

A TOTP implementation

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What's special about TOTP?

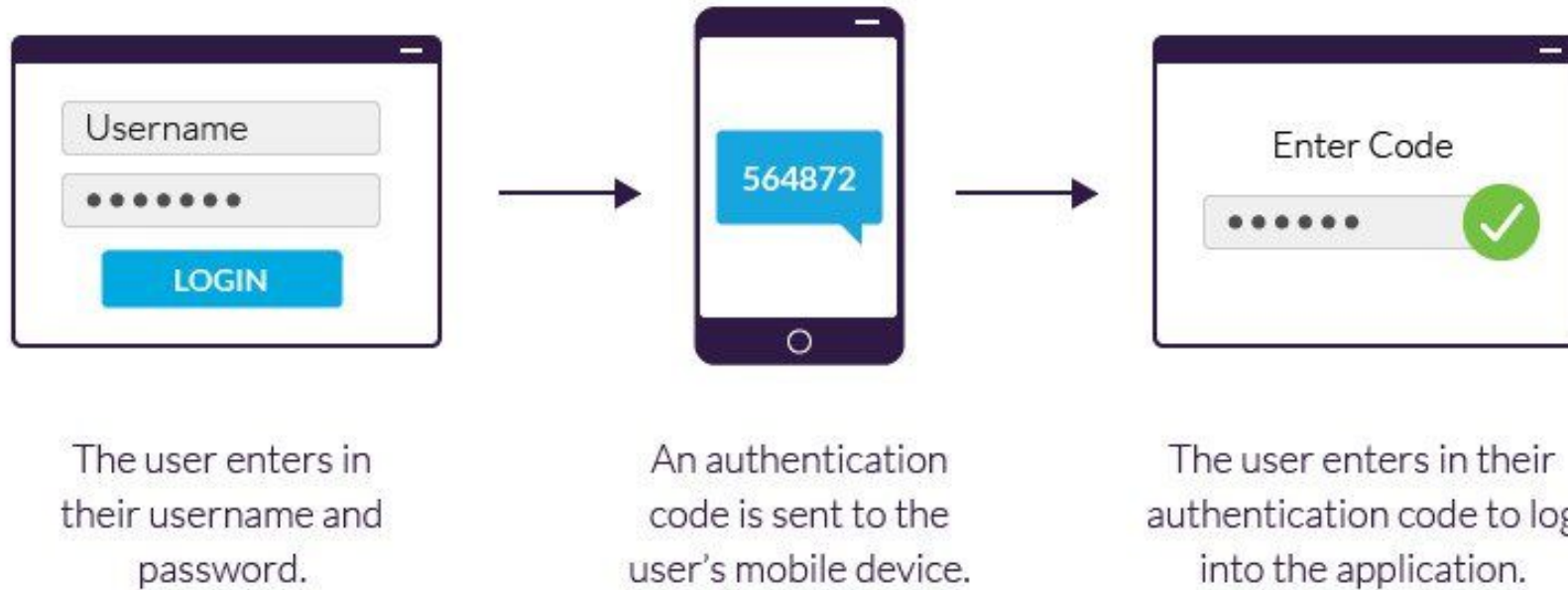
TOTP - or Timed One Time Passwords - make out a subclass of 2-factor authentication systems.

The thing that sets them apart is that TOTP does not involve sending a verification code from the server to a phone or an email account.

Such communications can be tapped. And TOTP can not.

