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# AD Certificate Services

## YubiKey Smart Card Deployment

# Introductions

Please share:

- Your entity
- Your role
- Number of YubiKeys you're deploying
- Any specific needs of your deployment



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# Workshop Agenda

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# What is a YubiKey?

# Technical Overview

## Easy, Fast, & Reliable Authentication

YubiKey does not require a battery or network connection.



Waterproof



Crush Resistant

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# YubiKey as a Smart Card

# Why YubiKeys as Smart Cards?

- Durable - waterproof, crush resistant
- Various form factors
- FIPS 140-2 hardware options
- Strong, Password-less Authentication
- Native Microsoft support
- Works for various use-cases
- Simple user experience

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# YubiKey Smart Card Capabilities

- Smart Card functionality based on the Personal Identity Verification (PIV) interface specified in National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication (NIST SP) 800-73 - Interfaces for Personal Identity Verification
- Performs RSA or ECC sign/decrypt operations using a private key stored on the smart card, through common interfaces such as PKCS#11 (Multi-platform) and a Smart Card Minidriver for Microsoft Windows
- Available on YubiKey 5, YubiKey 5 Nano, YubiKey 5C, YubiKey 5C Nano, YubiKey 5Ci, and YubiKey FIPS

# YubiKey Smart Card Capabilities (Cont.)

- Supports [24 key slots](#) on the YubiKey 5 (max per certificate size of 3,052 bytes)
  - Only available when using the YubiKey Minidriver
- Key Slots have different use cases and are assigned functional roles like:
  - PIV Authentication
  - Digital Signature
  - Key Management
- Each slot is capable of holding an X.509 certificate, along with its accompanying private key
- Key support:
  - RSA
  - ECC (Elliptic-Curve Cryptography)
- All functionality is available over both USB and NFC interfaces

# What is a Minidriver?

- Software that allows applications to interact directly with a vendor smart card
- A minidriver acts as a software bridge, enabling Windows operating systems to communicate with smart cards like the YubiKey using standard smart card interfaces
- Extends the basic functionality of the YubiKey, allowing Windows to not only recognize it as a smart card but also to manage certificates stored on the device

# YubiKey Smart Card: YubiKey Minidriver

- Enrollment from a Windows Certification Authority, based on templates
- Allows access to all 24 of the certificate slots outside of the standard 4 PIV slots
- Provides certificate and PIN management via the native Windows user interface, support for ECC key algorithms, set touch policy for private key use
- Enables users to unlock their locked out PIN using the PUK at the Windows logon screen
- Supports all Windows smart card behaviors, including lock on removal
- Deployment:

```
msiexec /i YubiKey-Minidriver-4.6.3.252-x64.msi /quiet
```

- Deployment to remote servers (where the YubiKey is not physically inserted):

```
msiexec /i YubiKey-Minidriver-4.6.3.252-x64.msi  
INSTALL_LEGACY_NODE=1 /quiet
```

# Prerequisites and Considerations

# Prerequisites

This presentation is designed to help with configuring certificate templates, and best practices for an organization that has a PKI environment deployed.

- Enterprise Active Directory Certificate Services(ADCS) PKI environment deployed and up to date
- CA admin available to create certificate templates
- Admin who can deploy YubiKey smart card minidriver
- Other PKI environments are out of scope for this presentation

# Considerations

## Certificates

- Do you want self-enrollment, enroll on-behalf of, or both?
- How long do you want certificates to be valid?
- How do you want the renewal process to be?

## Software Deployment

- How will you deploy minidriver and any other desired software?
- Do you want to deploy Yubico Authenticator for user management?

## PKI Management and Maintenance

- CA backup and restore
- CA monitoring and reporting

# PIV Overview

Registration - the first step to eliminating the dependence on passwords.

# What is PIV?

- US Federal government standard for credentials
- Defined in NIST.SP.800-73-4
- Specifies the PIV data model, application programming interface (API), and card interface requirements necessary to comply with the use cases
- In short: a PIV card is a smart card that contains the necessary data for the cardholder to be granted access to Federal facilities and information systems and assure appropriate levels of security
- PIV provides different ways of authentication (card holder, card to server, physical access to facilities, etc, plus data encryption, signature)

# PIV Credential Model

PIV logical credentials fall into the following three categories:

1. Credential elements used to prove the identity of the cardholder to the card (PIN)
2. Credential elements used to prove the identity of the card management system to the card (PIV Card Application Administration Key)
3. Credential elements used by the card to prove the identity of the cardholder to an external entity (CHUID, biometric credentials, symmetric keys, and asymmetric keys)

# PIV Smart Card Access

- PIV provides two different levels of access:
  - End-user (cardholder) level, which is protected by a PIN. This level allows normal day-to-day usage of the PIV functionality
  - Administrator level, which is protected by a management key. This level allows provisioning of credentials
  - Note: The management key does not need to be changed when using the minidriver

# Smart Card PIN

- End-user functionality is guarded by a PIN (Personal Identification Number), which needs to be provided by the user to perform private key operations
- A PIN must be provided during:
  - Certificate enrollment
  - Authentication
- PIN can be 6 to 8 characters long, and supports any type of alphanumeric characters
- The YubiKey comes with a default PIN value of **123456**
- By default, if the PIN is entered incorrectly 3 times consecutively, it will be blocked
- If the PIN is lost or blocked it can be reset using a PUK (PIN Unblocking Key)
- The YubiKey comes with a default PUK value of **12345678**
- A PUK must be set before the first certificate is enrolled on the YubiKey

# Administration

Administrative functions of using YubiKeys as smart cards.

