

# Mobile Banking Understanding the Risks

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# Overview

- Mobile Banking Basics
- Vulnerabilities, Risks, and Controls
- Vendor Management
- Compliance

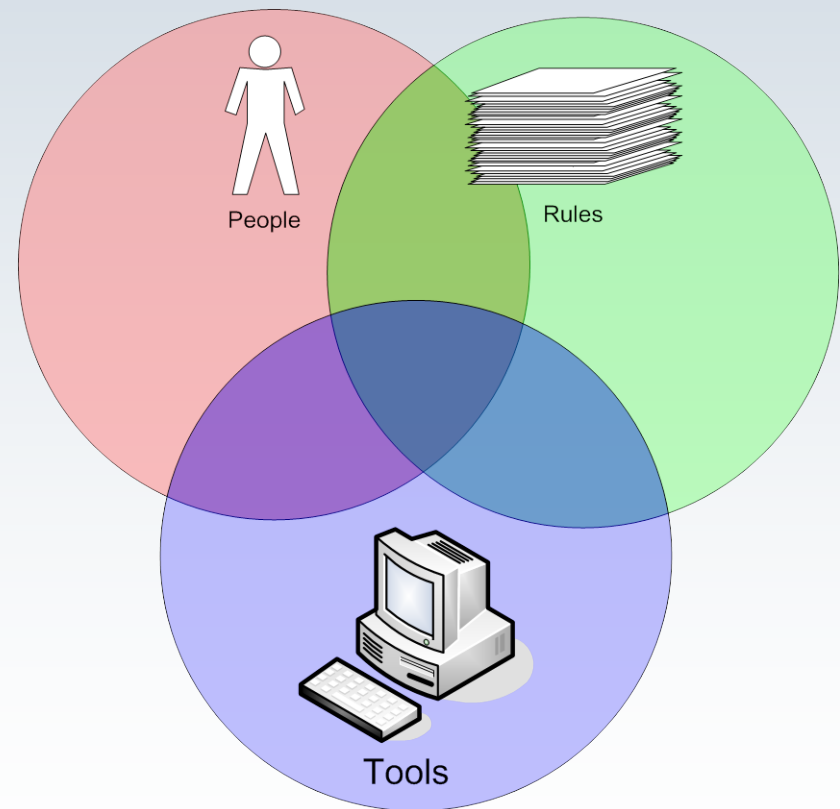


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# Mobile Banking Basics

- Mobile Banking is here to stay...
- More people have (smart) phones than computers
  - 4 billion mobile phones
  - 3 billion are SMS enabled
  - 1 billion are smartphones
- Mobile payments are coming (already here?)
  - Topic for another time

