

National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace

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Why NSTIC?

1. Kill the password dead
 - “Perfect combination of awful security and awful usability”
2. Help address the “Dog on the Internet problem”
 - Key to enabling high-value online transactions (both in government and private sector, i.e., electronic health records) is solving the “identity conundrum” – are you really who you say you are?
3. Improve privacy
 - Give individuals more control over what attributes are disclosed and how they are used (and reused).

Cybersecurity, cloud, big data, privacy – it’s hard to get any of them right without solving identity.

The solution: an Identity Ecosystem

NSTIC calls for an **Identity Ecosystem**, “an online environment where individuals and organizations will be able to trust each other because they follow agreed upon standards (both technical and policy) to obtain and authenticate their digital identities.”

Guiding Principles

- Privacy-Enhancing and Voluntary
- Secure and Resilient
- Interoperable
- Cost-Effective and Easy To Use

How is NSTIC different?

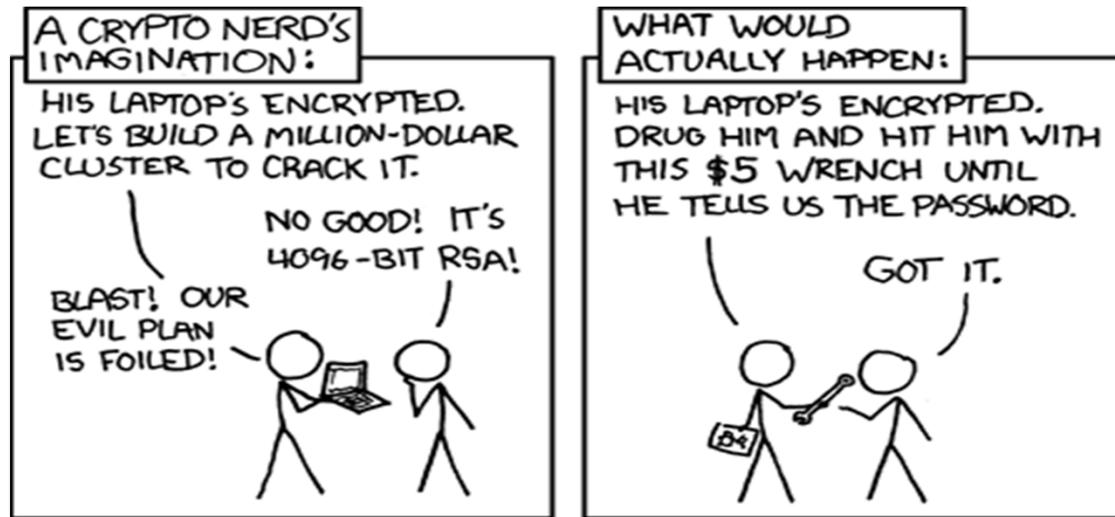
The NSTIC approach is about a marketplace for solutions

- When solutions break, they can go away**
- When new solutions emerge, they can make inroads.**

There is a marketplace today – but there are barriers the market has not yet addressed on its own.

Government can serve as a convener and facilitator, and a catalyst.

Barriers: It's not all about security



Source: xkcd

Usability

Liability

Privacy

Business Models

Interoperability

Key Implementation Steps

Convene the Private Sector

- August 2012: Launched privately-led **Identity Ecosystem Steering Group (IDESG)**. Funded by NIST grant, IDESG tasked with crafting standards and policies for the Identity Ecosystem Framework <http://www.idecosystem.org/>
- October 2013: IDESG incorporates as 501(c)3, prepares to raise private funds
- Leadership includes Citi, Lexis-Nexis, Symantec, Oracle, Aetna, US Bank and Neiman Marcus – as well as AARP, Patient Privacy Rights, and other advocates.

Fund Innovative Pilots to Advance the Ecosystem

- 4 rounds of pilot grants since 2012, 5th round expected to be awarded in September
- 15 pilots funded in total; 11 now active

Government as an early adopter to stimulate demand

- White House effort to create **Connect.gov**, a single service for identity at public facing government applications.
- October 2015: Executive Order 13681, requiring all USG digital applications that release personal data to require Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) + an effective identity proofing process

Where do we stand?

Pilots have moved the marketplace

\$30M awarded to 15 pilots over three years

- Brought together a community of more than 125 firms and organizations to partner with each other in support of advancing the NSTIC
- Impacted more than 2.3 million Americans, who are now using NSTIC-aligned credentials across health, education, financial services, government, online retail, and telecommunications sectors.
- Helped 9 new, NSTIC-aligned multi-factor authentication (MFA) solutions reach the market; some of these are being used in the new Connect.gov offering
- Created 4 new Trust Frameworks to enable interoperability of NSTIC-aligned credentials across sectors

Some more on pilot impact...

