

CMVP Vendor Product Link

Help Customers Find Your Validated Module and Products

On May 20, 2003, the CMVP instituted a new optional web link entry on the CMVP Validation Modules List. The CMVP constantly receives from Federal agencies and those who wish to procure products using validated cryptographic modules queries on how to find the vendor products that incorporate or are the validated module.

Typically, the vendor web link that is provided to the CMVP upon module validation directs a user to the vendor's *home page*. From there the user must attempt to find references to the identified validated module, and also hope to find what products a vendor is offering that would incorporate the validated module. There may be a large number of security products available that use a validated cryptographic module. The CMVP receives feedback that this is a daunting and difficult task.

A validated cryptographic module may either be an embedded component of a product, or a standalone product. While the CMVP cannot maintain a list of vendor products that utilize an embedded validated cryptographic module, we would like to provide vendors a mechanism to connect their products to potential users and customers. Not only should this be an advantage for the vendor, but it may reduce the frustration of a customer in his/her attempt to find a product that utilizes a validated module. An optional second hyperlink below the Certificate hyperlink on each validation list entry is provided. The first hyperlink is the traditional link to the cryptographic module vendor's home page. It is intended that the second hyperlink would link to a vendor provided product page that contains a concise listing of those vendor products that use the validated cryptographic module or, if the module is a standalone product, additional pertinent information.

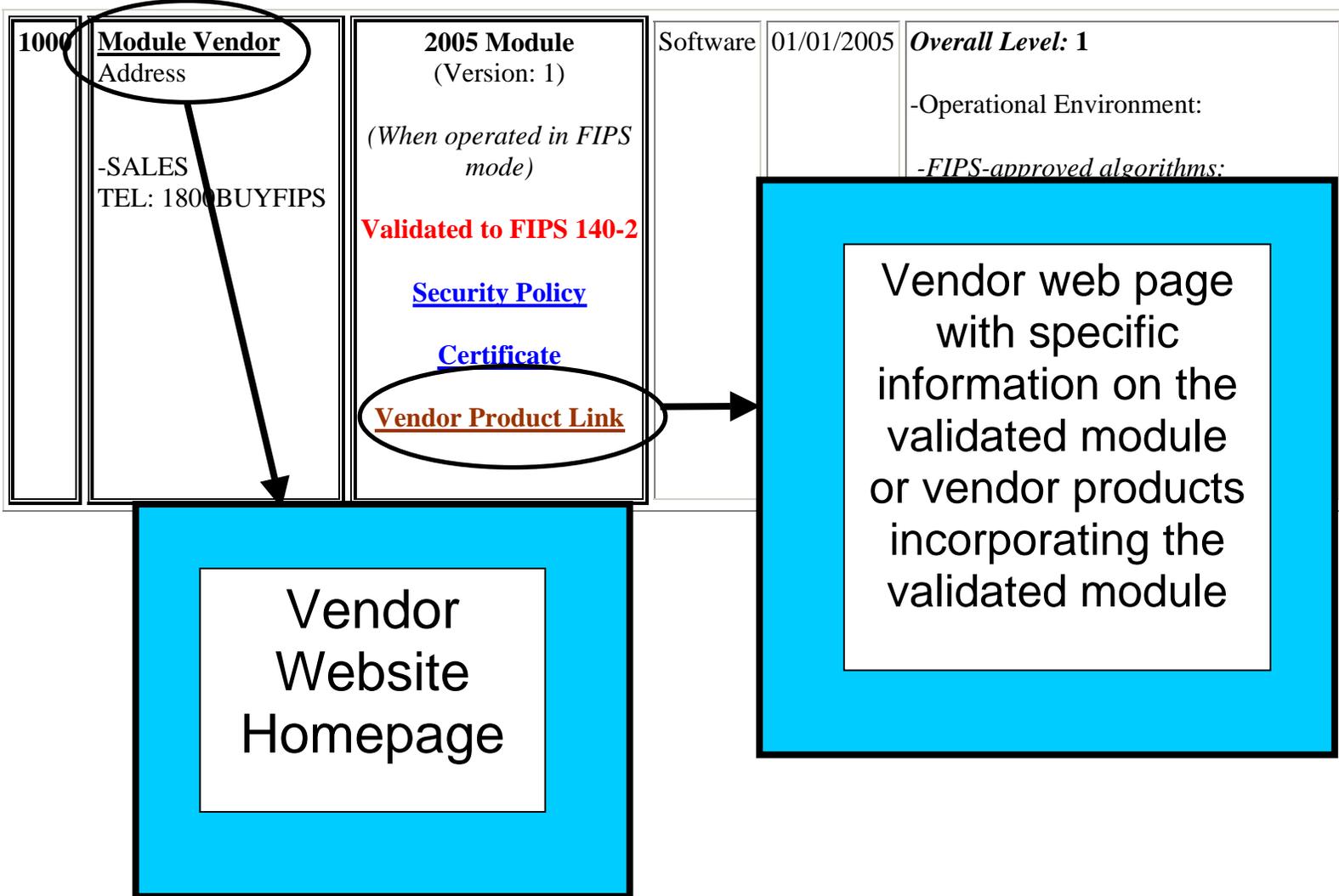
Providing a direct link for a user or customer to locate products that use validated cryptographic modules should make it easier for them to deploy solutions with validated modules and locate vendor products that utilized the validated module. It should expand and broaden the exposure of vendor products for sale and revenue building and increased markets within the Federal government.

The directed link is vendor maintained and optional. Updated hyperlinks can be sent to the CMVP for updating on the CMVP validation website (send e-mail to Beverly Trapnell: trapnell@nist.gov). Please reference the module certificate number when submitting hyperlinks.

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