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Announcements:**Authernative Granted EU Patent for User Authentication**



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Method

Redwood City, CA – February 5, 2007

Authernative, Inc., the developer of innovative user authentication and identity management technologies, announced today that the European Patent Office has granted the company its patent for a user authentication method.

The newly issued patent number EP1434408 titled "Authentication System and Method Based upon Random Partial Pattern Recognition" describes a "what user knows" authentication method which provides stronger security than traditional passwords.

Unlike the standard static password recognition algorithm which requires the user to enter the entire password in one authentication session, the patented Random Partial Pattern Recognition algorithm requests only a random session-specific subset of the user's credential. This technology significantly reduces the credential's entropy leakage and renders one-time authentication responses difficult to compromise. Moreover, the method's virtual keyboards and menus containing alpha-numeric characters, images or colors enable high combinatorial security and an easy cognitive way to select, remember, and enter the user's credentials. The combination of these security and usability features provide stronger protection against known attacks while delivering a simple and more engaging user experience.


The patented technology is just one of the authentication methods available in Authernative's AuthGuard(R) authentication product. Authernative was the first to pioneer what Gartner calls Versatile Authentication Server (VAS) — "a common enterprise infrastructure supporting multiple open and proprietary authentication methods. This approach enables an enterprise to use different forms of authentication depending on who is logging in, where the login is taking place and for what purpose. A VAS also gives an enterprise a simple means of migrating to new authentication methods as its needs change and new methods emerge."

AuthGuard(R) versatile authentication server offers a range of legacy and innovative authentication methods having scalable security, high usability, low total cost of ownership, and self-service capabilities. Authentication options include the following methods: legacy password, enhanced password, patented one-time challenge - one-time response, patent-pending next-generation out-of-band, and strong mutual authentication. These authentication factors, used alone or in combination, allow for one-factor, layered, and multi-factor authentication security. All are provided through a single product which allows the personalization of the level of security and the ease-of-use particular to users' needs or companies' policies - whether at service providers with millions of users, global enterprises, ASPs, or small and medium businesses.

Use of advanced authentication factors for stronger, layered, or multi-factor authentication is increasingly becoming a generally accepted approach around the world. However, key challenges remain not only when it comes to the ease-of-use, the cost to purchase, deploy, and manage authentication solutions, but also to provide a flexible range of options appropriate for different business requirements and user personalized choices. Authernative solutions best address these requirements.


About Authernative:

Authernative provides innovative patented software security solutions offering identity and access management capabilities including strong authentication, authorization, administration, and auditing. The company's products are used to prevent unauthorized access to confidential data, protected resources, and financial transactions. They allow businesses to lower the cost of providing, deploying and managing strong user authentication for enabling e-commerce and addressing regulatory compliance requirements.



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Phase One Joins the EPA EA Program Team

March 28, 2007, 8:00am (EDT)

Phase One Consulting Group is proud to announce that it has begun support of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Enterprise Architecture Program. Phase One is partnered with Project Performance Corporation (PPC), and has been asked to deliver strategic advisory, transformation planning, communications, & outreach services. The PPC/Phase One team is replacing SRA International as the enterprise architecture support service provider at EPA. Phase One will be adopting expertise, experiences, and best practices from its support of the award winning Department of Interior Enterprise Architecture program. Like Department of Interior, EPA has a track record of high maturity enterprise architecture service delivery. Phase One is proud to be joining the distinguished EPA and PPC teams and looks forward to providing the EPA with world class enterprise architecture support.

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Industry News:

FCC Report Examines Satllite Industry

Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted its First Annual Report to Congress on the state of competition in the communications satellite services industry. This inaugural report examines six wholesale and two retail satellite services markets for the period of 2000 through 2006.

LA To Launch Wi-Fi Initiative

The LA Wi-Fi network will be the single largest citywide network in the country providing wireless, cost-effective, high-speed internet access. Working to connect all of Los Angeles to the global community and global economy, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has announced the LA Wi-Fi Initiative, which will provide residents, schools and businesses with cost effective, high-speed access to the internet. The LA Wi-Fi Initiative will plan and build the single largest citywide network in the country.

Federal Telework Adoption Continues to Grow

"The real surprise is the gap between the federal government and the private sector, where agencies are simply doing a better job of identifying teleworkers and supporting them appropriately."