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Conventional 2-factor



Authenticator app

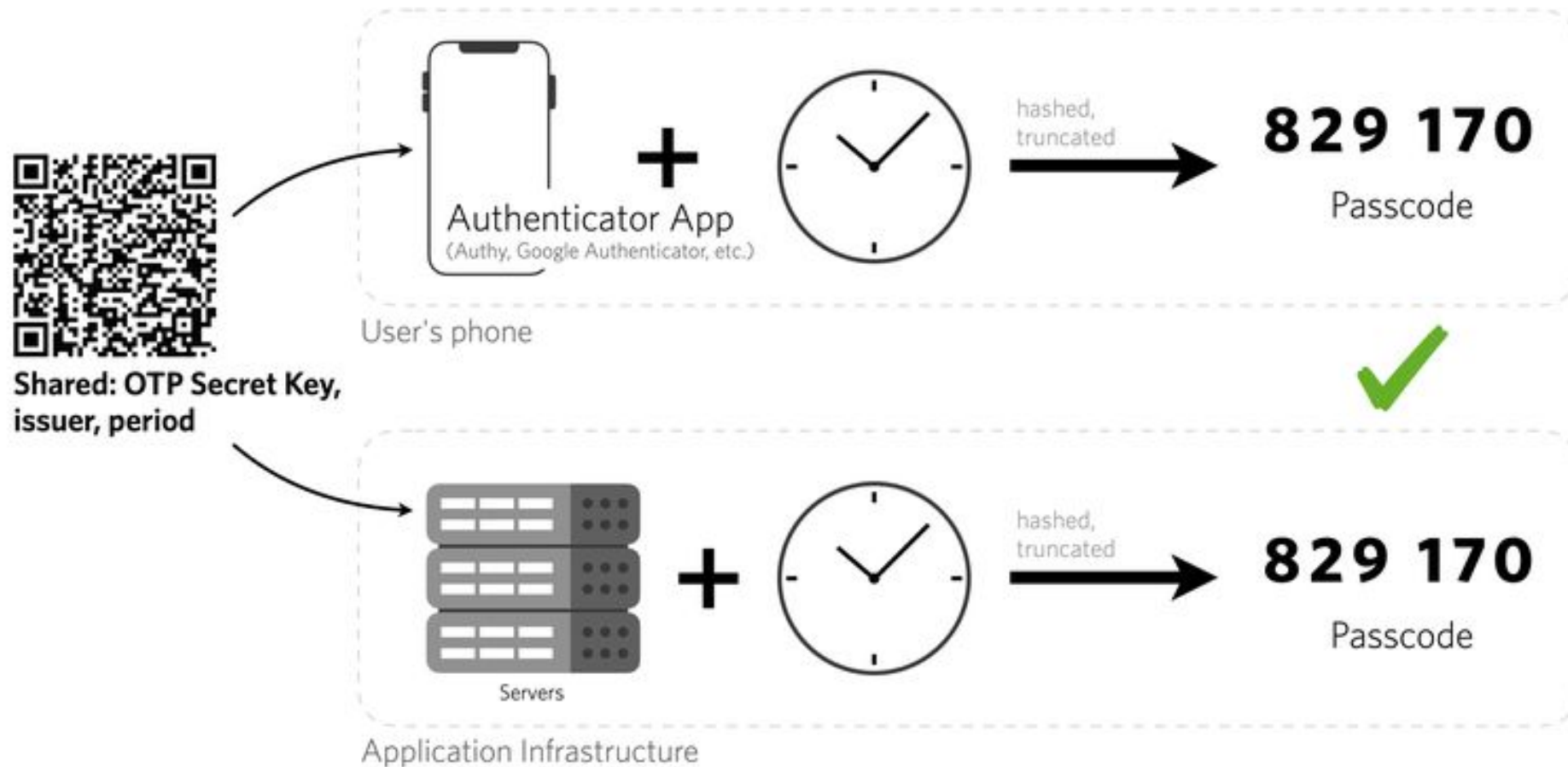
For TOTP verification an “authenticator” app must be installed on the users phone. You can get such an app from [Microsoft](#) or [Google](#) or the one I have is called [FreeOTP](#). They are all the same and can be used interchangeably - and they are all free.

Such an app and your DF app agrees on a “secret” by way of a QR code.

This is what is depicted to the left in the graphics on the next slide.

After the secret has been shared the authenticator app is able to generate codes that the app can verify without talking to each other again. This is what’s indicated by the rest of the graphics next slide.

Timed One Time Password (TOTP)



Meanwhile: the Plato sample app

As you may recall Dataflex 20.0 was followed by a Plato sample app that showcased handling orders for a small chrome plating business.

This app featured the use of an access control library called **SecMod**.

