:** Entering public information
   - Method by which a subject (user, program or process) claims to have a specific identity
     - *Username, employee number, account number, or email address*

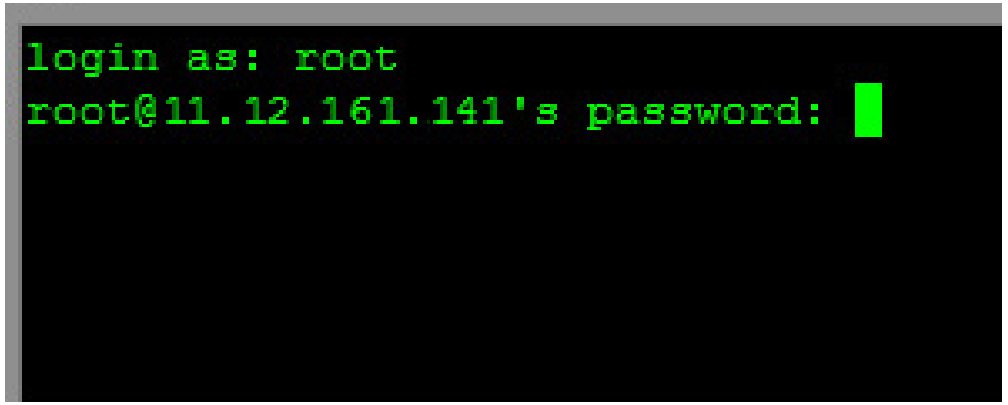
2. **Authentication:** Entering private information
   - Individual's identify must be verified during authentication process
   - Method by which subject proves it is who it says it is
     - *Static password, smart token, one-time password, or PIN*

Identification



Method of establishing the subject's identity

- *Subject can be a human user, program or process*
- **Identity** – A set of attributes that uniquely describe a person within a given context
- Typically a user name, email address or other public information



Identification

Entering public information

- Method by which a subject (user, program or process) supplies identifying information to claim they have a specific identity
  - *Username, employee number, account number, or email address*

Creating secure identities involves 3 key aspects:

1. **Uniqueness** – every user, program or process must be identified with an identifier (i.e. unique ID) that is specific to the individual for accountability
2. **Non-descriptive** – Identifier should not indicate the purpose of the account nor the user's position nor tasks done with the account
3. **Issuance** – provided by an authority as a formal/official means of proving identity

Authentication

The process of establishing confidence in the identity of users or information systems

Method of proving identity is something a person:

1. **Knows** – a secret password
2. **Has** – a public key certificate, Computer Access Card, …
3. **Is or does** – biometrics

Authentication – Classic 3 factor paradigm

…for authentication systems

Subject provides information to prove it is who it says it is and authentication system verifies the identification information

1. **Something the subject knows** ("authentication by knowledge") – Type 1 factor
   - Examples: password, PIN, combination to a lock…
   - Usually least expensive method to implement
   - Vulnerability: Someone else may acquire this knowledge and gain unauthorized access to a resource

2. **Something the subject has** ("authentication by ownership") – Type 2 factor
   - Examples: Key, swipe card, access card, badge…
   - Common for accessing facilities, sensitive areas, and authenticate holder
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3. **Something the subject is** ("authentication by characteristic") – Type 3 factor
   - Examples: Fingerprint, palm scan, retina scan…
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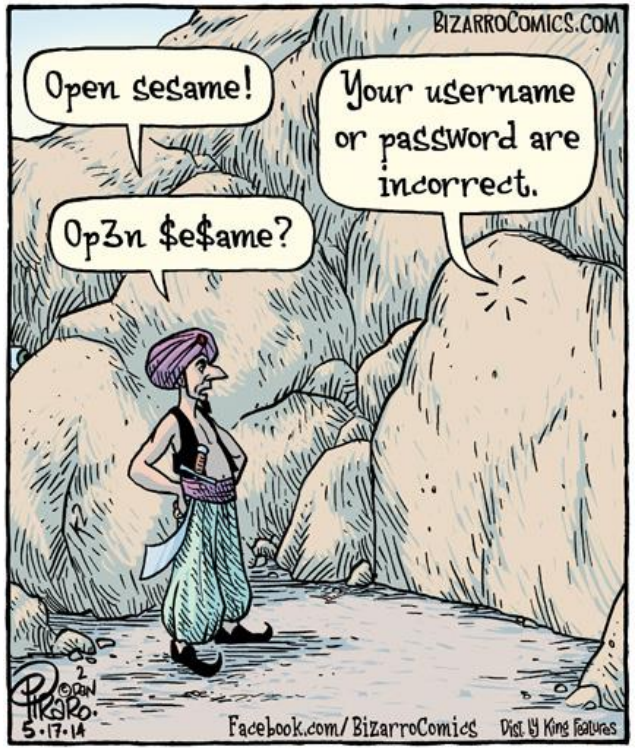
Authentication – Something you know

