

Gemalto Announces Product Integration with Microsoft for Secure Digital Solutions

Passwords Replaced with Certificates on Smart Cards

RSA Conference Europe 2006, Nice, October 27, 2006 – Gemalto, a world leader in digital security, today announced integration for its .NET smart cards in Microsoft Certificate Life Cycle Manager (CLM). As a result, customers will be able to streamline deployment and management of Gemalto smart cards using CLM. The two companies are demonstrating CLM and Gemalto .NET smart cards this week at RSA Europe, and at several upcoming events including Microsoft Tech-Ed IT Forum, CARTES 2006 and Infosecurity.

“Personalized Gemalto .NET cards make digital interactions more convenient and secure for individuals, and ensure the identities of the card holders during a transaction,” said Marvin Tansley, marketing manager for the Network Identity Solutions group for Gemalto North America.

CLM is an identity management solution that helps lower the costs associated with digital certificates and smart cards. CLM enables organizations to centrally manage a certificate-based infrastructure through simplified administrative processes and deployment.

“Organizations are increasingly turning to smart card technology to protect their business data and enhance network security, privacy and identity management -- and it’s critical that the industry work together to ensure businesses have a way to centrally manage these environments,” said John Chirapurath, director of identity and access product management at Microsoft. “Microsoft is pleased to work with Gemalto to achieve compatibility between Gemalto’s .NET card and Microsoft Certificate Lifecycle Manager.”

Microsoft was the first enterprise to deploy Gemalto .NET smart cards to tens of thousands of employees.

The microprocessor-based Gemalto .NET card runs a streamlined version of the .NET framework. It provides full cryptographic capabilities, customizable two-factor authentication and support for on-card services seamlessly within the Windows environment. Support for Gemalto’s .NET smart cards is integrated into Windows Vista, making smart cards easy to deploy and seamless to use without requiring any additional software or middleware. The same support is also available by download from the Microsoft Download Center for 2000, XP and Server 2003. Enterprises that do want to create customized applications will find it easy to do, because developers use standard Microsoft .NET programming tools and interfaces with Gemalto .NET smart cards.

Microsoft CLM streamlines the provisioning, configuration, and management of digital certificates and smart cards, while increasing security through strong, multifactor authentication technology. As a Web application, it can grow and scale without requiring software modifications.

Gemalto .NET smart cards for testing can be ordered online at <http://www.netsolutions.gemalto.com>, and the CLM beta 2 is available for download at <http://www.microsoft.com/clm>.

About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL 0000400653 GTO) is a leader in digital security with pro forma 2005 annual revenues of \$2.2 billion, operations in 120 countries and 11,000 employees including 1,500 R&D engineers. The company's solutions make personal digital interactions secure and easy in a world where everything of value -- from money to entertainment to identities -- is increasingly represented as bits and bytes communicated over networks.

Gemalto thrives on creating and deploying secure platforms, portable and secure forms of software in highly personal objects like smart cards, SIMs, e-passports, readers and tokens. More than a billion people worldwide use the company's products and services for telecommunications, banking, e-government, identity management, multimedia content, digital rights management, IT security and other applications. Gemalto was formed in June 2006 by the combination of Axalto and Gemplus International S.A. For more information please visit www.gemalto.com.

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