Fact Sheet

Payment Account Tokenization

Enable swift and secure automated clearing house (ACH) and real-time payments (RTP)

Payment Account Tokenization (PAT) SaaS helps financial institutions to mitigate account-based fraud for real-time and ACH payments.

With Token ID’s proven tokenization technologies, central operators, clearing houses and banks can help protect sensitive account data, proactively request tokens directly and benefit from automated in-network tokenization.

Potential benefits

Limit breach impact
Deter hacking and mitigate breach impact by storing tokens rather than sensitive account data.

Protect transactions
Avert fraudsters from using stolen account credentials to make payments.

Enable innovation
Create new, secure payment services and flows, such as eCommerce, mobile payments and P2P.

Increase control
Apply domain controls to limit tokens to specific times, channels, merchants and amounts.

Maintain legacy flows
Route tokens through existing payment systems networks as normal.
How it works

The below diagrams outline two ways that PAT can be implemented to combat fraud for real-time and ACH payments. In-network tokenization sees the central operator take ownership of tokenizing account credentials once a payment has been initiated. For direct tokenization, the originating bank tokenizes the account data and stores the token for use when a payment is initiated.

**In-network tokenization**

1. Originating financial institution sends payment to central operator
2. Central operator identifies sending account as 'to be tokenized' and requests token
3. PAT validates domain restrictions and optionally detokenizes the receiver
4. PAT returns payment with tokenized account
5. Central operator sends payment with tokenized account to receiving financial institution

**Direct tokenization**

1. Originating financial institution requests a token from PAT with additional constraints such as maximum value and counterparty restriction
2. PAT generates a token based on the request parameters and returns token to originating financial institution
3. Originating bank forwards the payment instruction, using the token receiver account
4. The central operator identifies tokenized transaction and forwards this to PAT
5. PAT validates domain restrictions and optionally detokenizes the receiver
6. PAT returns modified sender and receiver data to the central operator
7. Central operator constructs an instruction, evaluates advice and forwards message to receiving financial institution

**Features**

**Lifecycle management**
Quickly and easily suspend, (re)activate or unlink tokenized bank account numbers.

**Domain controls**
Enable token parameters that restrict usage to specific times, channels, merchants and spending limits.

**Cryptogram protection**
Generate application cryptograms in advance and validate these during the transaction process.

**Seamless SaaS integration**
Implement tokens without disruption of existing transaction flows.

**Token vault**
Manage a secure database that establishes, maintains and maps payment token value.

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