



Enroll 2FA to  
thousands of users

Automating  
processes with  
privacyIDEA

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AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM

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# Challenges

- 2FA for services offered by city administration



# Challenges

- End customers of electricity provider



# Challenges

- 2FA for all university students!



## Problems

- User will not come to admin desk
- User unknown
- User dislocated
- User not tech savvy



## Problems

- User should not copy



# Management and Authentication



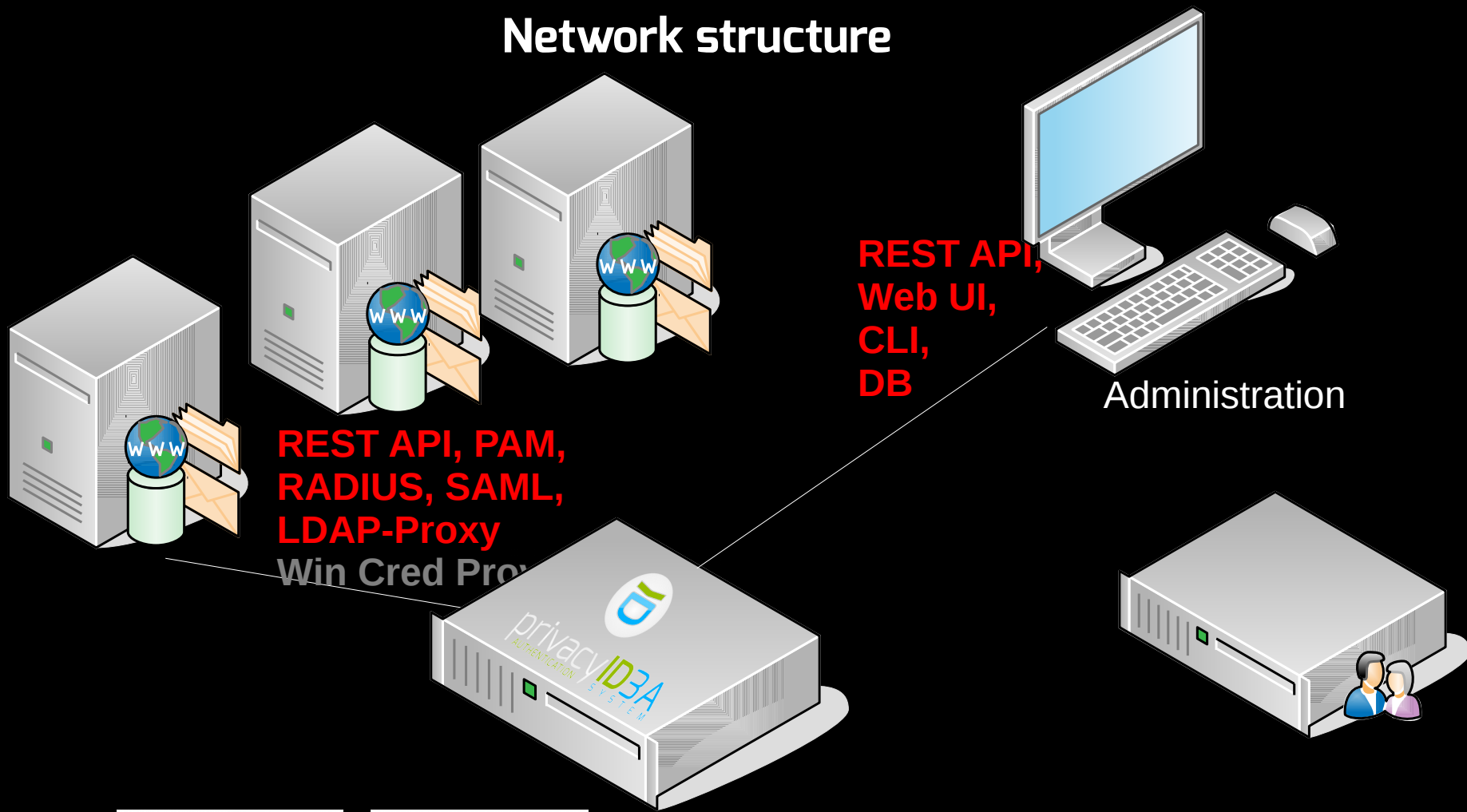
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# Network structure



## privacyIDEA can manage different token types

- Key-fob Tokens
- OTP Cards
- SMS, Email, Smartphone
- Yubikey
- U2F
- eToken NG/OTP
- SSH Keys
- x.509-Certificates
- Meta-Tokens (Forward, RADIUS, 4eyes)
- ...



## Structure of privacyIDEA

- UI on Webserver
- REST API on Webserver
- Library level
- Database level

See: <http://privacyidea.readthedocs.it>



## Possible automations

- Database (SQL)
- Library-Calls
- REST API-Calls
- Event Handler



## library

- Python libs for **all** tasks.
- No need for REST API
  - No load on Webserver
- Tools for
  - expired users,
  - janitor for orphaned tokens



## Example: automation via library

```
for token_obj in tlist:
    try:
        if action == "disable":
            enable_token(serial=token_obj.token.serial, enable=False)
            print("Disabling token {0!s}".format(token_obj.token.serial))
        elif action == "delete":
            remove_token(serial=token_obj.token.serial)
            print("Deleting token {0!s}".format(token_obj.token.serial))
        elif action == "unassign":
            unassign_token(serial=token_obj.token.serial)
            print("Unassigning token {0!s}".format(token_obj.token.serial))
```



## Call your API

- POST /validate/check
- POST /token/init
- GET /token/
- DELETE  
/token/OATH12344

See: <http://privacyidea.readthedocs.it>



# Example: API automation



Generate tokens for users





## Automation via Event Handler

- Trigger additional action



# privacyIDEA HTTP Request

1. Pre policies (exceptions)
2. Request
3. Post policies (exceptions) →  
Response
4. Event Handler triggers  
**additional** action



## ingredients

- Connected API calls
- Handler Module  
(notification, token, script, federation)
- Conditions
- Action with options



## Example Event Handler

- If a paper token is generated by an administrator, the token will be disabled.
- It will be enabled if, the user authenticates with a registration code.
- The user gets notified, when his registration code is used.



## Example: Event Handler

- To support external workflow, set arbitrary token attribute...



## Example: Event Handler

- ...and run an external script!



## Example: Event Handler

- (API call) /token/init of registration code
- triggers **script** to print welcome letter



## Example: Event Handler

- /token/assign yubikey
- triggers **token handler** to set token attribute (needs shipping)





## Graduate students: Token Janitor

- Token janitor can find and disable/delete unused tokens





Successful 2FA is a matter of smooth workflows



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