



Using the Prototype TWIC for Access

A System Integrator Perspective



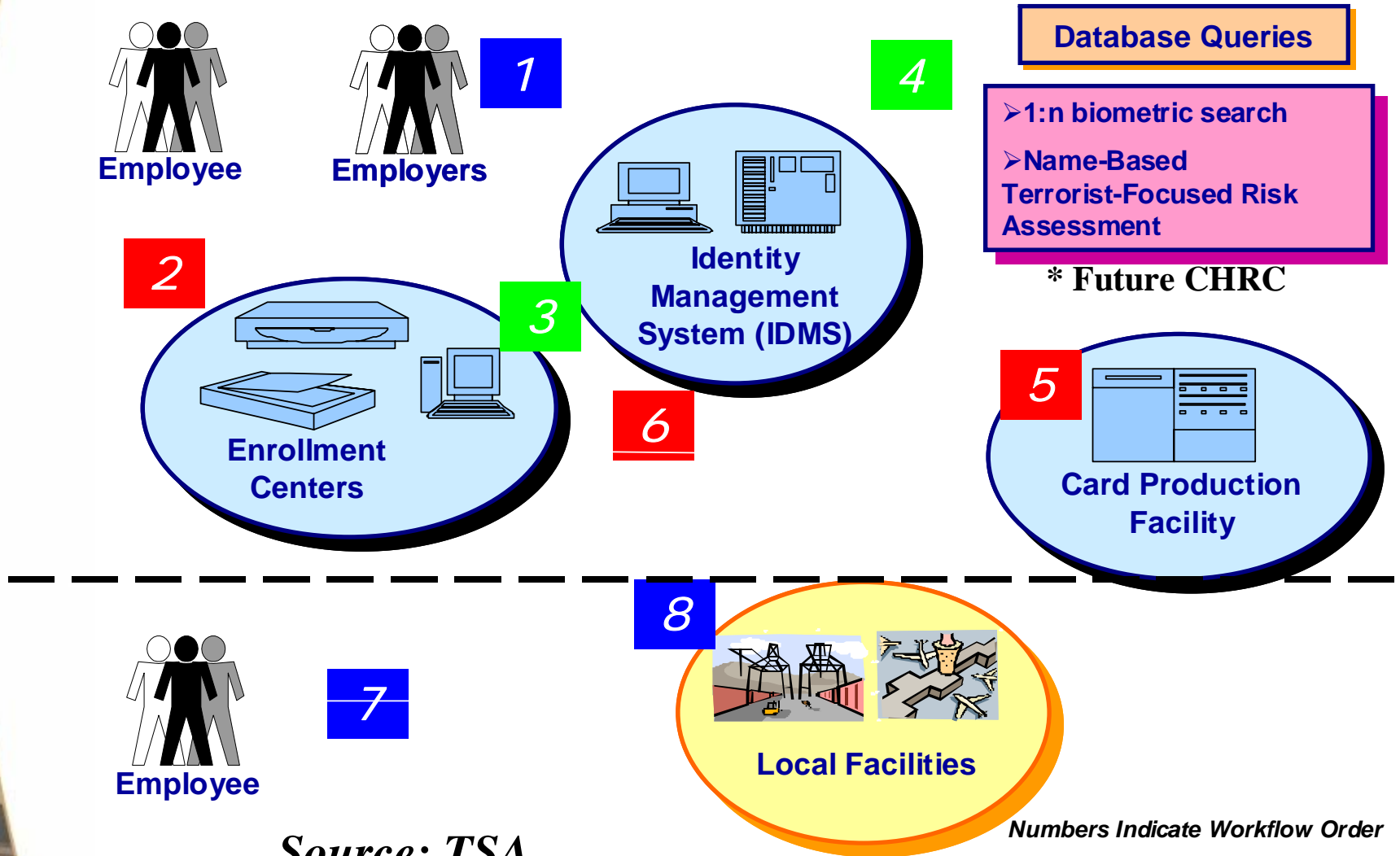
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The Challenge

How do I manage "below the line?"