Use of secret words to authenticate humans dates at least as far back as the military of ancient Rome (Polybius, 118 BC), which developed a careful procedure for using daily “watchwords” to prevent infiltration

Also appears in the folk tale of Ali Baba and the forty thieves (translated into English in 1785) who used the phrase “open sesame” to access a magic cave



Authentication – something you know

Passwords

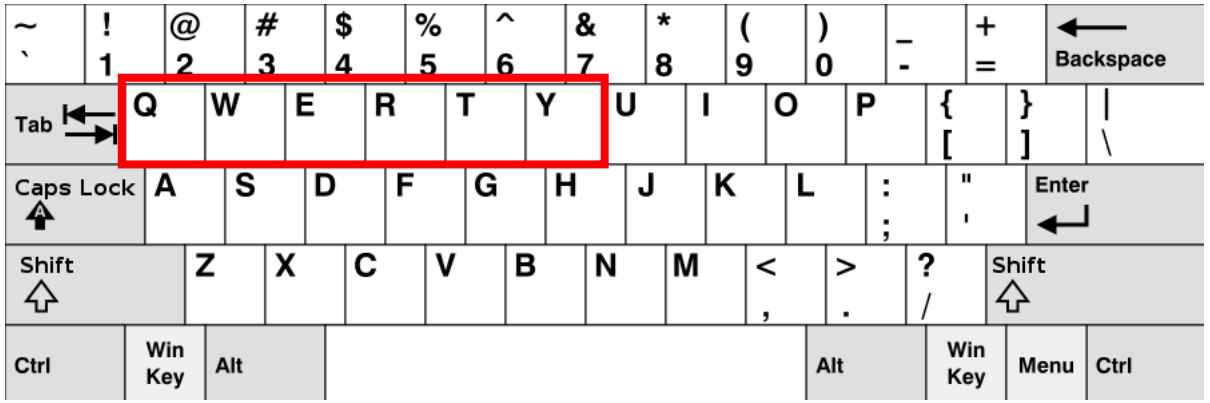
- A secret shared between user authentication system
- User name + password most common identification, authentication scheme
  - *A weak security mechanism – requiring implementation of strong password protections*

Authentication - Passwords

How many unique characters can be produced by the standard QWERTY keyboard?

Standard US Qwerty keyboards have 101, 104 or 107 keys which can produce 96 unique characters

- *26 lower case letters*
- *26 upper case letters*
- *10 numbers*
- *32 visible symbols*
- *2 Windows and Menu keys*



"The name comes from the order of the first six keys on the top left letter row of the keyboard (Q W E R T Y). The QWERTY design is based on a layout created for the Sholes and Glidden typewriter and sold to E. Remington and Sons in 1873. It became popular with the success of the Remington No. 2 of 1878, and remains in widespread use."

Wikipedia

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Authentication - Passwords

How to create a password that is hard to crack:

- The longer the password, the harder it is to crack
- Always use a combination of characters, numbers and special characters
- Variety in passwords on different apps and systems…

https://resources.infosecinstitute.com/10-popular-password-cracking-tools/#gref

- 1 character password: 96 tries to crack
- 2 characters: 96 *96 = 9,216
- 3 characters: 96 * 96 * 96 = 884,736
- 4 characters: 96^4 = 84,934,656
- …
- 8 characters: 96^8 = 7,213,895,789,838,336
- …
- 15 characters: 96^{15} = 542,086,379,860,909,058,354,552,242,176

LAST
WEEK
TONIGHT
WITH JOHN OLIVER

Authentication: Passphrase

This is a relatively complex password: cCs,.ebj7L}c

But it is difficult to remember

Passphrase

- Is a sequence of characters that is longer than a password
- Takes the place of a password
- Can be more secure than a password because it is more complex

This passphrase is easier to remember:

I like to eat chocolate chip cookies.

