



Netegrity Announces TransactionMinder 6.0

Netegrity, Inc. has released TransactionMinder 6.0, a centralized, policy-based security platform for Web Services and Service Oriented Architectures (SOA). TransactionMinder 6.0 offers a variety of new features including greater flexibility in deployment options and support for WS-Security. Netegrity's centralized security policy platform enables enterprises to extend their overall identity management infrastructure to Web services, thereby ensuring that security policies are being applied consistently across Web applications and Web services. TransactionMinder is a key component of Netegrity's comprehensive identity and access management solution, which includes user management, provisioning, access management, and Web services security capabilities.

"In increasing numbers, companies are embracing Web services as a mechanism to derive greater value and efficiency out of existing IT resources," said Amit Jasuja, VP of Product Management. "But, many companies are falling into the same security trap they encountered with Web applications and are implementing security in a one-off fashion within each Web service container introducing potential security holes, creating inconsistent security policies between containers, and driving increased administration overhead. With TransactionMinder, organizations can avoid this pitfall and leverage their existing security policies by tying Web services security into a centralized identity and access management infrastructure. This helps to assure that security policies are being enforced in a consistent manner throughout the company, significantly mitigating risk of security breaches."

Radicati Sees \$1.5 Billion Directory Market by 2008

The Radicati Group has released their "Directory Services Market, 2004 - 2008" study report, providing market size, four year forecast, technology trends, and competitive information for the Directory Services market. This report considers the Directory Services market to include NOS Directories, Enterprise Directories, Carrier Directories, and Metadirectories plus Virtual Directories.

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Management suites, which are growing in popularity. It also notes that in 2004 vendors began to embrace more innovative technologies, such as virtual directories, and that this has helped ease deployment, reduced political fights over data ownership, and is changing how corporate data is being managed. According to the study, the directory market reached \$563 million in 2004. Radicati estimates this market will grow to \$1.5 billion by 2008. The report is based on interviews and surveys of Global 1000 corporations.

Thor Releases Xellerate 8.0, and Audit & Compliance Solution

Thor Technologies announced the release of Xellerate Identity Manager (Xellerate-IM) 8.0, its enterprise provisioning solution. In addition, it announced the availability of two new solutions - Xellerate Password Manager (XelleratePM) and Xellerate Audit and Compliance Manager (Xellerate-ACM) - that package key functionality of XellerateIM 8.0 into stand-alone offerings for organizations that don't require a complete provisioning solution but need to quickly meet corporate goals, such as regulatory or security compliance. This release, based completely on a J2EE architecture, features enhanced process management and workflow capabilities, simplified administration, expanded platform support and interoperability.

"Organizations are increasingly challenged to address administrative efficiencies as well as regulatory compliance in association with identity management," said Kevin Kampman, Burton Group practice manager and senior consultant. "Each of these presents significant challenges, especially as the environment becomes more complex. Enterprises need solutions that are efficient and flexible and that scale to address these technical and organizational complexities. Thor's Xellerate product line meets these requirements, providing integration, management, and usability characteristics that will enable organizations to satisfy the various expectations imposed by large deployments."

Digital Evolution Acquires Flamenco Networks

Web Services Security and Management software provider Digital Evolution has acquired Flamenco Networks, a provider of specialized network infrastructure to enterprises that are implementing secure, service oriented architectures. Flamenco's technology allows IT network and security operations to enforce enterprise security policies, automate the provisioning of access, enable trading partner self-service and control qualities of service (QOS). Digital Evolution plans to integrate the Flamenco technology with its Identity-Based Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) Management platform.

"We believe that this acquisition puts us in a category well ahead of the competition and is clear evidence of our intent to consolidate our leadership position in the field of SOA Security and Management Software," said Paul Gigg, Digital Evolution President and CEO. "The addition of Flamenco Networks' technology strengthens the Digital Evolution product portfolio and allows us to offer the most comprehensive Web Services security and management solution available for enterprises today."

Ping Debuts SAML 1.1 Conformance Testing Service

Ping Identity Corporation announced the immediate availability of the industry's first SAML 1.1 Conformance and Security Testing Service, created in collaboration with leading identity management and security vendors including, Netegrity, Oblix, and RSA Security. The Conformance and Security Testing Service for SAML1.1 enables vendors to test a baseline level of SAML 1.1 functionality. In addition to complete coverage of the SAML 1.1 specification, the Conformance and Security Service also tests negative or 'errant' test conditions to verify proper handling of boundary conditions, poorly formed XML, and bad signatures.