TWIC Process



Source: TSA

Numbers Indicate Workflow Order

TWIC prototype system provides extensive capabilities to:

- Verify TWIC as genuine
- Ensure TWIC belongs to individual presenting
- Check the status of the card (e.g. active/in use or suspended/revoked)

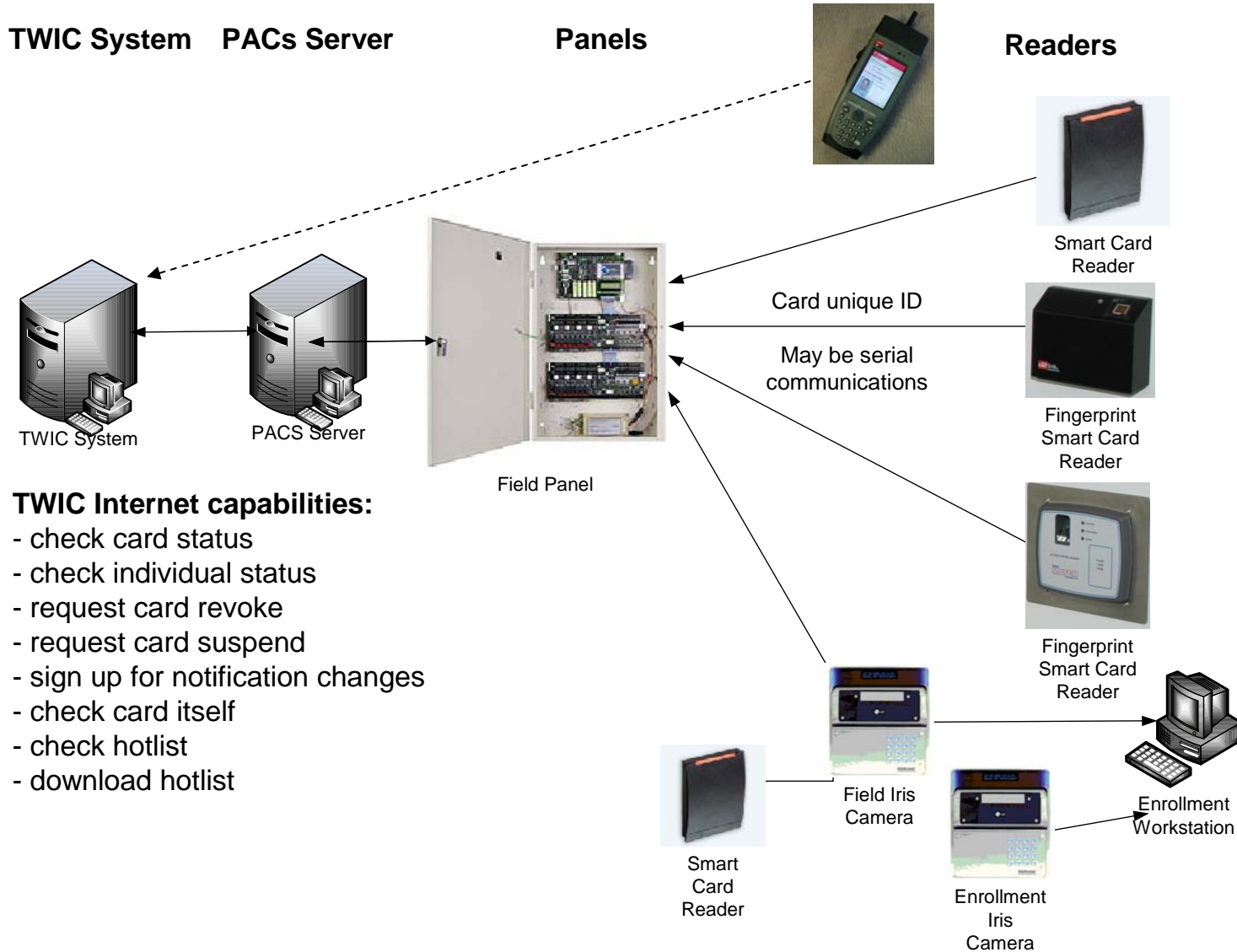
Many tools are available for port security / facility administrators to manage access control

