

TRUST POINTS

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Director's Corner: Welcome to Our First Issue

On behalf of all us at the TSCP, welcome! With this premier issue, we take a major step forward in proactively communicating all of the good work and impact of the TSCP.

In this issue and coming editions, we hope to engage all stakeholders – members and prospective members – with the latest information about our efforts in designing and defining policies that enhance how organizations securely share data internally and across global supply chains.

We hope you'll find the updates here valuable – regardless of why you receive it. And we look forward to hearing from you – your comments, questions and suggestions for this communiqué are most welcome.

New Name, New Members, New Opportunities

After 5 successful years of building the organization, the Transatlantic Secure Collaboration Program has a new name. TSCP now stands for Transglobal Secure Collaboration Program -- reflecting the truly global nature of our mission and vision. As the challenges of securing the world increasingly require collaboration without regard to geographic boundaries, members will come from all regions of the world. The new name conveys that spirit and the efforts we're engaged in to expand our membership.

The TSCP welcomes Netherlands Ministry of Defence, which joined as the newest Governance Board (GB) member at the beginning of 2007.

The TSCP GB elected to extend a new membership level to systems integrators and software vendors who have demonstrated core

competencies in the subject matter of our Target Collaborative Capabilities (TCCs).

The Partner membership tier provides an exciting new opportunity for the providers of secure collaboration and identity federation capabilities to work directly with the TSCP to understand our requirements and utilize products and know-how to expedite the reference implementation phase of the TCC lifecycle.

The Community Advocacy team has been on the road discussing the benefits of membership and we will feature new members at all levels in upcoming newsletters.

Springtime in Paris ... with the TSCP Governance Board

The TSCP GB met on May 31st with a full agenda and full participation of all government and corporate members. Special guests included representatives of the French Government and the Deputy CIO of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Highlights of the meeting include:

- The U.K. Ministry of Defense presented an implementation roadmap for the TSCP specification for secure e-mail. They created a white paper about the initiative and are working on a strategy paper that addresses the Ministry's move to a "21st Century Business Model" enabled by online collaboration.
- The Design Authority (DA) demonstrated progress on the TSCP's TCC for Document Sharing with Identity Federation (DSIF) implemented in Microsoft's Sharepoint with federation enabled by IBM's Tivoli and Microsoft's ADFS software.

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The demo showed how accounts for individual employees and partners were not needed inside of Sharepoint. A partner employee's authentication on their "home network" is leveraged and asserted to the company hosting Sharepoint. In addition, the relative assurance conveyed by the type of authentication (e.g. a UID/PWD is relatively weak whereas a digital certificate that can be mapped to a CertiPath policy was considered stronger) was passed to Sharepoint so that an individual would have access to additional, more sensitive information if they logged in with higher value credentials.

The real-world implications of the progress shown in the DA's demo are significant: for most companies and government agencies managing accounts for external partners is a costly activity that does not aid security. Since the trust relationship between a B2B or a B2G is clearly spelled out in a contract, identity federation allows partners to leverage that trust, reducing costs and improving security.

- The U.S. Dept. of Defense's Dave Wennergren, Deputy CIO OSD (Office of the Secretary of Defense), addressed the Governance Board in regards to the DoD's position on the work of the TSCP and John Grimes', CIO OSD, call for opportunities to trust the identities and credentials of external partners as part of a 'web of trust.' Mr. Wennergren confirmed that TSCP's roadmap appeared well aligned with the DoD's vision.

He also offered a number of additional resources to test the reference implementations of the TSCP's TCCs for secure e-mail and document sharing. For those that pass such interoperability testing, the DoD is interested in having JITC tests suites created for product certification. This is welcome news and we look forward to achieving buy-in from each government through this type of process.

Looking Ahead

In 2007, the TSCP's focus is delivering Secure E-mail and on DSIF.

Now, it's time to define the roadmap for 2008. If you wish to influence that roadmap and work for or with a current TSCP participant, we encourage you to discuss your needs with your enterprise architect or with your GB member.

If you are not yet part of TSCP, please contact any member of the TSCP or the TSCP Community Advocacy Function (CAF) to get involved.

CertiPath Happenings

TSCP asked CertiPath to take over as the contracting and management arm responsible to the TSCP Director in 2007. TSCP and CertiPath have long enjoyed a symbiotic relationship and a closer pairing of the work of these two organizations was a natural transition.

CertiPath took Raytheon live in a cross-certification ceremony on June 19th in Mountain View, California. This marks the eighth organization to be cross-certified. EADS/Airbus, the UK MoD and BAESYSTEMS are forthcoming.

For a more detailed look at CertiPath, please visit www.certipath.org, where you can find a quarterly newsletter and the latest news, along with information on the TSCP.

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