

# Implementation and assessment on cryptography for payment solutions

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- Payment Card Industry (PCI) Standards and their relationship between FIPS 140-2 standard;
- The proposal on security implementation
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# Definition of "Strong Cryptography"



- *Cryptography based on industry-tested and accepted algorithms, along with strong key lengths and proper key-management practices. Cryptography is a method to protect data and includes both encryption (which is reversible) and hashing (which is not reversible, or “one way”).*
- *Examples of industry-tested and accepted standards and algorithms for encryption include AES (128 bits and higher), TDES (minimum double-length keys), RSA (1024 bits and higher), ECC (160 bits and higher), and ElGamal (1024 bits and higher).*
- *See NIST Special Publication 800-57 (<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/>) for more information.*
- The strong cryptography accepted by PCI industry includes but not limited to FIPS-approved algorithms as mentioned above.

# Payment Card Industry and Its Related Roles

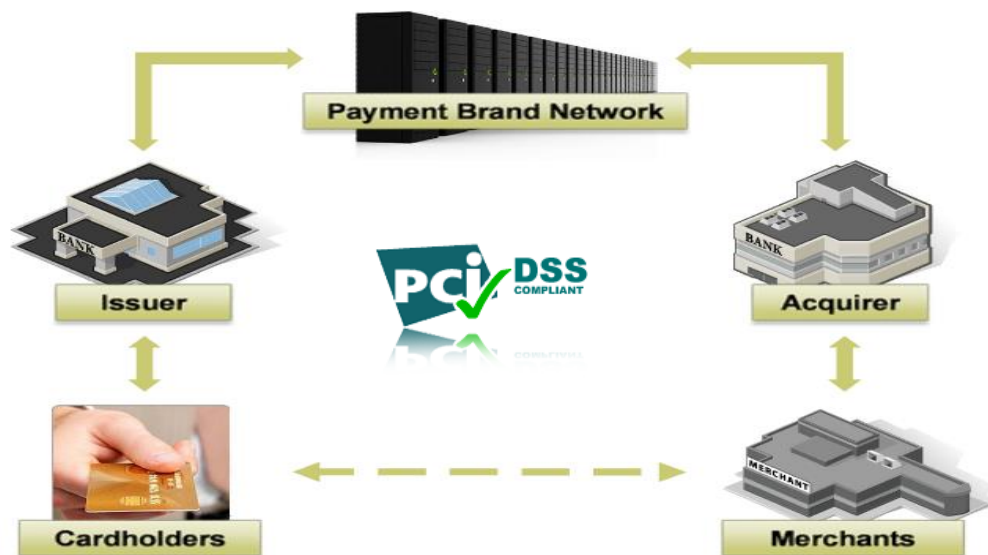
- PCI (Payment Card Industry)

- PCI roles

- Cardholders
- Issuers
- Merchants
- Acquirers
- Payment or Card Brands
- Service Providers

