

The FIDO Alliance & Security:

A conversation with expert information security firm iSEC Partners, part of NCC Group

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Introduction to FIDO Alliance and FIDO Security

Who is FIDO Alliance?



A non-profit consortium of over 150 companies with a mission to change the nature of online authentication security, led by this diverse group of Board Members











































What problem are we solving?



Data breaches are common-place and costly

- \$3.5M per data breach (<u>Ponemon Institute</u>)
- Target, Home Depot, Chase, ...

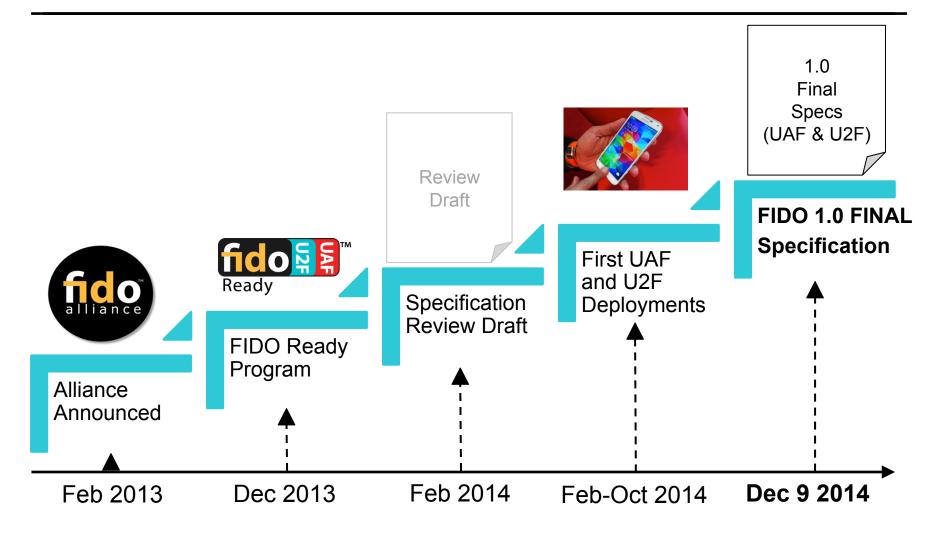
Passwords are expensive for providers to support

\$420 annual productivity loss per employee (<u>Widmeyer Survey</u>)



What have we done so far?





FIDO design principles?



- No 3rd Party in the Protocol
- No Secrets on the Server side
- Biometric data (if used) never leaves device
- No link-ability between Services
- No link-ability between Accounts

Who benefits from FIDO?



Online Service Providers

- Exceptional user experience
- Stronger security
- Cost containment

Enterprises

- Reduced cost and complexity
- Strong asset protection
- Effective BYOD support

Consumers

- Ease of use
- Interoperability (one device for many services)
- Security and Privacy

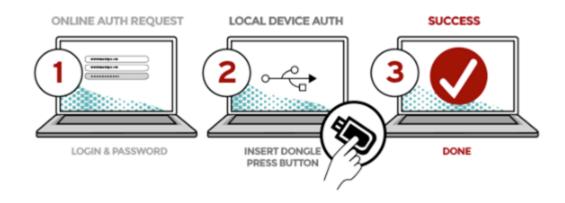
How does FIDO work?



PASSWORDLESS EXPERIENCE (UAF standards)