Use of random words in passphrase is better:

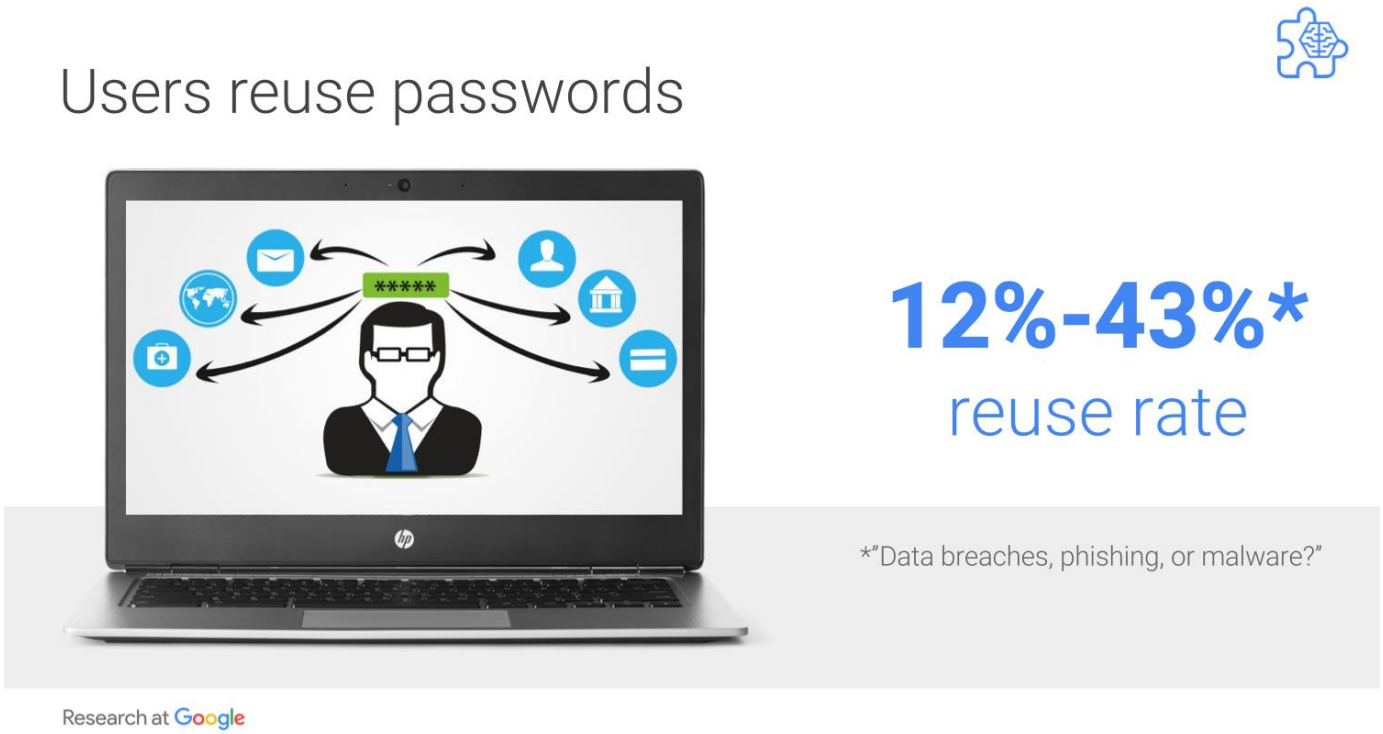
Correct horse battery staple

“The reuse of passwords is the #1 cause of harm on the internet”

https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-chief-security-officer-alex-stamos-web-summit-lisbon-hackers/

According to a study of 29 million people, 38% reused their passwords

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.01939.pdf



https://static.googleusercontent.com/media/research.google.com/en//pubs/archive/46437.pdf

Techniques to attack passwords

- Guessing
- Social engineering
- Dictionary attacks
- Electronic monitoring
- Access the password file
- Brute force attacks
- Rainbow tables

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10 most popular password cracking tools [updated 2020]

September 25, 2020 by Howard Poston Share:

Passwords are the most commonly used method for user authentication. Passwords are so popular because the logic behind them makes sense to people and they're relatively easy for developers to implement.

However, passwords can also introduce security vulnerabilities. Password crackers are designed to take credential data stolen in a data breach or other hack and extract passwords from it.

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Breaking Password Security

Learn about breaking passwords, including different attack types and popular tools as well as tricks to retrieving passwords from Windows systems.

