ADAPTIVE MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION (A-MFA) SYSTEM

Auth-Spectra is a patented technology (US 9,912,657) for Adaptive Multi-Factor Authentication (A-MFA) that uses a combination of passwords, biometrics, cognitive behavior, and other factors in order to create a trustworthy authentication system that intelligently selects the most appropriate authentication factors. A-MFA does this by selecting modalities based on the device in use and surrounding conditions providing the perfect balance between powerful security and low-maintenance usability creating a secure, highly confident authentication framework that you can trust.

APPLICATIONS

Continuous, high-confidence, identity authentication for:

» Banking, including online funds transfer

» Online testing in education and training settings

» Secure access to Electronic Medical Records

» Access to sensitive sites by government employees and others

» Smart Grid Security

» Internet of Things (IoT) sensory data access

» Use in Blockchain Technology for access verification to open ledger

» Gas pipeline and related industry applications

» General user Internet access & email services

» Opening payslips or sensitive documents using A-MFA

» Specific web services such as PayPal, Netflix and other paid services

Deployable at different levels of Internet Computing:

» Application level (financial applications, email/business/personal applications, social applications)

» User level (root user, administrators, guest user)

» Document level (PDF containing application form, document containing proprietary information, image/video containing confidential and sensitive footage)
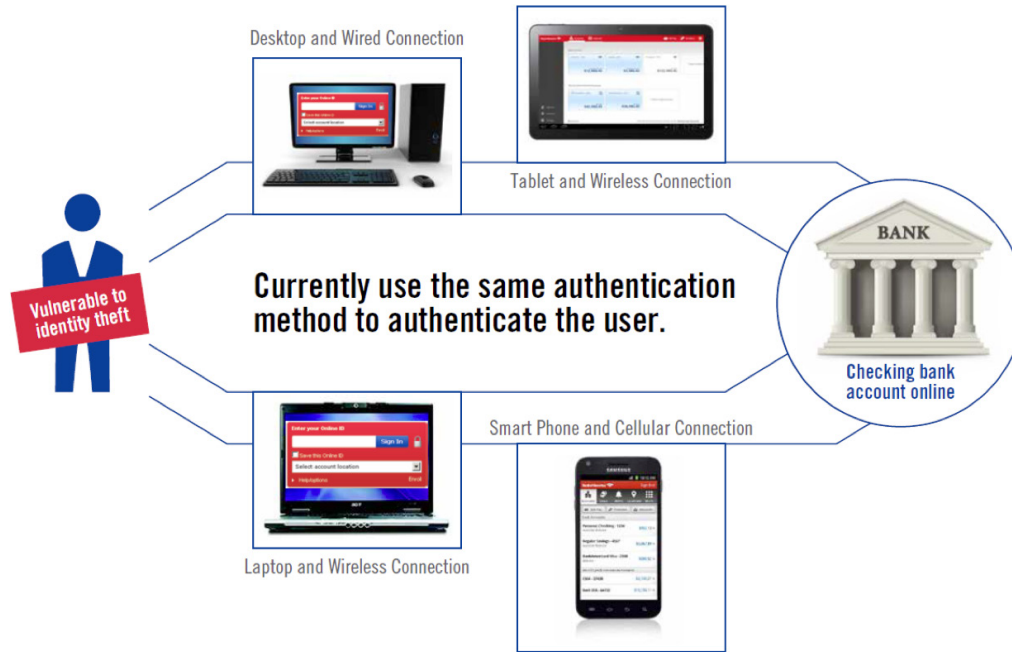
ADVANTAGES OF ADAPTIVE MFA SYSTEM

The major advantages of the implemented framework over other existing MFA technologies:

» Assures user identity during an interactive session and beyond the initial log-in.

» If an authentication modality is compromised, the system can adjust to authenticate users with the remaining non-compromised modalities.

» It ensures avoidance of repetitive selections to authenticate users if the operating conditions remain the same.

» Scalable: New authentication modalities can easily be integrated to augment the existing sets of modalities.

» Flexible: Allows for generation of the operating/configuration parameters for the added authentication modalities as they become available.

» Just-in-time selection algorithm chooses optimal authentication modalities for the user's operating environment.

COMPARISON WITH OTHER EXISTING MFA APPROACHES:

| Product Name	Vendor	Factors	Features	Website
SecureAuth IdP	SecureAuth	Two factors and SSO (out of 20)	Mobile, cloud, web or VPN	www.secureauth.com
RSA SecureID	RSA	Two factors	Software (smartphones, tablets and PC) and hardware authenticators	http://www.emc.com/security/rsa-securid.htm
Safenet	SafeNet	Two factors	Cloud, Password + SMS/Hardware Token	www.safenet-inc.com/multi-factor-authentication/?tabnum=2
SecurEnvoy	SecurEnvoy	Two Factor	Tokenless (One-swipe, SMS Preload, Soft Token, Voice Call, Email Preload)	www.securenvoy.com/
Symantec O3	Symantec	Cloud identity and access control (Two Factor authentication)	Cloud applications (set policies for groups, persons, devices) [security control point]	www.symantec.com/page.jsp?id=O3
Microsoft Azure	Microsoft	Multi factor (Phone call, SMS and Password)	On premises and cloud authentications Mobile Device + user-id and password	azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/multi-factor-authentication/
Deepnet DualShield	Deepnet Security	Two factors out of 10 different methods	SMS, Voice, Mobile App, Face, Keystroke, Smart Cards	www.deepnetsecurity.com/products/dualshield/
Swivel Secure	Swivel Secure	SSO + two factor	Mobile App, SMS, tokens, Telephony, Browser	www.swivelsecure.com/
miniOrange Strong Authentication	miniOrange	SSO + two factor	14 different authentication types	miniorange.com/strong_auth
Duo Security	Duo Security	Two factor	Dup Push, Mobile Passcode, SMS, Phone callback, hardware token	www.duosecurity.com

SAMPLE SCENARIO:

Desktop and Wired Connection

Tablet and Wireless Connection

Vulnerable to identity theft

Currently use the same authentication method to authenticate the user.

BANK

Checking bank account online

Smart Phone and Cellular Connection

Laptop and Wireless Connection

AUTH-SPECTRA FEATURES:

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CONTINUOUS IDENTITY PROTECTION
Auth-Spectra is always on, ensuring the users' identity as long as they are connected to the system or service

JUST-IN-TIME DECISION
Authentication modalities are selected in real-time providing the optimal decision for any authentication attempt

MACHINE LEARNING APPROACH
Auth-Spectra utilizes machine learning techniques to analyze user behavior and select modalities based on intelligent algorithms.

BUILT WITH THE FUTURE IN MIND
The Auth-Spectra framework is robust and flexible enough to meet your current and future authentication needs, such as adding new sensors and modalities

BROAD RANGE OF APPLICATIONS
Auth-Spectra is suitable for many applications including healthcare networks and online education.

CLOUD IDENTITY MANAGEMENT
Auth-Spectra provides a cloud based solution to administrate your existing services efficiently

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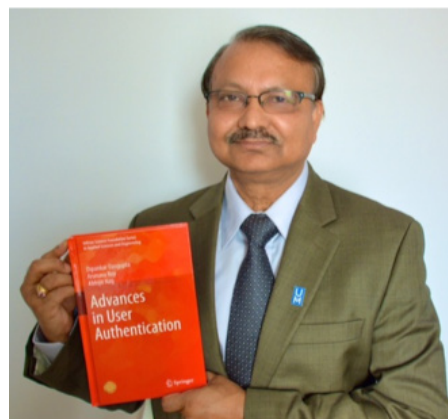
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