# Mobile Banking Basics

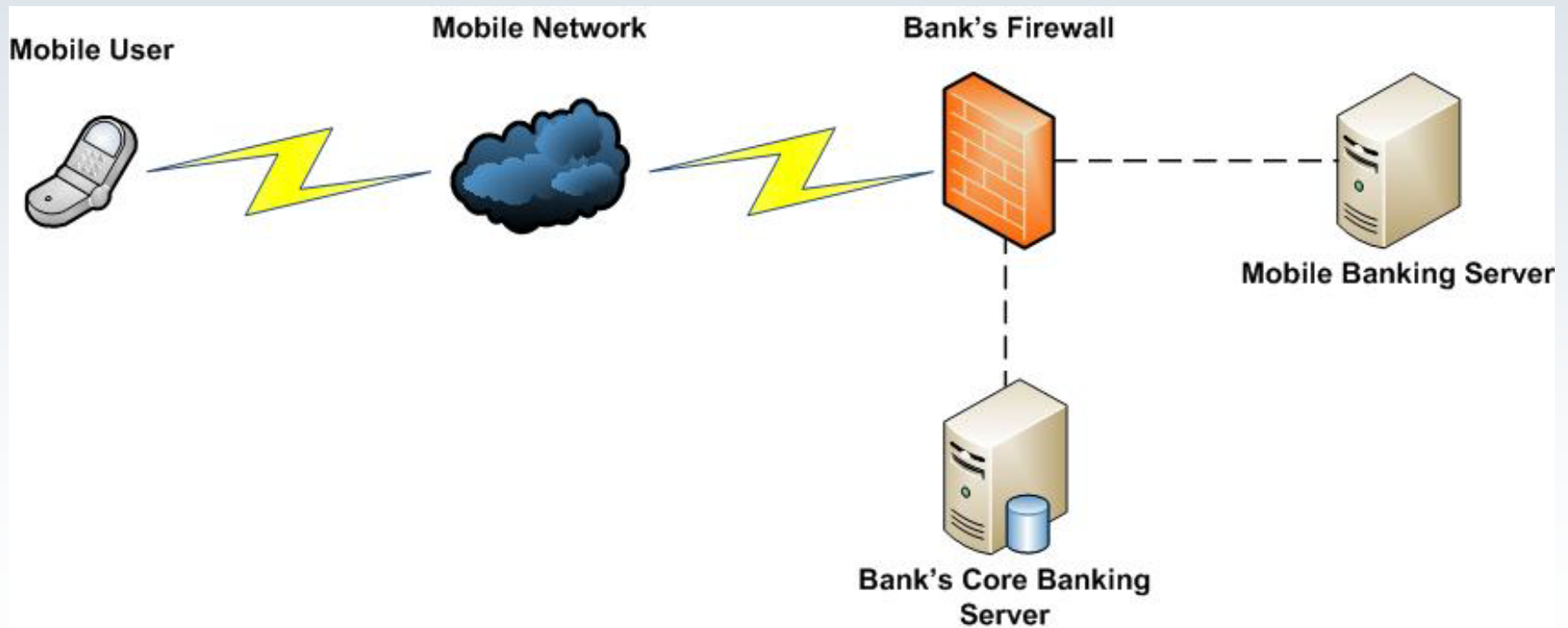
- Different types of mobile banking
  - SMS mobile banking
  - Mobile web
  - Mobile applications

# Mobile Banking Basics

- Mobile banking applications (i.e. “mobile apps”)
  - Various mobile app market places
  - iTunes/Apple App Store
  - Android Market
  - Verizon App Store
  - BlackBerry App Store

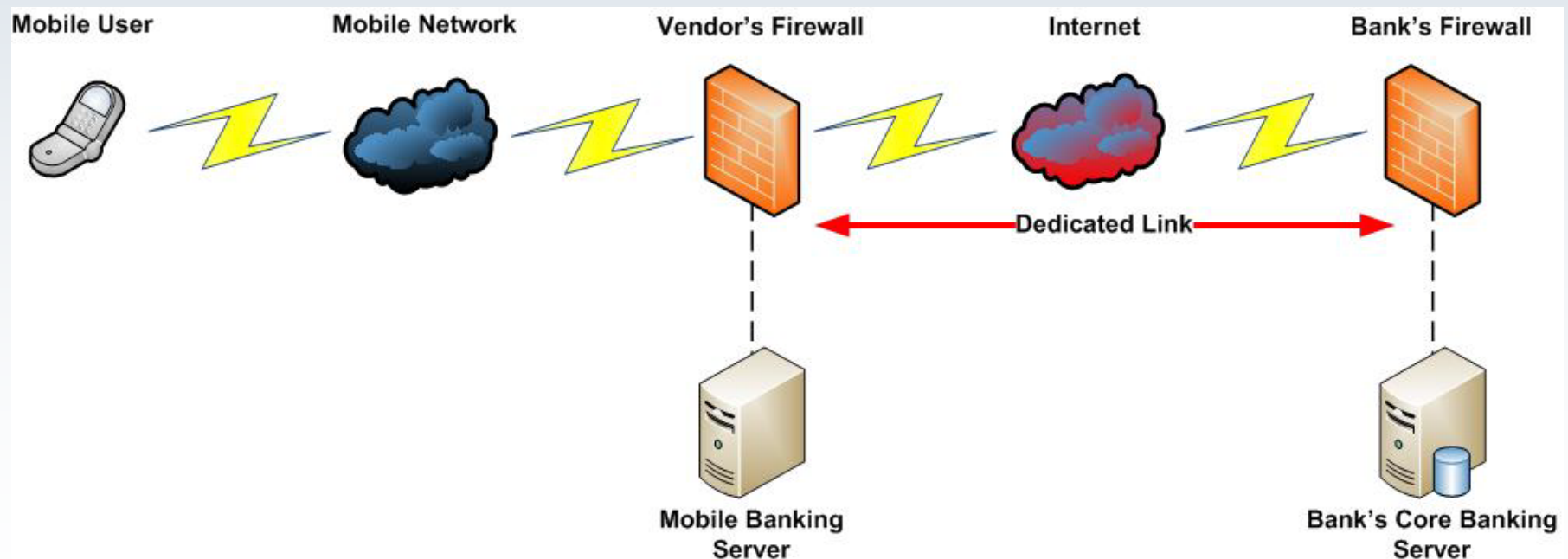
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  - Mobile banking system at the bank