# Planning for Enrollment

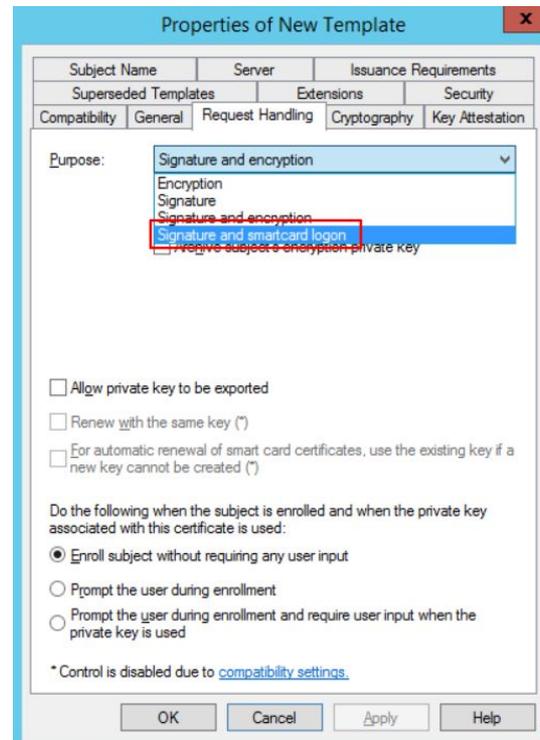
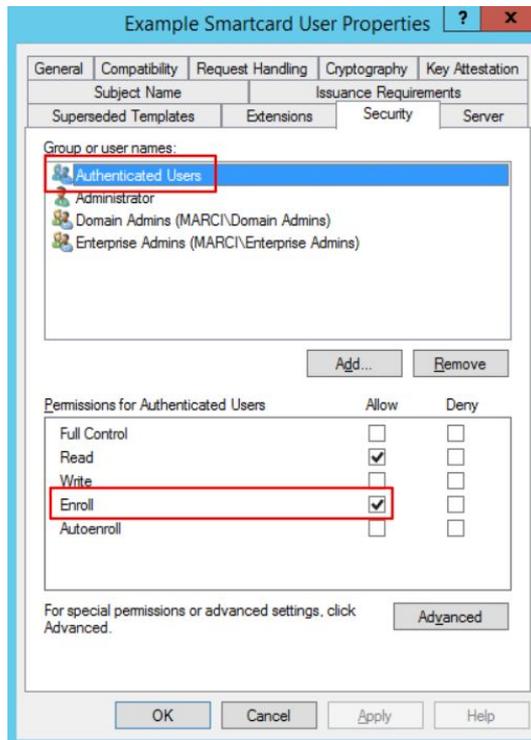
- Self-Enrollment
  - Manual
  - Script
  - Auto-enrollment
- Enroll On Behalf
  - Microsoft Management Console (MMC)
  - Enrollment Station

# Certificate Templates

- Template enrollment types
  - [Self-enrollment](#)
    - Enables users to enroll and renew their own certificates
  - [Enroll on-behalf of](#)
    - Enables admins to enroll certificates for users
- Renewal types
  - [Automatic renewal](#)
    - More complicated to deploy and support for admins
    - Easier and more seamless for end users
  - Manual renewal
    - Easier to deploy for admins
    - Requires end user training to renew their certificates

# Certificate Templates (Cont.)

- Any group granted **Enroll** access can enroll smart cards on YubiKeys
  - For self-enroll **Authenticated Users**
  - For enroll on-behalf **Domain Admins**
- Ensure the purpose is for **Signature and smartcard logon**