- Payment processing

- Authorization
- Clearing
- Settlement



VISA

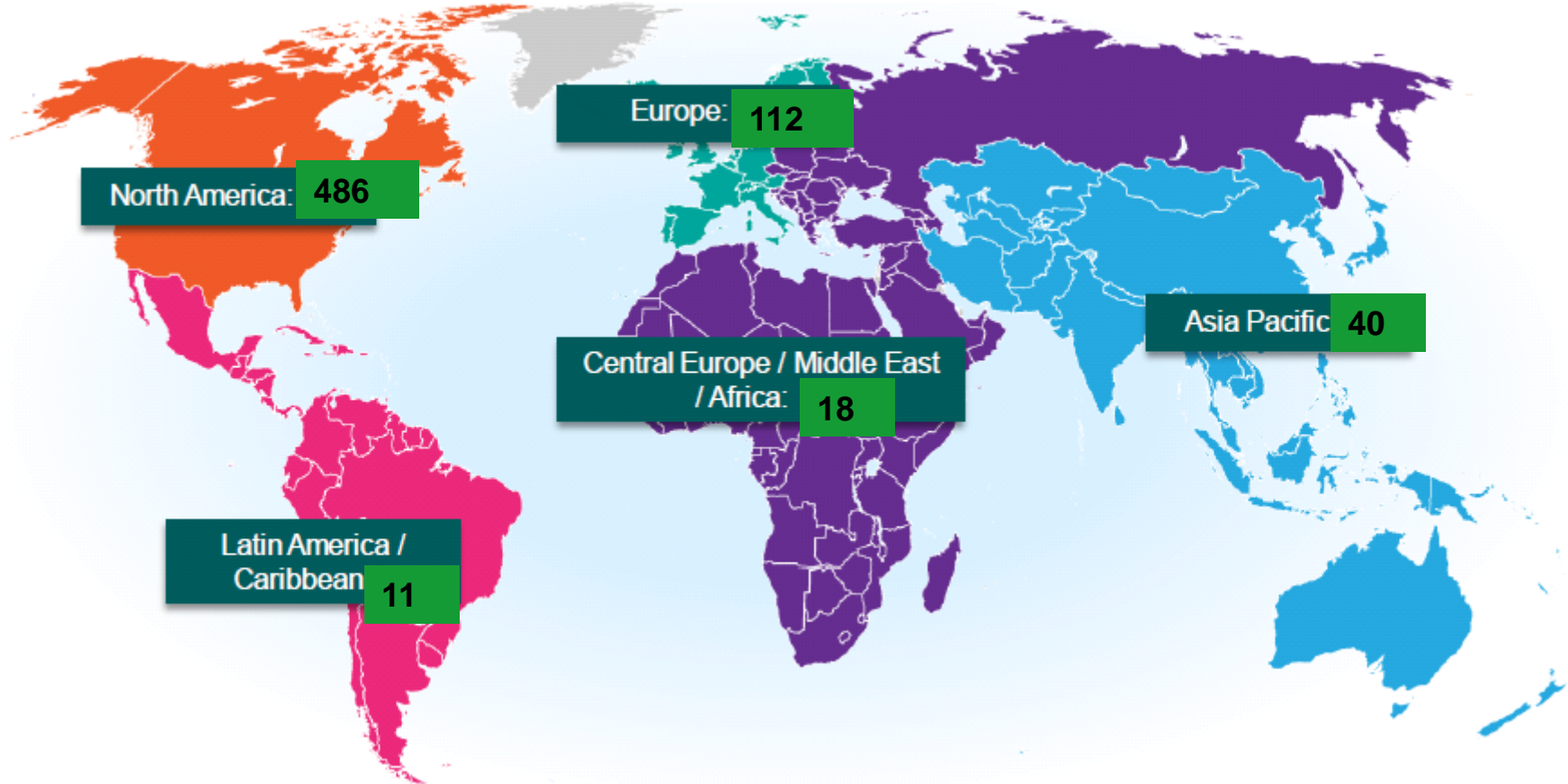


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# PCI Participating Organizations globally

679 organizations are participating until 25 Aug 2013



# Key PCI Standards



**\*June 2013: Card Production Logical and Physical Security Requirements (new)**

Information Source from PCI SSC



# Previous SIG



## Virtualization

PCI DSS Virtualization  
Guidelines Jun 2011



## Mobile

Mobile Payment Security  
Guidelines, Sep 2012



## Encryption

Point-to-Point Encryption  
Technology and PCI DSS  
Compliance

P2PE standard (released in 2012) contains security requirements and testing procedures for application vendors and providers to ensure the data protection.



## Wireless

PCI DSS 2.0 Wireless  
Guidelines Aug 2011



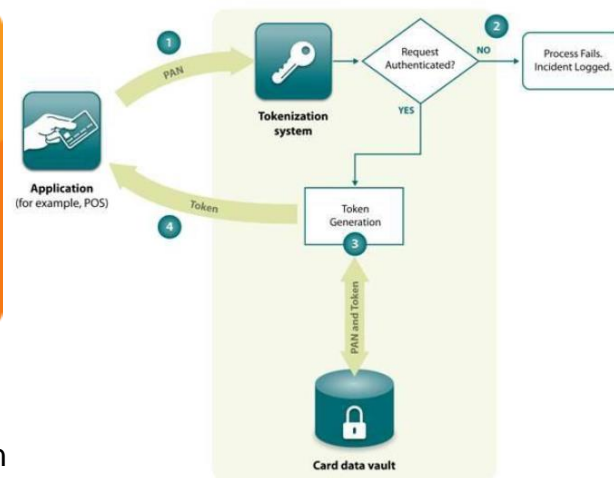
## EMV

PCI DSS Applicability in an  
EMV Environment Oct 2010



## Tokenization

PCI DSS Tokenization  
Guidelines, Aug 2011



## Recent SIG



Cloud



E-commerce  
security



Risk  
assessment

Nov 2012, PCI DSS Risk  
Assessment Guidelines v1.0

Third Party Security Assurance, plan to be done in 2013

Best Practices for Maintaining PCI DSS Compliance, plan to be done in 2014

Proposed SIG: Penetration testing scoping, by atsec, securitymetrics, and paysw.



# FIPS 140-2 vs PCI



Data protection

- Transmission security 4.2
- Storage security 3.4

Introduction in following slides

Password protection

- Password transmission 8.4
- Password storage 8.4



PCI DSS requirement 8.4 mentioned that  
“Render all passwords unreadable during transmission and storage on all system components using strong cryptography.”

# PCI DSS basic requirement

## Storage of payment card information



Storage of Card Data				
	Data Element	Storage permitted	Protection Required	PCI DSS Req 3.4
<b>Cardholder Data</b>	Primary Account Number (PAN)	✓	✓	✓
	Cardholder Name	✓	✓	✗
	Service Code	✓	✓	✗
	Expiration Date	✓	✓	✗
<b>Sensitive Authentication Data</b>	Full Magnetic strips	✗		
	CVC2/CVV CID/CAV2	✗		
	PIN/PIN Block	✗		



# Protection of cardholder data

- Requirement 3.4 mentioned the approaches to render PAN unreadable, including:
  - One-way hashes based on strong cryptography,
  - Truncation,
  - Index tokens and pads,
  - Strong cryptography with associated key management.
- PCI DSS Tokenization Guideline was released in Aug 2011.
- PCI DSS requirement 3.4.1 mentioned regarding disk encryption, the logical access must be managed independently of native operating system access control mechanisms, and decryption keys must not be tied to user accounts.