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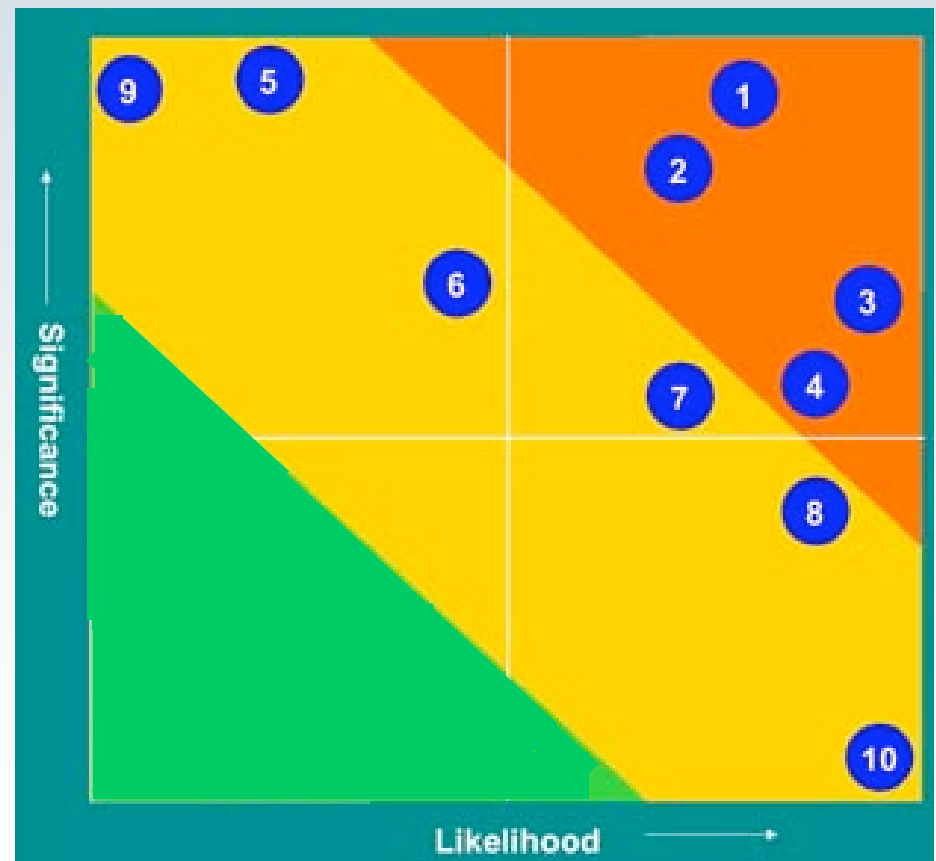
- Basic/common mobile banking infrastructure
  - Mobile banking system with third party vendor between customer and bank infrastructure