# Certificate Life Cycle

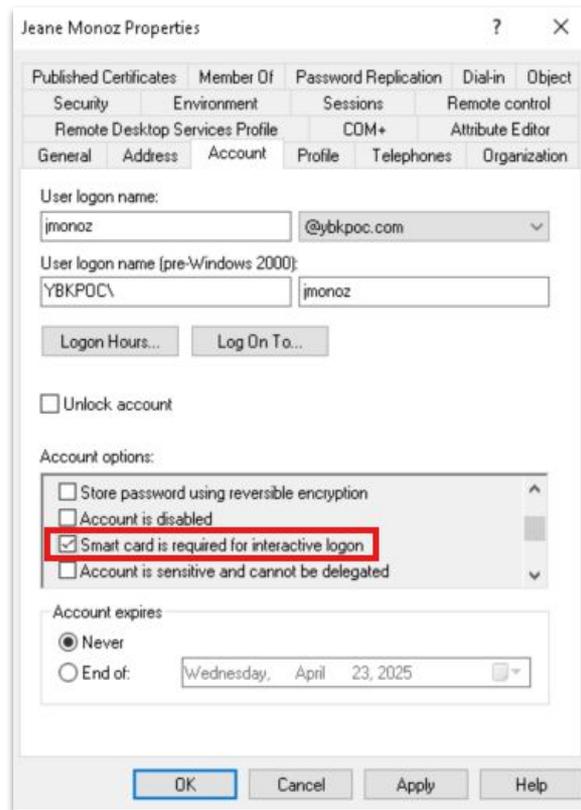
- Enrollment
  - Available for members of the AD groups assigned Enroll permissions
  - Mechanisms
    - Windows notification prompt
    - Certificate Manager (Personal, certificates, All tasks, Request New Certificate)
- Revocation
  - CA console: Select certificate from Issued Certificates folder, then Revoke
- Renewal
  - Available 6 weeks before expiration(Default but can be modified)
  - Mechanisms
    - Windows notification prompt
    - Certificate Manager (Personal, certificates, All tasks, Renew Certificate)

# Machine Level Enforcement

- GPO setting:
  - **Computer Configuration\Windows Settings\Security Settings\Local Policies\Security Options:**
    - **Interactive logon: Require Windows Hello for Business or smart card: Enabled**
- Once this policy is applied to a workstation no one will be able to login to it with anything but a smart card
- Hard to manage exceptions
- Recommended in cases where access is mostly done by admins and there are almost no exceptions
- Users still have a functioning password (that they can use for other machines)
  - This password needs to be managed

# User Level Enforcement

- Done on a per-user basis by modifying the "Smart Card Required for Interactive Logon" (SCRIL) user account control flag on the AD user object
- This sets the password to a high entropy 120 character random value (password hash), so that the user does not know the password
- This password hash can be scrambled at will, by flipping the flag off and then flipping it back
- Administrators can reset the user's password for them and they can use it for network logons

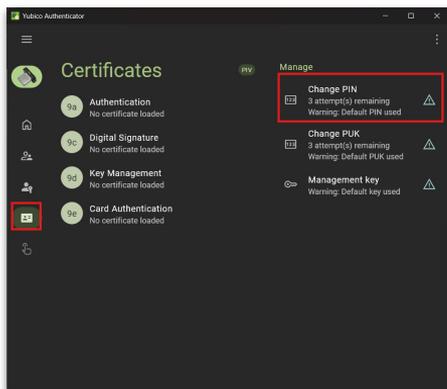


# User Support

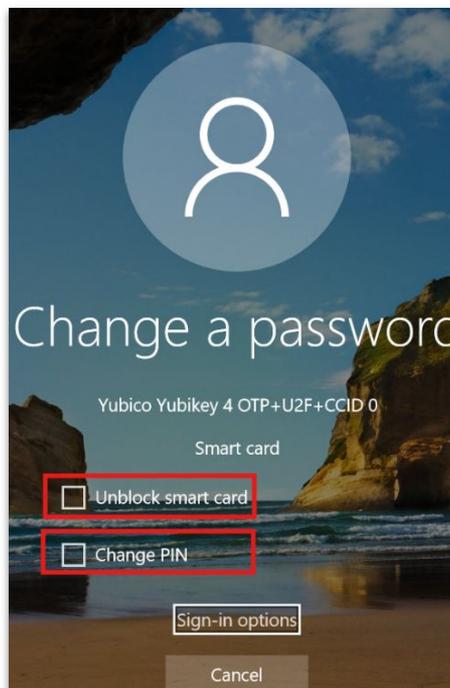
- Changing a PIN
- Managing forgotten PIN
  - Using PUK
- Managing loss of YubiKey
  - Certificate revocation, and re-issuance

# Changing and Unblocking the PIN

- Use the Windows Change Password dialog (requires the YubiKey Minidriver):
  1. Click on Sign-in options
  2. Click on the Smart card icon
  3. Click on Change PIN or Unblock smart card
- Use the [Yubico Authenticator](#):



- Use the [Yubikey Manager CLI](#)

