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Control Your Cloud: BYOK is Good, But not Good Enough

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About Cryptomathic

- **In business for 30+ years**
- **A software company, which uses HSMs and Hardware Security Peripherals Extensively.**
- **A technology provider of Cryptographic Key Management Systems**
 - Sweet spot in helping augment hybrid architectures
 - We rely on good and sound Hardware Security Products



BYOK

- **BYOK = Bring Your Own Key**
- It suggests a one-way mechanism:
 - From the perspective of a Cloud Computing Provider: *Your Key, into my Cloud.*
- The word “key” tends to be generally understood in a very broad sense
 - Symmetric Keys
 - General Purpose Encryption / Decryption Keys
 - Master Derivation Keys (especially used in financial service)
 - Asymmetric Key (Pairs)
 - -and corresponding certificates.
- However, in the context of Cloud Service Providers, it appears to have been assigned a more limited meaning for general purpose crypto only – at least initially.



Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) Offering

- **Three major cloud service providers all offer some form of Cryptographic Services**
 - Amazon AWS
 - Microsoft Azure
 - Google Cloud Platform
- **The main purposes appear to be**
 - Promoting direct integration with their own services
 - through offering external APIs and capabilities.
- **All three offer some form of Key Management Service and cryptographic APIs.**



Key Management Services offered (re. BYOK)

Microsoft Azure

- **HSM**
 - Thales nShield HSM
- **Crypto**
 - AES 128 or 256 and RSA keys
- **BYOK Protocol / Format**
 - based on Thales commands

Amazon AWS

- **HSM**
 - Gemalto Luna SA HSM
- **Crypto**
 - AES 128 and 256 keys only
- **BYOK Protocol / Format**
 - PKCS#1 to wrap a key

Google Cloud Platform

- **HSM**
 - None currently
- **Crypto**
 - AES 256 keys only
- **BYOK Protocol / Format**
 - RSA-OAEP encrypted key



Data-at-rest Encryption and API functionality

Microsoft Azure

- **Data-rest Encryption**
 - AES 128 or 256
 - + rights management policy
- **Crypto services and APIs**
 - Encrypt/decrypt
 - Sign and Verify
 - Wrap/unwrap

Amazon AWS

- **Data-at-rest encryption**
 - AES-GCM 128 or 256
- **Crypto services and APIs**
 - encrypt/decrypt only with AES-GCM
 - based on Gemalto HSM

Google Cloud Platform

- **Data-at-rest encryption**
 - AES-GCM 256
- **Crypto services and APIs**
 - encrypt/decrypt only with AES-GCM



BYOK – an important tool (but not the only one)

- **BYOK helps you get your own generated key into the Cloud**
 - -rather than having the CSP generate one for you on your behalf.
- **The Cloud Service Provider “will handle it for you” – but there is no common export facility**
 - Thus, if you need a copy, be sure to save one before submitting it!
- **BYOK has (slightly) different meanings in the eyes of the CSP**
 - Be sure you understand the limitations of what is available
 - Also understand your responsibilities, i.e.
 - Do you really want to manage your encryption key in a spreadsheet?
 - Probably, you also have many other types of keys you need to manage



Enter MYOK™ - Manage Your Own Key(s)

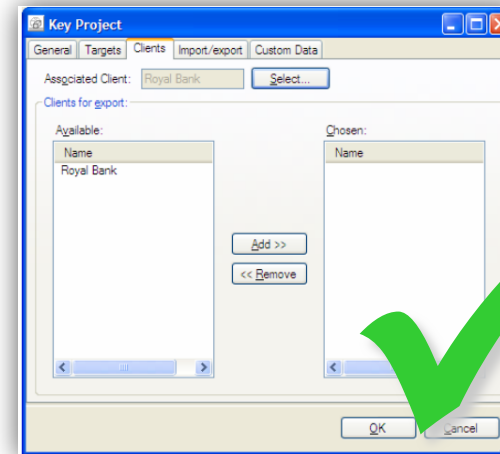
- **In managing your own keys, it is implied that**
 - You can work with your keys securely
 - You can provision keys to where they are needed
 - You are able to manage the life-cycle of keys you manage
 - Generation, Import, Export
 - Backup, Restore
 - Update, Roll-back, Recover
 - Certify, Recertify and Revoke
- **Ideally, you need to be able to do this in a way that is meaningful to your business**
 - A central system, available (to you) and under your sole command.



