



HP Common Access Card Solution

Overview

National and international government agencies continue to implement an increasing amount of security requirements on the digital capture and output of hardcopy materials. In particular, the United States Department of Defense has begun to require the use of personal identification cards to validate and verify individuals before granting network access.

HP provides the ideal solution that addresses the new security requirements with the HP Common Access Card that enables tighter security options with imaging and printing network authentication for public sector employees. The card allows users to connect, communicate and collaborate within a protected imaging and printing infrastructure.

The application includes enhancements to current and future multifunction print (MFP) devices to support smart card capabilities. The enhancements include mandatory identification, physical and logical access capabilities, public key infrastructure authentication, encryption and digital signing certificates.

HP Common Access Card Solution uses the smart cards issued by the government agency to their employees and contractors for authentication to enable access to computers and networks. This offering includes device, software and services for a complete imaging and printing security solution. The application extends to HP MFP devices, and users are able to authenticate at the MFP by inserting their card into an attached card reader and entering their PIN. After the card is accepted, the user can send email and scan documents to folders. The user ends their session by removing their card from the device's card reader.

Key features and benefits

- Personal identification cards validate and verify individuals and grant them access to information;
- Improves regulatory compliance and protects the IT infrastructure and access to private information;
- Provides mandatory identification, physical and logical access capabilities, Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) authentication, encryption and digital signing certificates;
- Reduces IT complexity by streamlining, consolidating and sharing the user IT environment;
- Improves business processes across organizations to enable easy access to programs, services and information;

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- Enables logical access to computer networks and systems.

Pricing and availability

HP Common Access Card is sold direct from HP and through government channel organizations. A trade-in program is also available to all government users for device upgrades. It is expected to be available for purchase in the United States in July 2007, and other regions in late 2007.

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