According to a national survey of federal government and private-sector employees, telework adoption continues to accelerate in the federal government and outpaces private-sector adoption by a three-to-one margin.

DOD to Work on More Wireless Policies

The Defense Department's chief information officer is working on more policies to mitigate the risks posed by the wide use of wireless networks, a DOD official said today. One policy will address the "Starbucks problem," in which remote DOD users connect through non-secure wireless links, said Mark Norton, an engineer with the wireless directorate of the department's CIO office. Norton spoke at the FOSE conference in Washington, D.C.

OBM to Ask Agencies for Metrics on EA Effectiveness

The question the Office of Management and Budget wants agencies to answer about their enterprise architectures is no longer "Do you have one?" Bush administration officials are now asking, "What affect is your architecture having on your mission?" To figure that out, OMB is preparing guidance to help agencies develop metrics to measure the value of their modernization blueprints.

Flyzik: Another argument for IPv6

It's February 13, 2007. I'm sitting here in my home office watching the snow and "wintry mix" outside the window while writing this article. I decided to write the piece because, with several meetings canceled due to weather, I had some extra time for paperwork. I'll have a very productive day with my newfound time.

Cisco Announces Agreement to Acquire WebEx

Cisco and WebEx today announced a definitive agreement for Cisco to acquire WebEx. WebEx is a market leader in on-demand collaboration applications, and its network-based solution for delivering business-to-business collaboration extends Cisco's vision for Unified Communications, particularly within the Small to Medium Business (SMB) segment.

Study: Government Outpaces Private Sector on Telework

U.S. companies, traditionally the early adopters of new technology, lag behind the government in adopting telework partly because of evolving notions of productivity, some industry analysts say. On Monday, the information technology vendor CDW Government released a national telework study that shows federal agency telework adoption outpaces private-sector acceptance by a 3-1 margin.

DHS Boosts Power of Chief Information Officer

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff's decision this week to boost the authority of the agency's chief information officer is winning praise from observers of the federal information technology scene, although some called it overdue and inadequate.

Helmets to Hardhats Launches Improved Program to Place Veterans into the Construction Industry

The Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment, and Veterans Employment (CMRAVE) today announced the launch of the revamped Helmets to Hardhats training and employment program. This national program connects National Guard, Reserve and transitioning active-duty military members with quality career training and employment opportunities within the building and construction industry.

Acclaimed Security Chiefs from Boston Scientific, Johnson & Johnson, and PayPal Speak Out on Today's Biggest Threats



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Peter Tseronis
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Dr. Bill Mularie
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Michael Barrett, CISO, PayPal - Before joining PayPal, an eBay company, Barrett was vice president of security and utility strategy at American Express. He perhaps is best known for his groundbreaking work on identity management. He was a driving force behind the creation of the open-standards Liberty Alliance, and served on the group's management board, including as president, during its early years. That role twice earned him a spot on Network World's annual list of the 50 most powerful people in the network industry.

Senate Bill Would Create Telework

Senate proponents of federal teleworking have introduced a bill that would require agencies to establish a key management position for telework. Under the bipartisan Telework Enhancement Act of 2007, introduced March 28 by Sens. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and Mary Landrieu (D-La.), agencies would have to designate a telework-managing officer, who would be responsible for implementing agency telework programs and serve as a liaison between employees and managers.

Panel May Hold Hearings on Emergency Wireless Project

A House Homeland Security subcommittee is considering hearings to probe the handling of a project to create an interoperable wireless communications network for police and first responders, congressional sources said this week. The Subcommittee on Management, Oversight and Investigations has yet to set dates for any hearings, multiple sources said, but is looking into the issue.

Key Democrats Back Communications Grant Program

Senior Democrats on the House Homeland Security Committee on Wednesday urged Congress to create a grant program to help cities update their emergency communications in order to communicate across jurisdictions. The lawmakers said such a program is needed given a new report from the Homeland Security Department that found gaps in such interoperability among emergency responders.

Mobile Learning, The Next Step in Technology-Mediated Learning

Mobile technologies are everywhere today — more than 1.5 billion of them, according to a recent report by Strategy Analytics with 10 percent year-over-year adoption expected through 2008. Cell phones, PDAs, iPods and handheld game consoles are just a few examples of the devices that have become common, everyday accessories. Two of the most striking things about mobile devices are the array of options available and the loyalty that users often attach to their device of choice. With such widespread adoption and so many passionate users out there, it is not surprising that mobile technologies are beginning to offer learning professionals unprecedented opportunities for reaching employees, customers and partners with useful, engaging content anytime and anyplace.