# Key management



- PCI DSS requirement 3.5 mentioned the protection of cryptographic keys against disclosure and misuse (access control and secure storage)
- PCI DSS 3.6 mentioned key management, including:

Generation of cryptographic keys

Secure cryptographic key distribution

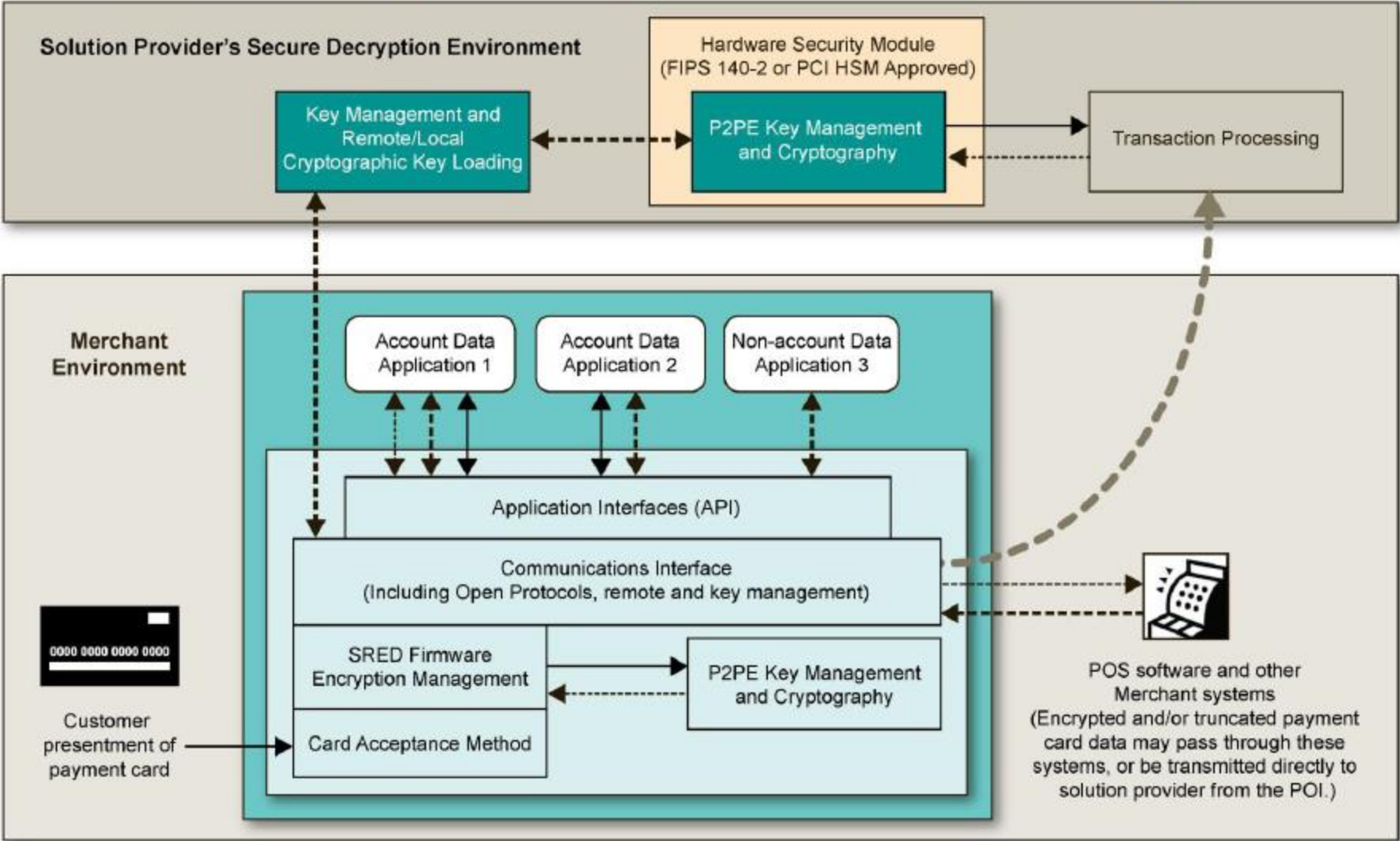
Secure cryptographic key storage

Key changes

Key retirement or replacement

- Split knowledge and dual control for manual clear-text cryptographic key
- Prevention of unauthorized substitution of keys, and also the formal acknowledge for key custodians.

