WebAuthn is coming to town!

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Nový standard pro přihlašování: nenuťte uživatele měnit hesla

A non-formal prequel ...



Přestože se začínají prosazovat alternativní způsob velkou část firem a většinu jednotlivců zásadním bk velké firmy přijaly opatření týkající se kvality hesel, i podceňovat Pravidla se postupně zpřísňují, nároky silnější hesla. Teoreticky. Tweet

Jiří Škrampal @JiriSkrampal · 3h Výborně @spazef0rze .

Aneb proč do médií neustále o IT bezpečnosti mluví tihle strejcové mentálně zaseklí v roce 2005?

@adent a já s ním souhlasím:

Vynucená změna hesla je spíš nebezpečná, píše

kcc.misantrop.info/2015/03/30/hes... nějaký data

třeba i od karet. A zatřetí je nutné být na internetu stále v pozoru. Znamená to například neotevírat podezřelé e-maily a přílohy od neznámých adresátů, " upozorňuje Hládek.

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Silná hesla a pravidelně je měnit je něco, co nejde dodržet. Každé heslo zcela jiné a napsané v notýsku (ne na monitoru nebo klávesnici) nebo ve správci hesel a místo hesel věty, to vám pomůže mnohem víc.

Neotvírat podezřelé e-maily? Jak poznám, že je podezřelý, když ho neotevřu? Neotvírat přílohy od neznámých adresátů? Pokud chcete zpomalit ekonomiku nebo aby vás šéf jebal, že neděláte svou práci, tak s chutí do toho.

A pak se Česká bankovní asociace diví, že lidi nedodržují jejich poučky. Buď se nedají dodržet nebo jsou k ničemu. Nebo obojí.

ČBA, prozradíte, kdo vám pomáhal tahle pravidla sestavit? Díky.

Q-B05:

Is password expiration no longer recommended?

A-B05:

SP 800-63B Section 5.1.1.2 paragraph 9 states:

"Verifiers SHOULD NOT require memorized secrets to be changed arbitrarily (e.g., periodically). However, verifiers SHALL force a change if there is evidence of compromise of the authenticator."

Users tend to choose weaker memorized secrets when they know that they will have to change them in the near future. When those changes do occur, they often select a secret that is similar to their old memorized secret by applying a set of common transformations such as increasing a number in the password. This practice provides a false sense of security if any of the previous secrets has been compromised since attackers can apply these same common transformations. But if there is evidence that the memorized secret has been compromised, such as by a breach of the verifier's hashed password database or observed fraudulent activity, subscribers should be required to change their memorized secrets. However, this event-based change should occur rarely, so that they are less motivated to choose a weak secret with the knowledge that it will only be used for a limited period of time.

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k tomu

A non-formal prequel ...

• Do you think that NIST recommendation should be enough for everybody ???



If password expiration make users to use weak passwords, so the zero password policy requirements would result in usage of strong passwords ?
 I don't think so

From a field experience ...

- 1. Online bruteforce (1st party login procedure not rate-limited or guarded)
- 2. Offline bruteforce (1st party DB leaks)
- 3. Password reuse (3rd party DB leaks)
- 4. Insecure delegation (2nd party NTLM Wdigest, MSV/Cached Logons, ...)
- 5. Insecure storage (self sticky notes, keepass triggers)
- 6. Phishing (self)



DCE should be guarded as whole and in depth

- On the contrary to the many other experts ...
- ... I do think that password policy 10 + 3 + 2 is a good idea for a common distributed computing environment
 - \circ ... not best idea nor the only one.

- 10 characters ... average length of a czech word is 5, so it encourages users to use at least two words
- 3 character classes ... to harden the bruteforce
- 2 years expiration ... nothing lasts forever

Is there a way out of this ?



michal.bryxi 10:27 PM

Tenhle kekel má řešení?

Black Hat 2019: Every Security Team is a Software Team Now

Start with "yes"



Current (web) authentication recap

- Username / password
 - + works for everyone (users, developers, business)
 - password policy
 - sometimes enhanced by 2FA/MFA
 - user experience (drivers, special device, recovery, ...)
 - no real standardization (beyond basic auth and few others ...)

• PKI based x509 authentication

- - application support
- **user experience** (nor users, nor developers understands the technology well enough)
- key/cert provisioning vs multiple devices

- SSOs / Federations
 - User-centric (mojeid, facebook, ...) / Organization-centric (eduid, ...)
 - Works, but creates a single point of failure











And here comes a new kid to the block ...



