

High assurance protection of the keys underpinning PKIs

- Protect critical root and issuing CA keys within a tamper-resistant, FIPS 140-2 Level 3-certified HSM
- Establish strong authentication for connected devices
- Facilitate auditing and compliance with data security regulations
- Achieve enhanced levels of data security and trust
- Maintain high service levels and business agility



Secure public key infrastructures with nShield HSMs

THE CHALLENGE:

Enterprise digitalization and the burgeoning Internet of Things (IoT) bring into clear focus the need to establish trusted identities for users, devices and applications accessing systems and data. Unique and traceable identities for users and devices enable increased revenue and cost reduction through new products, services and ways to do business.

To capitalize on these opportunities and safeguard systems and data, it is critical to ensure that:

- The users managing the device or system are authorized to do so
- The code running on connected devices – including firmware, operating system and applications – is trusted and has not been altered
- Data in transit between devices, people, and applications is valid and protected from unauthorized changes
- Financial transactions can be secured and authenticated

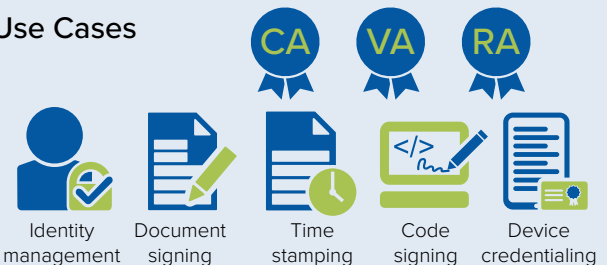
A public key infrastructure (PKI) provides a mechanism by which authentic identities for users and devices – also called entities – can be established and managed. Once authenticated, these entities can access critical enterprise systems and resources, as well as complete digital signing operations. A PKI relies on digital certificates, signed by a certificate authority (CA), that bind a public key to a specific user or device. Based on this framework, the root and issuing CA private keys are attractive targets that require high assurance protection, as they represent the virtual keys to the kingdom.

Delivered

on-premises and in the cloud



Use Cases



nFinity PKI partner solutions include:



Secured by nCipher nShield HSMs



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THE SOLUTION: PKI SOLUTIONS INTEGRATED WITH NSHIELD HSMS

While it is possible to deploy a PKI without a hardware root of trust, CA keys handled outside the cryptographic boundary of a certified hardware security module (HSM) can be vulnerable to attacks that compromise the PKI's credential issuance and certificate revocation capabilities. The use of HSMs is a recognized best practice for protecting the root and issuing CA private keys that underpin PKI deployments.

nShield HSMs are integrated with leading PKI providers to offer FIPS 140-2 Level 3 and Common Criteria EAL 4+ protection for the root and issuing CA private keys. Customers enjoy an enhanced security posture and are able to demonstrate compliance with requirements such as the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard.

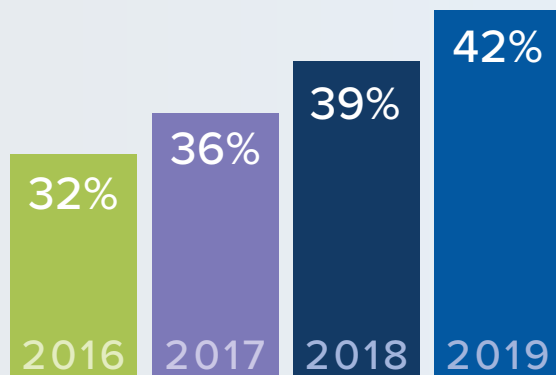
THE NSHIELD DIFFERENCE

nCipher's nShield HSMs provide a proven, auditable way to secure valuable cryptographic keys and material. FIPS- and Common Criteria-certified nShield HSMs:

- Secure keys within a carefully designed cryptographic boundary
- Employ robust access control mechanisms with enforced separation of duties to ensure keys are used only by authorized entities
- Ensure availability of keys by using sophisticated key management, storage and redundancy features
- Deliver high performance to support increasing numbers of demanding applications
- Scale to meet evolving demands through enhanced manageability

nShield HSMs are available in multiple form factors, while nShield as a Service provides subscription-based access to nShield Connect HSMs.

How do you manage the private keys for your root/policy/issuing CAs?



Hardware Security Modules (HSMs)

Source: 2019 Global PKI Trends Study, Ponemon Institute and nCipher

"Organizations' PKIs support an average of 8.5 distinct applications. This indicates that the PKI is at the core of the enterprise IT backbone."

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