Conformance testing such as this is a required pre-cursor to validating true interoperability of vendor products. The group also announced that they will make the service available to other vendors intending to ship products that adhere to the SAML 1.1 protocol. "SAML 1.1 is one of the leading protocols being implemented for federated identity, but vendors have not sufficiently tested conformance to the protocol up to this point," said Dan Blum, Senior VP and Research Director at Burton Group. "This vendor collaboration around the test suite for SAML 1.1 provides a much needed solution to the federated identity marketplace."

DCML Effort Moves to OASIS

The Data Center Markup Language (DCML) Organization has moved its specification, technical agenda, membership, and operations to the global OASIS standards consortium. "Transitioning the DCML Organization to OASIS marks the next significant milestone in the development of the specification and promises to further accelerate its adoption amongst organizations worldwide," said Louis Blatt of Computer Associates, president of the DCML Organization.

"The DCML Organization has demonstrated significant traction over the last nine months and garnered tremendous vendor and end-user participation. Their efforts offer exciting poten-

tial for managing the massive complexity that exists in IT Environments," commented Patrick Gannon, president and CEO of OASIS. "We welcome the DCML community to OASIS and look forward to advancing its mission of open standardization for utility computing."

Gartner VP and analyst, Donna Scott, said, "OASIS is a natural fit for DCML and will provide the global participation and momentum to drive the Framework Specification forward. Today's data centers are struggling under many burdens, and specifications such as DCML could become key to achieving an efficient, automated IT infrastructure that provides the benefits of a real-time infrastructure."



Siemens Venture Capital Makes Strategic Investment In Oblix

Siemens Venture Capital, a subsidiary of Siemens AG, announced a strategic investment in identity-based security solutions developer Oblix. In addition, Oblix has signed a worldwide reseller agreement with the Siemens Information and Communications Networks (ICN) group. Under the terms of the agreement, Siemens ICN will incorporate Oblix access management technology and web-services security products into its HiPath portfolio.

This expanded relationship with Oblix is a part of the Siemens' larger strategy to grow its security and HiPath Scurity DirX business. In addition to providing Siemens with worldwide resale rights,

Oblix and Siemens will collaborate on product integration and development. The Oblix products, which enable enterprises to create, enforce, and monitor identity and access policies across Web applications and services, will be marketed as part of Siemens' HiPath Scurity DirX portfolio of identity and access management solutions. Siemens made an initial investment in Oblix during the company's early stages and now, as a result of increased product synergy and a growing market opportunity, is making another strategic investment in the company to support Oblix's current products and future roadmap for identity-based security solutions.

Netegrity Acquired By CA For \$430 Million

Computer Associates, Inc. has acquired Netegrity, Inc., a leading provider of identity and access management software. The approximately \$430 million acquisition was announced October 6, 2004 and closed when Netegrity shareholders approved the deal November 23, 2004. During the period from the announcement to the closing, the two companies could not talk to each other, their customers, or the public about their intentions or combined strategy, and the result was a heightened uncertainty about what the deal might mean for current Netegrity and CA customers.

Once the deal closed, however, the com-

panies move rapidly to announce their intended integration strategy and product roadmap, publishing a white paper detailing their intentions for the product line (www.netegrity.com/pdfs/27510_Netegritywhitepaper.pdf.) Key Netegrity product and technical executives joined CA. "We are excited by the opportunities with Netegrity and welcome its employees, partners and customers to CA and to the eTrust family," said Russ Artzt, CA's co-founder and executive vice president of eTrust solutions. "Together, we will continue to provide customers with the industry's most comprehensive and integrated security management suite."

Liquid Machines Releases Document Control 3.0

Enterprise Rights Management (ERM) solutions provider Liquid Machines announced the release of Document Control Version 3.0. Liquid Machines Document Control allows enterprises to centrally create and enforce document access and usage policies for any content within native applications – including Microsoft Office, Visio, and Adobe Acrobat. Version 3.0 delivers scalability, performance, and usability enhancements that support large-scale deployments and make it easier for organizations to share confidential information across the extended enterprise. The new version also automatically assigns corporate-defined usage policies to customized business intelligence reports created using Microsoft's Excel add-in for SQL Server Analysis Services.