You may look at this presentation as a preview of the next version of **SecMod** that should appear shortly after the release of DF 23

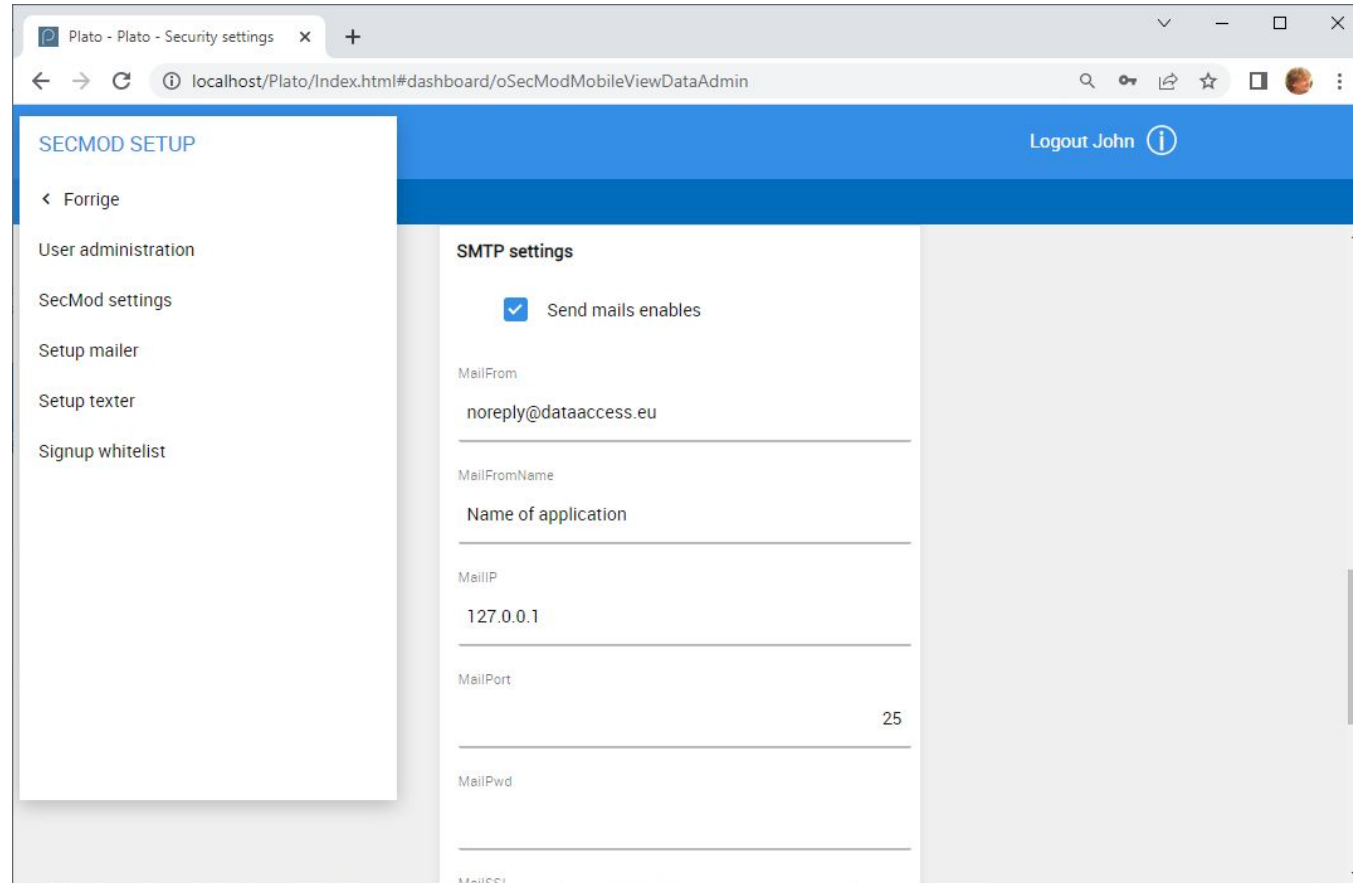
Plato sample application

The screenshot displays the Plato Dashboard application in a web browser. The browser's address bar shows the URL `localhost/Plato/Index.html#dashboard`. The dashboard header includes a "Dashboard" menu icon and a "Logout John" button with a user profile icon.