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3 videos // 28 minutes of training

Course overview

"Some passwords are just too secure to bother to break." And some are easy pickings. Ethical hackers in training will appreciate this three-video course on the fundamentals of breaking password security, including multiple approaches to breaking passwords, techniques such as brute-forcing, manual guessing, dictionary attacks and hybrid attacks, famous tools such as rainbow tables and Cain and Abel and more. Includes special focus on Windows passwords and the tricks of retrieving passwords from the SAM file or a SYSKEY-encrypted SAM, plus breaking 2FA.

Course syllabus

Breaking Password Security	Duration: 9:37
Breaking Windows Passwords	Duration: 16:14
Two-Factor Authentication	Duration: 1:44

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Authentication: Passwords with Password Managers

Keeping all of your passwords in a password manager is a good idea

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1Password
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LastPass
- https://fossbytes.com/best-free-password-manager-software/
- https://www.techradar.com/best/password-manager

Authentication - something you have

e.g.

- Your phone
- ID Card
- Synchronous token
  - Time Based
  - Counter Synchronization

Signing in to your account will work a little differently

1 **You'll enter your password**
Whenever you sign in to Google, you'll enter your password as usual.

2 **You'll be asked for something else**
Then, a code will be sent to your phone via text, voice call, or our mobile app. Or, if you have a Security Key, you can insert it into your computer's USB port.

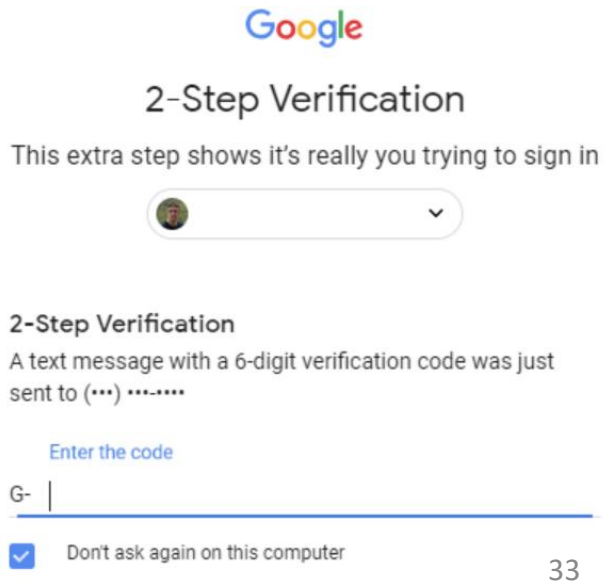
…something you have: Cell phone

The number one thing most people can do to protect themselves online is to enable any type of two-factor authentication for their important accounts

2-factor authentication requires you to have 2 things to get into your account, often it consists of:

1. Something you know (your password)
2. Something you have
    1. Your mobile device with security code

- SMS stands for Short Message Service, the most widely used type of text messaging
- When you enable SMS-based 2-factor authentication, the service will send your mobile phone number a text message containing a one-time code whenever you sign in from a new device
- If someone has your username and password for the related account, they cannot sign into your account without access to your text messages



Something you have: Cell phone

SMS-based 2-factor authentication is better than nothing, but still not ideal because someone could steal your phone number or intercept your text messages

For example,

An attacker could impersonate you and move your phone number to a new phone

- In a “Port-out scam” a criminal pretends to be you and moves your current phone number to another cellular carrier
- In “SIM hijacking”, an attacker moves your phone number from your current SIM card to the attacker’s SIM card

This is a big problem!

- Many online accounts, including bank accounts, use your phone number as a two-factor authentication method. They won’t let you sign in without sending a code to your phone first.

But, after the porting scam or SIM hijacking has taken place, the attacker will receive that security code on their phone. They can use it to gain access to your financial accounts and other sensitive services.