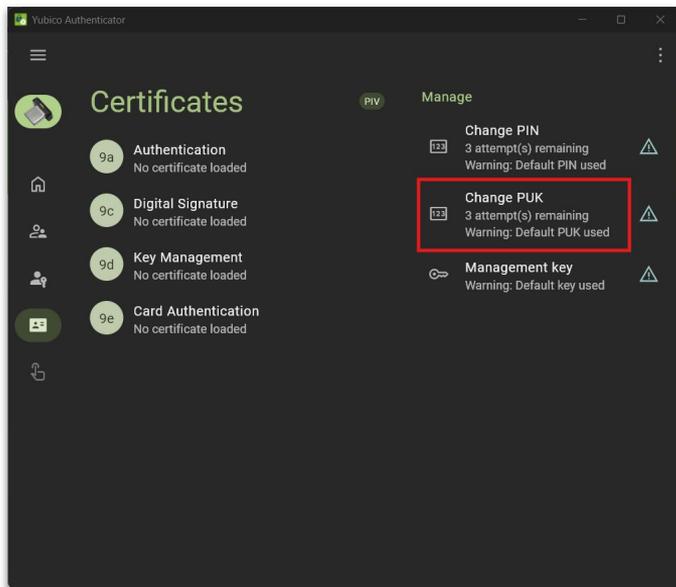


**Note:** The Unblock function requires GPO setting:

**Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Smart Card: Allow Integrated Unblock screen to be displayed at the time of logon: Enabled**

# Changing the PUK

- Using the [Yubico Authenticator](#):



- Use the [Yubikey Manager CLI](#)

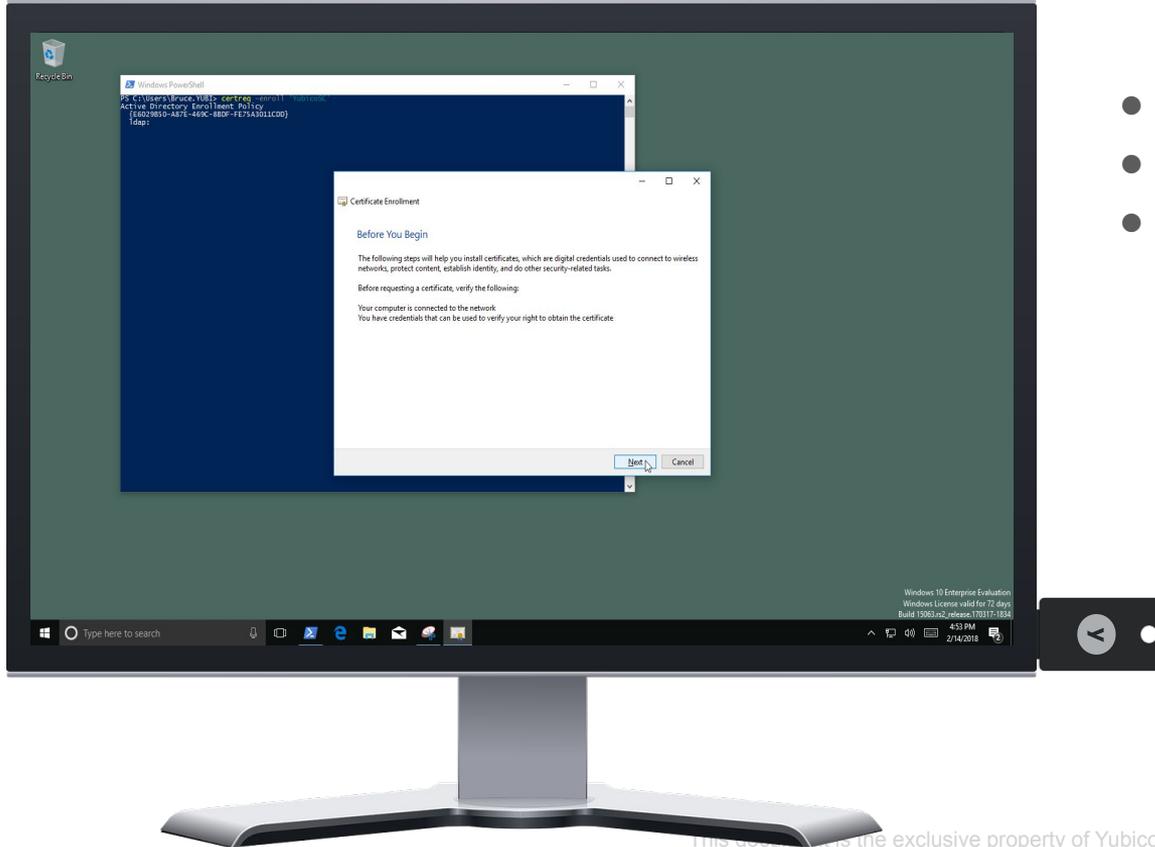
# Use Case Demos

Using and managing YubiKeys beyond Windows logon

# Use Case Demos Overview

- User Self-Enrollment
  - Smart card enrollment steps for user
- Auto-Enrollment
  - How the auto-enrollment process will look for users
- Remote Desktop
  - RDP with smart card authentication
- Offline Logon
  - Logging in with smart card not connected to the network
- Web App Support
  - Logging into web applications with smart cards
- Change PIN
  - How to change a smart card PIN on Windows
- Revoke Access
  - Revoking a certificate for authentication

