

SECURITY ISSUES IN MOBILE PAYMENTS

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Agenda

- Mobile Payments
- Fraud loss rates on payments
- Mobile device security

Mobile Payments

- Definition: payments that are initiated on a mobile device
 - Cell phone, tablets, etc.
 - Mobile: useful in many locations
- Smart phones: computer technology
 - Similar to but not the same activity as desktop computers
- Payment activity
 - Support of e-commerce or other payments

Software and hardware

- Browser based mobile payments
 - Online banking
 - Ecommerce
- Dedicated applications
 - Single purpose or provider
- Open applications
 - Multiple providers
- Acquiring
 - Accepting payments on mobile devices



Providers

- Banks, card networks
 - ClearXchange, Discover, Amex, MC, Chase
- Nonbanks
 - PayPay, Google, Amazon
 - Fiserve, Square
 - Starbucks
- Mobile operators
 - ISIS, Bill-to-Mobile



Counterparties and settlement

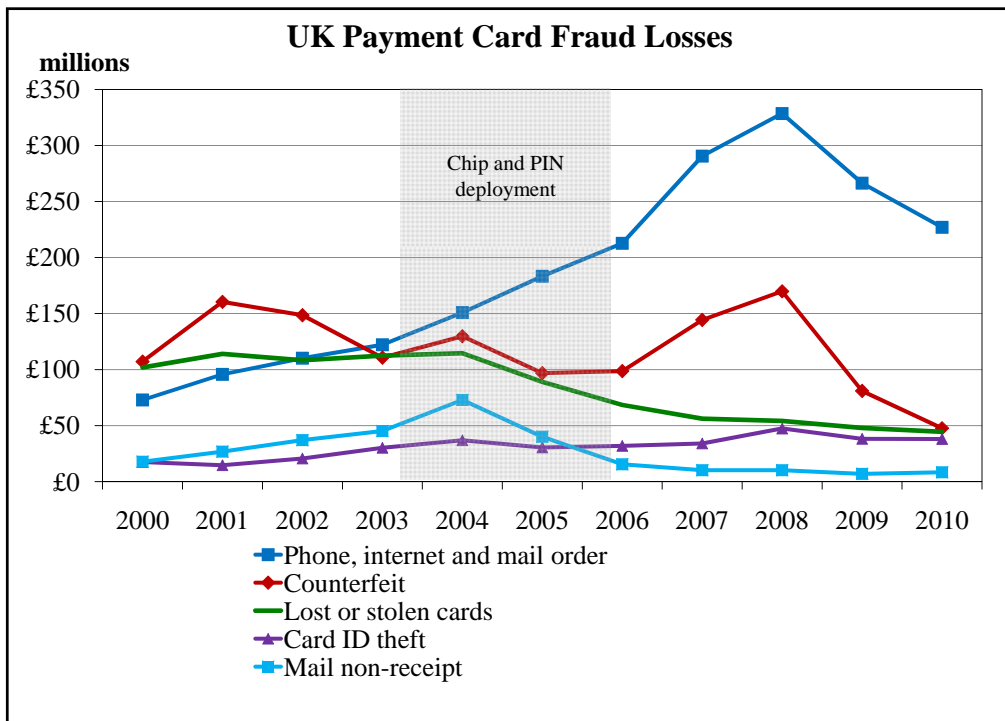
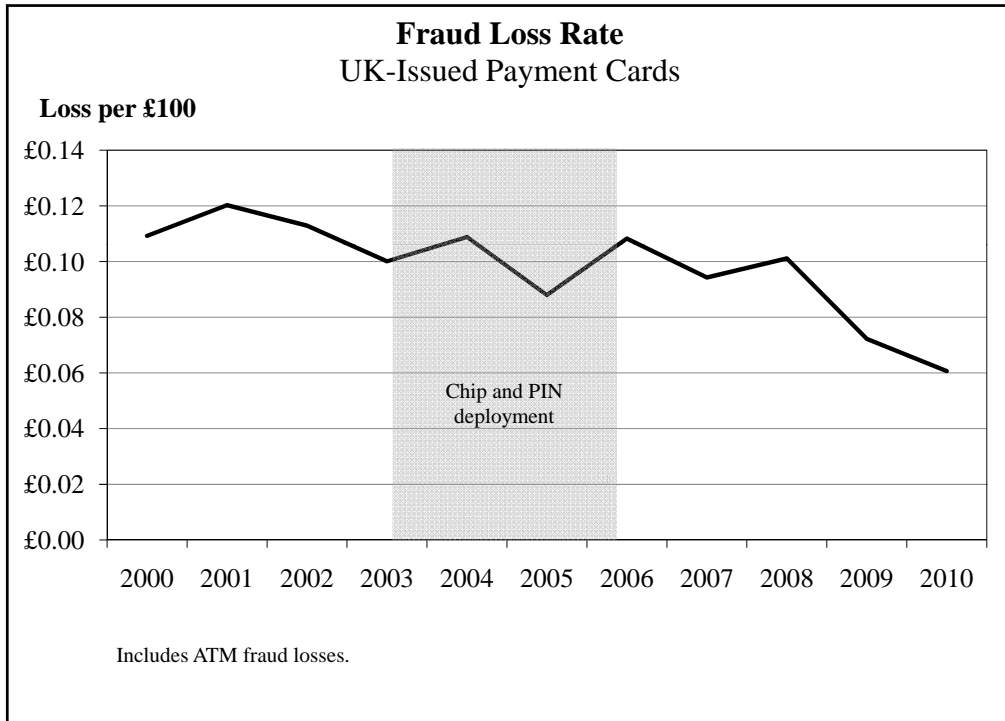
- Counterparties
 - Consumer to business (POS, E-commerce remote)
 - Person to person
 - Other
- Clearing and settlement
 - Prepaid, credit cards, ACH, EFT networks

