

# Tokenization: *What, Why and How*

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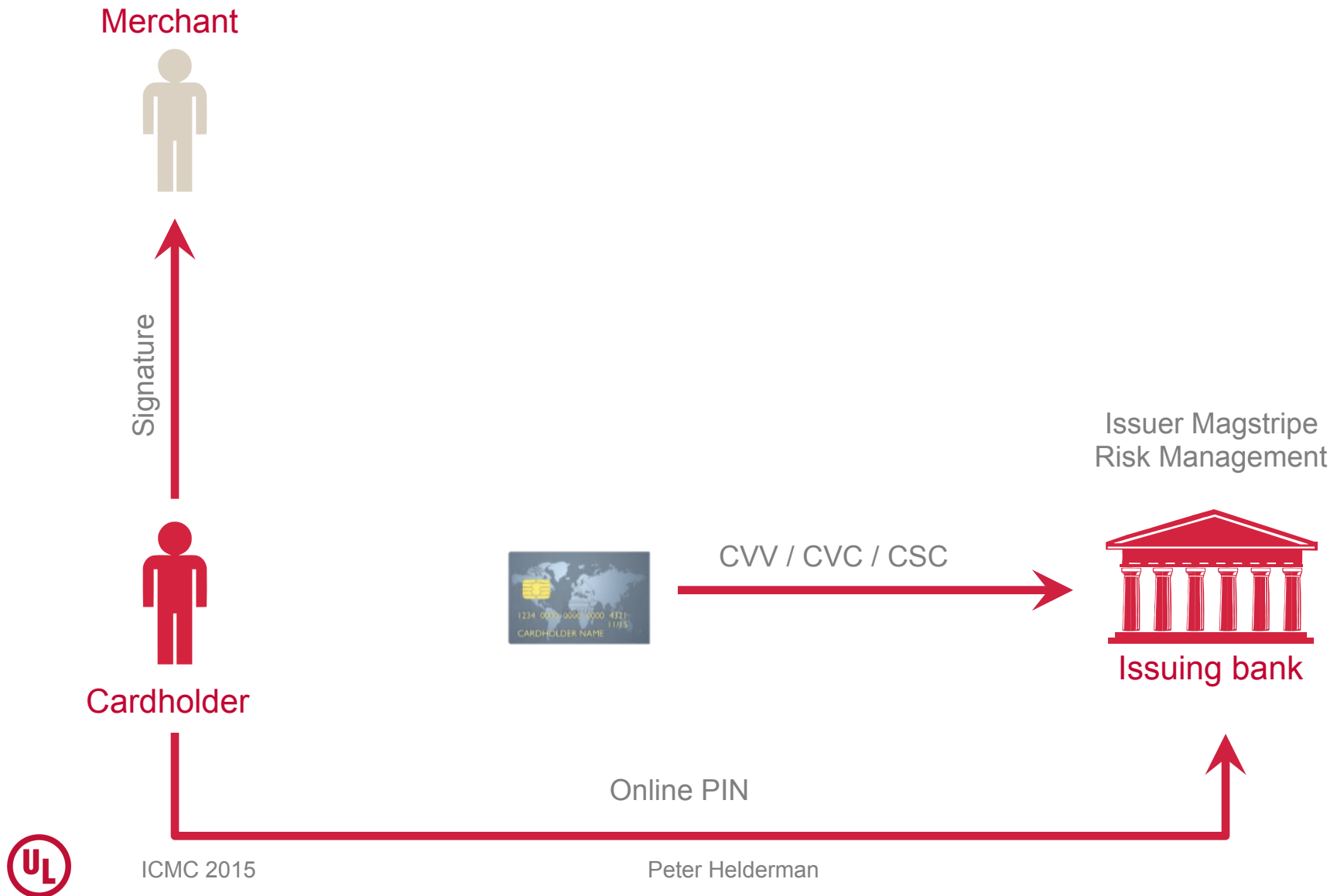
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*“We have EMV...  
... why do we need tokenization ?”*



# From Magstripe...



# ... to EMV

Merchant



Signature

Offline Data Authentication  
(SDA, DDA, CDA)

Issuer EMV  
Risk Management



Offline PIN

Card Authentication  
(Request Cryptogram)



Cardholder



Issuer Authentication  
(Response Cryptogram)

