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Thales Passwordless FIDO2 Authentication for Azure AD, part of Microsoft Entra



As users log into an increasing number of cloud-based applications, weak passwords are emerging as the primary cause of identity theft and security breaches.

Addressing this risk, Thales FIDO2 security keys support seamless integration with Azure AD, now part of [Microsoft Entra](#), offering organizations highly secure passwordless authentication and allowing them to reduce risk of unauthorized access to Microsoft environments, SaaS applications and Windows endpoints.

Replacing passwords with FIDO2 security keys introduces a modern passwordless MFA experience that is resistant to phishing attacks and account takeovers, and meets current security guidelines and regulations.

Thales FIDO2 security keys support multiple applications at the same time. Use one key that combines support for FIDO2, WebAuthn, U2F, and PKI to access both physical spaces and logical resources.

Passwordless FIDO2 Authentication

Passwordless FIDO2 authentication decreases the risk of security breaches by replacing vulnerable passwords with a phishing – resistant WebAuthn credential.

FIDO authentication has gained traction as a modern form of MFA because of its considerable benefits in easing the log in experience for users and overcoming the inherent vulnerabilities of passwords. Advantages include less friction for users and a high level of protection against Phishing attacks.

Meet stringent compliance mandates

Thales FIDO2 security keys let you meet all your regulatory needs. They are compliant with NIST regulations, are Common Criteria (CC) certified, and FIPS 140-2 (pending for NIST Review) and are ANSSI qualified for the Java platform and the PKI applet. They also meet eIDAS regulations for both eSignature and eSeal applications.



Enable Multiple User Authentication Journeys

Thales, the world leader in digital security, integrates with Azure AD to support numerous passwordless authentication journeys with a powerful range of FIDO2 security keys.

Physical-Logical access

For optimum convenience, Thales FIDO smart cards support physical access enabling users to access both physical spaces and logical resources with a single customizable smart card.



Extend modern authentication to PKI Environments

Organizations that rely on PKI authentication can now use a combined PKI-FIDO smart card to facilitate their cloud and digital transformation initiatives by providing their users with a single authentication device for securing access to legacy apps, network domains and cloud services.

Remote Access

Whether working from home or while traveling, users may log into cloud based business applications from multiple devices in multiple locations. Thales FIDO2 security keys and smart cards provide secure remote access with MFA to protect your organization regardless of the endpoint device and the location.

Windows PC and Network Login

FIDO2 security keys provide passwordless MFA, enabling users to securely access Windows PCs and tablets. Combined FIDO PKI cards offer a single device for securely logging into any OS, including Windows 10 and 8, Windows Server OS, macOS, and Linux. This means that organizations can use Thales FIDO-PKI devices to support both FIDO and PKI authentication and digital signature needs.

Protect SaaS Apps

Since the majority of users re-use their passwords across apps, you can improve security dramatically, and reduce calls to the Helpdesk, by equipping users with FIDO authenticators. Thales FIDO devices are fully compatible with Azure AD and ensure secure access to Azure AD managed applications.

Secure Mobile Access

Thales FIDO devices enable modern authentication on any device by enabling users to authenticate using contactless to just 'tap and go' in order to gain secure access to any cloud resource from any mobile device.

Privileged Access Management

Privileged users with elevated permissions or the ability to log into PAM solutions, have ready access to sensitive data – their accounts are the ultimate goal of bad actors.

Providing privileged users with multi-factor authentication to replace vulnerable passwords ensures that only authorized users can access privileged resources.

Thales FIDO2 Benefits

Full integration with Azure AD

- All Thales FIDO2 security keys are fully compatible and integrated with Azure AD. They have been verified by Microsoft technical teams.

Best in Class Security

- Thales controls the entire manufacturing cycle and develops its own FIDO crypto libraries, which reduces the risk of being compromised.

Support for multiple use cases

- Supports combined FIDO2 / PKI authentication in single device
- Offers strong authentication from mobile endpoints

Superior Certifications

- FIPS and CC certified
- U2F and FIDO2 certified
- Meets US and EU regulatory for phishing

Product Characteristics	SafeNet IDPrime 3940 FIDO	SafeNet IDPrime 3930 FIDO	SafeNet eToken FIDO	SafeNet IDCore 3121 FIDO	SafeNet IDPrime 941 FIDO	SafeNet IDPrime 931 FIDO
Form Factor	Smart card	Smart card	USB-A Token	Smart card	Smart card	Smart card
Contact (ISO 7816)	FIDO & PKI	FIDO & PKI	N/A	N/A	PKI	PKI
Contactless (ISO 14443)	FIDO & PKI	FIDO & PKI	N/A	FIDO & Physical Access	FIDO & Physical Access	FIDO & Physical Access
Memory						
Memory chip	400 KB Java Flash	400 KB Java Flash	400 KB Java Flash	586 KB User ROM	Contact chip: 400KB Java Flash Contactless chip: 586 KB User ROM	Contact chip: 400KB Java Flash Contactless chip: 586 KB User ROM
Free memory available for resident keys, certificates, additional applets & data	73 KB	55 KB	90 KB	88.3 – 98.3 KB	Contact: 73 KB Contactless: 88.3 – 98.3KB	Contact: 73 KB Contactless: 88.3 – 98.3KB
Key Capacity						
FIDO resident keys	Up to 8	Up to 8	Up to 8	Up to 8	Up to 8	Up to 8
PKI key containers	20	20	N/A	N/A	20	20
Standards Supported						
Java Card	3.0.4	3.0.5	3.0.4	3.0.4	3.0.4	Contact chip: 3.0.5 Contactless chip: 3.0.4
Global Platform	2.2.1	2.2.1	2.2.1	2.3	Contact chip: 2.2.1 Contactless chip: 2.3	Contact chip: 2.2.1 Contactless chip: 2.3
FIDO 2.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U2F	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Base CSP minidriver (SafeNet minidriver)	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
Cryptographic algorithms (PKI)						
Hash: SHA-1, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512.	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
RSA: up to RSA 4096 bits	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
RSA OAEP & RSA PSS	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
P-256 bits ECDSA, ECDH. P-384 & P-521 bits ECDSA, ECDH are available via a custom configuration	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
On-card asymmetric key pair generation (RSA up to 4096 bits & Elliptic curves up to 521 bits)	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
Symmetric: AES—For secure messaging and 3DES for Microsoft Challenge/Response only	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓

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Certifications						
Chip: CC EAL6+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NIST certification - FIPS 140-2 L2	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓
Java platform: CC EAL5+/ PP java card certified	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A
Java platform + PKI applet: CC EAL5+/PP QSCD	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A
eIDAS qualified for both eS-signature and eSeal	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A
French ANSSI	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A
Physical Access - Mifare Classic & DesFire configurations	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Other PKI Features						
Onboard PIN policy	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
Multi-PIN support	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
Customization and branding	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
Operating Systems						
FIDO supported in Windows 10 and other FIDO-compliant operating systems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PKI supported in Windows, macOS X, and Linux	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓

About Thales's SafeNet Access Management and Authentication Solutions

Thales's industry-leading Access Management and Authentication solutions let enterprises centrally manage and secure access to enterprise IT, web and cloud-based applications. Utilizing policy-based SSO and universal authentication methods, enterprises can effectively prevent breaches, migrate to the cloud securely and simplify regulatory compliance.

About Thales

The people you rely on to protect your privacy rely on Thales to protect their data. When it comes to data security, organizations are faced with an increasing number of decisive moments. Whether the moment is building an encryption strategy, moving to the cloud, or meeting compliance mandates, you can rely on Thales to secure your digital transformation.

Decisive technology for decisive moments.