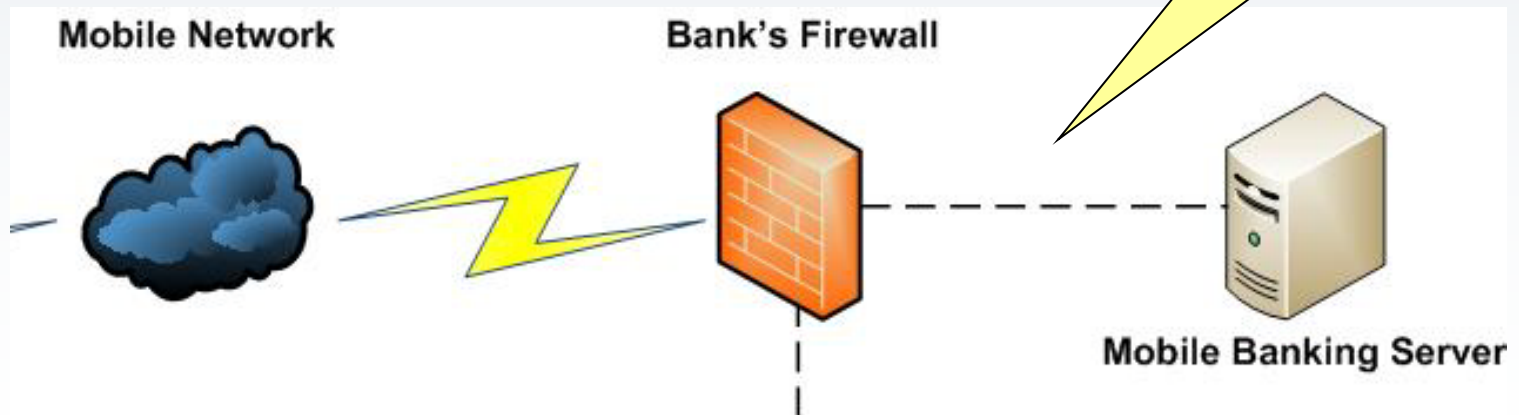
# Vulnerabilities, Risks, & Controls

- Vulnerabilities and risks at each component
  - Perform a risk assessment
    - Server Side Risks
    - (Vendor Risks)
    - Transmission Risks
    - Mobile Device Risks
    - Mobile App Risks
    - End User Risks
- Risk Assessment Heat map



