SAFENET MILESTONES

2013
- SafeNet recognized by Gartner, Inc. in the "Leaders" quadrant of the 2013 "Magic Quadrant for User Authentication."
- SafeNet releases Crypto Hypervisor, the world's first high-assurance key vaulting and PKI services solution built for the cloud operational model.
- Sentinel LDK wins the 2013 CoDIE Award for Best DRM solution, showcasing that SafeNet's evolving technologies continue to provide excellence.

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- SafeNet recognized by Baltimore Magazine as one of the top 25 places to work.
- Sentinel Cloud wins the 2012 CoDIE Award for Best DRM solution.
- SafeNet acquires Cryptocard, enhancing its authentication portfolio with one of the most advanced authentication-as-a-service offerings in the marketplace.
- SafeNet named to CRN's 2012 5-Star Partner Programs Guide for fourth consecutive year.

2011
- SafeNet launches NSA-certified Type 1 Ethernet Encryptor (TEE)—the first solution of its kind to secure classified information at Layer 2 up to 10Gbps, allowing a smooth transition from HAIPE to Ethernet.
- The Unified Cross Domain Management Office gives baseline approval for SafeNet's MDeX System as a secure cross-domain transfer solution.
- Frost and Sullivan bestows on SafeNet the 2011 Global Product Line Strategy Award in Software License Management.
- eToken PRO, eToken PRO Anywhere, eToken NG-FLASH Anywhere, and Luna and ProtectServer hardware security modules (HSM) all complete IdenTrust™ compliance certification.
- SafeNet introduces Sentinel Cloud, the industry's first licensing and entitlement management solution for cloud services.
- CRN awards five stars to SafeNet’s Channel Program.

2010
- SafeNet announces strategic partnership with NetApp to advance next-generation storage security.
- Aladdin Knowledge Systems Ltd. becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary of SafeNet, Inc., significantly increasing the company’s footprint in two-factor authentication and software monetization markets.

SafeNet becomes the world's third largest security provider, offering the first comprehensive set of critical solutions in software rights management, authentication, and enterprise data protection.

Vector Capital brings SafeNet and Aladdin Knowledge Systems Ltd. under common management.

2008  SafeNet releases ViewPIN+, a fully automated Web-based personal identification number (PIN) issuance and delivery solution. ViewPIN+ is designed to reduce costs, prevent PIN fraud, and improve customer satisfaction for card issuers in retail, banking, and telecom industries.

Sentinel HASP wins the 2008 CoDIE Award for Best DRM Solution for keys.

SafeNet sells its 750,000th hardware security module, setting a new industry record and solidifying the Company's market leadership position.

SafeNet celebrates its 25th anniversary.

SafeNet introduces Sentinel EMS, the company's first web-based entitlement management system.

Following the acquisition of Ingrian and its DataSecure family of products, SafeNet becomes the first vendor to offer a comprehensive Enterprise Data Protection Solution.

SafeNet unveils the SafeEnterprise Conversion Encryptor (SCE), the world's only 10-gigabit speed Ethernet encryptor, designed to secure Ethernet traffic over SONET networks.

2006  Deloitte names SafeNet as one of Maryland’s Technology Fast 50.

SafeNet’s KIV-7M is the first encryptor certified by the U.S. government’s Cryptographic Modernization Initiative. Through this initiative, the U.S. government has the ability to upgrade the security infrastructure of its communication architectures to meet present and future security needs.

2005  SafeNet acquires Eracom Technologies, deepening its financial services products and solutions.

SafeNet introduces full disk and file encryption hardware security modules and data encryption software.

The U. S. National Security Agency (NSA) certifies the MYK-16B and MYK-17B, a Type 1 family of satellite ground station products.

SafeNet launches Sentinel RMS, the only complete software licensing solution that provides secure role-based management. The solution allows individuals across an organization to access their specific license management tasks.

The Department of Defense awards SafeNet a multi-million dollar contract to develop the next-generation Cryptographic Modernization FORTEZZA Plus Crypto Card. The card would provide all cryptographic functions when plugged into the U.S. government’s secure telephone lines.

2004  SafeNet acquires Datakey, enhancing its portfolio with the addition of a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) enablement product and credential management system.

SC Magazine recognizes SafeNet hardware security modules in their “Best of 2004” list.