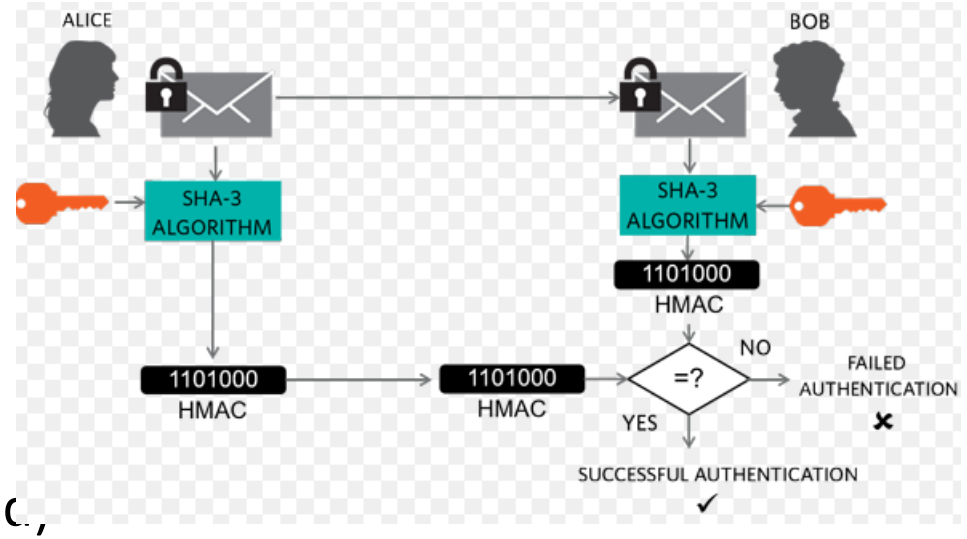
Something you have: Cell phone

- SMS-based 2-factor authentication is not ideal because someone could steal your phone number or intercept your text messages
  - It's one of the weaker things that you can have to authenticate, because your phone number is actually "something you lease" from the phone company, you don't actually own or control it
- For example, in the most likely attack
  - An attacker could impersonate you and move your phone number to a new phone in a phone number porting scam
- Alternatively, an attacker could intercept SMS messages intended for you
  - For example, they could spoof a cell tower near you, or a government could use its access to the cellular network to forward and capture your messages

Something you have: Cell phone with one-time codes

- Hash (HMAC)-based one-time password (HOTP),

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMAC-based_One-time_Password_algorithm



HMAC = Hash Message Authentication Code

1. Message is concatenated with a symmetric key (not encrypted),
2. The combination is hashed resulting in a HMAC
3. The HMAC is appended to the message and sent to the receiver
4. The receiver concatenates the message with the symmetric key
5. The receiver hashes the combination and compares it to the HMAC received with the message, if the HMACs match the message is authenticated

Note: Authenticity and Integrity are achieved, but confidentiality is not

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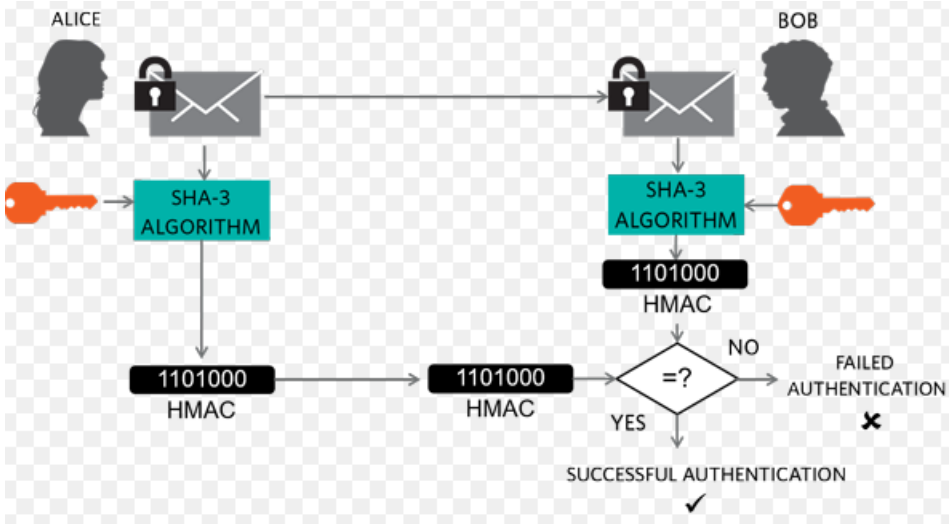


- Time-based one-time password (TOTP), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time-based_One-time_Password_algorithm

- Drawback is that these can be phished, intercepted, and man-in-the-middle attacked

Something you have: Universal Second Factor (U2F) security keys

- U2F security keys turn web authentication on its head
  - *Instead of the user having to authenticate to the website, U2F requires websites to authenticate to the U2F token*
- It takes people out of the authentication equation, making phishing impossible
- Google eliminates phishing of its employees requiring all employees to use U2F