- WebAuthn (Web Authentication) is a web standard, created by FIDO Alliance and published by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).
- The goal of the project is to standardize an interface for authenticating users to web-based applications and services using public-key cryptography.
 - https://w3c.github.io/webauthn/
 - https://webauthn.guide/
 - o http://slides.com/herrjemand/webauthn-isig

What WebAuthn is NOT ?

• Magic flawless replacement blackbox for currently used authentication schemes.

- But it is changing the landscape, because **now there are specs** and implementations in common software
 - Chrome, Firefox, Edge(mium), Windows Hello
 - Java, PHP, Python, Ruby, Go, .NET

What WebAuthn DOES ?

- 1. It **replaces** the necessity to care about **passwords** (users are very bad at it) **for** taking care about **a physical token** (users are somewhat good at it).
 - Token can be special device (Yubikey, ...), phone (BLE, NFC, USB) or platform authenticator (TPM with biometrics, ...)

2. **Makes services** itself **more resilient to** a password brute-force **attacks**, eliminating network man-in-the-middle credentials stealing (public key authentication), providing phishing resistant authentication.

In contrast with x509 authentication ...



... looks easier and end-to-end (user to app)



An example web application

- <u>https://github.com/bodik/flask-webauthn-example</u>
- Components
 - o flask, jinja2
 - sqlalchemy, postgresql
 - o flask-login
- Quality assurance
 - o pylint, flake8
 - pytest, coverage, pytest-selenium
 - travis-ci.org

FWE branch 10-basic-app

• Features

- User login, logout
 - username/password form based authentication
- Webauthn credential management
 - user can add, remove tokens
- User management
 - user can add, remove users
- Quality assurance
 - Test_login
 - Emulated browser (flask test_client)
 - Selenium browser (Firefox)

<div class="login">

<h1>Login</h1>

FWE: Form based <form class="form-horizontal" method="post"> {{ form.csrf token }} authentication {{ b wtf.bootstrap field(form.username, horizontal=True {{ b wtf.bootstrap field(form.password, horizontal=True {{ b wtf.bootstrap field(form.submit, horizontal=True) </form> </div> @blueprint.route('/login', methods=['GET', 'POST']) def login route(): """login route""" form = LoginForm() if form.validate on submit(): user = User.guery.filter(User.username == form.username.data).one or none() if user: if form.password.data: if PWS.compare(PWS.hash(form.password.data, PWS.get salt(user.password)), user.password): regenerate session() login user(user) return redirect(url_for('app.index_route')) flash('Invalid credentials.', 'error') return render template('login.html', form=form)

FWE: Form based authentication tests

form = client.get(url_for('app.login_route')).form form['username'] = test_user.username form['password'] = tmp_password response = form.submit() assert response.status code == HTTPStatus.FOUND

response = client.get(url_for('app.index_route'))
assert response.lxml.xpath('//a[text()="Logout"]')

selenium.get(url_for('app.login_route', _external=True))
selenium.find_element_by_xpath('//form//input[@name="username"]').send_keys(test_user.username)
selenium.find_element_by_xpath('//form//input[@name="password"]').send_keys(tmp_password)
selenium.find_element_by_xpath('//form//input[@type="submit"]').click()
WebDriverWait(selenium, WEBDRIVER_WAIT).until(EC.presence_of_element_located((By.XPATH, '//a[text()="Logout"]')))

FWE branch 20-webauthn

WebAuthn dictionary

- User -- a person
 - User presence -- verification that a person is nearby (touch button).
 - User verification -- verification of the user identity (PIN, biometrics).
- Client -- browser
- Authenticator -- U2F / FIDO2 token, Platform authenticator, Smartphone
 - **Authenticator transport** -- internal, USB, NFC, Bluetooth Low Energy
 - **CTAP1 / CTAP2** -- Client to authenticator protocol
- WebAuthn
 - CBOR, COSE
 - Concise Binary Object Representation structured data binary encoding specification.
 - COSE Object Signing and Encryption signing and encryption for CBOR objects.
 - Attestation (data)
 - Generally an evidence of the origin. In FIDO, a newly generated credential (optionally with proof of the authenticator used).
 - Assertion (data)
 - Signed data (RP metadata + challenge) providing data for authentication.

