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BTB™ - June 20, 2012, 1:11 am

Hi Guys,

I don't know how many of us know this, but PayPal provides an awesome extra layer of security for protecting our account online.

The feature is called PayPal Security Key.

Add an extra level of security when you log in with the PayPal Security Key. This protects your account with one of the highest levels of online security available. Now you can add even more protection with the PayPal Security Key options.

There are actually three Security Key tools that you can choose from. I will try to explain each one of them here.

1. The TOKEN Security Tool -

How it works –

You get a gadget that generates a unique six-digit security code about every 30 seconds. You enter that code when you log in to your PayPal account with your regular user name and password. Then the code expires and no one else can use it.

Cost –

There is a one-off, non-refundable fee of \$5.00 USD. After that, there's no monthly fee or recurring charge and your extra layer of security is free. The said fee is waived for PayPal Business accounts.

How to Order -

To order your TOKEN security key -

2. The CREDIT CARD SIZED Security Key -

How it works –

You carry this small credit-card sized device with you. It creates a unique security code on the go. The Security Key card is larger than the token and generates a new code instantly whenever the button is pushed, while the token generates a new code within 30 seconds once the button is pushed.

Cost –

The credit-card size PayPal Security Key costs \$29.95, and there's no monthly service fee or additional cost. Replacement keys are the same price.

How to Order -

To order your CREDIT CARD SIZED security key -

3. The MOBILE PHONE Security Key -

How it works –

You can simply sign up to get security codes sent by text message to your mobile phone.

Cost –

There is no fee to use your mobile phone as your PayPal Security Key. Standard text messaging rates apply when you receive a security code by SMS. Check with your mobile provider for details.

How to Activate -

To activate the MOBILE PHONE Security key -

PayPal Security Key - [FAQ](#)

Note - Currently, these features are only available for some limited countries. But, I personally made a call to the customer care department of PayPal and according to them these would be available worldwide very soon.

Renowned - June 20, 2012, 1:12 am

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BTB™ - June 20, 2012, 1:14 am

(Jun 20, 2012 01:12 AM)Renowned Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Damn this sounds really good, sort of like the Battle.net Authenticator.

Exactly!

Hope they launch this service in India soon!

Tidal Wave - June 20, 2012, 1:14 am

My dad is a Realtor and used to have one of these for the MLS and then they updated to a new way to recognize typing patterns, searches and locations.

1488 - June 20, 2012, 1:14 am

This sounds nice :P I'm actually quite interested in getting this :P

Dan. - June 20, 2012, 1:34 am

Oh yeah, I actually have one for my domain account. I wasn't aware that it was available for Paypal. Thanks :) I might use this.

I just enabled it, and It let me use the key I already had. Only thing is, I don't think they support it

on my iPhone app. Although, I haven't updated it in a while. I'll give it a try later.

Paradoxum - June 20, 2012, 3:26 am

Thank you for informing the community. ?

BTB™ - June 20, 2012, 4:13 am

I am glad you people found it useful :)

And I recommend if PayPal provides such an awesome security, we should definitely avail it!

?Cooldude? - June 20, 2012, 4:14 am

In the UK the security key is a text sent to your mobile phone. Sadly, when I tried to set it up the text didn't come though.

?????I??\$??? - June 20, 2012, 4:18 am

This feature should cut down the number of accounts being hacked. Great news!

Dan. - June 20, 2012, 5:05 am

Only downside is, it is much harder to file a dispute as unauthorized access. :P

Leaf™ - June 20, 2012, 5:25 am

I got this Paypal key and my original one broke and the numbers didn't work but Paypal sent me out a new one free of charge.

Alex™ - June 20, 2012, 5:30 am

(Jun 20, 2012 05:05 AM)Dan. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Only downside is, it is much harder to file a dispute as unauthorized access. :P

Thats a good thing. People that have this thing should not have the option to file an unauthorized access dispute.

Jaguar - June 20, 2012, 6:07 am

Sounds great..

Thanks for letting us know about this bro.

I am gonna check now if it is available to my country or not.

Its worth a sticky so that everyone can know about it.

van1lle - June 20, 2012, 6:38 am

Thank you very much for informing us. Will probably order this in the future.

I wonder how it works. If it has to be connect to the internet somehow :S not sure.

aSmoo - June 20, 2012, 6:41 am

Nice!

I just called them today but forgot to ask about this thing.

I am going to get it as soon as I can.I really appreciate when something like this happens.

New World Order - June 20, 2012, 7:06 am

Looks like business accounts get this for free FYI.

*Fee waived for PayPal Business accounts.

FaberCastell - June 20, 2012, 7:17 am

I need this.

My Payments always gets refunded by PayPal as "Unauthorized Payment" when i am paying from same IP as always, it automatically limits me and inquiries about 5-10 last payments...

Hopefully this will solve this problem?

Hexicidal - June 20, 2012, 9:04 am

I actually use this for my personal PayPal. It's an amazing feature to have. Thank you for posting this to help inform the community.

~((HACKER))~ - June 20, 2012, 9:48 am

Pretty decent security method. Was not aware of this, thanks for the information.

CoBrAx. - June 20, 2012, 9:49 am

Very nice information. Thanks for this.

CarrotMilk - June 20, 2012, 10:58 am

Yep, been using this in conjunction with Google 2-step verification. It's awesome <3

JuryBen - June 20, 2012, 11:34 am

Everyone knows real heckers got one.

Chris S - June 20, 2012, 1:25 pm

Sweet, seems like a good idea. If you email paypal about the token security key they will email you back saying they are no longer using those and will ship you the credit card free of charge for the inconvenience

Carb0n F1ber - June 20, 2012, 3:36 pm

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I was told the device was connected realtime to a satellite or something and that they could trace it's location via GPS or whatever. However, whenever I checked it while driving through a tunnel or something, the signal on it was really strong. So, I'm not sure how it works.

Dan. - June 20, 2012, 5:43 pm

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outside connection. Prob just a algorithm made from the serial number.

BTB™ - June 20, 2012, 6:57 pm

According to me, each key is dedicated to your account.

Fed with some random numbers & associated with your PP account.

And while log in a simple authentication check is done on your password & then the security key you enter.

Zokrin - June 20, 2012, 7:35 pm

This has been out for years. I've had one on mine for 2 years now. Annoying to enter it every time but worth it.

TheVortex - June 20, 2012, 8:35 pm

This is great I didn't know paypal had this. I am going to start using it.

Yin - June 21, 2012, 1:28 am

I use #3. It sends me a text message with a code. It's super useful and I don't have to worry about some fucks stealing my money. It's a hassle but it's definitely secure. I use it all the time. More hassle, but you don't have to worry about losing money.

MaxPain - June 21, 2012, 2:39 am

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BTB™ - June 21, 2012, 8:06 am

(Jun 21, 2012 02:39 AM)MaxPain Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ohh yeah the token trick this is being used by e-banking services, whatever :-) good luck...

Yeah & indeed they are pretty useful security features ?

SuaveSalmon - June 30, 2012, 3:18 am

Thanks man. The authenticator looks neat. I might actually pick that up, when I boot my business up.