



Press Release

MICROSOFT ANNOUNCES ALLIANCE WITH SECURSOFTWARE TO LAUNCH ENTERPRISE SECURITY SOLUTION

*SecurSoftware builds the SecurXT[®] Enterprise Edition security solution over
Microsoft[®] Active Directory[®]*

DUBAI, UAE, October 22, 2003 – Microsoft Corporation today announced that SecurSoftware, Inc. has interfaced MS Active Directory[®] to optimize its world leading SecurXT[®] Enterprise Edition. Based in the USA, SecurSoftware, Inc., developer of SecurLock[®], has developed SecurXT[®] E.E. to answer enterprises' increasing and essential need for a solid security infrastructure and is exposing it in Hall 5, V5-1 of the GITEX exhibition in Dubai.

“SecurXT[®] Enterprise Edition takes full advantage of the technologies available in the Windows[®] Server System to provide a high level enterprise security infrastructure”, said Charbel Fakhoury, General Manager at Microsoft[®] Eastern Mediterranean.

SecurXT[®] Enterprise Edition is a corporate solution for a modern data security infrastructure designed to enhance the Windows[®] Server System security. Its superior security capabilities are provided by its two-factor authentication capabilities, its strong encryption algorithm (256 bit AES), its password management tool, its centralized management and deployment system, which allows for a centralized and remotely operated management, and its extensive enterprise monitoring and reporting services. Users wishing to go a step further in their safety arrangements are able to save all critical and confidential information such as PIN code, encryption key and profiles, on a USB token rather than on their computer's hard drive. As a result, sensitive data is utterly protected from unauthorized access making SecurXT[®] Enterprise Edition an extremely reliable security solution.

SecurXT[®] E.E. integrates with MS Active Directory[®] thus improving its performance on domains containing large numbers of users and computers. This is achieved by using Active Directory[®] as the source of information. The SecurXT[®] E.E. administrative model is directly based on the Active Directory[®] infrastructure; being very similar to the renowned Active Directory Users and Computers, it reduces both administration costs and TCO (Total Cost of Ownership).

The SecurXT[®] E.E. administrative console is an MMC based snap-in that offers the Windows[®] administrator an enhanced and well-integrated model. As for authentication, SecurXT[®] E.E. naturally blends with the Single Sign-on infrastructure built into the Windows[®] 2000 domain.

In addition, SecurXT[®] E.E. uses the Microsoft[®] .NET framework, COM+ and the Windows[®] DNA architecture as a basis for its model as well as MS SQL Server 2000 for fast and reliable data management.

“Microsoft® Active Directory® is gaining popularity and market share worldwide, that’s why this cooperation agreement is strategic to us”, said Michel Kilzi, CEO of SecurSoftware®.

Microsoft® Windows® Server System is integrated and interoperable server infrastructure that reduces IT complexity to enable IT professionals to deliver innovative solutions that meet the changing needs of business. With Windows® Server 2003 at the foundation, Windows® Server System is engineered from the ground up for XML Web services based on Microsoft® .NET Technologies to connect information, people, systems and devices. Based on a common software architecture that spans all facets of IT from design, development and deployment through ongoing management and usage, Windows® Server System provides comprehensive IT infrastructure for operations (security, systems management, networked storage), applications (data management and analysis, e-business), and information work (messaging, communications and collaboration).

Windows® Server System has advanced security features ranging from desktop and server protection to network security and advanced identity management, helping you maintain the confidentiality and integrity of your business systems. Windows® Server System contains new technologies and improved patch management tools, and is supported with high quality services, all aimed at minimizing system downtime resulting from unauthorized access and viruses.

“Our goal is to enable increased protection and resiliency of systems and networks,” stated Mr. Charbel Fakhoury, General Manager of Microsoft® Eastern Mediterranean. He added, “Our highest priority is developing these safety technologies for our customers. We work with our partners, such as SecurSoftware®, to provide advanced security features on top of our platforms and ensure our customers have a safe experience, to enable them to realize their full potential”

Visit SecurSoftware who will be exhibiting in the Lebanese Software Pavilion (Hall 5, V5-1) to further discuss their alliance with Microsoft®.

About SecurSoftware

Founded in 1999, SecurSoftware is a leading global provider of information security solutions for desktop, network and e-business applications. For further information, visit SecurSoftware web site at: www.secursoftware.com

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About Microsoft Corporation

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