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Solution Provider News:

IONA Revolutionizes SOA Registry/Repository

IONA Technologies, a world leader in distributed service-oriented architecture (SOA) infrastructure solutions for performance-demanding IT environments, today announced availability of IONA Artix Registry/Repository, the latest product in IONA Artix, the company's advanced SOA infrastructure suite. Artix Registry/Repository enables customers to design, build, deploy and manage a network of business services by providing a complete system of record of services in a distributed SOA environment, including the policies, contracts, implementation artifacts and dependencies that control their usage. The ability to drive, and validate, the deployment of services and policies into a distributed SOA network redefines the state of the art and starkly differentiates Artix Registry/Repository from all other available governance solutions that only serve as a static archive.

Multinational Food Retailer and Major Bank Select Governance, Risk, Compliance Platform from MEGA International

MEGA International, the global leader in enterprise architecture solutions, today introduced customers of its Governance, Risk, Compliance (GRC) Platform, a comprehensive enterprise-wide solution for corporate governance that the company launched in December. The GRC Platform shipped to initial customers, including the Delhaize Group, a multinational food retailer, and Banca Popolare Italiana.

Robbins-Gioia Wins Exemplary Practice Award for Launching a Corporate Learning Initiative

Robbins-Gioia, LLC, the leading provider of program management services, is pleased to announce that its corporate university, Robbins-Gioia University, won an exemplary practice award in the 8th Annual Corporate University Xchange Awards for Excellence and Innovation in Corporate Learning. These awards recognize corporate and government learning organizations that create programs resulting in measurable improvements in employee and business performance.



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Awarded Contracts:

Defense Logistics Agency

Shell Oil Products – Deer Park, Houston, Texas, is being awarded a maximum \$967,043,238 fixed price with economic price adjustment contract for aviation turbine fuel. Other location of performance listed is Deer Park, Texas. Using services are Defense Energy Support Center. There were 33 proposals solicited with 21 responses. Contract funds will not expire at the end of the current fiscal year. Date of performance completion is April 30, 2008. Contracting activity is the Defense Energy Support Center (DESC), Fort Belvoir, Va. (SP0600-07-D-0481).

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GSA Chief Says Huge Telecom Contract to be Awarded Soon

The head of the General Services Administration said Thursday that awards for the largest portion of the much-anticipated general governmentwide telecommunications contract Networkx will be issued in the "next few days." The process for awarding the contract is on schedule and is nearly finished, said Lurita Doan, GSA's administrator, at the annual FOSE conference in downtown Washington. Analysts have estimated the deal ranges in value from \$20 billion to \$50 billion, over what could be as long as 10 years.

GSA Awards 3 Companies Networkx Telecom Contracts

The General Services Administration on Thursday announced the next generation of government telecommunications providers, with the awards of Networkx Universal contracts to AT&T Government Solutions, Verizon Business Services and Qwest Government Services.

GSA Awards Largest Federal Telecommunications Acquisition Ever Competed

Ten-year \$20 billion program to provide voice, IP, wireless, satellite and IP-centric services to 135 federal agencies across 191 countries. The U.S. General Services Administration today awarded its highly anticipated Networkx Universal contracts to: AT&T Corp., MCI Communications Services Inc., doing business as Verizon Business Services, Qwest Government Services Inc. Providing voice, IP, wireless, satellite and IP-centric services to 135 federal agencies across 191 countries, Networkx Universal will transform the current federal telecommunications system to a secure, worldwide IP and MPLS-based network compliant with Internet Protocol version 6 and other major technological advances anticipated throughout its contract life. The entire Networkx program, to include the counterpart Networkx Enterprise contract to be awarded in May, is estimated at \$20 billion across 10 years.

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Tom Henderson, Executive Director, CapWIN

Michael Gallagher, Former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communication and Information, Director, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, US Department of Commerce

Dr. William Mularie, Chief Executive Officer, The Telework Consortium

Peter J. Tseronis, PMP, Director of Network Services, Office of the CIO; Co-Chair, Federal IPv6 Working Group, US Department of Education

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