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Authentication Server (\$AS) adds a new authentication method to the standard authentication service on GUARDIAN systems (which is performed based on static passwords). \$AS offers Challenge/Response and TimeToken Authentication, based on Atalla and Vasco Challenge/Response Devices. \$AS is intended for use by PATHWAY applications and GHS products.

Features:

- The \$AS system is monitored by a PATHMON process pair (for availability reasons).
Any running PATHMON can be used.
- \$AS runs as a server class: the PATHMON in charge of \$AS is responsible for starting/re-starting the service.
- The \$AS process can be reached through PATHSEND, or directly with OPEN/WRITEREAD/CLOSE procedures.
- \$AS process supports the following messages:
 1. Generate a random number
 2. Check a Challenge/Response number pair
 3. Check a TimeToken
 4. Authentication Request (initialization)
 5. Authentication (finalization)
 6. Return statistical information
- INITACR, a block mode program to initialize Atalla (or compatible) Challenge/Response Tokens.
- ASCOM, (Authentication Server Command Interpreter) allowing the management of the \$AS system.

Additional \$AS features

- After three consecutive failed checks, the requesting process is delayed for a configurable time, preventing an exhaustive search for a valid Challenge/Response number pair.

- \$AS is developed and compiled on an S-Series system, running G06.

This design allows the \$AS to become the central authentication service on a Tandem system or even on a network of Tandem systems.

All *GreenHouse* products that feature Challenge/Response or TimeToken Authentication are supported by \$AS.

Relationship Between the Different Parties in the Authentication Server Environment