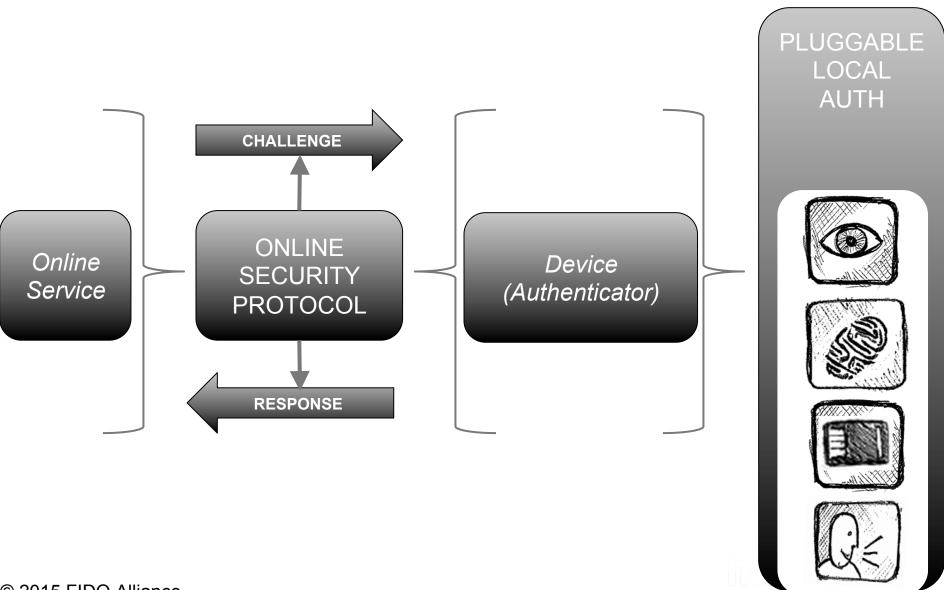


SECOND FACTOR EXPERIENCE (U2F standards)