- Online tools
- Offline tools

As with all credentials, there are risks in using TWICs for access control that must be understood and mitigated

- Front-end
- Back-end





TWIC Internet capabilities:

- check card status
- check individual status
- request card revoke
- request card suspend
- sign up for notification changes
- check card itself
- check hotlist
- download hotlist

Key Questions for when an individual presents their TWIC

Local sites could be presented with TWICS by people they may not know...key questions to answer:

- Is it a real TWIC?
- Is it their TWIC?
- Is it a TWIC in good standing?
- Does that person have a need to access my facility or facilities?
 - If so, which areas and when?
- How often do I want to have these questions answered for this individual, group of individuals or all of my workers?
 - First time they show up
 - Every time they show up
 - Daily, Monthly, Annually
 - Etc.

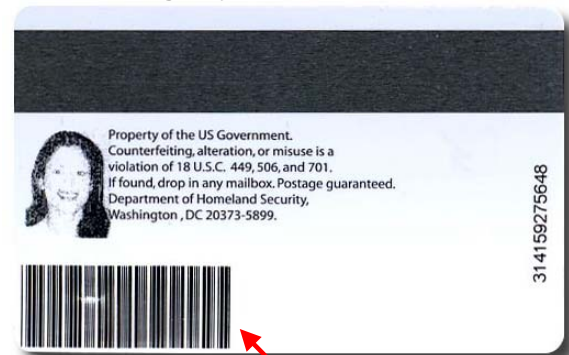
Contactless Chip



Integrated Circuit Chip (ICC)

Magnetic stripe with FASC-N*

*Federal Agency Smart Credential Number



PDF-417 with Name, GUID*

*Global Unique ID

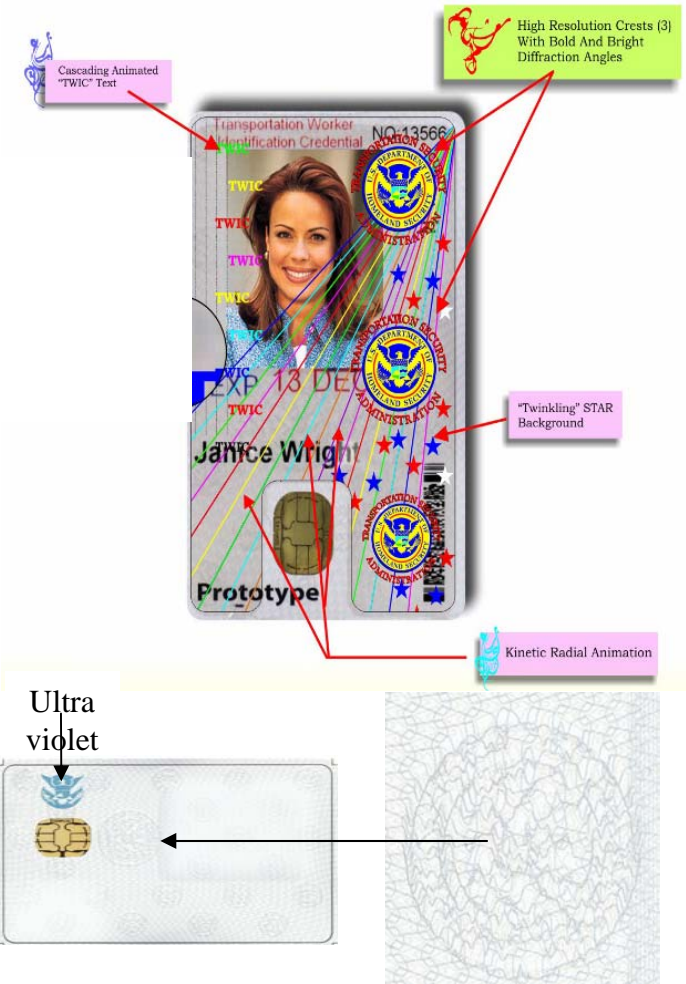
There are several methods of verifying the TWIC is real – these include:

- Magstripe
- Physical / topographical security features
- Barcode / 2D barcode
- Mutual or External Authentication (secret handshake)
- Issuer digital signature
- Digitally signed information on chip(s)