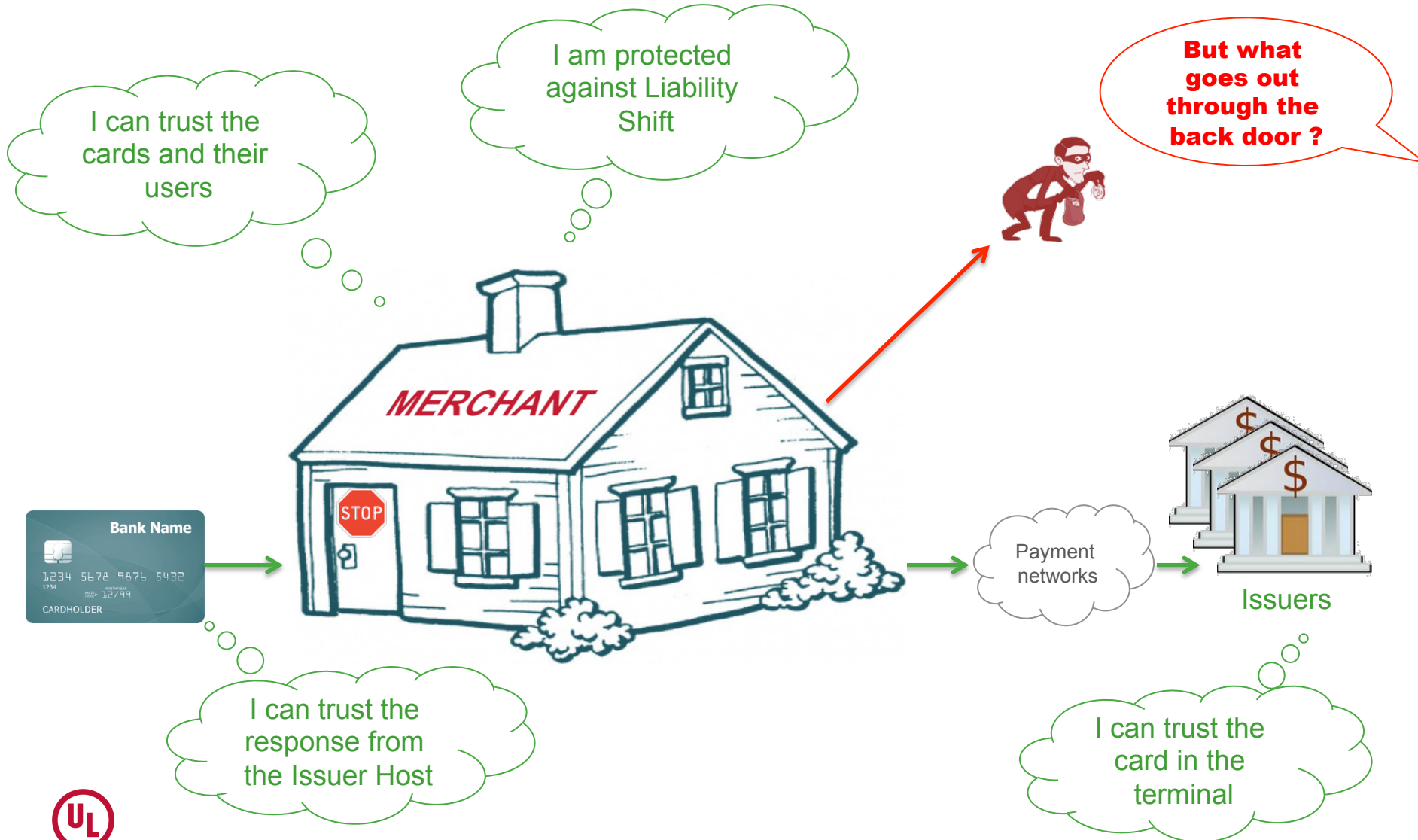
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Card Risk  
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Online PIN



# But EMV solves only part of the problem !

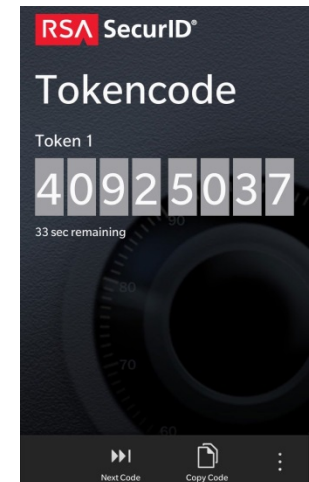
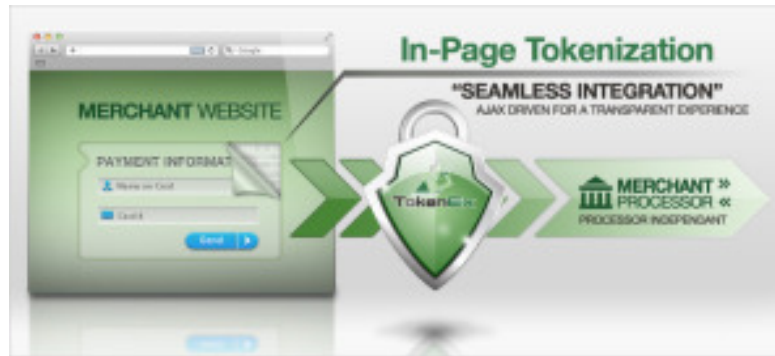


# *Tokenization explained*



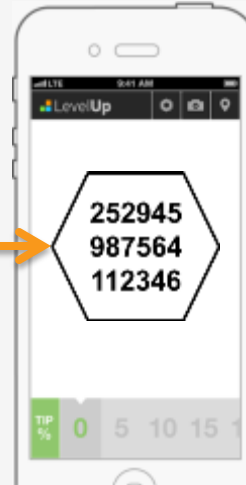
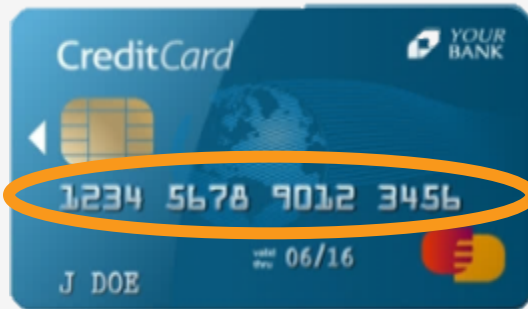
# Beware the terminology!