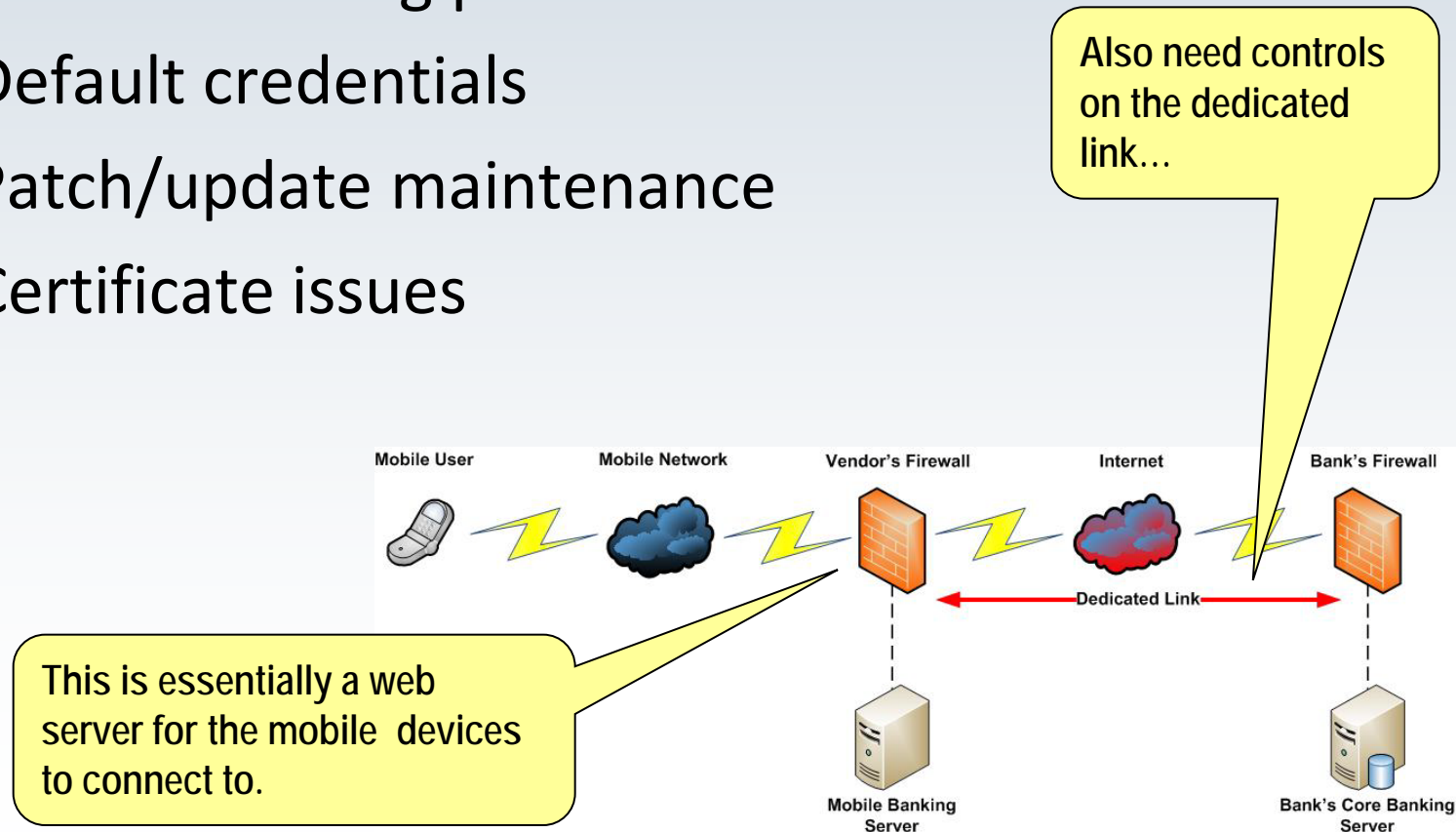
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- Server Side Risks – Essentially the same as traditional Internet banking website risks
  - ◇ Insecure coding practices
  - ◇ Default credentials
  - ◇ Patch/update maintenance
  - ◇ Certificate issues



# Vulnerabilities, Risks, & Controls

- Vendor Risks – Same risks as banks – now outside of your direct control.
  - ◇ Insecure coding practices
  - ◇ Default credentials
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# Vulnerabilities, Risks, & Controls

- Transmission Risks
  - Most mobile devices have always on Internet connection
    - ◇ Cellular (cell phone service provider)
    - ◇ Wifi (802.11 – home, corporate, “public”)
  - Need encryption
  - Common end user practices