# User Self-Enrollment



- User driven enrollment
- Enroll when ready
- Simple, just a few steps

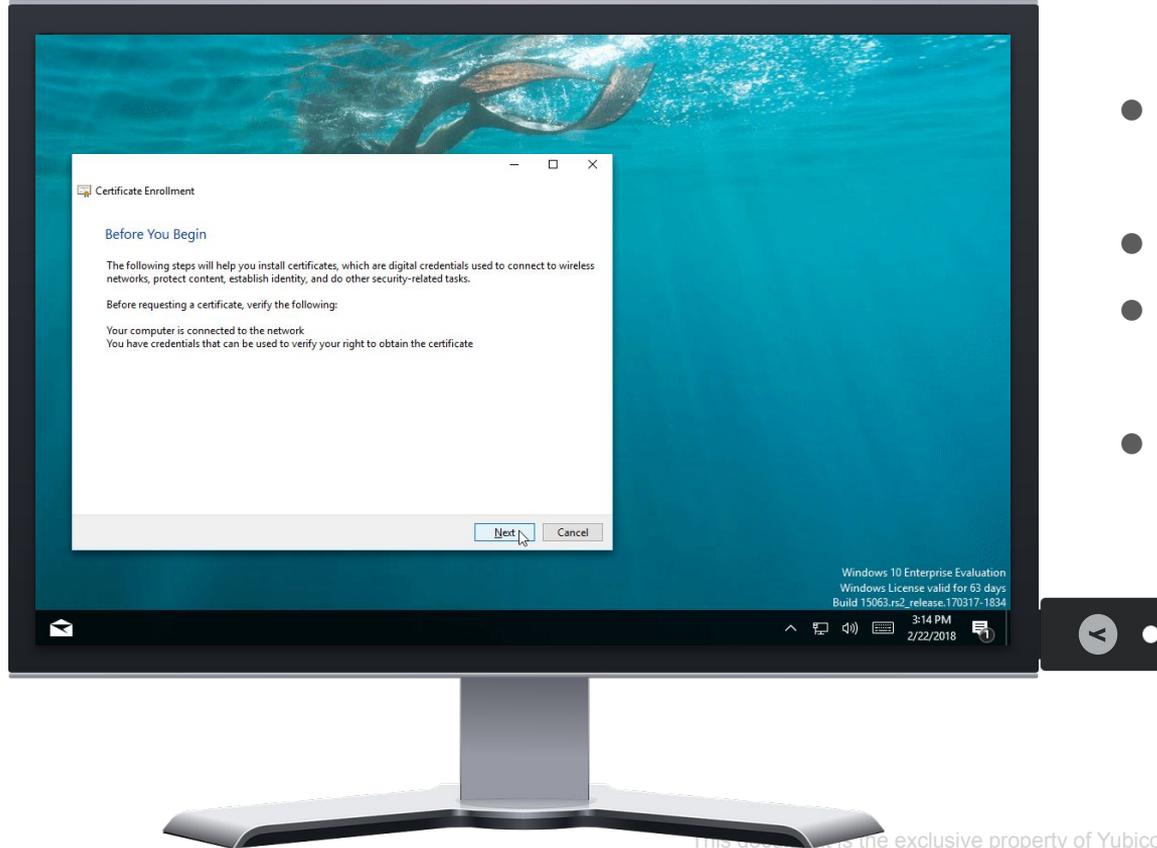
`certreq -enroll TemplateName`

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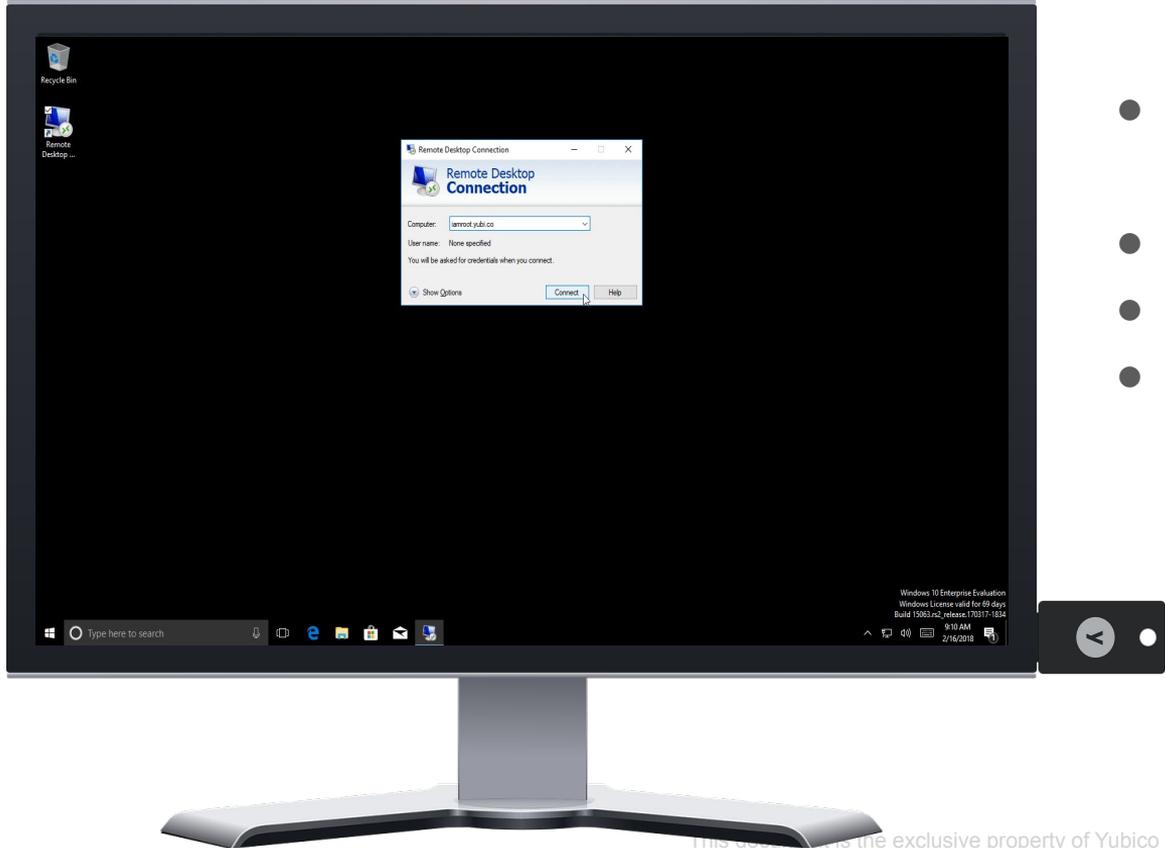
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# Auto-Enrollment



- Triggered enrollment (e.g. at log on)
- Windows prompts user