“Tokenization” and “Tokens” have many different **meanings** in this industry!  
We will use the **EMVCo** terminology.





# What is a Token?

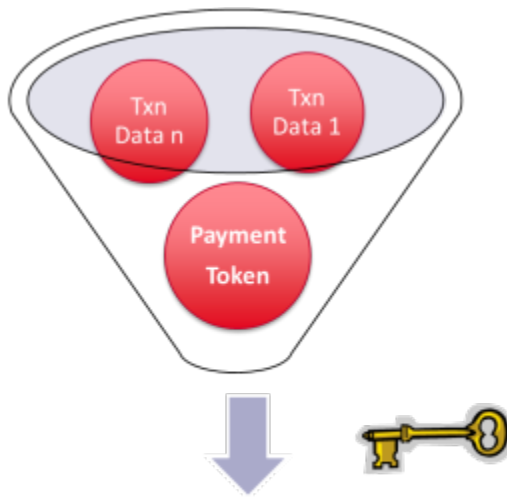


## Payment Token:

A surrogate value for a PAN that is that must pass basic validation rules of an account number.

**Tokenization is the process of replacing the PAN by a payment token.**

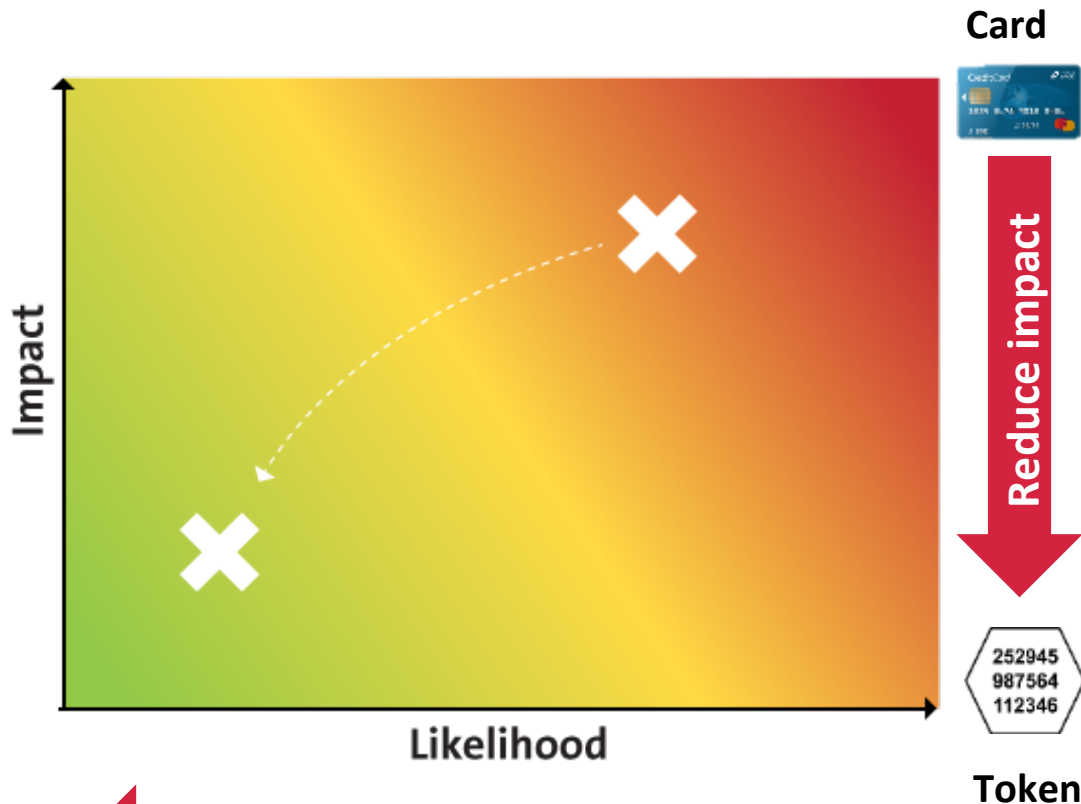
Payment Token should be compatible with current transaction routing rails...



## Token Cryptogram:

- A cryptogram generated using the Payment Token and additional transaction data to create a transaction-unique value.
- Similar to the Application Cryptogram in EMV
- Can be a dynamic CVC value

# Tokenization reduces impact of fraud



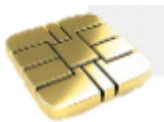
**Tokenization**

Improves security by removing payment credentials from transaction...

... with minimum changes to the processing infrastructure...

... in a technology neutral way.

**Reduce likelihood of fraud**



# Token domain

In order to prevent cross-channel and cross-merchant fraud, it is possible to restrict the usage of tokens only to specific **domains**.



Valid only for...

Domains can be:

- Channel specific
- Merchant specific
- Digital wallet specific



NFC payment



At Starbucks

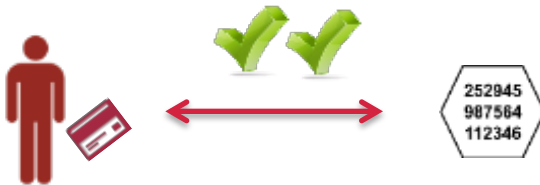
Token domain restriction controls are performed during transaction processing.



# Token assurance level

Not all tokens are equally strong...