FIDO Standardization



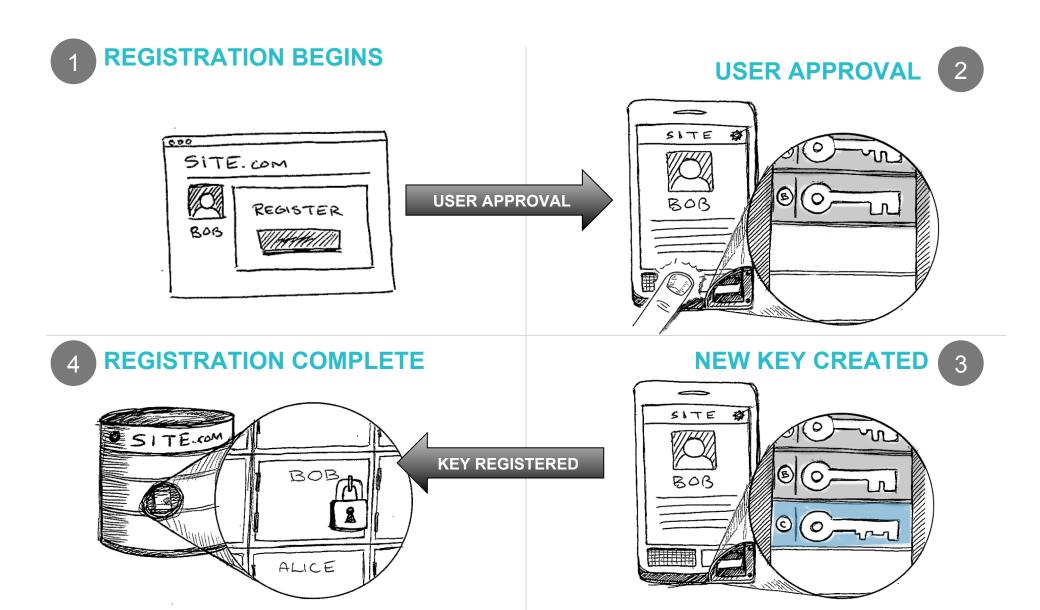


FIDO Registration & Login

taking a closer look

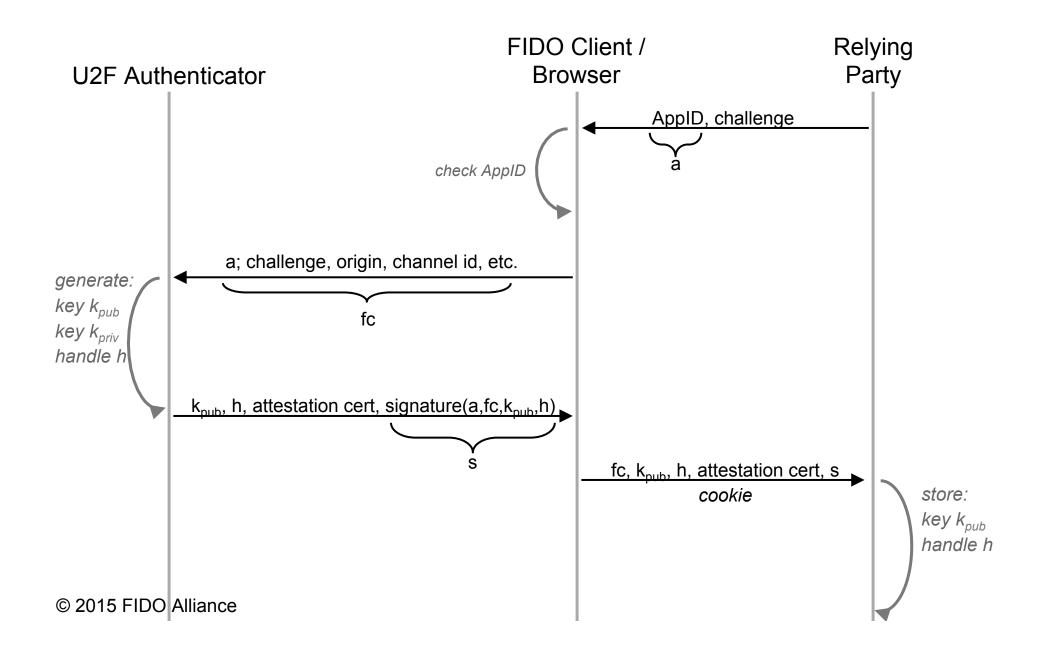
FIDO Registration Overview fido simpler stronger authentication





