



New smart-card, CAC reader built for government

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Belkin Enterprise announced the industry's first USB smart-card and Common Access Card (CAC) reader specifically designed for today's demanding government applications. Offering the broadest range of smart card compatibility, including Class A, B, C (5v, 3v and 1.8v), the Belkin USB Smart Card and CAC Reader features a compact, tamper-resistant design for easy one-handed card insertion that is ideal for government data security use.

Designed to support smart cards meeting ISO7816 standards, which include the Defense Department's CAC and the PIV cards used in civilian agencies, the smart card reader has been built from the ground up to assure high security for government applications. Its uni-body enclosure works to eliminate entry points and prevents physical electronic tampering. All firmware is in ROM to assure no risk of alteration.

For ease of operation, the Belkin card reader offers an ergonomic design with a large card opening for quick, one-handed card insertion. The unit also features an optimized insertion angle for versatile under-desk, desktop and stackable mounting. To reduce user error, interchangeable color chips can be installed on the reader to associate it with an established network for easy identification. The reader operates seamlessly with Windows 7 standard CCID drivers, so no additional software or drivers are required.

"Our new smart card reader has been built from the ground up for demanding government applications," said Carlos del Toro, senior global product manager for Belkin. "We have packed the unit with unique features that make the reader the most efficient to use in its class, while delivering the iron-clad security that government applications require. It's the perfect combination of reliability and usability that only Belkin can achieve."

The Belkin USB Smart Card and CAC Reader is available now through Belkin's U.S. network of distributors and value added resellers. All card readers come with three-year warranty and support, and are TAA compliant.

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