Communication interface

- Barcode
- Radio signal
 - Wifi
 - RFID
 - NFC

Payment Fraud: UK Case Study

- Experience with Chip-and-PIN
- Fraud loss statistics as guideposts
- Useful to adjust approach to payment security



Mobile Payment Security

- Browsers
 - Secure/encrypted messages (HTTPS/SSL)
- Added device security features
- Radio interception
- Dedicated applications
- Open wallet applications

Dedicated Payment Applications

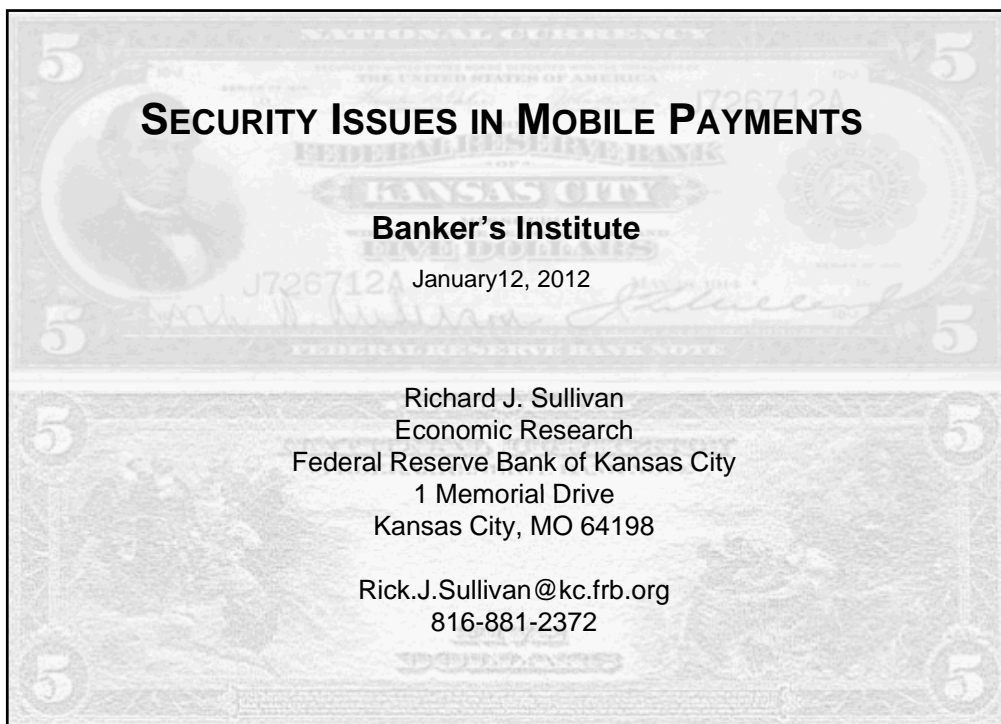
- Application malware
- Security on mobile devices is better than that on desktop computers
- Application control
 - Isolation, provenance, encryption and permission-based access control
- Symantec: iPhone controls over applications is better than that on Android-based phones

Open Wallet Applications

- One application can hold information on a number of payment options
- How is this made secure?
 - Secure Element
 - Security module “provisioning”
 - Trusted Service Manager (TSM)

Management of Mobile Payment Security

- Be vigilant
- Take care of consumers
- Put in place methods to track security incidents in mobile payments
- Attend to application, computer and network security
- Work with bank supervisors



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