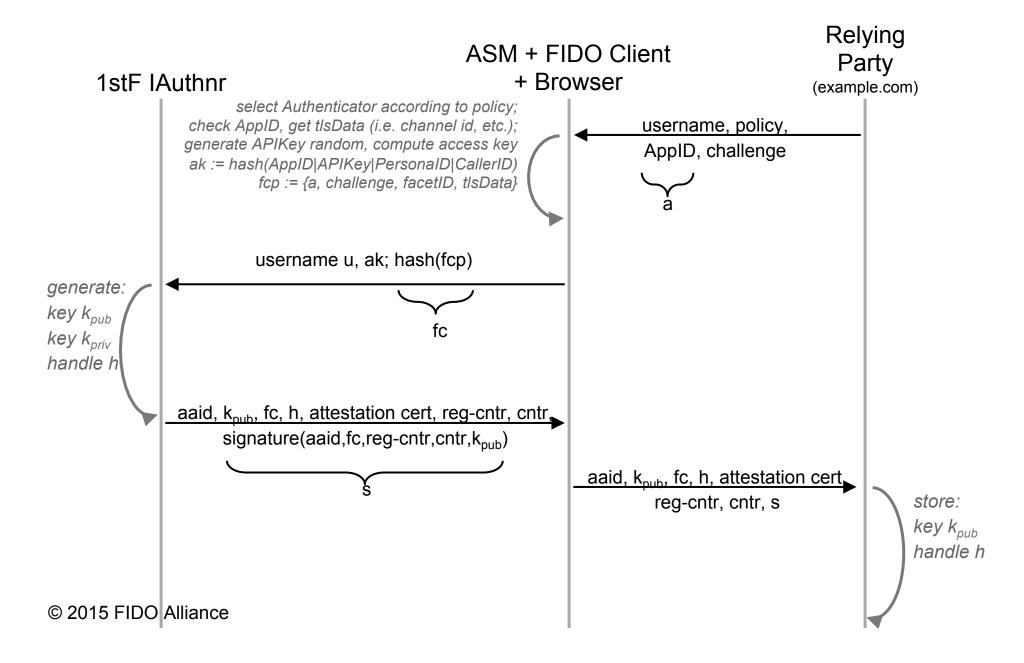
U2F Registration Flow





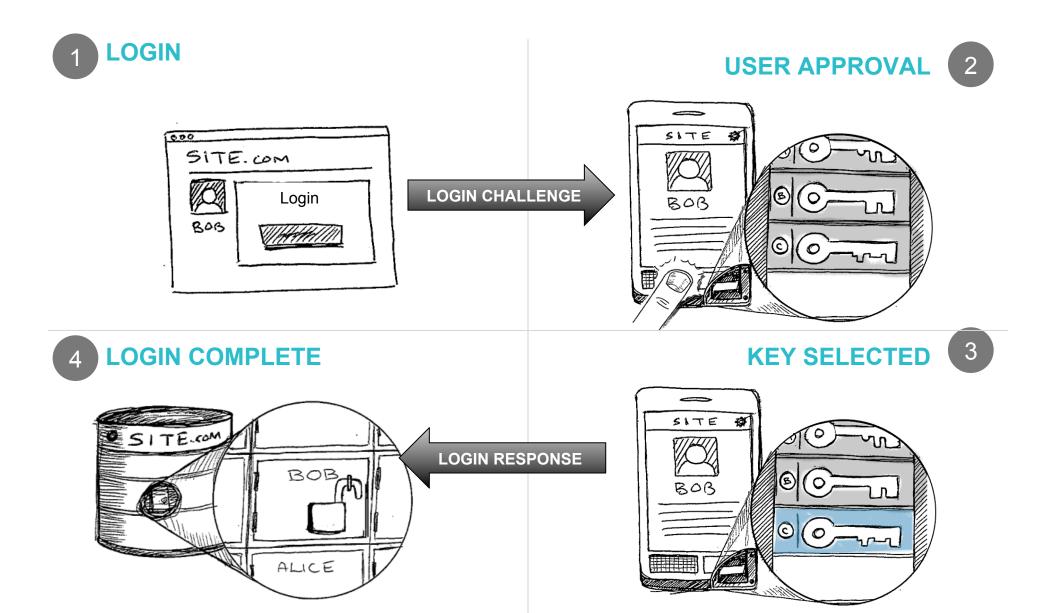
UAF Registration Flow





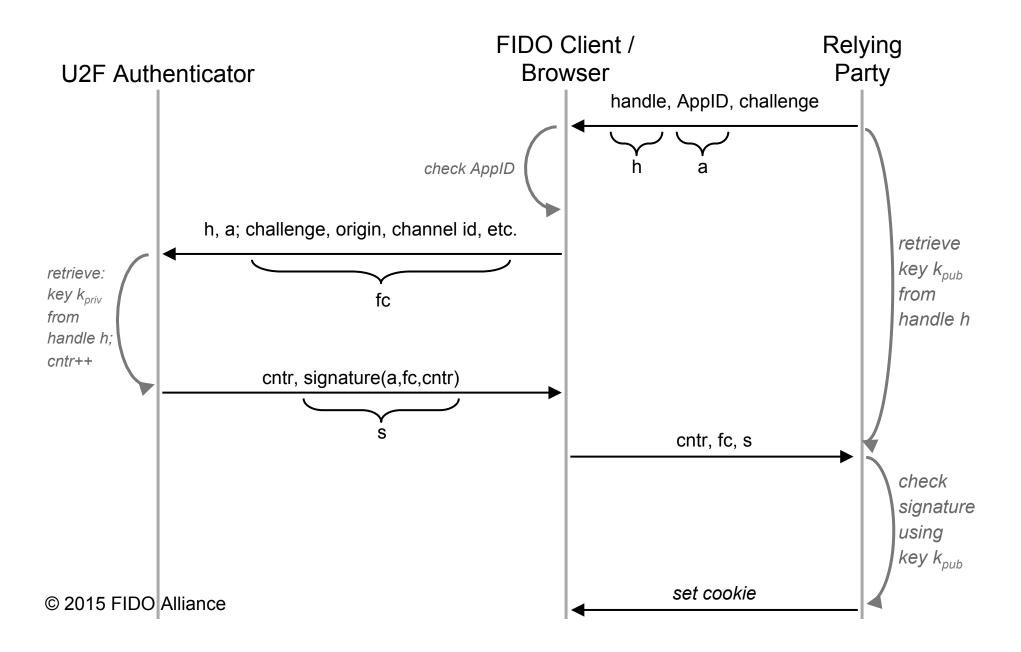
FIDO Login Overview





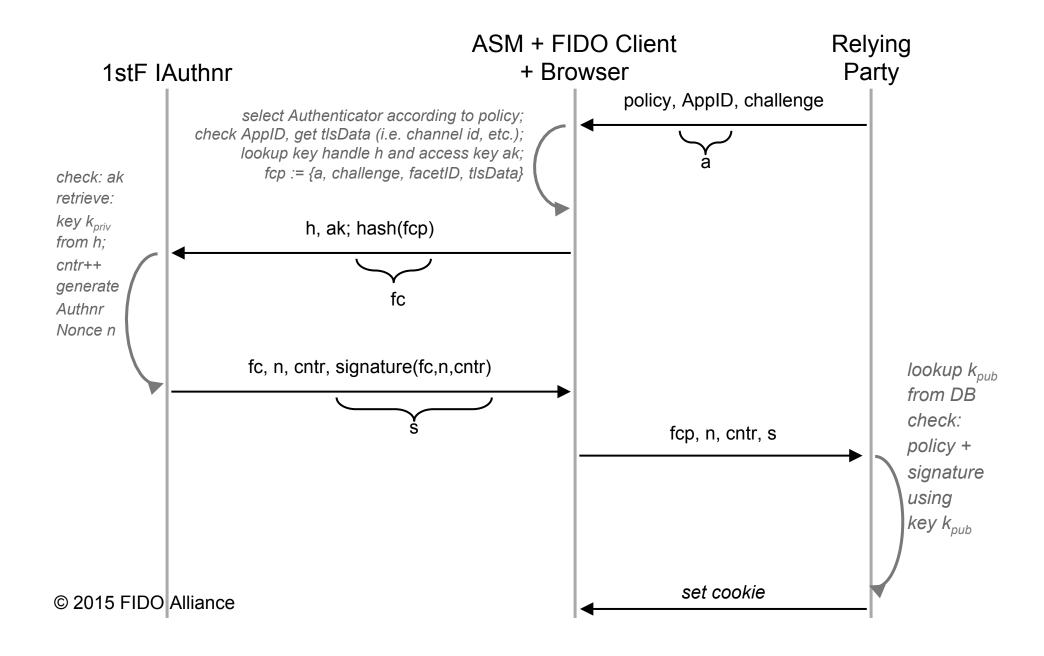
U2F Authentication Flow





UAF Authentication Flow





Security Considerations



Physical attacks possible on lost or stolen devices (≈3% in the US in 2013)

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Physically attacking user devices steal data for impersonation

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Physically attacking user devices misuse them for impersonation

Scalable attacks

Remotely attacking

steal data for impersonation

lots of user devices

Remotely attacking

misuse them for impersonation

lots of user devices

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Remotely attacking lots of user devices

misuse authenticated sessions

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Remotely attacking central servers steal data for impersonation

Security Review & iSEC Partners



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About NCC Group



Who we are

- Total information assurance solution unique offering in the marketplace
- £100m business publically listed on LSE
- 1,000+ Employees worldwide
- Client base of over 15,000 customers worldwide and growing rapidly
- Making the internet a safer place

What we do

- Escrow & Verification
- Security Consulting
- Website Performance