- Before token issuance, **identification and validation (ID &V)** methods can be used.
- Depending on the level of authentication, the token may have a higher **assurance**.



How strong is the binding  
between cardholder and token?

Card issuer authentication (SMS, 3DS, ...)

Risk scoring using data (IP, device ID, ...)

\$0 authorization, CVC2, AVS checks

No ID&V performed



# Tokenization roles

## Cardholder



Do not (always) need to know that token replaces account

## Acquirer



Process transactions. New fields to support tokenization.

## Issuer



Maintain current role. Authenticate cardholder.

## Token Requestor



Entity requesting the PAN to be replaced by a Token. Can be:

- Issuers
- Merchants
- Wallet providers

## Token Service Provider



Provide Tokens to registered Token Requestors.

- Token provisioning
- Maintain Token vault
- Provide APIs
- Risk management

Payment Network

Should provide messaging support to process tokens. EMVCo suggests that the Payment Network is the natural player to be the Token Service Provider.



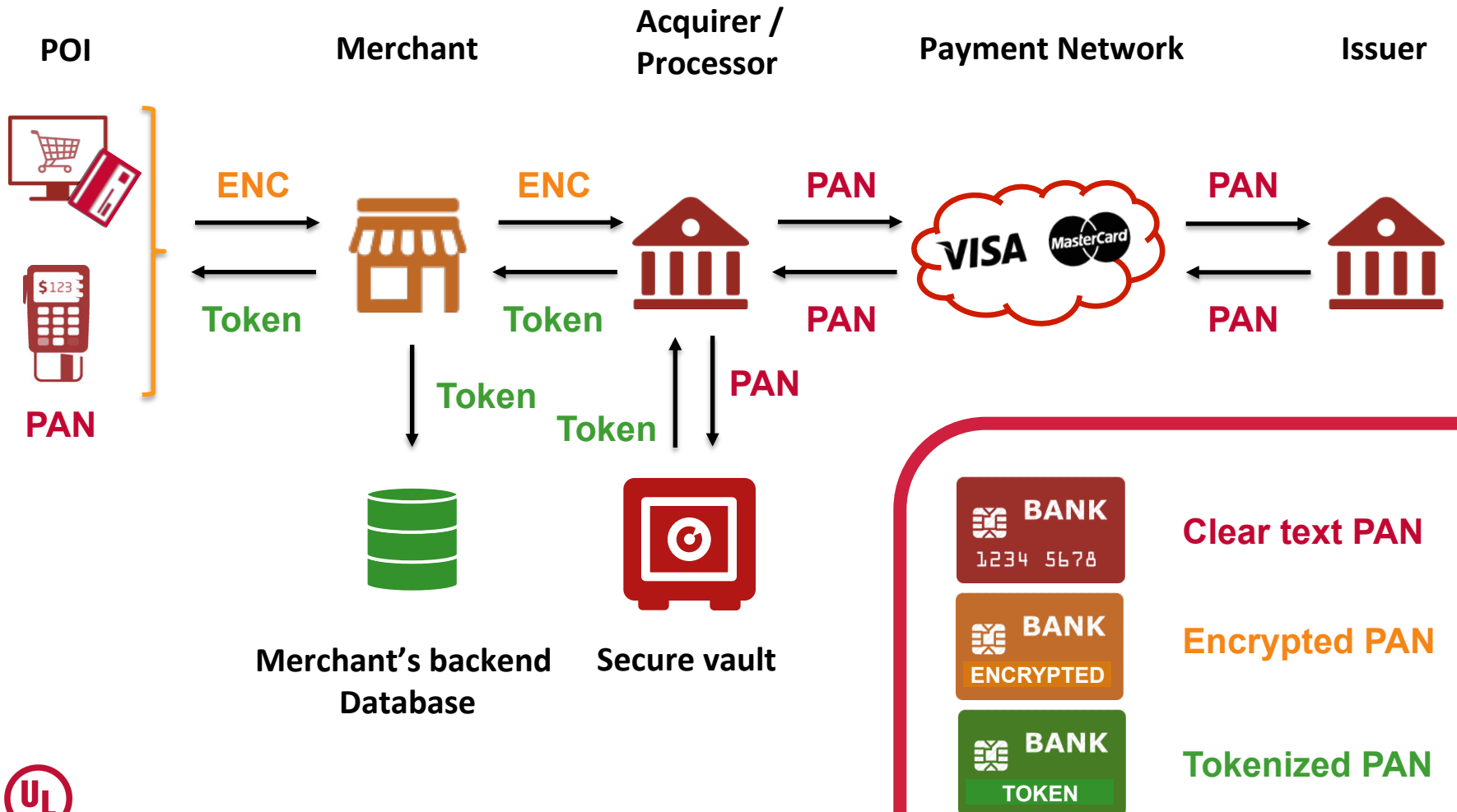
## *Tokenization examples*

- *Acquirer Level*
- *Payment Network Level*
- *Cloud Based Mobile Payments*



# Acquirer Level Tokenization

## Encryption and Tokenization combined



# Side Step: Payment Card Evolution



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Apple Pay

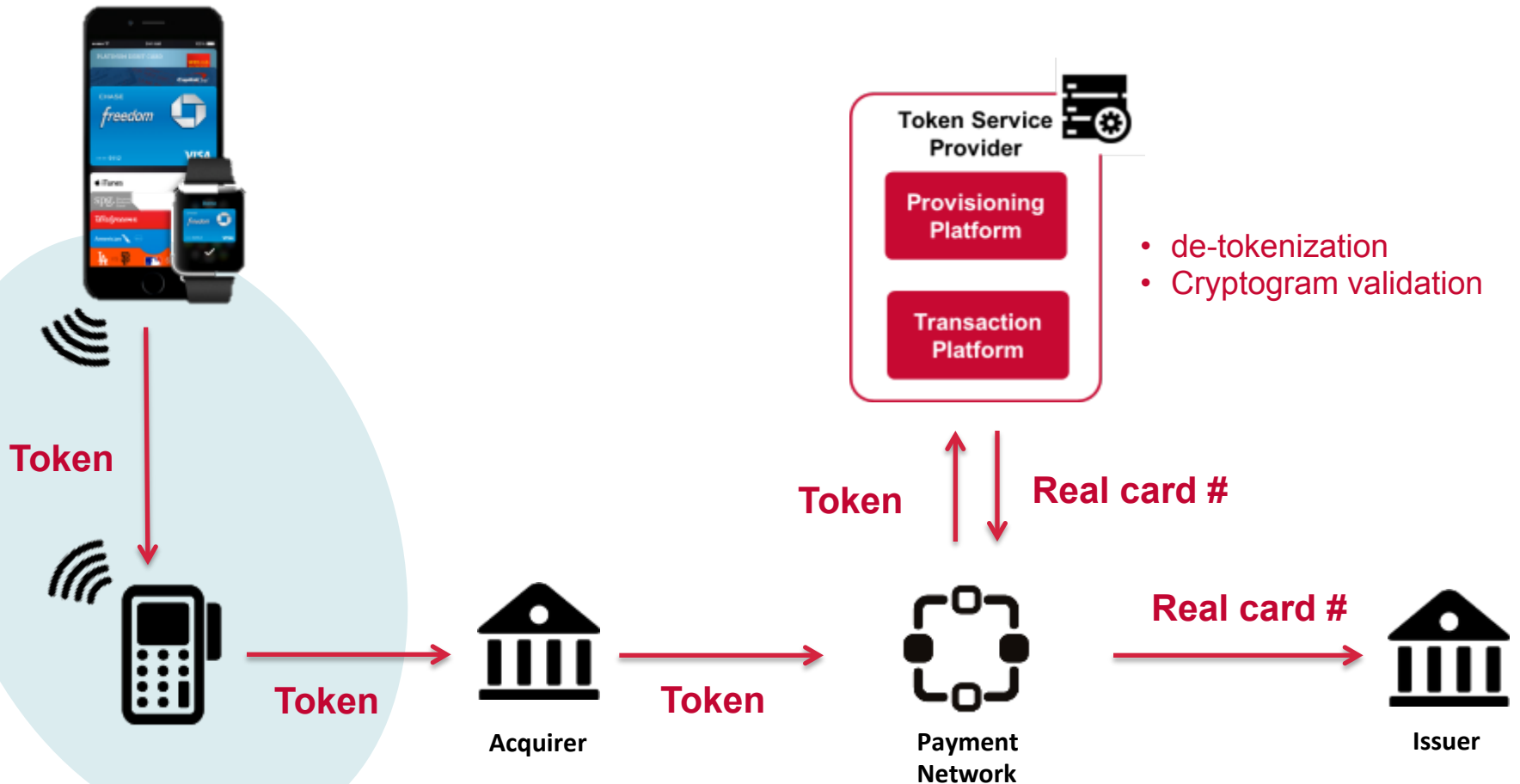
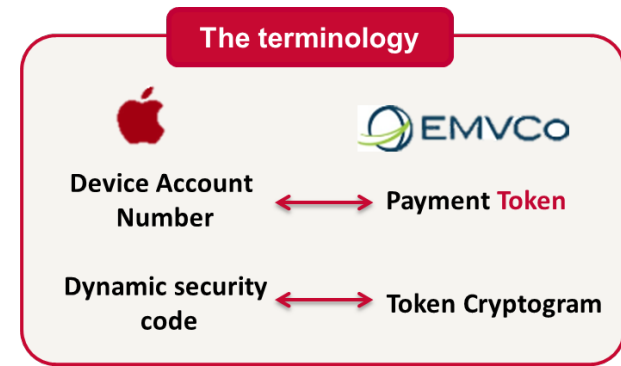
Store Static Tokenized PAN