Good news is that all of these can be done offline

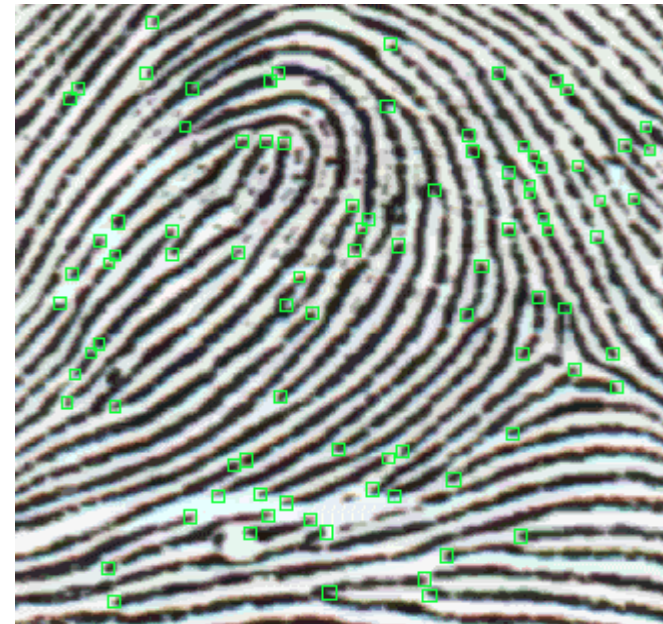
Bad news is that there are time trade-offs to some of these; i.e. you may not want to do them on every access event

Note: items in green are the preferred/recommended methods



There are several methods of verifying the TWIC belongs to the individual presenting it – these include:

- **Visual verification of photo**
 - Vs. printed on the card
 - Vs. stored and digitally signed on the chip
- **PIN verification**
- **Facial biometric match**
- **Fingerprint biometric match**
- **Iris biometric match (local / operational)**
- **Hand geometry biometric match (local / operational)**



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Is it a TWIC in good standing?

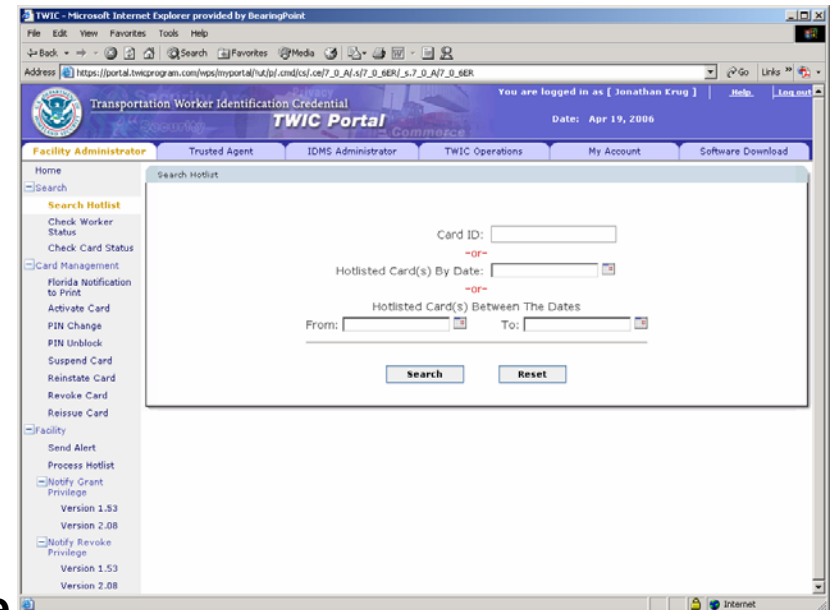
There are several methods of verifying the TWIC is in good standing – these include:

- Visual verification of expiration date
- **Web-based check of the card status**
- **Notification registration**
- **Certificate Revocation List download**
- **Hot List download**
- **Physical Access Control System verification**

Good news is that many of these can be done offline

Bad news is that there need to be periodic updates of these bad-card lists

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Does that person have a need to access my facility?

