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Overview

To address security challenges over the long term, software companies must collaborate more closely. Microsoft Corp. is committed to enabling this collaboration and is working with industry leaders, governments and others key stakeholders to address the challenges of information technology security. The SecureIT Alliance was designed as a Web-enabled collaboration forum between partners to help members build innovative new security solutions and to communicate with customers about security solutions and partnerships.

Announced Oct. 6, 2005, the SecureIT Alliance is a group of industry partners working together to develop security solutions for the Microsoft® platform. The founding members range from well-established security providers such as Symantec Corp., McAfee Inc. and VeriSign to innovative startups such as Avoco Secure limited, Centrifly Corp. and e-Security Inc. What all alliance members share is a dedication to providing enhanced security solutions to benefit customers.

The SecureIT Alliance has two central themes:

- Increased customer awareness of available security solutions and partnerships
- Increased industry collaboration to ease building enhanced security solutions

Through the Alliance community Web site, members can more efficiently and effectively work together to develop innovative security solutions. The Alliance provides a forum through which members can receive new platform information from Microsoft and collaborate on issues such as secure-code best practices, interoperability, and integration of products and services, as well as public communication of security-solutions content.

On Feb. 14, 2006, at the RSA security conference, The SecureIT Alliance will launch its new community site at www.SecureITAlliance.org. The new community site is available to the public, particularly IT security professionals, to explore helpful information on the diverse industry ecosystem of security solutions and partnerships.

The Alliance also announced today that since its formation in October, membership has more than doubled, from the original 30 founding partners to more than 70 members.

Growing Membership

The membership of the Alliance currently includes the following and continues to grow:

Altiris Inc., AppSense Ltd., AttachmateWRQ, Avoco Secure, Blue Lane Technologies Inc., Brabeion Inc., Brainloop AG, Britestream Networks, CA Inc., Centrify, CertifiedMail, Check Point Software Technologies, Citrix Systems Inc., CMS Consulting Inc., Configuresoft Inc., Corrent Corp., Determina, Echoworx Corp., Ecora Software Corp., ENDFORCE Inc., e-Security, Essential Security Software Inc., F5 Networks Inc., FaceTime Communications Inc., Fortify Software Inc., Forum Systems Inc., Foundry Networks Inc., F-Secure Corp., FullArmor Corp., Hitachi Software Engineering Ltd., Ingrian Networks Inc., LANDesk Software Ltd., ManageSoft Corp., McAfee, Microsoft, Nakisa Inc., Net Report SAS, NetIQ Corp., NetPro Computing Inc., Network Engines Inc., Network Intelligence Corp., New Boundary Technologies Inc., Norman ASA, Panda Software, PatchLink Corp., PGP Corp., Ping Identity Corp., Pointsec Mobile Technologies, PostX Corp., Quest Software Inc., Radware Ltd., RSA, SecureWave, SkyRecon Systems, Sophos Plc, SPI Dynamics Inc., Sunbelt Software, SurfControl plc, Symantec, Third Brigade, Titus Labs Inc., Trend Micro Inc., Utimaco Safeware AG, VE Networks Inc., VeriSign, Vernier Networks, Vormetric Inc., Watchfire Corp., Webroot Software Inc., Websense Inc. and Whale Communications Ltd.

Benefits

Customer Benefits

The Alliance Web site offers new and existing customers a searchable membership directory area to help IT security professionals discover security-related information such as business case studies, technical white papers, best practice guidance, solutions, strategic partnerships, product data sheets, news and public events. Customers will benefit by having better information on integrated security solutions and services offerings in one convenient place, without needing to navigate to dozens of Web sites to find this content.

Member Benefits

Members benefit by being able to collaborate earlier and more interactively with Microsoft and, optionally, with fellow Alliance members, enabling these companies to build tightly integrated security solutions and products for customers. Microsoft is also introducing for members a private community portal site for the SecureIT Alliance to facilitate bidirectional technical discussions in a confidential environment. This helps ensure that a greater degree of feedback, interoperability and integration can occur during early to middle development stages for new product versions supporting future Microsoft application offerings.

Requirements

Companies interested in membership in the SecureIT Alliance are required to be Certified or Gold Certified Partners of the Microsoft Partner Program. Companies must develop security software or deliver qualified security services, sign a nondisclosure agreement for confidential information sharing, and sign an Alliance participation agreement. There is no fee to join the SecureIT Alliance; however, certified membership in the Microsoft Partner Program has an annual fee with substantial partner benefits.

More Information

More information on the SecureIT Alliance is posted on the community site. Additional inquiries may be directed to Alliance staff at secita@microsoft.com.

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