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## Advanced Web Services Specifications

Microsoft Corp. and IBM Corp., along with BEA Systems Inc., RSA Security Inc., SAP AG and Verisign Inc., recently announced the publication of a new set of advanced Web services specifications to help businesses share information securely between applications and organizations in a standard way. The specifications fall into two key groups, addressing security and business policies. Read the full story in the press room: [www.sap.com](http://www.sap.com).

## Events Past and Future

The presentations from TechEd New Orleans, 2002, are available online for all those who registered and attended the conference. You can access them here: <http://www.saptech.com/logon.asp>.

February 13th sees the next event organized by the Karlsruher Sicherheitsinitiative. Details of the evening's discussion, which will be focusing on the role of physical protection in an integrated IT security concept, can be found at [www.ka-it-si.de](http://www.ka-it-si.de).

Later this month, February 27th, the DSAG's (German SAP User Group) Basis and Technology Working Group will be meeting in Rot, Germany. The security group will be concentrating on user management-related topics.

The International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium is being held in Nice, France on April 22 - 25. This is your opportunity to hear SAP security expert Cristina Buchholz presenting on "Web Services - Control Meets Collaboration".

On the other side of the pond, SAP's Regine Brehm will be presenting on "Security and SSO with SAP Web Application Server" at the BW Portals Conference in Orlando on March 24 - 26. Take a look at the conference program: [www.sapbwportals2003.com](http://www.sapbwportals2003.com), and Regine's abstract: [www.sapbwportals2003.com/8-9.html](http://www.sapbwportals2003.com/8-9.html).

## **Audit Framework Working Group**

SAP has formed a working group together with leading auditing firms, including Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, PwC and others. Its goal is to define a universal interface for auditing distributed processes, which will then be submitted to OASIS as a proposed standard. The group, which had its second meeting last week, is currently using procurement as a pilot project, and is evaluating XBRL and other XML standards to establish which format is most suitable.

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## **New Technical Brief: Digital Signatures in Practice**

A Technical Brief outlining how digital signatures work and giving some example scenarios is now available in the SAP Service Marketplace under the alias "[security](#)" -> Security in Detail -> Digital Signatures.

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## **TeleTrust Innovation Prize 2003**

TeleTrust has announced that it will be awarding a prize for innovation to users in Europe who have successfully integrated innovative and trustworthy applications in their company's electronic business processes. It will be awarded at ISSE in Vienna (October 7 - 9), and applications must be in by March 31. For details, see [www.teletrust.de](http://www.teletrust.de).

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