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_2nd_Factor

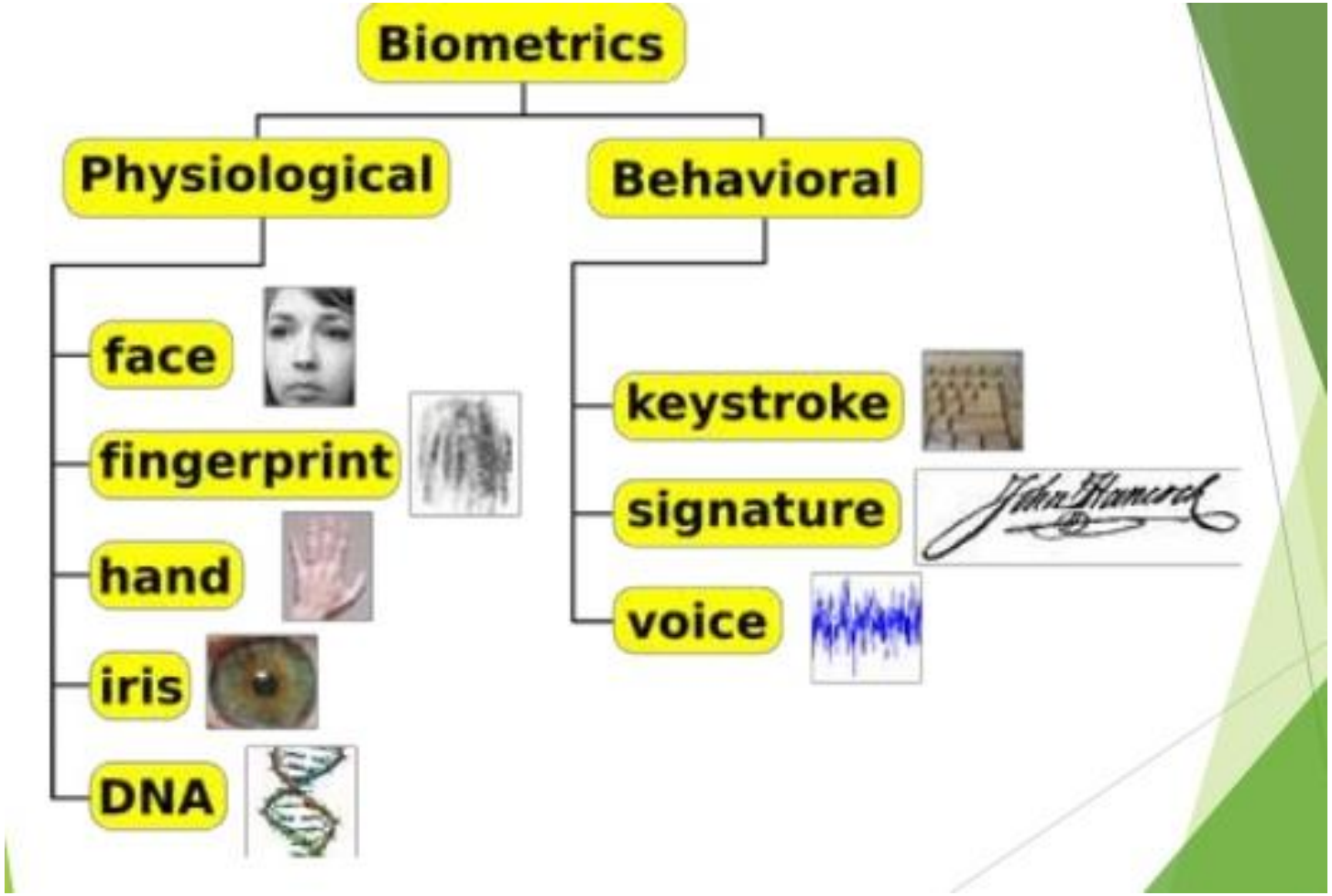
- Sites that let you use U2F: https://www.dongleauth.info

Authentication – something you are or do ("Biometrics")

- Verifies an identity by analyzing a unique person attribute or behavior
- Most expensive way to prove identity, also has difficulties with user acceptance
- Many different types of biometric systems