- Target specific groups or devices (GPO)
- Quick and easy (when it works)

# Remote Desktop



- Strong auth for remote user access
- Secure privileged users
- Protect server access
- **Note:** This does require installing the minidriver on the remote machines with the [legacy node option](#).

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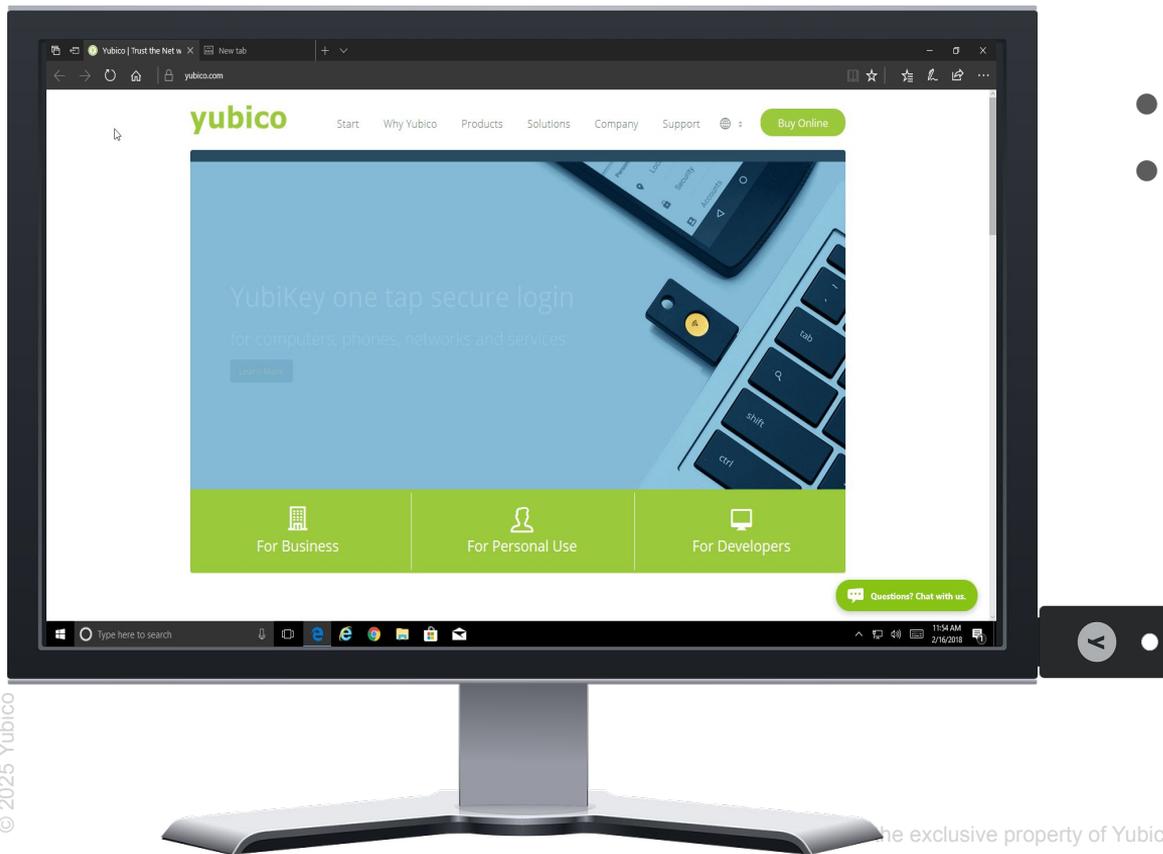
# Offline Logon