Local SEs





# Network Level Tokenization



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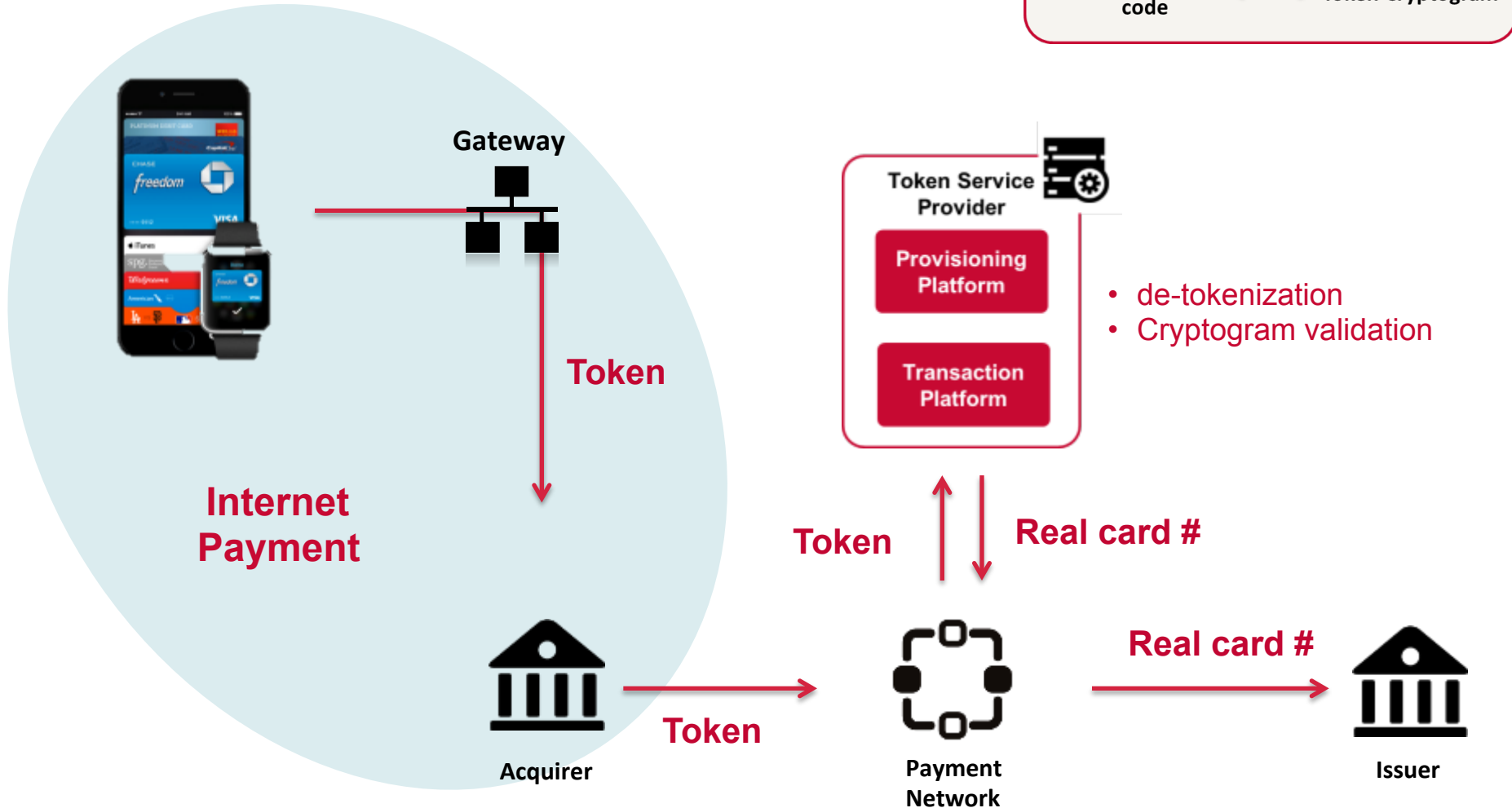


## The terminology



Device Account Number ↔ Payment Token

Dynamic security code ↔ Token Cryptogram



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Use HCE and store Secrets in the Cloud