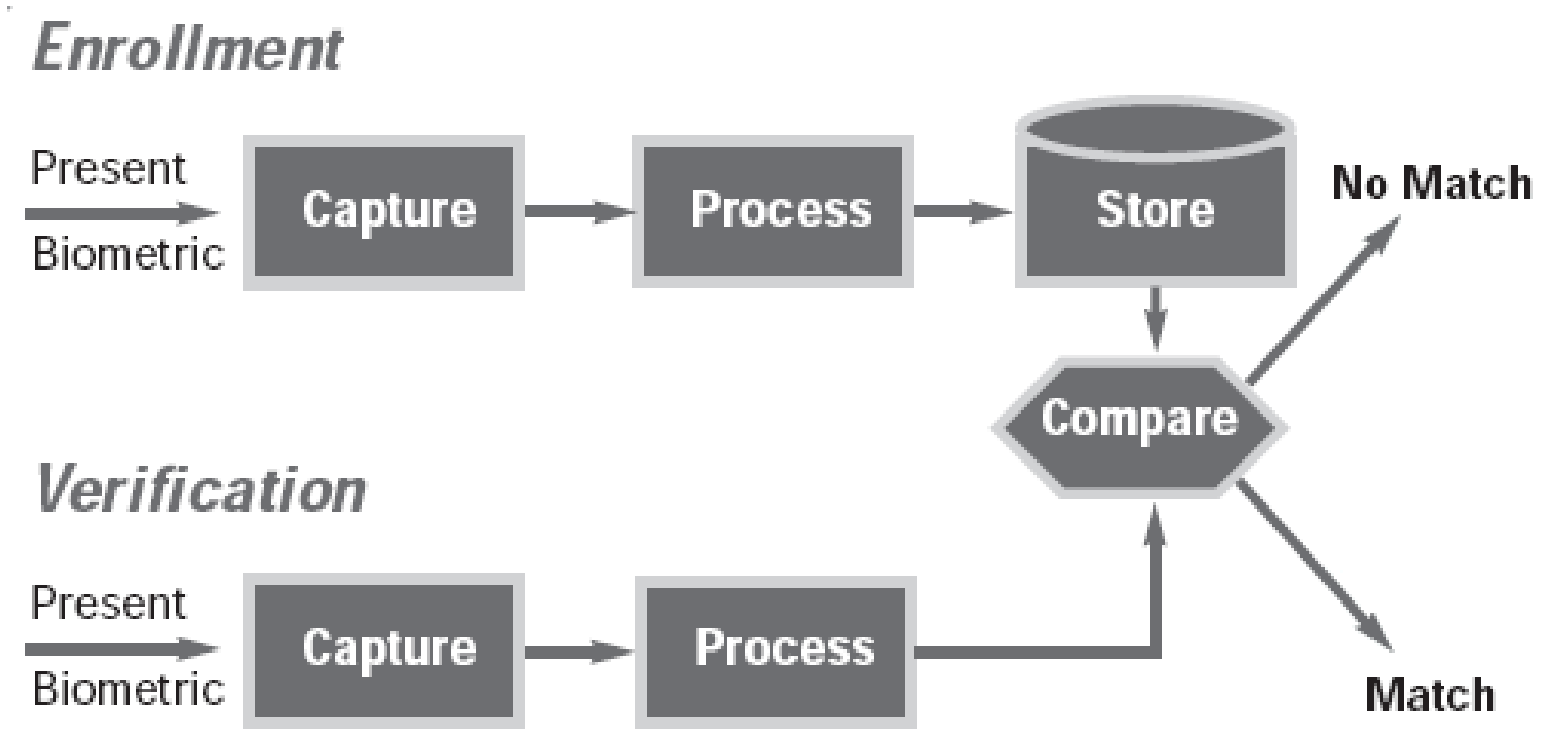
Authentication

Most common biometric systems:



Authentication – Biometric Systems

During identity verification (i.e. authentication) the biometric system scans personal's physiological attribute or behavioral trait and compares the captured data to a record created in an earlier enrollment process



Scanning fingerprint from display

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Authentication: Multi-factor

Multi-factor authentication refers to use of >1 factor:

Something the subject knows (“authentication by knowledge”)

+

Something the subject has (“authentication by ownership”)

+

Something the subject is (“authentication by characteristic”)

Authentication system strength determined by the number of factors incorporated into the systems

- Implementations that use 2 factors are considered stronger than those that only use 1 factor
- Systems that incorporate all 3 factors are stronger than systems that incorporate 2 factors

Example: An ATM machine requires both something you have (the ATM card) and something you know (the PIN)

- *Both the card and pin on their own are weak*
- *Together they are strong!*

Authentication: Multi-factor

https://tuportal6.temple.edu/es/web/its/multi-factor-authentication

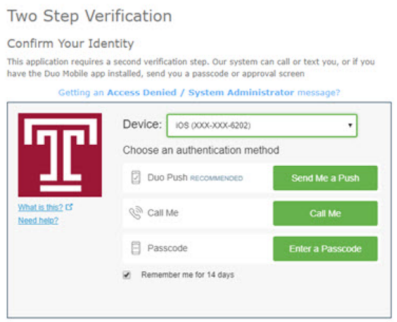
MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Overview

To better protect your personal information, Temple uses an extra level of security on selected websites called **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)**. It's called Multi-Factor Authentication because in order to access these sites, you will need:

1. your AccessNet username and password
2. one or more designated phones to further verify your identity

Once you set up MFA, the next time you log in to a Temple website, such as TUportal or Canvas, you will first enter your AccessNet username and password. You will then be prompted to choose a verification method for the phone you registered for Multi-Factor Authentication.



