

Title: "Scorecard for Authentication Technologies".

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Summary: Authentication - the independent validation of the identity of a user, server, or process - is critically important for e-government. This presentation provides a common set of criteria by which to evaluate different mechanisms and an objective "scorecard" of several popular choices, including username/password, hardware tokens, software tokens, Kerberos, digital certificates, smart cards, and biometrics.

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