- Software Testing
- Domain Services





Cryptography Services

- Started in 2014, and spans iSEC Partners, Matasano Security, Intrepidus Group and NCC Group
- With this wealth of combined experience building, breaking, fixing and deploying cryptographic solutions, NCC Group has distinguished itself as a leading provider of Cryptographic Security Assessments including:
 - Testing implementations and modifications of SSL/TLS
 - Cryptographic algorithm and protocol implementations
 - Custom protocol design and review





Why We're Doing This

- Very uncommon for us to do a webinar like this.
- We, like FIDO, believe that the Web needs stronger authentication
- We don't like walled gardens: we like open standards and specifications
- We've worked with FIDO reviewing the specs for some time.



Scope of FIDO Review



- UAF and U2F as of November Drafts
- Protocols and APIs of UAF and U2F, for
 - Choice of crypto primitives, invalid state transitions, cross protocol attacks, strong authentication, replay, DoS and similar concerns
- Document adequately
 - · Guided implementers away from security flaws
 - Documented risks and their mitigations





Findings

- Didn't identify protocol weaknesses
- Protocol & the Metadata regarding devices together give a strong understanding of device behavior
- Some nit-picky concerns with documentation
- Enumerated a few additional attack scenarios

Disclaimer: We, like you, are not perfect.











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