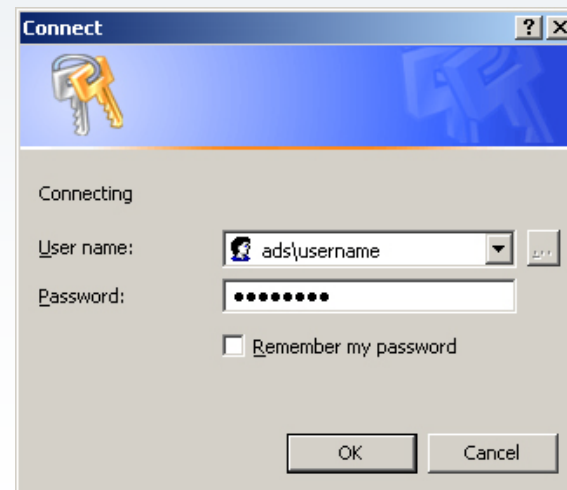
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- Mobile Device Risks
  - Multiple hardware platforms & multiple operating systems
- Apple iOS
- Android
- BlackBerry
- Windows Mobile
- Symbian

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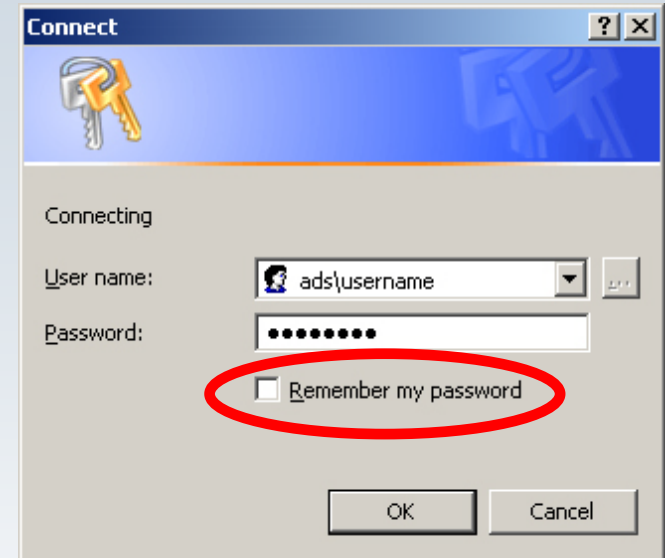
- Mobile App Risks
  - Secure coding issues
  - Installation of App
  - Use and protection of credentials
  - Storage of data
  - Transmission of data

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1 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD
XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
2 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/
xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
3
4 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/
xhtml">
5   <head>
6     <meta http-equiv="Content-
Type" content=
7     "text/html; charset=us-
ascii" />
8     <script type="text/
javascript">
9       function reDo() {top.
location.reload();}
10      if (navigator.appName ==
'Netscape') {top.onresize = reDo;}
11      dom=document.
getElementById;
12    </script>
13  </head>
14  <body>
15  </body>
16 </html>
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# Vulnerabilities, Risks, & Controls

- End User Risks
  - Lose the device
  - Don't use passwords, or use "easy to guess passwords"
  - Store passwords on the device
  - Jail break the device
  - Don't use security software
  - Use/don't recognize insecure wireless networks
  - Let their kids "use" the device



# Compliance

- FFIEC Authentication Guidance
  - **More than just authentication**
  - Authentication
    - ◇ Same requirements as Internet banking
  - Monitoring and anomaly detection
  - Education



# Compliance

- Authentication guidance references:

“Although this guidance is focused on the risks and risk management techniques associated with the Internet delivery channel, **the principles are applicable to all forms of electronic banking activities**”

“The agencies consider single-factor authentication, as the only control mechanism, to be inadequate for high-risk transactions **involving access to customer information** or the movement of funds to other parties”

- [http://www.ffiec.gov/pdf/authentication\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.ffiec.gov/pdf/authentication_guidance.pdf)

# Compliance

- Do not rely on single control
  - Controls need to increase as risk increases
  - Multi-layer
  - Additional controls at different points in transaction/interaction with customer
- Technical (IT/systems) controls

# Compliance

- Customer awareness and education
  - Explanation of protections provided and not provided
  - How the bank may contact a customer on an unsolicited basis
  - A suggestion that commercial online banking customers perform assessment and controls evaluation periodically;
  - A listing of alternative risk control mechanisms that customers may consider implementing to mitigate their own risk
  - A listing of bank contacts for customer discretionary use to report suspected fraud

