

# Looking over the horizon: FIPS 140-3

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# Presentation Outline

- History of FIPS 140
- Motivation for change
- Areas of change
- Milestones
- Previous validations

# History of FIPS 140

- Federal Standard 1027
  - General Security Requirements for Equipment using DES
- FIPS 140
- FIPS 140-1 (11 January 1994)
  - Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules
- FIPS 140-2 (25 May 2001)
  - Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules

# History of FIPS 140

→ Federal Standard 1027

FIPS 140

FIPS 140-1

FIPS 140-2

## **General Security Requirements for Equipment using DES**

- Very hardware oriented
- Restrictive

# History of FIPS 140

Federal Standard 1027

→ FIPS 140

FIPS 140-1

FIPS 140-2

## **Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules**

- Cover change for the FED STD 1027

# History of FIPS 140

Federal Standard 1027

FIPS 140

→ FIPS 140-1

FIPS 140-2

## Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules

- Starts at giving flexibility to the vendors
- Still hardware oriented
- Start at recognizing software modules
- “Creativity” was used for software modules

# History of FIPS 140

Federal Standard 1027

FIPS 140

FIPS 140-1

→ FIPS 140-2

## **Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules**

- Re-organized FIPS 140-1
- Clarified some requirements
- Incorporation of refinements contained in Implementation Guidance
- Introduction of Design Assurance

# Motivation for Change

- U.S. Federal Requirement
  - Must be reviewed every 5 years
- Tremendous technology advances
  - Standard is becoming out of date
  - Difficult to generically apply to new technologies
- Protection for more sensitive information
- Requirement improvements and strengthening
- Refinements and corrections



# Possible Areas of Change

(Subject to change)

- FIPS mode of operation
- Software cryptographic modules
  - cryptographic boundary; environment interactions
- Roles and services, authentication
- Cryptographic key life cycle
  - key establishment; input/output; distribution
  - random number generator requirements

# Possible Areas of Change

(Subject to change)

- Physical security
- Self-tests
  - Power-up, module integrity checks
  - Conditional tests
  - Error handling
- Security policy
  - Realign with what users need

# Milestones

|  | Start Date | Length   |
|--|------------|----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Comment on FIPS 140-2                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Registry Notice</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | Jan 05     | 3 months |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMVP Prepares Draft #1 FIPS 140-3                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use received comments</li> <li>Incorporate new requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Apr 05     | 4 months |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Comment on Draft #1 FIPS 140-3                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of DTR FIPS 140-3</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                           | Oct 05     | 3 months |

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# Milestones

|   | Start Date    | Length   |
|---|---------------|----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMVP Prepares FIPS PUB 140-3                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Use received comments</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Jan 06        | 1 month  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIPS 140-3 Approval process</li> </ul>   | Feb 06        | 3 months |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIPS 140-3 Approved !</li> </ul>   | <b>May 06</b> |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIPS 140-3 in effect ( + 6 mo)</li> </ul>  | <b>Nov 06</b> |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIPS 140-2 retires                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• validations still effective</li> </ul> </li> </ul>     | <b>May 07</b> |          |

# Concurrent Activities

- Implementation Guidance for FIPS 140-3 and Derived Test Requirements for FIPS 140-3 should be issued in parallel with for FIPS PUB 140-3
- New logo for for FIPS 140-3 !

# Status of Previous Validations

- Validations to FIPS 140-1 and FIPS 140-2 will still be recognized
- Migration path from previous validation to FIPS 140-3 will be defined
  - similar to FIPS 140-1 to FIPS 140-2



# Conclusion

- FIPS 140-3 development has begun
- Public participation solicited
- Watch the CMVP website
  - [WWW.NIST.GOV/CMVP](http://WWW.NIST.GOV/CMVP)

# Questions



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