Offering SIM strong authentication in a Liberty Alliance Circle of Trust

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Introduction

• Telenor wants to explore new businesses and new roles than the traditional telecommunication.
• Identity Management is getting more and more important
• Telenor wants to experiment the role of Identity Provider based on the Liberty Alliance concepts regarding:
  – Technology
  – Business:
    – How to establish a Circle-of-Trust
    – Which services are compelling to Service Providers and users?
  ➔ The SIM Strong Authentication Service
Limitation of current authentication solutions

- Single password is not strong enough
- It is expensive for the service provider to introduce stronger authentication
- For ex. Using one-time password as the bank DnBNOR will require a password calculator.
- Alternatively, a wallet (secure client) must be installed in the user’s PC
Limitation of current authentication solutions

- Alternatively, smart cards can be used
- Smart cards are tampered resistant devices that can be used to store the encryption keys and the credentials of the user
- They can be equipped with encryption/decryption functions
- However, they introduce cost at deployment time and for management
- Unconvenient for the users
  - many cards that fill the wallet
  - many pin codes to remember
Our SIM strong authentication service

• A user with a valid Telenor mobile subscription having one of the following:
  – A mobile phone with a SIM and Bluetooth placed close to a Bluetooth enabled PC
  – A dongle (with a SIM) mounted on the PC
  – A card reader (with a SIM) installed in the PC
  – A GPRS/3G PC card (with a SIM) installed on the PC
• May quite easily and securely log on to
  – An Internet bank
  – A corporate intranet
  – A commerce webshop
  – An Enterprise web site
  – An eGovernment application
At anytime and anywhere in the world.

• The authentication is done by the Telenor Identity Provider (IDP) server based on Sun Access Manager in collaboration with a Lucent Technologies Vital AAA server that communicates with the Telenor Home Location Register (HLR) via an Ulticom Signalware SS7/IP MAP Authentication Gateway.
Components of the SIM strong authentication service

- Supplicant or peer
  - ActiveX in the PC browser

- Service Provider Sun Access Manager

- AAA Server
  - RADIUS

- Gateway
  - SS7/IP

- HLR

- Identity Provider Sun Access Manager
  - Authenticator Servlet in IDP

- Circle of Trust

- EAP in HTTP

- EAP in RADIUS

- ID-FF

- IP

- SS7

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The proof-of-concept demonstrated in Barcelona

- Visited GSM Network
- IP-based Network
  - User
  - Axalto SIM w/ EAP-SIM
- Internet
- Telenor GSM Network
- Telenor IP Network
  - Telenor IDP
  - IBM FIM
  - Lucent Radius Server
- Ulticom MAP Gateway
- myBank.no
- myEnterprise.no
- Telenor IDP SUN Access Mgr
- Telenor HLR/AUC
- Lucent Radius Server
How does SIM strong authentication service work?

1. Kari connects her laptop on the Internet and is visiting the myBank.no website.
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2. When she attempts to log in she is redirected to the Telenor Identity Provider web site
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4. Kari clicks on the "Smartcard logon" button. She is then asked to do one of the following in order for the PC middleware to access the handset SIM card:
   a. Insert the SIM card in the card reader
   b. Plug the USB dongle or integrating the SIM card
   c. Connect the PC to the phone using Bluetooth or a data cable
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4. The Telenor IDP Sun Access Manager will request the Lucent Vital AAA server to start the EAP-SIM authentication towards the SIM card:
   - Via the Ulticom MAP gateway, the Lucent VitalAAA will request the GSM triplet (RAND, SRES, Kc) that is used in the authentication.
   - The random number RAND is conveyed to SIM card that returns a XRES.
   - If XRES is equal to SRES the authentication is successful.

Depending on the security settings Kari has established for her SIM card, she may be asked to enter her EAP-SIM card application PIN code to allow the mutual authentication to be performed.
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6. After a while, Kari goes to her enterprise Intranet. This time she is automatically logged in since she has already been authenticated and that authentication is still valid.
Values to the users

• Simple and better control and management of their identities:
• Better protection and higher level of security
• Ease of use
• Single-sign-on
• Universal applicability
• Global availability
Values to the Service Providers

- Better protection and higher level of security
- Cost saving
- Lower threshold for deployment
- Simpler customer management
- Reach more customers
Values to the Mobile Operators

- New source of revenues
- Reuse of existing infrastructure
- Improved customer loyalty
- New business customers
- Strengthened position
- Easy adaptability for the future
Conclusion

• The SIM strong authentication service by
  – Its usage simplicity
  – Its high level of security,
  – Its universal applicability
  – Its cost efficiency,
will most likely be a successful service in the near future.

• Next, we will explore the delegation of authentication between two CoT, i.e. two IDPs.

• A proof-of-concept implementation has been completed by Telenor, Axalto, Linus and Oslo University College in collaboration with SUN, IBM, Lucent Technologies and Ulticom. A demonstration of the service will be shown at the 3GSM World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, February 2006.