Get Started: One-Time Setup

In TUportal, you can designate all your phones or particular ones for Multi-Factor Authentication, including mobile phone (smartphone or basic cell phone), landline, and TTY devices. To begin, click below and follow the instructions:

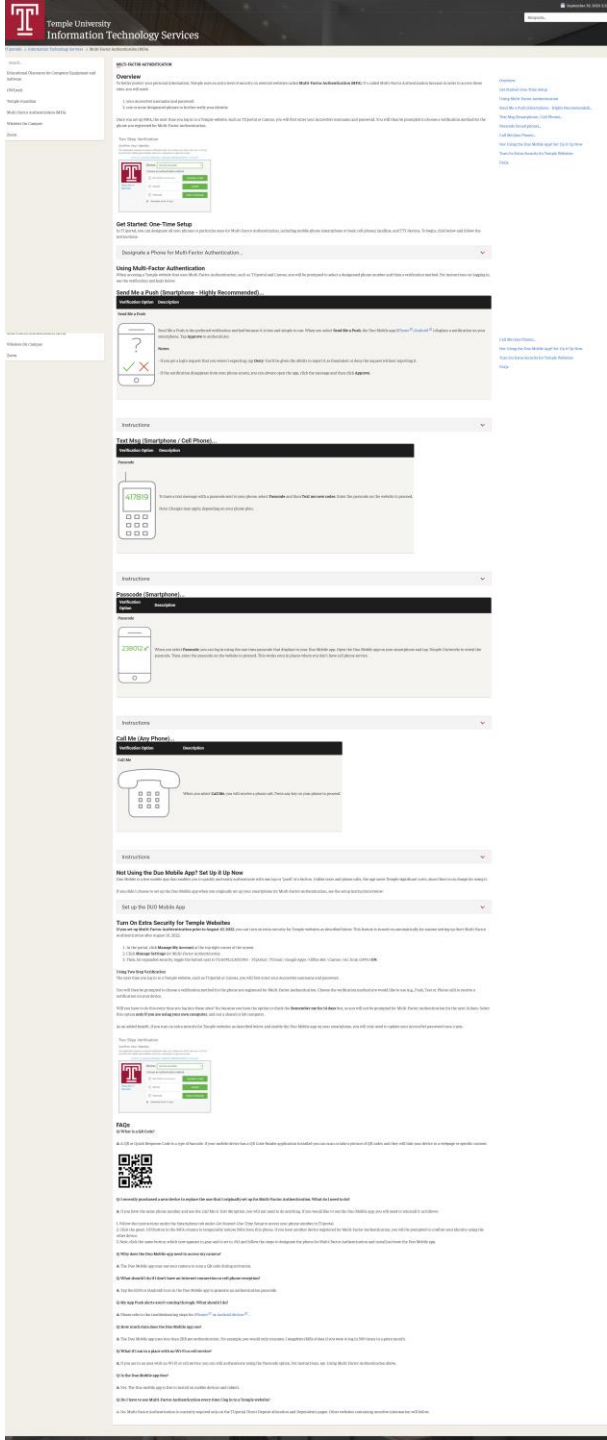
Designate a Phone for Multi-Factor Authentication...

Using Multi-Factor Authentication

When accesing a Temple website that uses Multi-Factor Authentication, such as TUportal and Canvas, you will be prompted to select a designated phone number and then a verification method. For instructions on logging in, see the verification methods below:

Send Me a Push (Smartphone - Highly Recommended)...

Verification Option	Description
Send Me a Push	



Agenda

- ✓RSA Asymmetric Encryption Lab
- ✓Identity and Authentication – a historic problem
- ✓Identity and Authentication for controlling access to IT Assets
- ✓Identification
- ✓Authentication
  - ✓Something you know
  - ✓Something you have
  - ✓Something you are
- ✓Multi-factor Authentication