



# OATH: Initiative for Open AuTHentication

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# Who Are You Really Doing Business With?



*"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."*

The New York Magazine, July 5, 1993, Peter Steiner,

# Static Passwords are bad...

**Everyone complains about the weather,  
but no one does anything.**

# What is OATH?

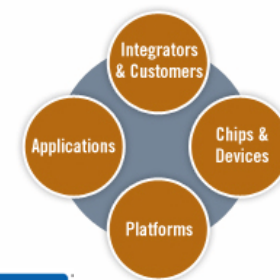


The Open Authentication Reference Architecture (OATH) initiative is a group of companies working together to help drive the adoption of open strong authentication technology across all networks.

# OATH : Mission

- Expand secure and safe on-line transactions for consumers and business users with strong, 2-factor authentication
- Leverage existing standards and create an open reference architecture for strong authentication which users and service providers can rely upon, and leverage to interoperate
- Reduce the cost and complexity of adopting strong authentication solutions

# OATH Membership ( 80+ )



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# OATH Reference Architecture:

Establishes the 'common ground'

- Sets the technical vision for OATH
- 4 guiding principles
  - Open and royalty-free specifications
  - Device Innovation & embedding
  - Native Platform support
  - Interoperable modules
- v2.0 published in 2007
  - Risk based authentication
  - Authentication and Identity Sharing



# Standardized Authentication Algorithms

- Open and royalty free specifications
- Proven security: reviewed by industry experts
- Choice: one size does not fit all

## HOTP

- Event-based OTP**
- Based on HMAC, SHA-1
- IETF RFC 4226
- Dec 2005

## OCRA

- Based on HOTP
- Challenge-response authentication**
- Short digital signatures**
- 8<sup>th</sup> draft, expected RFC 2009

## TOTP

- Time-based HOTP**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> draft submitted to IETF



# OATH Adoption



and many more...

Soft OTP Token

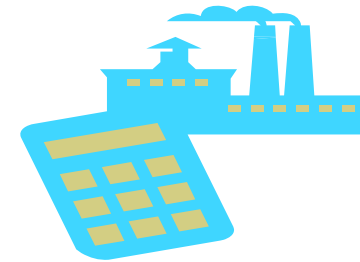
Multi-Function Token (OTP & USB Smart Card)

50+ shipping products

# Credential Provisioning

## Token manufacturer offline model

- Portable Symmetric Key Container standard format (PSKC Internet-Draft)



## Dynamic real-time model

- Dynamic Symmetric Key Provisioning Protocol (DSKPP Internet-Draft)
- OTA provisioning to mobile devices, or online to PC/USB



## IETF KeyProv WG

- working toward RFC submissions



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# OATH Progression

## *CHOICE of AUTHENTICATION METHODS*

- HOTP ☒
- OCRA ☒
- TOTP ☒

2006-08

## *CREDENTIAL PROVISIONING & LIFECYCLE*

- PSKC ☒
- DSKPP ☒

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## *APPLICATION INTEGRATION & ADOPTION*

- Certification program
- WS Validation
- Auth & Identity Sharing work

2008+

# OATH Authentication Sharing Models

Enables sharing of 2<sup>nd</sup> factor credential across sites – force multipliers!

“Token Necklace” Dilemma



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2<sup>nd</sup>

Demo Card

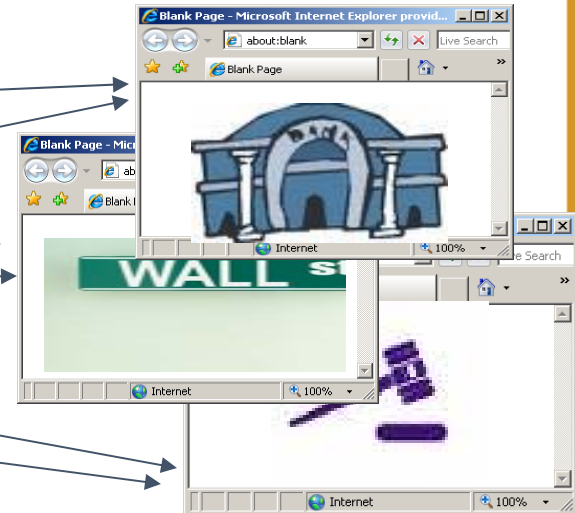
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OATH Token  
Sharing Models