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MYOK solutions – an example

Centralized Key Management System **replacing** and **unifying** poorly-designed, proprietary and manual key management interfaces of existing products and HSMs





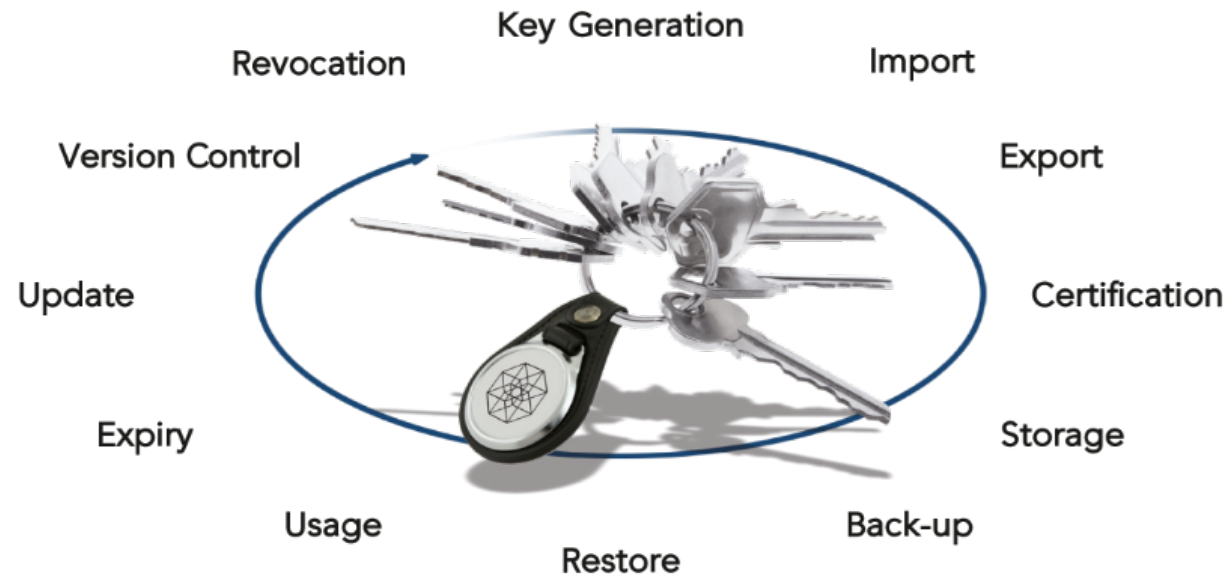
Advanced Key Lifecycle Management

- **More than just keys**

- Name
- Algorithm and length
- Export settings
 - KCV length
 - Intended recipients
 - Formats

- **The bigger picture**

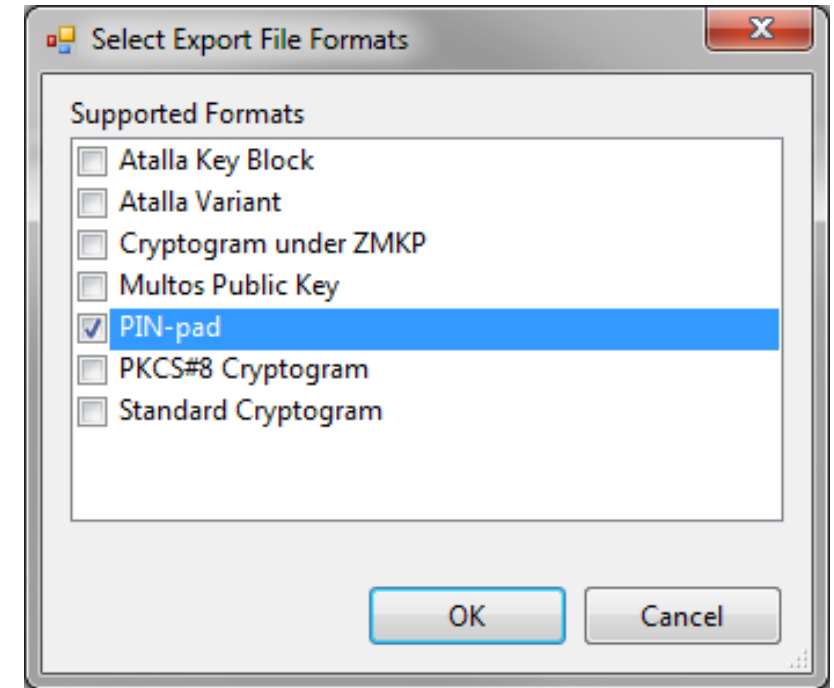
- Key Usage Logs
- Lifecycle status
- Custom data





Typically Encountered Key Formats (other than BYOK)

- **Atalla Key Block / Variant**
 - File-based format. Application keys only.
- **Cryptogram under ZMKP**
 - Export to a file encrypted by a public key.
- **PIN pad**
 - Export as XOR shares on a PIN pad. Symmetric keys only.
- **PKCS #8 Cryptogram**
 - Export as an encrypted PKCS #8 file. Asymmetric keys only.
- **Standard Cryptogram**
 - Export as an encrypted key file. Symmetric keys only.
- **Subject Public Key Info**
 - Export of public keys.
- **TR-31**
 - Compatible with e.g. Thales Payments HSMs
- **IBM CCA**
 - For IBM HSMs (with control vector)





Sound Architecture

- **Client/server design**

- A service which can run from your labs (whether own data center or desktop)
- DBMS, HSM (FIPS 140-2, L3)

- **Administrators connect from Windows client**

- Smart card based authentication for all operations (FIPS 140-2, L3)
- PIN pads for reading cards and importing/exporting/printing key shares





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