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1 Introduction

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2 Two-factor

Wording: Two-Factor Auth vs Two-Factor Verification

2.1 SMS

2.1.1 introduction

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2.1.2 How does it work technically

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2.1.3 pros

- 1. Every mobile is capable of receiving SMS (from old Nokia's ranging to new iPhone Xs)
- 2. No apps required, works everywhere (worldwide)
- 3. easy to use

2.1.4 cons

- $1. \ \,$ Relies on the SS7 security, which is broken
- 2. SMS eveasdropping is very easy
- 3. Forward phishing attacks are possible, too
- $4.\,$ Mobile phone trojans can intercept all incoming SMS
- 5. costs millions for bigger companies (each SMS is charged)

3 WebAuth

3.0.1 Questions - To resarch

- 1. How does the Authenticator talk to the browser
- 2. How does the Authenticator store the keys

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