Implementation WebAuthn for Web application



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WebAuthn implementation steps

1. Update user registry to hold registered credentials

2. Add fido2 server (fido library) for webauthn functions

Update frontend and backend to perform

3. Registration flow

4. Authentication flow

5. Implement tests



How WebAuthn WORKS ? - Registration flow

- 1. User is logged in application
- 2. User starts a registration flow (clicks "Register new credential")
- 3. Application frontend (browser running javascript)
 - a. Requests PublicKeyCredentialCreationOptions from backend by ajax call
 - i. Backend returns a challenge along with other parameters (app can request credential with various properties: resident key, user presence, attestation proof, ...)
 - b. Browser calls authenticator with PKCCO parameter
 - c. Authenticator generates a new credential and returns attestation data
 - d. Browser passes the response to backend
- 4. Application backend
 - a. Unpacks the attestation data (credential, attestation, ...)
 - b. Verifies the response (if attestation was required)
 - c. Stores the credential for later authentication



How WebAuthn WORKS ? - Registration flow

PublicKeyCredentialCreationOptions

```
publicKev: {
 challenge: Uint8Array(32) [ 176, 120, 37, ... ],
  rp: {
   id: "webauthntest.cesnet.cz"
   name: "webauthntest.cesnet.cz"
 },
 user: {
   displavName: "fwe"
   id: Uint8Array(32) [ 75, 83, 55, ... ]
    name: "fwe"
  },
  pubKevCredParams: |
    { alg: -7, type: "public-key" },
    { alg: -8, type: "public-key" },
    { alg: -37, type: "public-key" }
    { alg: -257, type: "public-key" }
  ],
  excludeCredentials: Array [],
  authenticatorSelection: {
    requireResidentKey: false,
   userVerification: "preferred"
  },
  attestation: "none",
  timeout: 30000
```

PublicKeyCredential

```
id: "W1Hq-y-hnRpxgx_Ciu39X5Y...",
rawId: ArrayBuffer { byteLength: 64 },
response: {
    attestationObject: ArrayBuffer { byteLength: 226 },
    clientDataJSON: ArrayBuffer { byteLength: 180 }
  },
  type: "public-key"
}
```

How WebAuthn WORKS ? - Authentication flow

- 1. User is NOT logged in application
- 2. User starts an authentication flow (clicks "Login" w/o username)
- 3. Frontend application part (browser running javascript)
 - a. Requests PublicKey**CredentialRequest**Options from backend by ajax
 - i. Backend returns a challenge along with other parameters (timeout, allowed credentials, transport requirements, ...)
 - b. Browser calls authenticator with PKCRO parameter
 - c. Authenticator verifies the user, signs challenge and returns assertion data
 - d. Browser passes the response to backend
- 4. Backend
 - a. Unpacks assertion data
 - b. Verifies the response
 - c. If valid, logs the user in

Authentication flow (frontend)

First factor mode



toastr.error('Webauthn authentication failed.')

```
console.log(error.message);
```

});

get pkcro()

Authentication flow (frontend)

Conveying of public key options, attestation and assertion data between RP and browser is not part of the specs. The specs says **what** but **not how** to transport the data ...

```
1**
 * pack and submit credential/assertion object for authentication
 * @param {object}
                                assertion credential assertion object returned by navigator.credential.get()
 * @return {Promise<undefined>}
                                          A promise that resolves with undefined
 */
function authenticate_assertion(assertion) {
       console.debug('authentication assertion', assertion);
       var assertion_data = {
                'credentialRawId': new Uint8Array(assertion.rawId),
                'authenticatorData': new Uint8Array(assertion.response.authenticatorData),
                'clientDataJSON': new Uint8Array(assertion.response.clientDataJSON),
                'signature': new Uint8Array(assertion.response.signature),
                'userHandle': new Uint8Array(assertion.response.userHandle)
       };
       var form = $('#webauthn login form')[0];
        form.assertion.value = array_buffer_to_base64(CBOR.encode(assertion_data));
        form.submit();
```

Authentication flow (backend)

```
if form.validate_on_submit():
    try:
        assertion = cbor.decode(b64decode(form.assertion.data))
        webauthn.authenticate complete(
            session.pop('webauthn_login_state'),
            webauthn credentials(user),
            assertion['credentialRawId'],
            ClientData(assertion['clientDataJSON']),
            AuthenticatorData(assertion['authenticatorData']),
            assertion['signature'])
        regenerate session()
        login user(user)
        return redirect(url for('app.index route'))
    except (KeyError, ValueError) as e:
        current app.logger.exception(e)
```

flash('Login error during Webauthn authentication.', 'error')

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WebAuthn flows can be tested with software

tokens

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coverage run --source fwe -m pytest tests/app -x -vv

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soft-webauthn -- python software token

https://pypi.org/project/soft-webauthn/

- o https://github.com/bodik/soft-webauthn
- Based on Yubico python-fido2 library

[®] Python software webauthn token

build passing

Package is used for testing webauthn enabled web applications. The use-case is authenticator and browser emulation during web application development continuous integration.

