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Integration of the YubiKey
With a self-service software application, registration and setup of the YubiKey is completed easily at the company’s retail locations. Once setup is complete, two-factor authentication is activated when the associate touches the key for the first time to confirm the financial transaction. With that action, the key is then automatically and uniquely linked to that system, and will need to be touched to confirm all subsequent transactions.

With the large number of associates that the company wanted to roll out this technology to, they needed the setup to be as transparent as possible. They didn’t want associates to have to click a link, register a device online, or use any other labor intensive technique. With the YubiKey, they are able to automatically give all of the necessary information to validate and turn on two-factor authentication. They believe that what they have created is one of the easiest registration systems available.
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