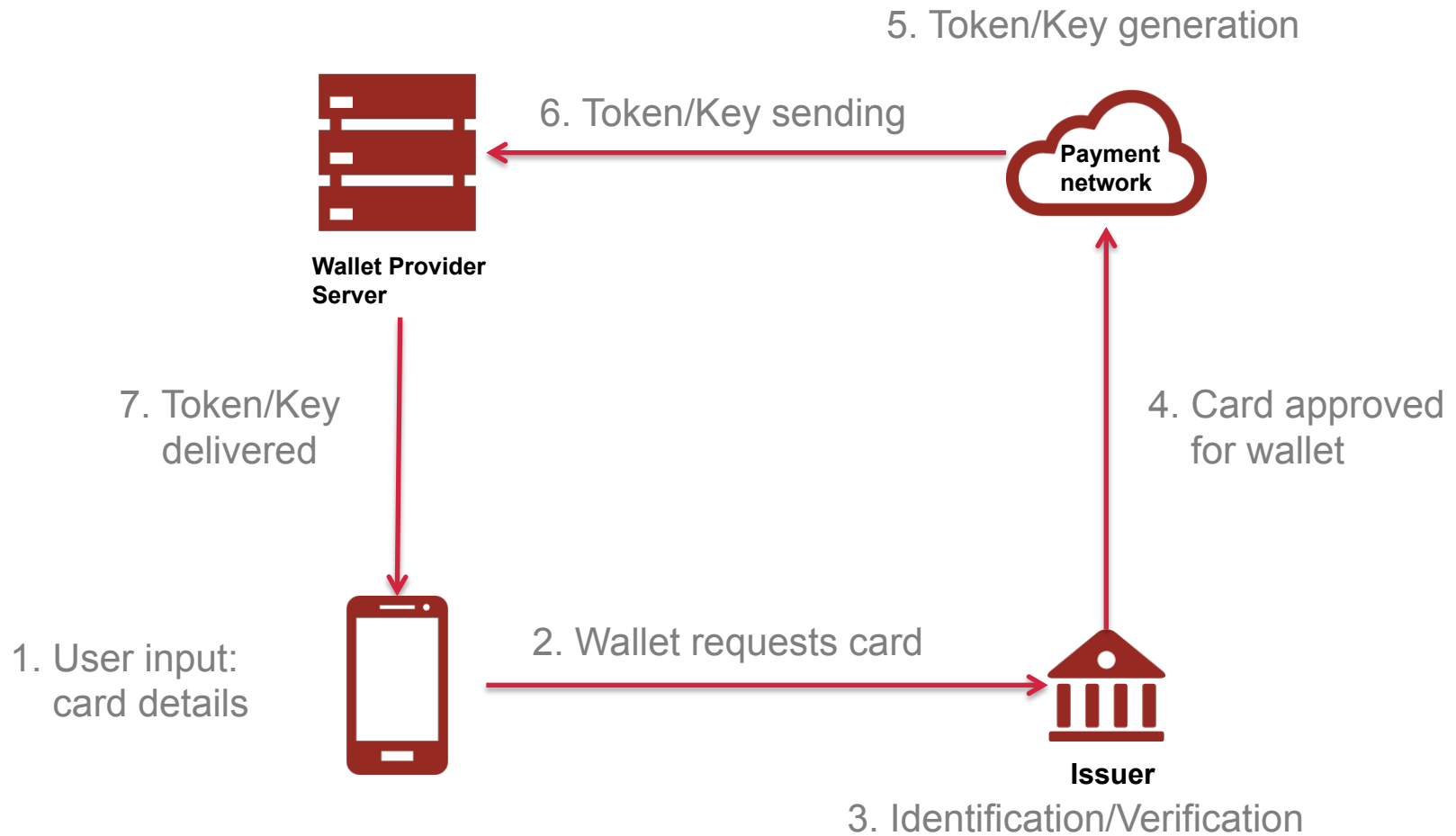


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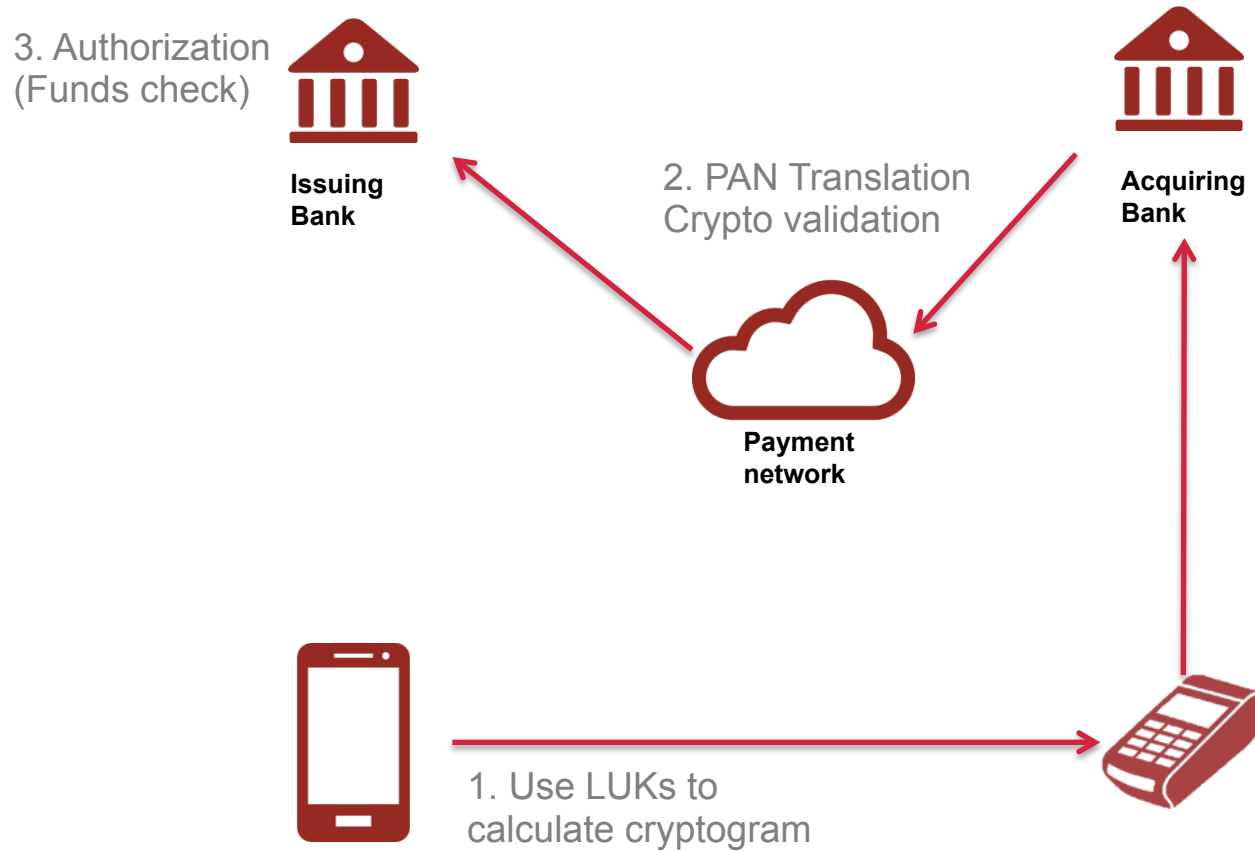
# Cloud Based Mobile Payments

