

Apple Watch as Password Replacement

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The Apple Watch might appear to some as little more than a wearable gimmick, but enterprise security vendor MicroStrategy has an interesting application for the device-- as wearable password replacement.



The MicroStrategy Usher Watch application acts as a secure digital key, allowing wearers to log into enterprise business systems, unlock devices, validate personal identity and even open doors with a simple gesture or tap. The app uses all Watch features (such as Glances, Notifications and Force Touch) and detects a "vast range" of business systems, hardware and physical entryways.

For example, a user gets a push notification on the Watch when required to unlock a nearby system.

"Apple Watch is the ideal platform to replace the password, plastic card, and metal key," the company says. "By integrating Apple Watch, iPhone, and Touch ID with enterprise applications, resources, and business processes, Usher for Apple Watch brings a new level of convenience, capability, safety, and security to the marketplace."

The app is part of the Usher platform, an enterprise-grade security solution handling secure authentication for business processes by replacing traditional IDs, passwords and tokens with biometric and multi-factor authentication.

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