# Glance – Illustration of a typical P2PE Implementation and Associated Requirements



- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| —— Plain-text account data                                       | Assessed to PCI PTS SRED   | Assessed to P2PE Domain 5 (includes PCI DSS compliance) |
| - - - - Encrypted (or truncated)                                 | Assessed to P2PE Domain 1  | Assessed to P2PE Domain 6                               |
| . . . . Communications without account data                      | Assessed to P2PE Domain 2  |   |
| Transaction account data flow (encrypted or truncated data only) | Validation as required by the merchant's acquirer or payment brand |   |



# Protection of CHD transmission

- PCI DSS requirement 4.1 mentioned that “Use strong cryptography and security protocols (for example, SSL/TLS, IPSEC, SSH, etc.) to safeguard sensitive cardholder data during transmission over open, public networks, for instance:
  - The Internet
  - Wireless technologies
  - Global System for Mobile communications (GSM)
  - General Packet Radio Service (GPRS)



# Similar requirements in PA DSS



- The PA DSS applies to software vendors and others who develop payment applications that store, process, or transmit cardholder data as part of authorization or settlement, where these payment applications are sold, distributed, or licensed to third parties.
- PA DSS requirement 2.3 alignes with PCI DSS req 3.4;
- PA DSS requirement 2.5 alignes with PCI DSS req 3.5;
- PA DSS requirement 2.6 alignes with PCI DSS req 3.6;
- PA DSS requirement 11.1 alignes with PCI DSS req 4.1;
- PA DSS requirement 3.3 alignes with PCI DSS req 8.4.

# General crypto solutions



## Encryption hardware

- Hardware cost: Medium
- Maintenance cost: Low



## Database encryption

- Software cost: High
- Maintenance cost: Medium



## Application write into database

- Application development cost: High
- Maintenance cost: Medium



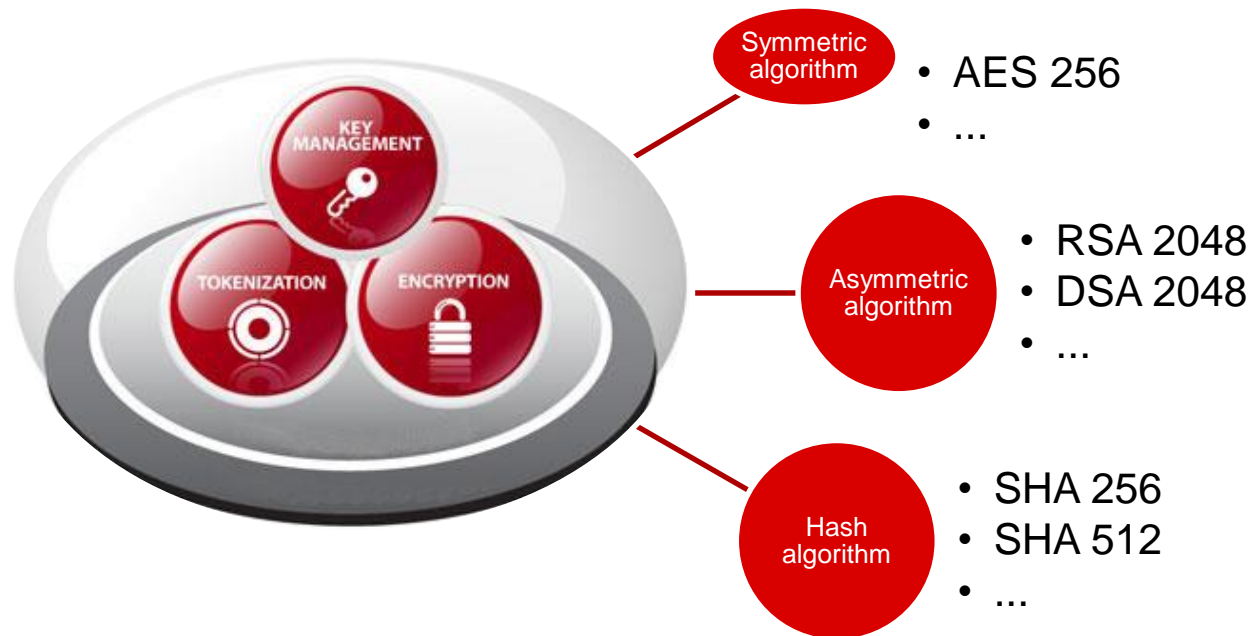
## File/disk encryption

- Software cost: Medium
- Maintenance cost: High



# Proposed crypto solution

- Crypto solutions are proposed by atsec QSA by combining best practice of the industry and working experience with payment organizations including acquiring banks, issuing bank, payment service providers, merchants during recent years.  
The key used for encrypting cardholder data should be securely protected, for instance by using a Key encryption key.