# Vendor Due Diligence and Management

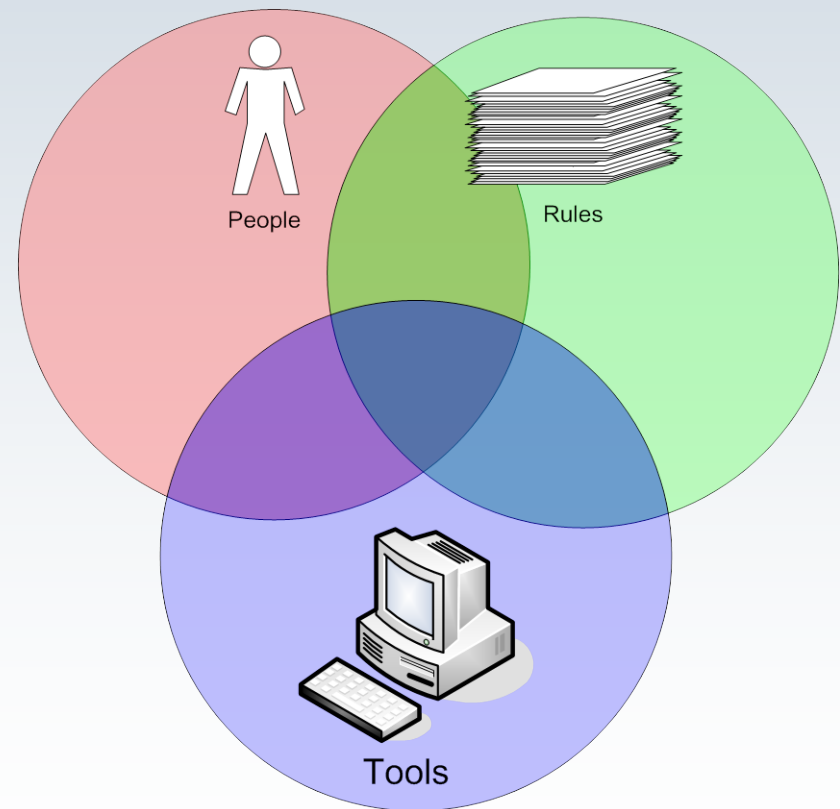
- All of the above – applies to your vendor(s)
  - Mobile banking application provider
  - Mobile banking hosting provider
- Contracts with SLA's
- SSAE16 reviews
- Independent code review and testing

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# Questions?



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- Guardian Analytics - FraudMAP
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- <http://www.easysol.net/newweb/Products/Detect-Safe-Browsing>
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## Safeguards of enterprises:

- On-device anti-malware
- On-device firewall
- Centralized remote locate, track, lock, wipe, backup and restore facilities for
- Centralized administration to enforce and report on security policies across the entire mobile device population
- SSL VPN clients to effortlessly protect data in transit, and to ensure secure and appropriate network access and authorization
- Device monitor and control, such as the monitoring of messaging and control of installed applications
- A solution that integrates with network-based technologies, such as network access control (NAC), to ensure the security posture of mobile devices and determine appropriate access rights prior to allowing access to corporate resources
- Management capabilities to enforce security policies, such as mandating the use of PINs/passcodes
- Ability for an administrator to monitor device activity for data leakage and inappropriate use

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## Safeguards of consumers:

- On-device anti-malware
- On-device personal firewall
- Password protection for device access
- Remote locate, track, lock, wipe, backup and restore software
- Antispam software to protect against unwanted voice and SMS/MMS communications

For parents - device usage monitoring software to monitor and control pre-adult mobile device usage and protect against

- cyberbullying, cyberstalking, inappropriate use, and other online threats, including automated alerting for:
- SMS message content
- Email message content
- Insight into pictures taken, sent, and received by the device, as well as those stored on the device
- Installed applications
- Address book and contact lists