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New TeleTrusT Working Group: Online Processes and Identity Management

TeleTrusT founded a new working group on February 24th, 2003. Under the title Online Processes and Identity Management, the group aims to define guidelines and recommendations for the European market, in particular for Germany, with regard to current security standards. The group will not seek to define new standards, concentrating instead on evaluating the suitability of existing standards for European legal frameworks and business practices. The result of these evaluations will be to submit proposed changes to the relevant standards bodies as appropriate.

The group, led by SAP's Dr Sachar Paulus, will focus initially on identity management, looking at standards such as XML Signature, XML Encryption, XKMS, SAML, Liberty, and WS-Security. Its approach will involve defining scenarios and business cases, as well as identifying general trends in the field of security standardization. SAP will make a considerable contribution to the work of the group not only through its leader, but also in the person of Cristina Buchholz. More details will be available on the TeleTrusT homepage in the near future: <http://www.teletrust.de/>.

RSA Conference 2003

Join SAP at the RSA Conference 2003 (www.rsaconference.com), the world's leading security conference and expo, April 13 - 17 in San Francisco, USA. Meet SAP's security experts at our booth every day during expo hours. And be sure to check your e-mail this month for an invitation to our exclusive partner briefing! This is your opportunity to get the latest scoop on our security strategy and security partnering options, ask questions, and catch up with both product management and partner certification specialists. There are also limited possibilities for one-on-one meetings during the conference. To schedule a meeting with a product management or partner management representative, please contact Regine Brehm (regine.brehm@sap.com).

Events Roundup

At this year's **CeBIT** (www.sap.de/cebit) in Hanover, Germany, you can hear SAP's Director of Product Security, Dr Sachar Paulus, take part in a podium discussion hosted by TeleTrusT on March 17. On March 12 - 14 and 17 - 19, there will be a member of the SAP security product management team on hand to answer your questions. You can arrange a meeting at the main SAP booth.

D.A.CH Security, organized jointly by GI, OCG, BITKOM, SI, and TeleTrusT, aims to provide an overview of the current state of security in industry, the service and public sectors, and in research in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. You can find more information, including the full program and registration form at <http://syssec.uni-klu.ac.at/DACH2003>.

2003 ASUG Annual Conference and Vendor Fair, New Orleans, USA, May 18 - 21. Before two presentations by SAP's ever-present Sachar Paulus, entitled Web Services Security (Tuesday, May 20, 9.30 am) and SAP Audit Framework - Transition from AIS to Collaborative Auditing Framework (Wednesday, May 21, 8.30 am), you have the opportunity to hear SAP's Kristian Lehment talk on LDAP Directory Integration with SAP Components on Monday, May 19 at 2.30 pm. Regine Brehm, also of SAP, will present Use Cases for Digital Signatures in SAP Solutions (Monday, May 19, 1.50 pm), and Managing Trust: Authentication and Single Sign-On Options for mySAP.com (Wednesday, May 21, 10 am).

Standards News

XACML v1.0 becomes OASIS standard

On February 6, 2003, the XACML (eXtensible Access Control Markup Language) version 1.0 specification was approved as an OASIS standard. XACML is an XML-based language used for access control, and describes both an access control policy language and a request/response language. For more details, see www.oasis-open.org/committees/xacml/index.shtml.

Open source XACML implementation available

Sun has released an open source implementation of XACML written entirely in Java. It implements all of the mandatory features of XACML and several of the optional features. You can check it out at <http://sunxacml.sourceforge.net/>.

Liberty Alliance releases version 1.1 specification

The Liberty Alliance released its version 1.1 specification on January 15, 2003. The project develops open standards to promote the establishment of federated network identities through open technical specifications. For details, see <http://www.projectliberty.org/>.

Liberty Alliance publishes first technical white paper

The Liberty Alliance announced the availability of its first white paper early February 2003. Entitled "Identity Systems and Liberty Specification version 1.1 Interoperability," the paper deals specifically with identity management in relation to .NET Passport, Ping ID, Verified by Visa, and Shibboleth. You can read the paper in full here:

<https://www.projectliberty.org/press/Liberty%20and%203rd%20Party%20Identity%20Systems%20White%20Paper.pdf>

New SAP Press Book in German

"SAP HR - Technische Grundlagen und Programmierung" provides you with a good grounding in the data structures of mySAP HR and how to work with this data. It also includes detailed discussion of HR-specific aspects of the SAP role and authorization concept, and an introduction to Employee Self-Service. The book is available for €9.90 under the ISBN 3-89842-335-2.

SAP Enterprise Portal 5.0 Certificate Parser Enhanced

With the release of Enterprise Portal 5.0 Support Package 5 comes an enhancement of the certificate parser. For more information on the parser, see the documentation:

http://help.sap.com/saphelp_ep50sp5/helpdata/en/4b/6b8814ac0511d5993700508b6b8b11/frameset.htm, and related SAP Note 578366.

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