# Proposed keys system



## Master Key

- Asymmetric algorithm
- Secure initialization
- Strong access control

## Key encryption key

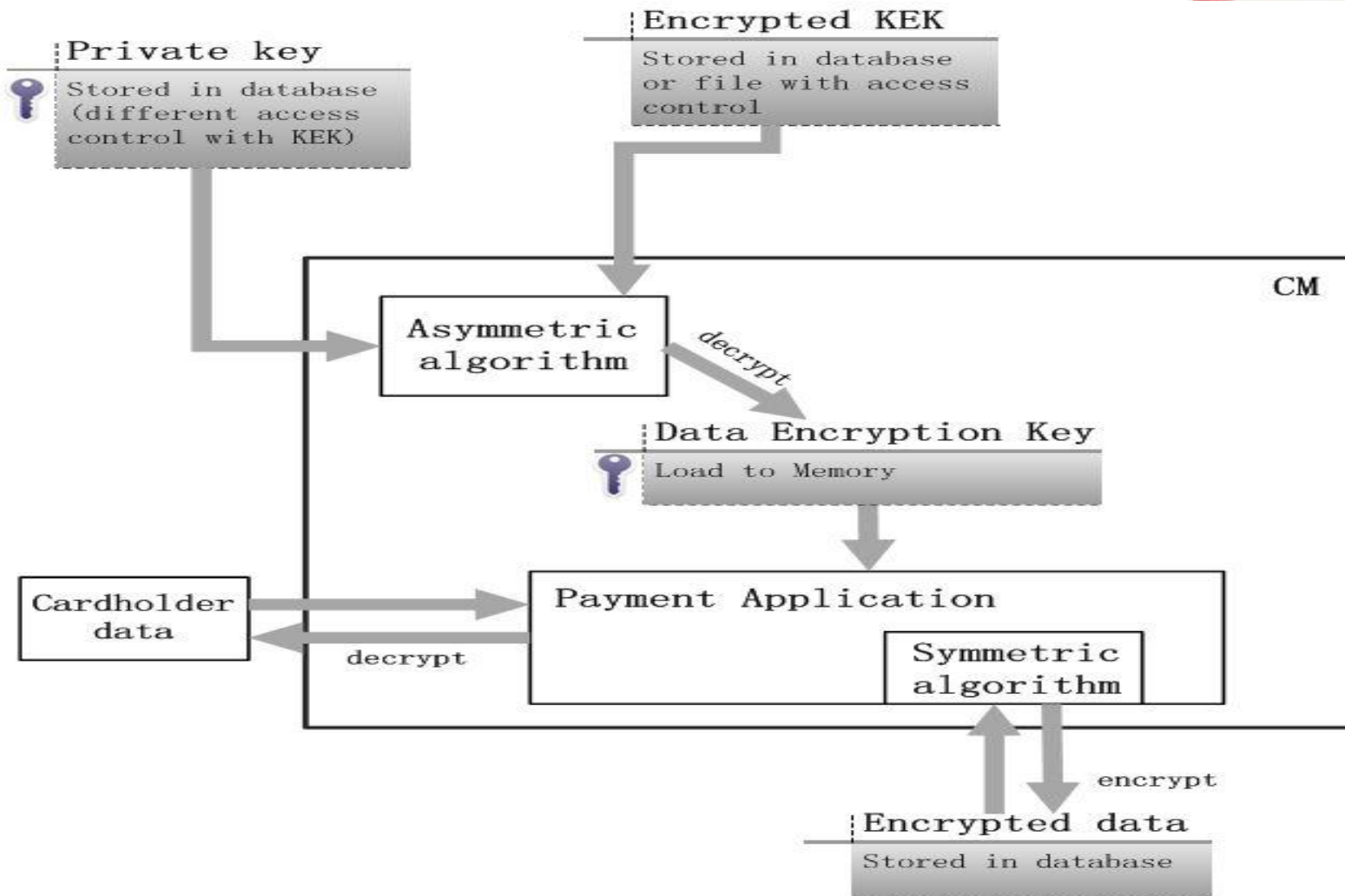
- Asymmetric algorithm
- Protected by Master Key/Access Control/Application Configuration file

## Data encryption key

- Symmetric algorithm
- Protected by KEK

Symmetric algorithms	Size
256	256
128	128
Serpent	256
	128
	448
	128
	128
hms	
	2048
	2048
osystem*	192
SHA-1	256
RIPE-MD	160

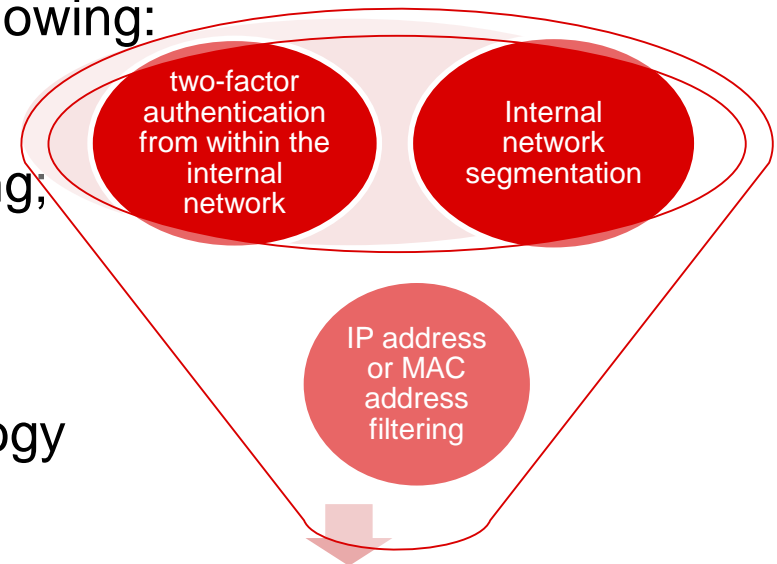
# Proposed encryption solution with 2 keys



# Proposed compensating control



- The compensation control could be accepted if data encryption can not be implemented in the system, e.g. banks which implemented a cardholder data environment many years ago.
- The control should address all of the following:
  - (1) internal network segmentation;
  - (2) IP address or MAC address filtering;
  - and (3) two-factor authentication from within the internal network
- In addition to above-mentioned technology implementation, the implementation on policy and procedure is also important, e.g. the key management process.