"As Enterprise Rights Management moves from department-level deployments to organizational implementations, customers need a solution that will scale and perform in their distributed IT environments," said Ed Gaudet, VP of product management and marketing. "Liquid Machines Document Control 3.0 meets the demands of large organizations and provides them the confidence and freedom to share secure data across departments, geographic locations, and their partner ecosystems."

iPass Acquires Safe3w

Pass, Inc. has acquired privately held Safe3w, a company that has developed an innovative, patented dynamic device "fingerprinting" technology. When integrated into the iPass connectivity platform, this technology will ensure that only trusted computers – those devices that are identified and known to the IT department, and protected against identity theft, intrusion, viruses and worms – have access to corporate networks.

In conjunction with iPass' recently announced Policy Orchestration initiative, the acquisition of Safe3w helps iPass extend its secure global corporate access offerings into the protection of enterprise endpoints across Internet connections. This addition to iPass services is focused on enabling companies to better enforce security on company-owned remote and mobile computers, as well as employee home PCs. With the addition of Safe3w's technology, iPass will be able to put enterprises in the unique position of controlling access of mobile users based on a combination of three dimensions: who they are; where they are; and now which device they are using.

Novell Introduces Virtual Directory Services

Novell Virtual Directory Services allows developers to include a local identity store, which integrates with existing corporate directories, so they can identity-enable applications without adding additional standalone directories or modifying an existing corporate directory. "Virtual Directory Services makes it easier for organizations to implement a strategic identity management foundation without adding to the complexity of their existing infrastructure," said Novell CTO Alan Nugent. "Since it stores application-specific information locally while still integrating with existing LDAP directories, customers no longer need to deploy a separate directo-

ry service or update the corporate directory schema to support every new identity-enabled application."

Novell Virtual Directory Services eliminates the dependency on a separate directory service or requirement for modifications to the corporate directory in order to identity-enable applications. By using Novell Virtual Directory Services as an integrated component, an application is able to store specific directory data locally while still making policy and authorization decisions using identities stored in Microsoft Active Directory, Sun Java System Directory Server, Novell eDirectory or other enterprise directories.

EPCglobal Ratifies Royalty-Free Gen 2 RFID Standard

EPCglobal Inc, a standards organization driving Electronic Product Code (EPC) RFID technology, has announced the ratification of the royalty-free EPCglobal UHF Generation 2 candidate specification. This ratification follows successful testing of prototypes from several technology providers, which illustrated that the ratified standard can meet the EPCglobal community end user requirements, as well as final determination that all intellectual property presented on a licensed basis during the standards development process was not necessary to the standard. Commercially available products are

expected the first half of 2005.

"Today marks both an exciting culmination and a much anticipated beginning in the commercialization of RFID and EPC technology," said Chris Adcock, president, EPCglobal Inc. "Many of the world's leading technology companies collaborated to develop the UHF Generation 2 specification, and we celebrate and applaud their efforts as we launch the royalty-free UHF Generation 2 standard. With this standard in place, technology manufacturers and end users alike can begin exploring how to deploy the technology in such a way to make a significant impact in improving their own business.



Layer 7 Offers SecureSpan as Software or Appliance

Layer 7 Technologies announced it has added a SecureSpan Server software offering to its SecureSpan identity based web services security product portfolio. The SecureSpan Server offers the capabilities of Layer 7's SecureSpan XML Gateway and Firewall appliances in a software package that can be deployed on customer server hardware. This allows the flexibility to deploy Layer 7's web services security as either a network appliance or a server application depending on network, management or provisioning requirements.

The importance of implementing advanced identity based, Web services

security and threat protection technology is becoming increasingly apparent. With the goal of facilitating the integration process, the SecureSpan Server allows organizations to control Web service security, routing and transformation policy on a requestor identity, target service address or message content level without programming. The SecureSpan Server can be integrated with diverse access control and middleware infrastructure. In addition, the new product features full clustering, console and API based administration, integrated certificate management, and advanced policy management controls.

Survey Shows Consumers Will Pay for Biometrics on Cell Phones

A recent national survey of more than 2,000 American adults sponsored by AuthenTec, shows that 63 percent of consumers would pay extra to add fingerprint biometrics to their PC and notebook computers, while 71 percent would pay more for this feature in their cellular phones. Most consumers said they would use the technology to replace their PC and Internet passwords, as well as to help transform their cell phones into their personal wallets to conduct m-commerce and wireless banking.

