DEPLOY AND MAINTAIN SECURED IDENTITY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS WITH THALES SERVICES AND HARDWARE SECURITY MODULES

- Protect identity of individuals and device
- Develop the right process and procedures
- Assess health of existing PKI deployments
- Migrate PKIs to meet expanding demands
- Facilitate security auditing and compliance

THALES DELIVERS SELF-MANAGED PKI SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS ENTERPRISE-SPECIFIC SECURITY NEEDS

THE PROBLEM: MARKET ADOPTION OF MOBILE AND INTERCONNECTED TECHNOLOGIES IS STRETCHING CAPABILITIES OF EXISTING PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURES (PKIs) AND DRIVING THE NEED TO STAND-UP NEW ONES.

Growing use of cryptographic-enabled applications and the impact of the Internet of Things (IoT) is creating unprecedented new demands on PKIs. Expanding credentialing requirements and the need to manage how devices and sensors securely connect to close network ecosystems is driving enterprises to reassess the health of their existing PKIs. Paired with changing security standards, enterprises are rethinking their PKI implementation strategies and in some cases redesigning and migrating to new, more robust deployments.

THE CHALLENGE: MAINTAINING A STRONG ROOT OF TRUST ACROSS THE ENTERPRISE PKI THAT FULFILLS THE OPERATIONAL DEMANDS OF MORE SECURITY-SENSITIVE APPLICATIONS.

With more security-sensitive applications depending on the enterprise PKI to deliver identification credentials to individuals and devices, the security of underpinning private keys is essential. Growing number of users and of connected devices need digital credentials to enable their identification and authentication into trusted ecosystems, and this requires the protection and management of increasing numbers of private keys in an automated and trusted manner.
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THE SOLUTION: THALES SELF-MANAGED PKI OFFERINGS COMBINE CONSULTANCY SERVICES WITH THE RIGHT SECURITY HARDWARE TO ASSIST CUSTOMER FROM REQUIREMENTS DEFINITION TO DEPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

Enterprise PKI requirements are typically unique depending on their business, their clients, and the applications they support. Thales self-managed PKI offerings combine technical expertise in the design and implementation of organizational PKIs, with the security hardware necessary to provide a robust root of trust for the system. Services include initial requirements assessment and development of processes and procedures, together with design and implementation of the infrastructure necessary to ensure customers can deploy PKIs that meet current and future requirements. Consultancy can support operational settings needing high availability and redundancy, or laboratory environments to assist customers in developing their own PKI skill sets. For customers deploying PKIs for the first time, offerings include documentation and deployment services combined with supporting security hardware. For customers with existing and growing PKI deployments, offerings include health checks, and migration services, including SHA migration service together with security hardware.

Thales nShield hardware security modules (HSMs) increase the assurance level of PKI deployments. Designed to protect and manage underpinning private key in a certified isolated environment, Thales nShield HSMs support PKIs from Microsoft, Red Hat, Entrust, RSA, Safelayer, and Insta using standard cryptographic application programing interfaces (CAPIs).

WHY USE THALES HSMs WITH SELF-MANAGED PKIs

The deployment of more security-critical applications and connected devices is placing increased demand on PKIs, expecting them to not only protect the root certificate authority (CA) private keys of individual and device certificates issued across domains, but also their registration. Organizational PKIs not using HSMs to protect their private keys leave themselves vulnerable to disruption with potential severe consequences. HSMs provide a hardened environment that protects security-critical keys from theft and misuse, and enable their full lifecycle management with failover support. Binding certificate issuance to identity checks and approvals using an HSM has been an important lesson learned from CA security compromises. Certified to stringent security standards including FIPS 140-2 Level 3 and Common Criteria EAL 4+, Thales nShield HSMs:

- Store root CA and enrollment keys in a secure and tamper resistant environment
- Manage administrator access with smart card-based policy and two-factor authentication
- Comply with regulatory requirements for public sector, financial services, and enterprises

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Simplifying the management of identity credentials across the enterprise, including virtualized environments, Thales nShield HSMs help organizations meet audit and compliance requirements such as the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). Thales HSMs are available in the following models to meet specific customer needs:

- nShield Edge: portable USB-attached HSM for offline root CAs and for developer applications
- nShield Solo / Solo+ / Solo XC: embedded PCI Express high performance HSM for servers
- nShield Connect / Connect+ / Connect XC: network-attached high performance HSM for data centers

For more detailed technical specifications on Thales PKI Services and HSMs, please visit www.thalesesecurity.com