Compensating Control

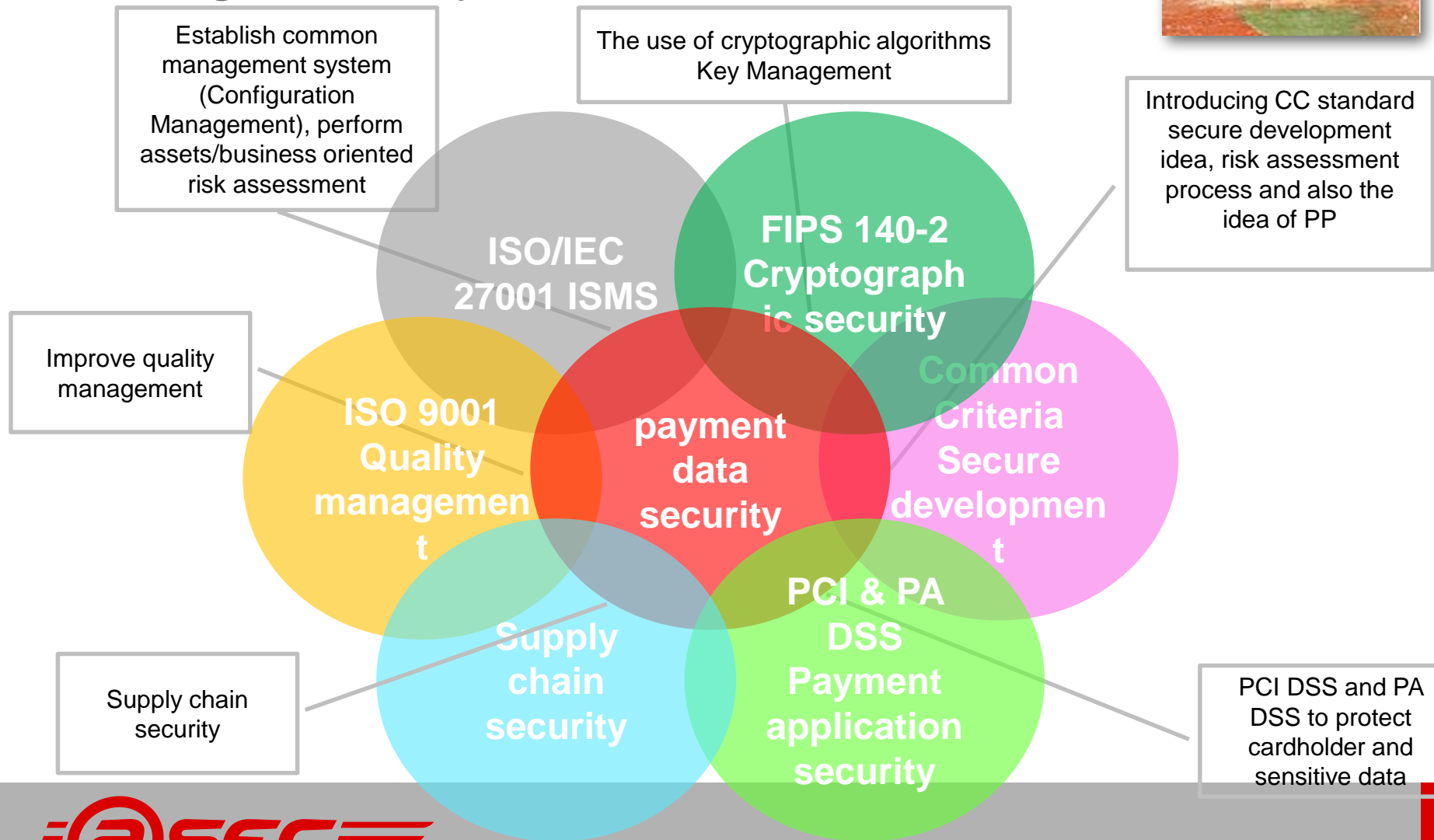


# Summary of req 3.4: protection of cardholder data

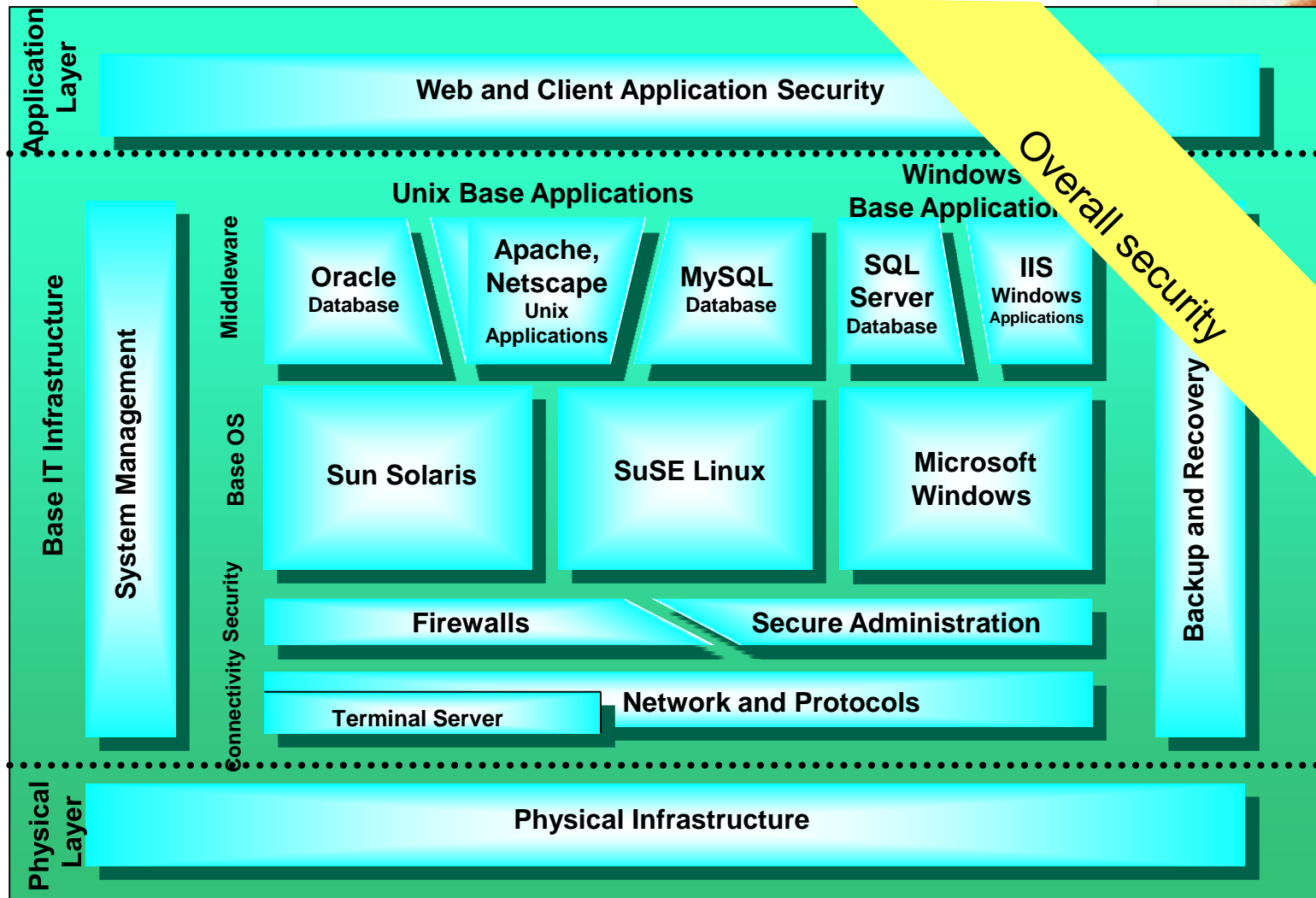


Protection Mechanism	If CHD after the protection	Business affect	Applicability description
Masked PAN	No	High	When the business requirement can be accepted.
Hash	No	High	When the business requirement can be accepted.
Tokenization	No	Medium	When the business requirement can be accepted.
Strong encryption	Yes	Low	When full PAN is needed.
Compensating control	Yes	Low	When full PAN is needed, and strong encryption is not possible.

# atsec methodology: Integrated and unified Management System



# IT Base Infrastructure



## Other key points on Physical and Network Security



- PCI DSS as a best practice.
- Sensitive data should be encrypted using industry-standard methods when stored on disk or transmitted over public networks.
- Cryptographic protocols (such as SSL v3.0) for data transmission; the website and interface are accessible via certificates issued by authorized parties.
- Strong cryptographic algorithms and well-design and implemented key management (FIPS 140-2 could be considered during the implementation)
- Installs security updates and patches on all system components.
- Security hardening, settings of applications and devices are tuned to ensure appropriate levels of protection.
- Networks are strictly segregated and strong access controls are in place, e.g. restrictive firewalls protect all connections between networks.
- Audit management and security monitor
- Authentication: password complexity, two-factor authentication for remote access, etc.
- Physical security