This is a key decision that is expected to be made on a local (i.e. port/facility) basis:

- This typically involves enrollment or treatment of the TWIC as a badge in the site's local Physical Access Control System
- This may involve assignment to specific groups that govern specific location / reader access privileges as well as time / day restrictions (PACS)
- Automated tools can be made available such that this information doesn't have to be entered by hand (i.e, can be read from the TWIC and input into local PACS system)
- There are some groups that sites may want to not enroll in their local PACS (e.g., long haul truckers); different tools can be used for these groups



How often do I want to have these questions answered for this individual or group?

This is one area of risk that must be addressed:

- Full updates of hotlists / certificate revocation lists will likely be updated within TWIC on a daily / 24-hour basis; online checks will be available in real time
- The approach taken should be consistent with the site security plan along with the current threat/marsec level
- One approach is to strongly address all questions initially (i.e., one time), then enroll the individual locally; some checks (e.g. biometric) will then be conducted at each card read; others (e.g. revocation lists) may be less frequent
- Applications / readers are available to conduct all types of checks, including:
 - Card Authenticity
 - Card belongs to person
 - Card is in good standing



Other areas of risk:

■ Uniqueness of TWICs presented in PACS

- All TWICs will have a unique number; it will be a long unique number
- Some legacy PACs may have a limitation on the length of this unique number that they can process, creating a uniqueness issue
- Notional (Simplified) Example: John Doe's TWIC number is 10000001; John has been given access to the local PACs at Port Always Sail; Jane Doe's number is 20000001; if the local PACs only reads the last 4 digits, both cards appear as "0001"; this could give Jane access under John's number/TWIC presented
- Mitigation: check local PACs for maximum length of unique IDs accepted

■ TWIC presented has been suspended or revoked and local PACS is not aware

- Mitigation: perform more frequent hotlist / CRL checks
- Register site TWIC access in TWIC system; directed messages will be received when status of card changes
- Consider fielding applications/capabilities that perform real-time credential status checks

What other areas of risk should I think about (cont'd)?

Other areas of risk:

- **Individual forgets TWIC or TWIC doesn't read properly; mitigation:**
 - Perform web-based biometric match
 - Issue temporary / visitor credential; may want to have reduced access privileges
 - Have capability to troubleshoot cards and readers

- **Biometric match not working; mitigation:**
 - Employ alternate verification
 - E.g., photo, PIN, alternate biometric
 - Note: many measures taken to ensure fingerprint biometric match will function properly



■ TWIC Prototype Reader Specifications

■ Fixed Reader Specifications

- IP65 (environmental sealing; may be achieved with enclosure for biometric sensor)
- ISO 14443A/B (contactless smart card interface)
- 8-25 VDC, specific mounting guidelines
- Credential data output in SIA Wiegand format as required by the PACs (note, optional requirements of RS-232, RS422, RS-485 or TCP/IP based on PACS)
- MTBF of 10,000 hours
- FIPS 140-2 Hardware Security Module for protection of keying material
- Field Upgradeable
- TIG-PACS v2.2 / TWIC data model
- ANSI-INCITS 377(pattern) 378 (minutia) for fingerprint biometric matching; Equal Error Rate of 1%
- Read and match biometric in less than 2 seconds

■ Mobile (Hand-held) Reader Specifications

- Add ISO 7816 for contact smart cards, if desired

What will my local infrastructure cost?

Notional costs

■ Non-biometric, fixed TWIC physical access readers

- \$50-\$100, expected to drop with volume orders
- Higher if PIN pads are included

■ Biometric, fixed TWIC physical access readers

- Fingerprint: \$500-\$1,200, expected to drop w/volume
- Iris: \$3,000-\$7,000
- Hand Geometry: \$1,500-\$3,000

■ Handheld / mobile readers

- PIN / CRL based: \$1,000 - \$2,000, expected to drop with volume orders
- Biometric based: \$800 - \$1,500

■ Installation of fixed readers is typically 6 labor hours for biometric (keying material may be needed); 1 labor hour for non-biometric

■ Additional funding may be needed for PACs system installation, cabling, power, communication infrastructure, gates, turnstiles, etc. if not currently in place





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