SoftWebauthnDevice class interface exports basic navigator interface used for webauthn features:

- SoftWebauthnDevice.create(...) aka navigator.credentials.create(...)
- SoftWebauthnDevice.get(...) aka navigator.credentials.get(...)

To support authentication tests without prior registration/attestation, the class exports additional functions:

- SoftWebauthnDevice.cred_init(rp_id, user_handle)
- SoftWebauthnDevice.cred_as_attested()

FWE: WebAuthn registration tests

```
def test webauthn register route(cl user):
    """register new credential for user"""
   device = SoftWebauthnDevice()
    response = cl_user.get(url_for('app.webauthn_register_route'))
   # some javascript code must be emulated
    pkcco = cbor.decode(b64decode(cl_user.post(url_for('app.webauthn_pkcco_route'), {'csrf_token': get_csrf_token(cl_user)}).be
    attestation = device.create(pkcco, 'https://%s' % webauthn.rp.ident)
    attestation data = {
        'clientDataJSON': attestation['response']['clientDataJSON'],
        'attestationObject': attestation['response']['attestationObject']}
   form = response.form
   form['attestation'] = b64encode(cbor.encode(attestation_data))
   # and back to standard test codeflow
   form['name'] = 'pytest token'
    response = form.submit()
    assert response.status code == HTTPStatus.FOUND
    user = User.query.filter(User.username == 'pytest_user').one()
```

```
assert user.webauthn_credentials
```

FWE: WebAuthn registration tests

Webauthn registration selenium test

```
def test webauthn register route(live server, sl user): # pylint: disable=unused-argument
    """register new credential for user"""
    device = SoftWebauthnDevice()
    sl user.get(url for('app.webauthn register route', external=True))
    # some javascript code must be emulated
    WebDriverWait(sl_user, WEBDRIVER_WAIT).until(js_variable_ready('window.pkcco_raw'))
    pkcco = cbor.decode(b64decode(sl user.execute script('return window.pkcco raw;').encode('utf-8')))
    attestation = device.create(pkcco, 'https://%s' % webauthn.rp.ident)
    sl_user.execute_script('pack_attestation(CBOR.decode(base64_to_array_buffer("%s")));' % b64encode(cbor.encode(attestation)
    # and back to standard test codeflow
    sl_user.find_element_by_xpath('//form[@id="webauthn_register_form"]//input[@name="name"]').send_keys('pytest token')
    sl user.find element by xpath('//form[@id="webauthn register form"]//input[@type="submit"]').click()
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user = User.query.filter(User.username == 'pytest_user').one()
assert user.webauthn_credentials
```

There's a lot more ...

- U2F vs. Resident keys
- Password-less vs. Username-less authentication
- User presence vs. verification (touch, pin, biometrics, ...)
- User best practices (lost token procedure, account recovery, ...)
- Real world support in mobile devices
- Enterprise grade deployment
 - Windows Hello and beyond

Current support for WebAuthn and FIDO2

https://fidoalliance.org/fido2/fido2-web-authentication-webauthn/









U2F API	WebAuthn API				
Edge					
CTAP1 / U2F	CTAP2				
USB NFC BLE	USB NFC BLE Win10				

U2F API	WebAuthn API				
Safari iOS					
CTAP1 / U2F	CTAP2				
USB NFC BLE	USB NFC BLE OS				

Legend:



Wrap up

Platom Authenticator OPTIONAL: Authenticator OPTIONAL: Authenticator OPTIONAL: Authenticator OPTIONAL: CA



- There is an alternative for password authentication
 - Based on public key cryptography
 - Available in currently used software
- It is (will be) more convenient for users
 - Platform authenticators
 - Smartphones
 - External key
- If done properly
 - Less passwords to remember
 - No bruteforce on services login
 - Database leaks does compromise long term secrets
 - No credential reuse
 - Phishing resistant authentication



Let's make authentication great again !

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