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Next-generation code signing: TC TrustCenter presents new portal solution for mobile operators

Intelligent Code Signing from TC TrustCenter Provides Mobile Virus Protection

Hamburg, June 18, 2008 – Untested software acts as an entry point for viruses, Trojans and other malicious software – a daily threat, this scenario should not be repeated in the mobile market. For this reason, TC TrustCenter, the specialist for certificates and security solutions, now offers TC Mobile Code Signing, an innovative portal solution that directly addresses this risk for mobile operators. Via the new code signing portal, they can directly communicate with external software designers as an easy means of safeguarding the entire test and signature process for their applications and software. Now, mobile operators can now use TC TrustCenter’s intelligent code signing to offer their end customers qualify-assured downloads based on fixed rules, which considerably improves the overall safety standards in mobile networks and also facilitates their maintenance.

Spam and malware already present an increasing risk for global mobile networks, as can be derived from the clear trends in Asia and North America. There, the volume of mobile spam and malware is rapidly increasing. Especially given the rising performance of mobile phones, it will become even more important for the future to effectively verify applications and software based on defined quality criteria to protect the user from future threats by malicious software and viruses.

With TC Mobile Code Signing, TC TrustCenter provides a portal that gives mobile operators a convenient means to implement reliable quality assurance under their own brand. The portal provides easy, Web-based access for authorised developers who can upload their software to the portal to be verified for use on mobile phones or smart phones. Both the time of the signature and the validity of the developer signature are always transparent for the portal owner.

The mobile operator can then have the uploaded software checked by a standardised process and digitally sign it once it has successfully passed quality assurance. Since every software version is signed using its own certificate, it is possible at any time to block a specific version – for example, if a vulnerability is detected at a later time.

Dr. Rolf Lindemann, Director Product Management at TC TrustCenter, explains: “The impressive thing about our portal solution is that the digital signatures really provide effective security without the necessity of any intervention by the end user. In this manner, mobile operators can assume responsibility for the reliability and quality of their software. Leading organisations such as Symbian already use this technology to protect their customers.”

About TC TrustCenter

For more than 10 years TC TrustCenter has been the partner for the financial sector and the industry with its solutions for authentication, verification and encryption. As one of the first Trustcenters, TC TrustCenter provides world wide trust to the internet and electronic B2B Business with its Managed Services. In Europe as well as in the US the company does have a broad range of project and industry experience regarding PKI and considerable references of international customers. TC TrustCenter’s portfolio ranges from solutions for Phishing Protection, Security of Online Transactions, and Electronic Invoicing to broad PKI solutions and Managed Security Services. The company’s On Demand PKI Solutions are cost-efficient, highly secure and fast to implement

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