

Java Card[™] Technology-based Corporate Card Solutions

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Overall Presentation Goal

The objectives are to provide

- 1) an overview and
- 2) an in-depth technical discussion

of a smart card based Corporate ID badge program using the latest multi-application, Java Card[™] technology



Learning Objectives

- As a result of this presentation, you will be able to:
 - Understand the SmartCard and Java Card technologies at a high level
 - Obtain an overview of the Sun Corporate Badge ID Program
 - Understand the Java Card and Open Platform technologies deployed in the program
 - Learn the architectural and technical lessons from such a program



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Speaker's Qualifications

- Jack Pan is responsible for the delivery of the Sun Corporate Badge solution from Citibank
- Hervé Garcia is the overall Technical Lead for the Sun Corporate Badge program from Citibank
- Both Jack and Hervé are active contributors in smart card industry consortiums such as Java Card Forum and Global Platform



Presentation Outline

- Overview of SmartCard and Java Card[™] technologies
- Overview of the Sun Corporate Badge Program
- Detailed discussion of Java Card and Open Platform technologies deployed in the program
- In depth discussion of architectural and technical lessons learned from the program



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Overview of SmartCard and Java Card[™] Technologies

What Is a Smart Card?

- A credit-card sized plastic card with an embedded computer chip.
 - Microprocessor "intelligent" vs. Memory "dumb"
 - Contact vs. Contactless
 - Hybrid vs. Combi
 - Single vs. Multiple Applications
- Other Technologies/Functions
 - Mag stripe
 - Bar code
 - Embossing
 - Signature panel
 - Biometrics





The Role of Smart Card

- Value-add in this Internet Age:
 - Secure authentication token
 - Aggregation of multiple applications



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What Is Java Card[™] Technology?

- Java Card technology
 - Defines a platform on which Java[™] technology-based applets can run on smart cards and other memory constrained devices
- Java Card programming language
 - A subset of the Java programming language is supported (e.g., no threads, long, etc.)
- Java Card virtual machine (JCVM)
 - Off-card piece does conversion from class file to CAP file while On-card piece does bytecode interpretation

What Is Java Card[™] Technology? (Cont.)

• Java Card runtime environment (JCRE)



Java Card[™] Technology-based Government/GSA Card Program



- Launched since May, 1999
- Standard Credit Card
- Official Employee Badge
- Building Access
- Web Server Access
- Digital Certificates
- Calling Card
- Property Management
- e-Boarding
- Biometrics

The High End Multi-application Smart Card Technology Based on Java Card 2.0/Open Platform 1.0



Overview of the Sun Corporate Badge Program

Sun Microsystems' Corporate Badge Program

- A corporate ID badge for Sun's global deployment (50,000 cards)
- Joint SIT to start in 3Q, 2001; Re-badge to start in 1Q, 2002
- Based on Java Card 2.1/Open Platform 2.0 w/29K EEPROM space





Sun Microsystems' Corporate Badge Program (Cont.)

- Building Access (Mifare & Mag-stripe)
- Sun Ray[™] workstations Session Mobility
- System Login (secure storage of ID/Password) via WinTel, Solaris[™] or Sun Ray workstations
- Remote Access Authentication (e.g., challengeresponse, synchronous, or VPN based)
- Multiple digital certificates (e.g., for encryption and authentication)
- Card and Application Life Cycle Management System (LCMS) and Second Tier Customer Service



Java Card[™] and Open Platform Technology-based Solutions

Sun Corporate Badge— A Multi-application Implementation of Java Card[™] Technology

- Use leading-edge features of the Java Card platform:
 - Real multi-application implementation with independence between applications
 - Use Shareable interface to share PIN authentication within card
 - Use crypto API for RSA, including on-card key generation
 - Use instantiation parameters to define applets behavior for run-time
 - Allows applets update post-issuance



Sun Corporate Badge Chip Card Applications

- ID: Store user identification and manage PIN
- Login: Login to Wintel, SunRay and Solaris platforms
- PKI: Generate and store key pairs and certificates; used for encryption, e-mail, SSL authentication; compatible with PSM and PKCS#11 client software
- SKI: Store symmetric key X9.9 for Sun.net access; generate response from X9.9 challenge
- Quick Password: Secure and convenient storage of user private passwords

Card Applets Relationship



One Application Requires Several Card Applets App. Management System Must Track Card Applets Configuration



Life Cycle of the Smart Card: Open Platform

- Open Platform (OP) is defined by a consortium; becomes an industry standard for Smart Cards
- Specifies the interface between the outside world and the Card's JVM
- Defines life cycle states for entities of the card: platform and applets
- Secure channel brings end-to-end cryptography: from chip to back-end system (data authenticity, confidentiality, integrity)
- Services are exposed via Java[™] APIs for card applets





Architectural and Technical Lessons learned from the Sun Corporate Badge Program

Life Cycle of a Smart Card



- 1. Manufacture card: build, print card background and serial number and load applets
- 2. Issue card: Print name and picture; load chip with personal information
- 3. Use and update applications
- 4. Track and replace for lost, stolen, revoked cards
- Requires Card Life Cycle Management System (LCMS)
- Requires back-end Application Servers



What Is the Card Life Cycle Management System? (LCMS)

- The LCMS Tracks and maintains information about a card life cycle
- Design principles
 - Based upon the Open Platform standard
 - Separates the platform management from the application management
 - Handles card life cycle and card software configuration
 - Does not process application transactions
- Based on a principle of privacy so that it does not store any application data.



LCMS Architecture Leverage on Standards

- Partitioning allows many corporations to use the service
- Has standard interfaces for back-end systems or Application Servers within the corporation
- Is platform 'agnostic'—uses platform independent languages and protocols Java[™], XML…
- => Makes economical sense to use the Internet as a transport: any corporation has access
 - XML based messaging: Open, Easy to develop interfaces, works with any platform
 - SSL with client authentication: brings confidentiality, integrity, authenticity



The Application Server Concept

- A system within the corporation which interfaces with the LCMS to handle application transactions
- Performs card personalization and application transactions for one application
- Can be centralized or distributed
- Runs on any platform (Solaris[™] OS, Win NT...)
- Communicates with LCMS through Internet, using HTTPS+XML as transport
- Communicates with client using Servlets and Java[™]/JavaScript[™] technologies in browser
- Communicates with other enterprise servers with other protocols (e.g. LDAP)

The Application Server Principle



Example of Messaging to LCMS



Badge Printer Submits the Issuance Message



XML Message to LCMS

- Message example: Badge Printer to LCMS
- <...Message header..>

<CardUniqueId>6523</CardUniqueId> <EmployeeId>7625</EmployeeId> <State>CS_PRINTED</State> <Time>2001-08-24T13:20:00.000 05:00</Time>

<...Message footer..>



Summary

- Use Smart Cards: essential in ensuring secure transactions over the Internet for added security, convenience and mobility
- Focus on the infrastructure: Build a scalable, multi-application support ready for evolution
- Use Java Card[™] Technology: It is dominating the multi-application smart card world (e.g., GSM, Logical Access, Financial applications, etc.)
- Use XML: for system intercommunication to alleviate platform dependency and to take advantage of built-in browser security
- Use Java[™] technology: Most components are out there to build solutions that alleviate platform dependency; Java[™], Java Card[™], JSP[™], JSSE, EJB[™], JDBC[™],etc.