Centralized  
Service  
Model

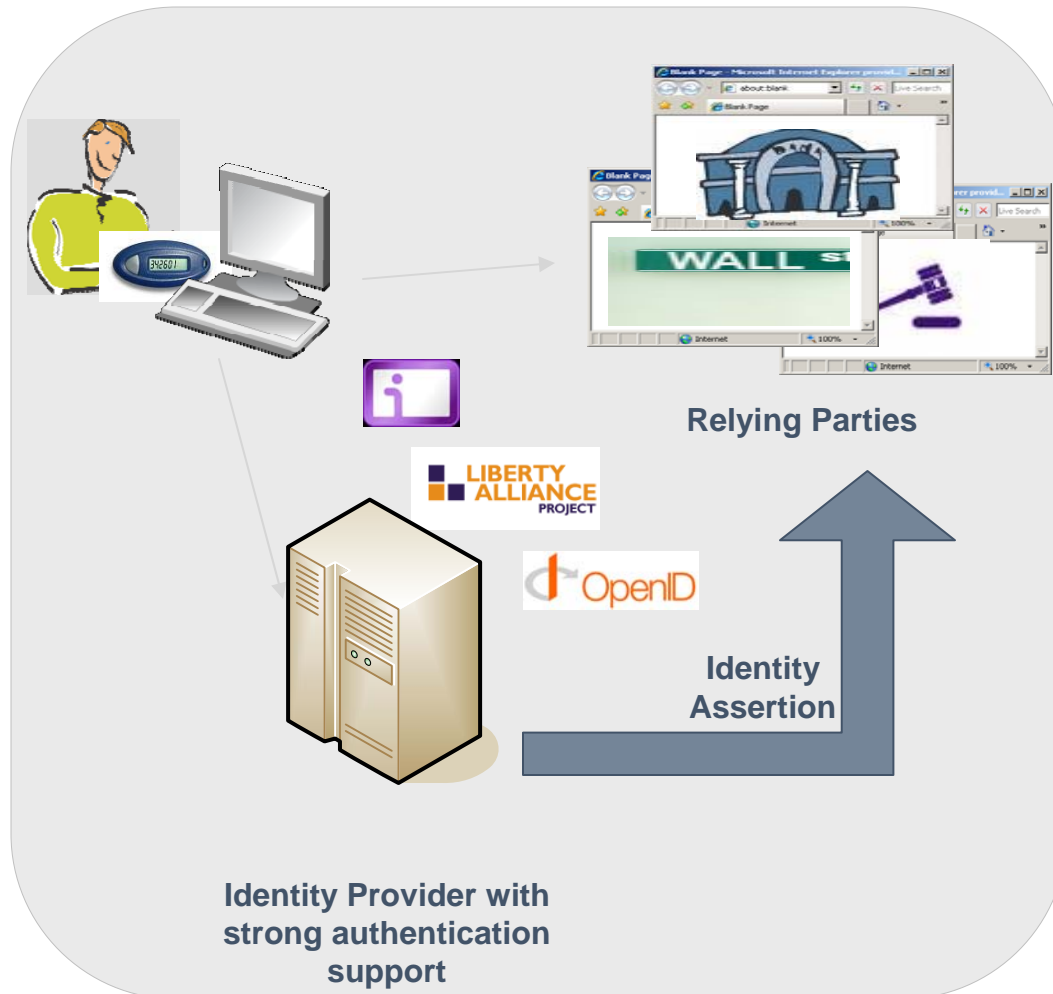
Distributed  
Validation Model  
3. Credential Wallet



Online Bank, auction,  
brokerage, e-  
commerce sites, etc.

Simpler liability models...

# Identity Federation & OATH



- **Identity is federated/shared across multiple sites**
  - Traditional federation (Liberty)
  - User-centric models (OpenID, CardSpace)
- **Single Identity becomes more valuable**
  - Needs to protected using strong authentication

**Enable OATH credentials as first class citizens with these technologies!**

# Moving Toward More Pervasive Strong Auth

## Lower barrier to adoption!

- **User Convenience**
  - Leverage devices users already carry today
  - Shared Credential
- **Lower TCO**
  - Interoperable multi-vendor solutions
  - Leverage existing devices
- **Reduce Time to Implement**
  - Online/OTA provisioning
  - Easier to integrate - standard web services and protocols



# OATH: *Driving a fundamental shift from proprietary to open solutions!*

- Open & Royalty free specifications
- User friendly form factors
- Embedding in existing devices

**Device  
Innovation**

**Lower Cost**

- One size does not fit all – risk based authentication
- Cost effective devices
- No vendor lock-in

- Interoperable standards enable enterprises to deploy components from multiple vendors in a single deployment
- Proven security!

**Best of Breed  
Deployments**

**Device  
Portability**

- Authentication & Identity Sharing models enable use of single device across multiple application and networks

Visit [www.openauthentication.org](http://www.openauthentication.org)

# Questions & Answers

Thank You!



# Get Involved!

- **Visit the OATH website**
  - Download Reference Architecture v2
  - Download and review draft specifications
- **Engage - contribute ideas, suggestions**
  - Review public draft specifications
  - Get involved in developing specifications
- **Become a member!**
  - 3 levels - Coordinating, Contributing, Adopting
  - Join the TFG mailing list

# References and Resources

- Initiative for Open AuTHentication (OATH)
  - <http://www.openauthentication.org>
- HOTP: An HMAC-Based One-Time Password Algorithm – RFC 4226
  - <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc4226.txt>
- OATH Reference Architecture
  - <http://www.openauthentication.org>
- Other draft specifications
  - <http://www.openauthentication.org>