# Prioritized Approach



**MS1: Remove sensitive authentication data and limit data**

**MS3: Secure payment card applications**

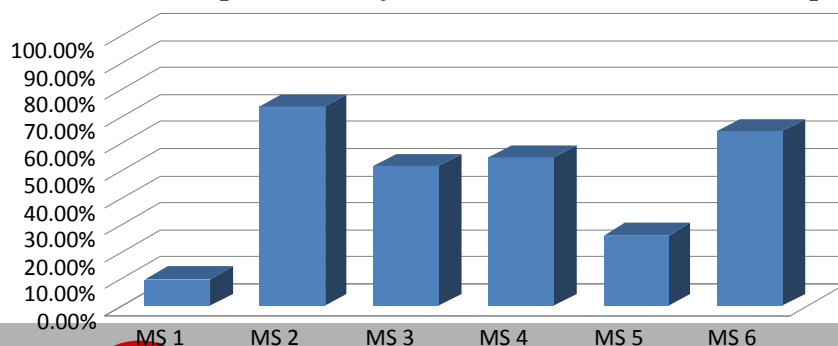
**MS5: Protect stored cardholder data**

**MS2: Protect the perimeter, internal, and wireless networks**

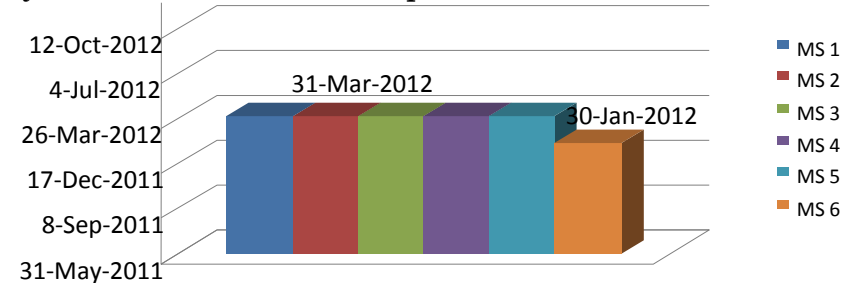
**MS4: Monitor and control access to your systems**

**MS6: Finalize remaining compliance efforts, and ensure all controls are in place**

Percent Complete by Milestone - Sample



Estimated date of completion by milestone - Sample



# Testing methodology



- It would be recommended for payment organization and/or payment vendors to achieve FIPS 140-2 certification for the implemented cryptographic algorithms and/or modules, in order to simplify the testing effort during the PCI assessment.
- The methodology and tools used for the testing, especially examine “clear-text” sensitive data on potential locations like transaction message, history, log, trace, and debug files, database schemas and contents.
- Automatic tool and manual examination should be combined for the whole forensic process because of the payment dataflow.



# Sensitive Data Discovery



Penetration testing methodology and forensic tools

- Commercial or open source tools

Sensitive data could be stored in different locations.  
Typical location includes:

- Database, flat files, log files, debug files
- Paper receipts

Typical system that store track data:

- POS systems, POS servers, Authorization servers.

If an environment does not have card swip readers or receive data from face-to-face merchants with a card swip reader, it is unlikely (but not impossible) that they will have the track data.

# Example of CHD discovery

- Card Recon
- Spider 2008

## Host Information

Date Of Scan Commencement	???, 24 2012 10:32??
Hostname Scanned	ASSESSOR/atsecAD
Primary IP Address Of Host	192.168.1.100
Network MAC Address	58:2c:80:13:92:63
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise Edition 32-bit
Total Scan Time	8 minutes, 32 seconds
Total Files / Bytes Scanned	1 files scanned / 5,545,787,392 bytes scanned
Inaccessible Locations	none

## Scan Summary

Type Of Scan Performed	Limited Path Scan
Locations Included In Scan	S:\projects\GB\SupprtOn20121124\LogCheck
Genuine Matches	6576 PANs found (+96 test numbers)
Card Schemes Scanned	American Express (257 cards found) Diners Club (95 cards found) Discover (22 cards found) JCB (7 cards found) Mastercard (320 cards found) Visa (5875 cards found) Test Cards (96 cards found)

## Masked PAN Samples

S:\projects\GB\SupprtOn20121124\LogCheck\TestDB\_1.LDF

493468XXXXXX7005 493468XXXXXX7005 493468XXXXXX7005 451291XXXXXX0025  
451291XXXXXX0025 451291XXXXXX0025 451291XXXXXX0025 524302XXXXXX2004  
411111XXXXXX1111 341329XXXX8500

# Conclusion



- The security implementation on cryptography for payment solutions cover the technology areas data encryption and decryption, key management, password protection, and also related IT processes.
- A standards-combined approach is used for the overall security proposal including standards like FIPS 140 (cryptographic module and key management), PCI DSS, PA DSS (payment industry best practice), CC (introduced security development and risk management methodology), etc.
- Various technical expertise and services are required for data protection, including encryption/key management, hash, tokenization, etc.

## Conclusion – cont.

- Security monitor, security architecture, large scale risk assessment, penetration testing, and in-depth security analysis are also requested in order to verify the implementation.
- Independent security audit, testing and evaluation are important, nevertheless different validation requirements could be considered for different security levels.



# Resources



- <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/>
  - PCI standards and related documents
  - QSA、ASV、PA QSA、PFI qualification maintenance

- <http://www.atsec.com/>