Consumer electronics is the fastest growing market for fingerprint biometrics worldwide – primarily in Asia. It is estimated that more than 4 million biometric cell phones, PCs, laptops and peripherals already are in use. “The survey shows that biometric sensors are a huge growth area. We are at the infancy of what will be a very large growth curve, heading toward biometric sensing devices becoming an important feature in consumer electronics,” said Gary Shapiro, president and CEO of the Consumer Electronics Association.

RadiantOne Virtual Directory Supports SAML

Virtual Directory provider Radiant Logic, Inc. announced that their RadiantOne product has been upgraded to directly support the SAML 1.1 Protocol. With Radiant One, federated sites using the SAML 1.1 protocol can search dynamically for profile and security attributes and share them securely with SAML attributes assertions. The SAML-enabled RadiantOne virtual directory can participate in a federated system as an “authentication authority”, an attribute server authority or an authorization authority.

It is as an attribute authority that the potential for a virtual directory is the greatest, explains Michel Prompt, CEO of Radiant Logic. “With the RadiantOne virtual directory deployed in a federated system as an attribute authority, all attributes associated with an individual can be retrieved dynamically and communicated securely across many heterogeneous data sources. This eliminates the problem of trying to find a common way to search for an individual's relevant attributes across different databases, directories and applications.”

Abridean Releases Provisor 5.1

Abridean Inc. has released abrideanProvisor 5.1, which provides significant enhancements to Abridean's modular user management and provisioning product suite and is designed to speed identity management deployment and improve ongoing identity management operations. New capabilities in Provisor 5.1 include enhanced policy-based identity and rights reconciliation and legacy directory clean-up capabilities, enhanced audit and logging capability including complete historical analysis of an identity and enhanced compliance reporting capability, and enhanced ability to define policies for target applications and resources.

"Provisor 5.1 speeds systems deployment and further improves an organization's ability to define and enforce highly-customized security policies," said Jeffrey Schultz, senior VP of marketing at Abridean. "With this release we have focused on improving the ease of connectivity and integration of our products within a diverse IT infrastructure, increasing policy enforcement through automated reconciliation and alerts, and improving an organization's ability to gain key operational and compliance information."

Adobe and Geotrust Provide Certified Document Signing

Adobe Systems Incorporated certification authority GeoTrust, Inc., have announced the availability of a jointly-developed certified document service or "CDS" solution. Now, people who receive certified Adobe PDF files can be automatically assured that the author's identity has been verified by a trusted organization, and that the document has not been altered. Through the broad reach of the free Adobe Reader, organizations can easily use the new GeoTrust True Credentials digital signing solution for creating trusted electronic documents to conduct business and communication with customers, constituents, partners and suppliers.

CDS signing significantly raises the level of document integrity and verification over traditional digital signing because the user's digital credentials must be issued by a WebTrust-certified authority using strict vetting guidelines, and then must be stored on a secure cryptographic hardware device. For example, for deploying certificates on individual desktops, GeoTrust issues an individual or organizational role (such as, "Investor Relations Dept.") a digital credential stored on a cryptographic hardware device that is FIPS 140-1 Level 2 or higher. An individual can use Adobe Acrobat® software to digitally sign the document on the desktop, storing their key securely on a SafeNet iKey token.

Digital Evolution Ships XML VPN Device

Web services security and management software provider Digital Evolution announced the availability of the Digital Evolution XML VPN appliance. Digital Evolution created its XML VPN appliance to make it easy for companies to securely consume their partner's Web services. The appliance ensures secure and managed Web services communication between business partners, clearing the final hurdles in the transition from Web sites to Web services. By minimizing security risks and automating the provisioning process, the XML VPN appliance helps organizations and their

partners leverage the benefits of Web services, and accelerates the use of Web services for business-to-business communication.

"Many large enterprises are beginning to enable their value chain through the use of Web services," said Daryl Plummer, VP and Research Fellow at Gartner Research. "As this process continues it is critical that these enterprises maintain control of their distributed value chain. The security, and ease of use of the services they expose will determine how successful they can be in becoming an essential part of their partners' business processes."