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- User Profile:** Plato, John (Admin)
- Navigation:** Customers, New proposal, Proposals, Work orders, Work orders
- Top 10 pending proposals:**
 - 20200307 (Proposal sent at 22-09-20...)
Customer: Fred Jensen
1970 Buick Gran Sport Chrome ...
 - 20200303 (Proposal sent at 01-11-20...)
Customer: Elisabeth King
1968 Dodge Super Bee radiato ...
 - 20200297 (Proposal sent at 02-10-20...)
Customer: Lucas de Vries
1974 Ford Torino bumpers, gr ...
 - 20200293 (Proposal sent at 25-10-20...)
Customer: Finn van Dijk
1967 Pontiac 2 + 2
 - 20200290 (Proposal sent at 02-10-20...)
Customer: Sophie van den Berg
1971 Ford Gran Torino
 - 20200286 (Proposal sent at 24-10-20...
- Top 10 open work orders:**
 - 20200318 (Completed 13-11-2020)
Customer: Laerke Iversen
1987 Chevrolet Monte Carlo S ...
 - 20200317 (Confirmed on 02-11-2020)
Customer: Pimp your car by Taylor ...
1967 Pontiac GTO Customer ru ...
 - 20200316 (Completed 20-11-2020)
Customer: Anne Poon
1975 Dodge Dart bumpers, gri ...
 - 20200314 (Completed 13-11-2020)
Customer: Davis repairs and co
1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass/4-4- ...
 - 20200313 (Production on 29-05-2022)
Customer: Debra Dougherty
1970 Chevrolet El Camino S R ...
 - 20200310 (Confirmed on 30-10-2020)

SecMod in Plato



SecMod library recapture

- Access control to replace the standard “webappuser/webappsession”.
- 2-factor login by email or text messaging
- “I forgot my password”
- Sign up new user
- User activity logging
- Self signup (with optional whitelisting)
- User administration UI (Web or Windows interface)

Currently, if you want to quickly create a new web application you are pretty much limited to the webappuser/webappsession system that the Studio inserts by default.

The **SecMod** library is meant to let you create new applications with a more capable and complete access control embedded from the beginning. I higher starting point if you like.



Demo

Lift-off

I have created a workspace called ApplicationStubSecmodTOTP. It's an empty application that I have prepared with the all stuff needed for having TOTP access control:

- › Create new workspace
- › Add SecModTOTP library
- › Create new webapp to set up AppHtml folders and more
- › Run SQL script to create **SecMod** tables
- › Run *SQL Connect Wizard* to add tables to *filelist.cfg*
- › Copy over a few source files (listed on next slide)

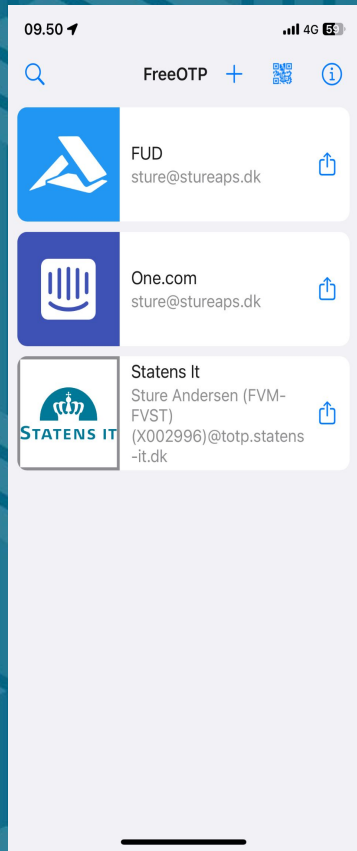
3 source files and how they were edited

- › WebApp.src
 - › Language setup for **SecMod**
 - › 2 menu items added (Change Password and User Administration)
 - › Add **Use** of relevant **SecMod** panels
 - › Augmentation of GetLoginView function (to enable pw-reset deep linking)
- › oSecModConfig.pkg
 - › A package that configures some basic things about SecMod
 - › First thing: how **SecMod** send e-mails and text messages
 - › For emails it can use a SMTP server or it can send via the SQL server or - as here - it can use a service out there called Gateway API
 - › Setting up of “roles” (just dummy roles: “frontdesk”, “finance”, “management”)
- › SessionManager.pkg
 - › Not noteworthy - we skip it