- Strong auth in intermittent/limited connectivity scenarios

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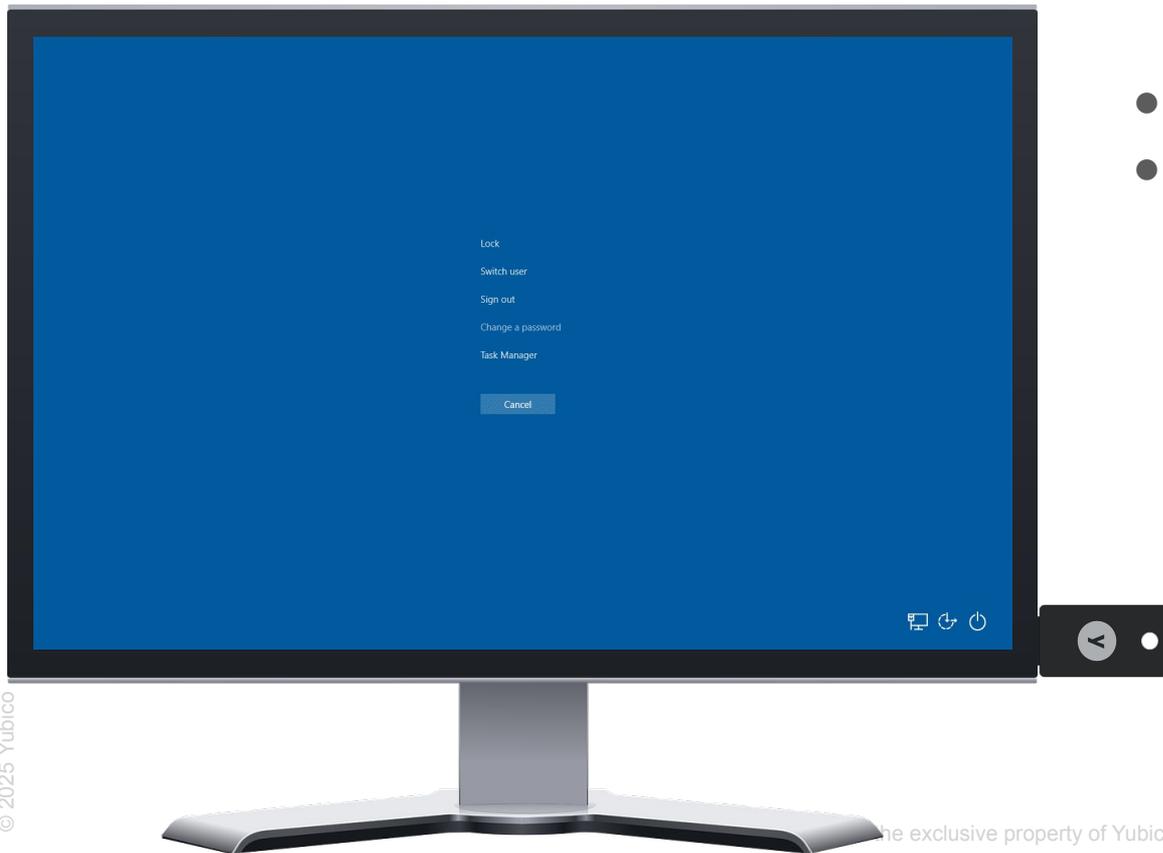
# Web App Support