More than **140 universities** are deploying **smartphone-based MFA** (Internet2)

More than **250,000 kids and parents** – **in compliance with COPPA** – are able to access content at websites (PRIVO)

Inova Health Systems will enable **1500 patients** to securely obtain their personal health record, leveraging validated attributes from **Virginia's DMV** (AAMVA)

A Broadridge/Pitney Bowes JV has launched targeting **140 million customers** for **secure digital delivery** of financial services content, bill presentment and bill pay (ID/Dataweb)

More than **1,000,000 Veterans, Teachers and First Responders** can access online services from more than **200 organizations** without having to share documents containing sensitive PII to prove their affiliation (ID.me)

The marketplace has started to respond

The screenshot shows a news article from the OpenID Foundation website. The article title is "The OpenID Foundation Launches the OpenID Connect Standard". It includes a sub-headline "Providing Increased Security, Usability, and Privacy on the Internet" and a date "Feb. 26, 2014". The article text discusses the launch of the OpenID Connect standard, its purpose for creating secure, flexible, and interoperable identity internet ecosystems, and mentions key participants like Google, Microsoft, Deutsche Telekom, Salesforce.com, Ping Identity, and Nomura Research Institute. It also includes a quote from Alex Simons, Director of Program Management for Microsoft Active Directory, and a section titled "The Strength of Mobile Identity" which discusses the role of mobile operators in providing secure authentication services.

The screenshot shows the navigation bar of the FIDO Alliance website. The logo "fido alliance" is on the left, with the tagline "simpler stronger authentication". The navigation menu includes: ABOUT, SPECIFICATIONS, MEMBERSHIP, ADOPTION, NEWS & EVENTS. Below this, a secondary menu lists: NEWS & MORE, PRESS RELEASES, EVENTS, STAY INFORMED, MEDIA KIT.

FIDO Alliance Opens Technology for First Public Review to an Industry Desperate for Simpler, Stronger Authentication

Mountain View, CA - February 11, 2014 - The FIDO (Fast Identity Online) Alliance (<http://www.fidoalliance.org/>), an open industry consortium delivering standards for simpler, stronger authentication, achieved a historic milestone today by releasing its first public review draft **technology specifications**. These open technologies have been collaboratively developed by a rapidly increasing number of the most innovative companies in the world to enable simpler, stronger authentication to scale in the market.

The Q1 2013 Forrester Wave™ Enterprise Fraud Management asserts the online services industry is seeing upwards of **\$200B in annual losses from password breaches** and related hacks that exploit the vulnerabilities inherent in single-factor password systems. According to the **Verizon 2013 Network Investigations Data Breach Report**, 76 percent of network intrusions exploit weak or stolen credentials. According to Gartner, 20 to 50 percent of all help desk calls are for password resets. Forrester Research estimates help desk labor cost at \$70 per password reset*. In **Mobile Consumer Insights**, Jumio reports that 68 percent of smartphone and tablet owners have attempted to make purchases on their device. Due to problems during

Making it all work together

- **Critical rule: Don't turn 40 passwords into 40 smartcards, OTP tokens, apps, etc.**
- **We can avoid this with a framework of standards and operating rules that enables interoperability**
- **Both at a technical and policy level**

The Identity Ecosystem Steering Group (IDESG)

- 350+ members, including: US Bank, Verizon, Visa, PayPal, Fidelity, Citigroup, Mass Mutual, IBM, Bank of America, Microsoft, Oracle, 3M, CA, Symantec, LexisNexis, Experian, Neiman Marcus, NBC Universal, Aetna, Intel
- Also: AARP, ACLU, EPIC, EFF, and more than 65 universities. Participants from 12 countries
- NIST awarded new 3-year grant to IDESG, Inc., last July
 - Old grant: pay for firm to convene IDESG, provide administrative support
 - New grant: augment admin support with technical resources to accelerate framework deliverables
- Hired as first full-time executive director
- V.1 of Identity Ecosystem Framework due this summer.

What's the Identity Ecosystem Framework?

- For version 1: A set of business rules and requirements and a set of adopted interoperability standards to which organizations self-attest
- In the future: v1 + accountability mechanisms, risk models, liability arrangements, and trustmark scheme or method of digital verification
- When participants wish to interact with other participants, they know that they are interoperable beyond the technical level
- When specialized requirements are necessary for a community of interest, those requirements can be build on top of the IDEF's baseline

NSTIC: What Comes Next?

Keep doing the good stuff, increase focus on the science and tech

- Continue to run a pilots program, but evolve towards a focus on specific use cases and gaps that emerge in the market
- Be more NISTy: address foundation barriers the market faces
 - Performance standards for biometrics
 - Deployable privacy enhancing technologies
 - More work like the IRS study
 - 800-63 update
 - Strength of credential, strength of proofing, comparability
- Make Connect.gov a breeze: more from Paul

NSTIC: Priority Activities

Short and medium terms

Fulfill critical needs

- 800-63: review comments, establish update plan
- Connect.Gov strategy
 - shared services for MFA, proofing
 - attribute encryption
 - identity resolution methodology
- Market research and analysis
- Pilot support, program targeting
- IDESG financial and staff support

Long term

Address evolving market impediments

- Transition of pilots program
- Increase technical capacity
 - standards development
 - reference materials
 - open source development
 - test beds
 - toolkits
- IDESG support as member

Thanks!

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