Trusted Collaboration Leads To Improved Security Solutions

Gathering in the Security Space

SecureIT Alliance announced in October 2005, for three years has enabled the security vendor community to work closely with Microsoft building well engineered products to better protect customers using Microsoft Windows.

Working Together

Tackling the security challenge demands more than unilateral technology development. Besides innovating in software, Microsoft is focused on delivering customer guidance along with improved tools and training like the Secure Development Lifecycle. Progress also requires stronger partnerships working with industry leaders and promoting collaboration across the industry. SecureIT Alliance members are helping solve complex security threats and improving electronic privacy.

Introducing Secure2Portal™

Financial merger-acquisitions and industry deals in the modern economy occur at breath taking speeds as e-transactions across the world-wide-web. These confidential transactions contain highly sensitive information and are controlled by complex regulatory and accounting requirements that vary by geography - requirements that demand strong access and privacy controls to insure integrity.

Ulf Svensson, CTO of a leading UK based hedge fund says "CQS want to insure for our customers that we take data protection seriously but also understand the need for friendly access to that information – Secure2Portal is a great solution for securing investor communications".

Secure2Portal™, project code named "Lucerne" is the result of collaboration between several SecureIT Alliance members: AvocoSecure, FullArmor, and Gemalto with prescriptive guidance from Microsoft. The cross-company project team set out to help address challenges with achieving seamless, secure methods of communicating confidential data, while ensuring privacy and integrity of information specified by the European Union, United States and other international regulatory guidelines.

" By working better together through the SecureIT Alliance – Microsoft and our partners are driving hard to deliver increased customer value and pushing the envelope of innovation. Secure2Portal is a great example of both" said Gerry Albert, Director SecureIT, from Microsoft.

Secure2Portal is available now on Windows XP, Windows ® Vista and Windows Server and is engineered for future hosting in the Windows Azure cloud services platform. Secure2Portal™ simplifies the challenge of distributing, securing and controlling access to sensitive electronic media such as Microsoft Office™ documents shared between business partners and financial service organizations. The solution supports digital identity and access technology using Gemalto smart cards, Windows CardSpace™, Windows Rights Management Services™ and is designed to take advantage of unique new features in Windows 7 (when available).

Gerry O'Brien, CEO of Avoco Secure Ltd stated "working with such an exciting project has allowed us to develop our vision of transparent and fluid security".

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