- Strong auth to web apps
- Single-sign on experience using SAML and ADFS

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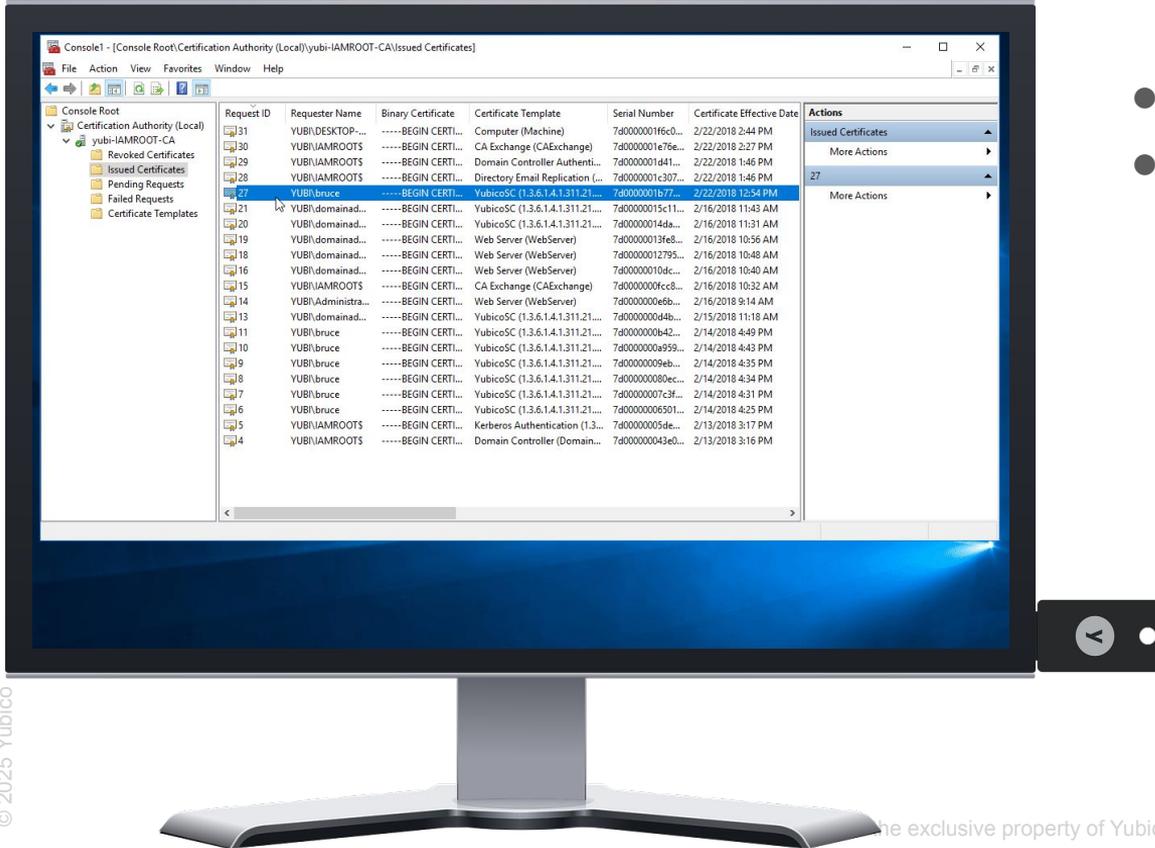
# Change PIN



- Native GUI support
- Optional, scripting with Yubico tools

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# Revoke Access



- Native GUI support
- Script with PowerShell

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# Resources

# Yubico Smart Card Resources

- [YubiKey Smart Card Deployment Guide](#)
- [Deploying the YubiKey Smart Card Minidriver to workstations and servers](#)
- [YubiKey PIN and PUK User Management on Windows](#)
- [YubiKey as a Smart Card Overview](#)
- [Smart Card Drivers and Tools](#)
- [Smart Card Documentation and Guides](#)

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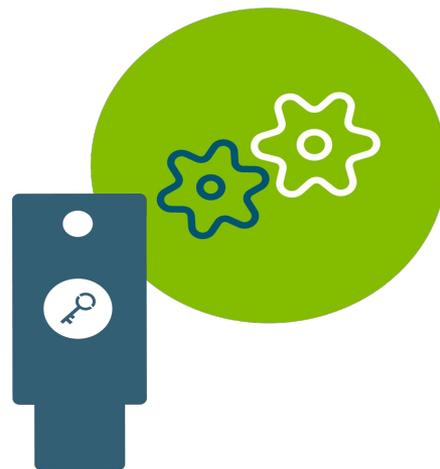
**What's Next?**

# Deployment Best Practices Workshop

Planning for the operational aspects of a YubiKey deployment

## The workshop will cover...

- Project readiness & planning
- Distributing YubiKeys
- Preparing and training end users
- YubiKey lifecycle management
- Successful user communications
- Customer deployment stories
- Available resources and materials



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# YubiKey Deployment Office Hours

Join us for open sessions to answer your questions, troubleshoot, provide consultation and discuss YubiKeys

Tuesdays at 1 PM

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

ID: 243436492249

Passcode: mQ6KU3ZC

Fridays at 10 AM

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

ID: 215605564804

Passcode: wi6CL3Ln

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# Professional Services Hours

## Features



### On-demand consulting

Provides technical and operational guidance when you need it



### Flexible hours

Not tied to a specific engagement timeline. Hours can be used over 12 month period



### Multiple methods of assistance

Can be used to schedule virtual meetings or email with PS engineers and advisors

## How to communicate with Professional Services

1. Open a support case online (<https://yubi.co/support>). This is the preferred contact method for most scenarios as your support case will be logged for future reference
2. Email us at **professional-services@yubico.com**

# Questions and Wrap-Up

# Questions



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