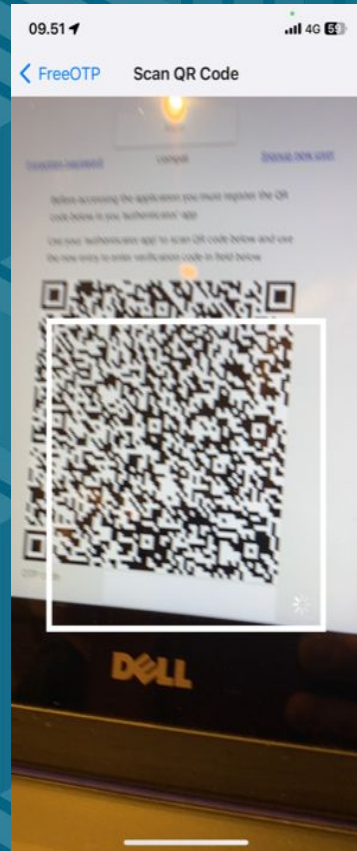
First light

- › Compile and run => no users, can't login
- › Run windows util instead and setup email server
- › Run webapp again and click "sign up new user" (sends confirmation mail)
- › Login as new user and scan resulting QR code with authenticator
- › Show "I have forgotten my password" feature
- › Finally show all the user-admin interface (both in webapp and windows "backoffice")
- › Now you have a worthy starting point for your new webapp.

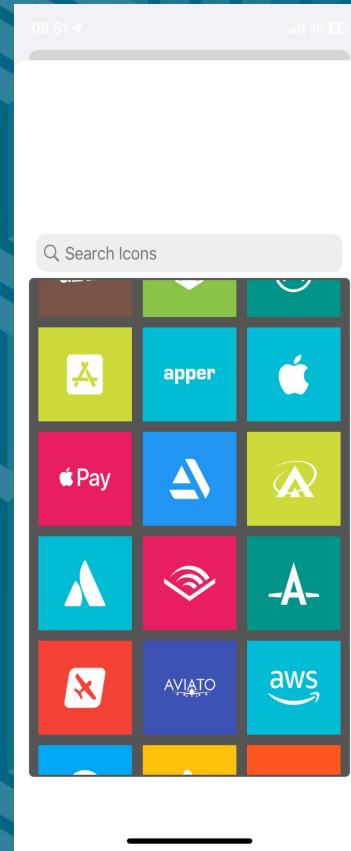
Authenticator app



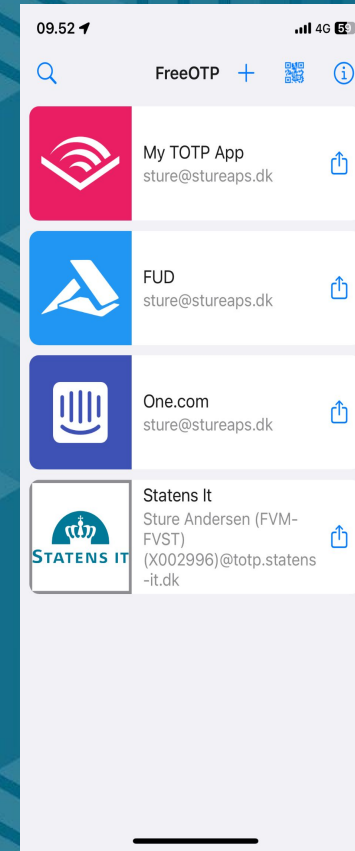
'My TOTP App'



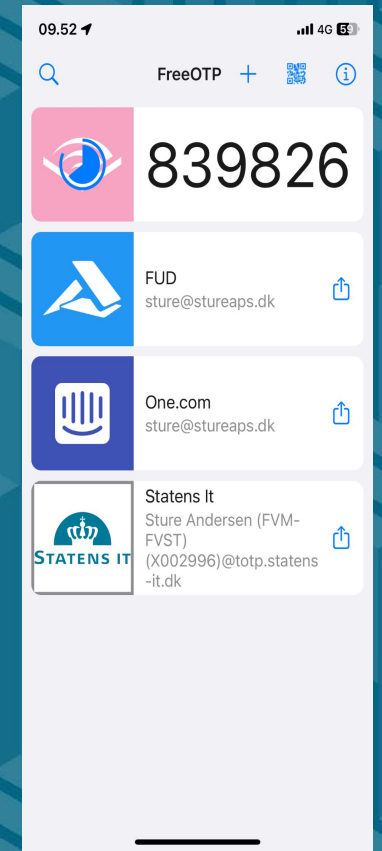
Select icon



Your app added



Querying current code



Outlook

Next version of Plato to have the TOTP enabled version of **SecMod** set up by default. And I expect that version of Plato to arrive not long after DF 2023.

Thank you
happy jazz ever after