SafeNet acquires Rainbow Technologies, enabling it to enter the two-factor authentication and rights management market. With Rainbow’s Mykotronx product, SafeNet significantly expands its Type I government classified solutions for network and data encryption.

2007  Vector Capital acquires SafeNet and takes the company private.

SafeNet Mykotronx receives a follow-on IDIQ contract from DOD for the KIV-7M product line, as well as an optional High Assurance Internet Protocol Encryptor-compliant (HAIPE) interface card.
2003  SafeNet develops the HighAssurance™ 500, 1000, and 4000 gateways—Virtual Private Network (VPN) appliances that provide high-assurance network security for site-to-site and remote access VPNs.

SafeNet introduces its SafeEnterprise Security System, the only security solution in the industry that provides complete security for all types of networks, while also providing seamless migration from WAN solutions to more cost-effective VPN solutions.

SafeNet acquires Raquia Networks, advancing its content inspection technology offerings.

2002  The U.S. government awards SafeNet a multi-million dollar contract to develop a HAIPE-compliant IPsec VPN device certified for encrypting classified communications to protect U.S. critical infrastructure and Classified-level information.

SafeNet launches SafeXcel™-1741, offering high-performance Triple DES and Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithms in a highly integrated Virtual Private Network security co-processor. The product secures broadband and wireless applications, including routers, gateways, DSL/cable modems, wireless access points, and firewalls for remote or branch offices.

SafeNet acquires Securalink, strategically advancing its chip and IP product offerings.


SafeNet introduces its next-generation remote access software, SoftRemote, which includes a VPN, a personal firewall, and smart card user authentication.

2000  IRE rebrands, changing its name to SafeNet, Inc. after its award-winning and ground-breaking Virtual Private Network (VPN) product line.

SafeNet/Speed™ VPN gateway product receives IPsec certification from the Virtual Private Network Consortium (VPNC).

Frost & Sullivan selects IRE as the winner of its 1999 Engineering Marketing Strategy Award for its industry-leading SafeNet™ VPN technology.

1999  IRE develops and introduces the industry’s first “VPN-on-a-chip.”

IRE’s Soft-PK 2.0 VPN client software is successfully integrated into Cisco Systems’ comprehensive family of VPN solutions for secure remote access.

IRE launches the CryptCore™ 1140 security processor for cable and DSL modems, routers, residential gateways, and other small office/home office networking devices.

1998  IRE introduces Soft-PK remote access client software, which quickly becomes the de facto standard in VPN software technology.

IRE signs a distribution agreement with Telnet Ltd., expanding the company’s global footprint to include the growing Eurasian market.

1997  Communications industry honors IRE for “Best New Security Product.”

Financial Service Technology Consortium (FSTC) uses IRE products in its pilot program to facilitate electronic payments by the U.S. Treasury Department’s Financial Management Service to its suppliers. The program demonstrates the viability of an electronic payment system that can be used by bank customers across a wide variety of applications.

IRE expands to Asia Pacific through its distribution partnership with Kanematsu Corporation (KG).

IRE enhances its global footprint to Brazil through its distribution partnership with France Telecom’s Nexus International.
1996  CISCO purchases and begins to embed IRE's technology into their products to protect VPNs, becoming the foundation of the IRE's embedded business.

IRE develops the world's first packet encryption system for the Bank of Montreal, introducing a new and innovative way for banks to achieve cost savings while securing their electronic transfer communications.

1995  IRE introduces its SafeNet product, the first Internet VPN. The product name stems from the idea that the technology would provide a "safety net" for transactions performed over the Internet.

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1994  JP Morgan selects IRE to create a product for the banking industry that would secure consumer financial transactions performed over the Internet. IRE spends a year developing the VPN product that would later be known as SafeNet.

MCI signs a $12 million deal for IRE's encryption solutions.

1993  IRE wins a multi-million dollar federal contract from the U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Management Service to secure the electronic bill paying system for all non-defense U.S. government agencies. IRE's technology becomes the standard for electronic bill paying approval across many departments in the U.S. government.

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1992  IRE lists on the NASDAQ stock market under the ticker symbol IREG. The IPO raises $4 million dollars.

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1991  IRE's ranks swell to 12 employees. The Company establishes its headquarters in White Marsh, Maryland.

IRE receives its first patent for its software distribution system.

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Citibank becomes one of the first global banking institutions to employ IRE's technology for its financial transactions.

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