

Press release

Passwords are history with TC TrustCenter's Smart Card Management solution

**~ TC SmartCard Manager – the end-to-end administrative system for the
entire lifecycle of chip cards and USB tokens ~**

Hamburg, 7th August 2006 – User helpdesks can tell you a thing or two about employees returning from the holidays having forgotten their passwords. This is one reason why TC TrustCenter advises companies to use multifunctional smart cards, rather than giving their employees different passwords for every single application. The intelligent cards are employees' personal keys for accessing all areas of the company to which they have permission. One card can do everything – from signing its holder into applications, to gaining physical entry, right up to paying for a meal in the cafeteria. TC TrustCenter's new TC SmartCard Manager (TC SCM) gives companies a complete solution for easily managing and keeping track of smart cards and other hardware tokens throughout their entire lifecycle.

TC TrustCenter designed TC SCM for companies that need to manage a large number of certificates on chip cards or USB tokens within a public key infrastructure (PKI): New employees starting work in a company receive a newly-issued smart card, and by using the post-issuance personalization feature (PIP) in TC SCM, applications can also be securely installed on cards which have already been distributed. If employees lose their card or want to exchange it because of a defect, it's easy to disable it. This means replacement cards can be given out immediately, without the usual long delay.

Employee data in the existing LDAP directory can easily be migrated to TC SCM, additionally speeding up the issuance of employee, rep, recovery and temporary cards, and making redundant data storage superfluous.

Another feature of TC SCM is its perfect handling of localized card issuance, making it suitable for use both in large companies and those with branches and small satellite offices. It supports both simple *and* complex PKI hierarchies.

The TC SCM user interface is intuitive to use, and is an expansion module for the TC Enterprise ID solution, which provides digital signatures, encryption and authentication in one suite.

“Communications and processing via electronic networks continue their advance. In the wake of this development fraudsters long ago switched their activities to the internet and corporate networks,” says Stephan Hiller, Team Manager Consulting at TC TrustCenter. “Especially when laptops get mislaid, there’s a danger that data will be stolen. Companies face a great challenge in finding a solution to this problem, particularly as it is also becoming increasingly important in the general acceptance of electronic business processes. A well-managed PKI helps companies and individuals to head off these dangers with electronic signatures and encryption.”

TC SmartCard Manager is available now. For more information on prices and validities visit our homepage at <http://www.trustcenter.de>

About TC TrustCenter

TC TrustCenter GmbH is a leading specialist for certificates and security solutions along the entire value chain of identity verification.

The portfolio includes web security services for the protection of e-commerce transactions, identity seals, managed security services, and complex PKI solutions including comprehensive consulting services. TC TrustCenter’s solutions are used by large corporations, mid-sized companies and public bodies alike.

With more than 100,000 enterprise customers of online technologies in more than 140 countries, TC TrustCenter and its parent company GeoTrust have quickly become the world’s second-largest issuers of digital certificates.

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