## Provisioning a Card



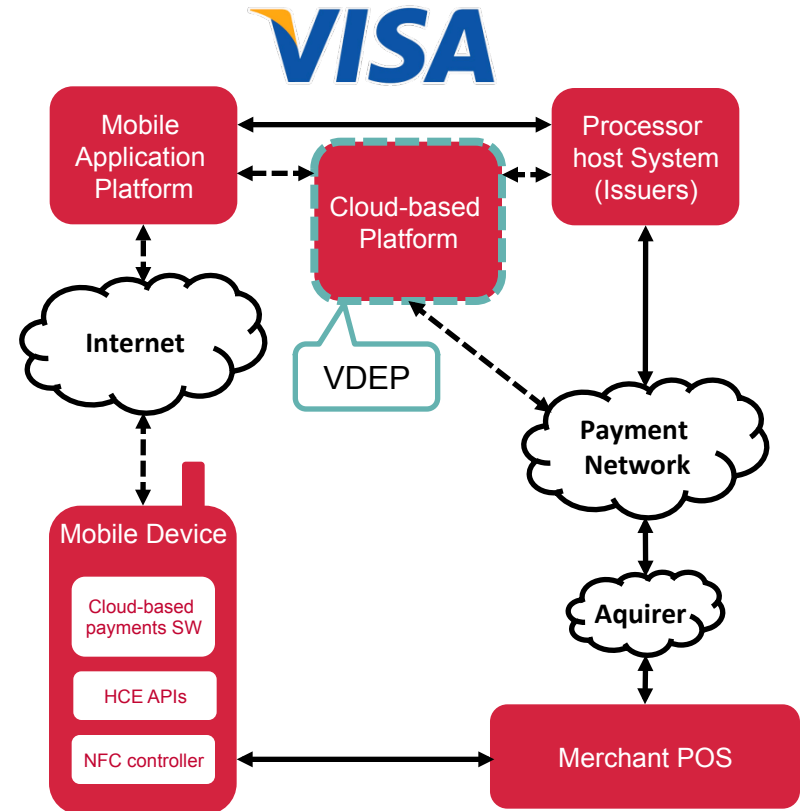
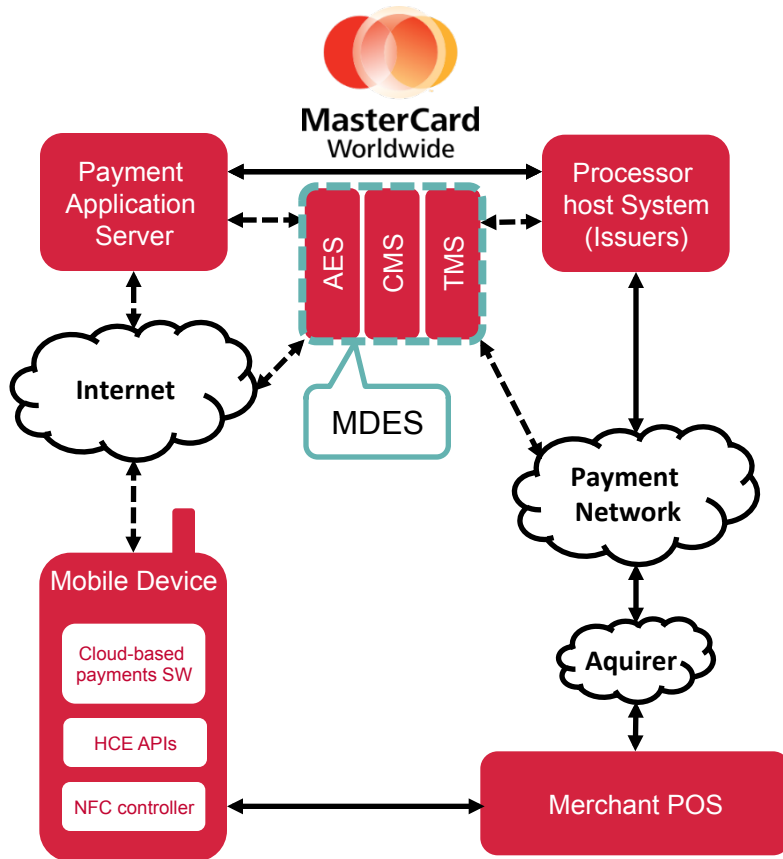
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## Payment



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## MDES and VDEP



Confidential - Internal use only

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# Conclusions

EMV is not  
enough

Tokens allow for  
Asset Devaluation

PAN (EMVco) Token vs. Token Cryptogram

Protecting data at  
rest, eCommerce

CBMP use Token  
Cryptograms

ApplePay uses  
PAN tokenization



# Thank You

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# Challenges

The idea of tokenization is to allow transactions to be performed using the **current processing rails**, without changes to all existing routing mechanisms.

However, there are important **impacts** that need to be considered:



- Handling of **clearing files** with tokenized data
- **Pre-authorization** followed by payment with physical card [e.g. hotel]
- Card **product differentiators** and related interchange fees [e.g. MasterCard Black, Visa Platinum]
- Card-linked **benefits** [e.g. points, mileage, insurance]
- **Recurring payments** and partial shipment
- **Refunds** and cancellation flows
- Handling **chargebacks** and disputes

