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### Security of SAP Systems Not Affected by SHA-1 Research

There have been reports recently that a group of Chinese cryptanalysts has broken the SHA-1 hash algorithm. As this algorithm is used in SAP software, SAP has taken a careful look at how this may affect the security of its customers' SAP systems.

The attack itself is at present purely theoretical, and none of the scenarios in which SHA-1 is currently used in SAP software is threatened by this potential attack. In other words, this development poses no additional risk to customers' systems.

Naturally, SAP will continue to monitor further developments and, as always, takes the security of its customers systems very seriously.

For more information on the research, see <http://www.heise.de/security/artikel/56634>.

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### Germany - Safe on the Net (Deutschland sicher im Netz)

SAP is part of a German initiative "Germany – Safe on the Net" aimed at increasing awareness of IT security amongst consumers and small businesses. Alongside others, such as Microsoft and eBay, SAP recently pledged specific activities to run throughout 2005 to help achieve this goal. You can read SAP's press release here:

[www.sap.com/germany/company/press/archive/press\\_show.aspx?ID=2239](http://www.sap.com/germany/company/press/archive/press_show.aspx?ID=2239) (German only), and visit the initiative's homepage at <http://www.sicher-im-netz.de/> (German only).

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## **SAP Consulting Forms Global Security Alliance**

SAP Consulting has recently formed a strategic alliance with Securinfo, Approva, SECUDE and other security, accounting, and consulting firms to assist customers with rapid Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.

This alliance comprises leading providers of security and risk management technology and has strong support from various consulting and accounting firms. To participate, members must demonstrate best business practice methodologies, a high level of skill and the ability to integrate their technologies and collaborate in order to provide customers with a total solution that will remain appropriate and valid over time. Emphasis is placed on the rapid delivery of quality solutions, enabling state-of-the-art technologies and best-practice methods.

Under the alliance, SAP Consulting provides a single point of reference so that customers can easily obtain expert advice and acquire the most cost effective solution. SAP's industry expertise can help the customer decide on the most appropriate mix of methodologies, technologies and consulting skills. The selected products together with specialized implementation and/or quality assurance services can then be packaged for the customer.

For more information, visit [www.sap-si.com/security](http://www.sap-si.com/security), or contact Mario Linkies at [mario.linkies@sap.com](mailto:mario.linkies@sap.com).

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## **SAP Security Homepage - New Layout**

As part of ongoing improvements in the information SAP Security Product Management provides for you, we've restructured our homepage at <http://service.sap.com/security>. All of your favorites are still there, but now in an easier-to-find layout.

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## **Events**

If you're going to **CeBIT** in **Hanover**, Germany, this year (**March 10 – 16**), don't forget to stop in at the security booth within the SAP village in hall 4. Take this opportunity to speak with the team of SAP Security Product Managers and put faces to names. Annette Fuchs, Patrick Hildenbrand, Jens Koster and Kristian Lehment will be pleased to answer your questions, and there will be a dedicated security presentation on March 16. For more information about the event, see [www.cebit.de](http://www.cebit.de).

Monday **March 14**, 11am – 1pm, sees a **TeleTrust** security event take place at CeBIT, "Security in Service-Oriented Business Processes." The event will be kicked off by Fritz Bauspiess, SAP's Director of Security Product Management, and will close with a round-table discussion chaired by Sachar Paulus, SAP Chief Security Officer and Member of the TeleTrust board. For details, see the events calendar at [www.teletrust.de](http://www.teletrust.de).

The **SAP NetWeaver BW and Portals Conference** in **Las Vegas, March 30 to April 1**, is your chance to hear SAP Security Product Manager, Gerlinde Zibulski, talk about the security capabilities of SAP NetWeaver. For more information, see [www.sapbwportals2005.com/](http://www.sapbwportals2005.com/).

**SAPPHIRE** is returning to Europe this year, and will be held in **Copenhagen**, Denmark **April 26 to 28**. There will be a dedicated security pod within the NetWeaver village where you can find out about SAP's security roadmap, and more. For more information, see [www.sapsapphire-emea.com/](http://www.sapsapphire-emea.com/).

The **ASUG** conference in Anaheim, May 1 to 4, is packed with security-related content. Gerlinde Zibulski will be co-presenting on "CUA and Trusted Systems" with Haliburton's Gretchen Lindquist; "Web Dynpro Security" with Nike's Sonny Das Gupta; "Portal Roles v Back-End Authorizations" with SAP's Soledad Alvarado; and "Corporate Governance and the SAP Connection" with SAP's David Nelson. There will also be a meeting of the ASUG Security Influence Council, making this an event not to be missed.

**SAPPHIRE in Boston, May 17 to 19** also includes a security booth, as well as a presentation "A Secure Future Today: Streamlining the Transition to Services-Based IT Security" by SAP Security Product Manager, Sarah Maidstone. For details of the conference program as they become available, see [www.sapsapphire.com/](http://www.sapsapphire.com/).

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