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Center for Internet Security and Configuresoft to Chair Virtual Machine Security Benchmark Group

Security and virtualization experts will lead working group discussion at RSA 2007

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO — February 5, 2007 — Configuresoft, the leading enterprise server configuration management solutions provider, will facilitate a benchmark exploratory group with John Banghart, Director of Benchmark Services for the Center for Internet Security, Inc. (CIS) at the RSA Conference in San Francisco.

With the security ramifications of virtualization yet to be fully appreciated, Configuresoft and the CIS are inviting security and virtualization experts to join a consensus working group to set a virtual machine security benchmark. To help set the goals of this project, security experts must have reference material to assess and harden these resources while auditors need metrics with which to measure.

WHO: John Banghart, Director of Benchmark Services – Center for Internet Security, Inc.
Chris Farrow, Director of the Center for Policy and Compliance – Configuresoft, Inc.

WHAT: CIS invites security and virtualization experts to join a consensus working group to set a virtual machine security benchmark

WHEN: Thursday, February 8th
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM PST

WHERE: **RSA Conference 2007**
Peer2Peer, Room 303B
Moscone Center
747 Howard Street
San Francisco, California

Although the basic principle behind virtualization is not new, careful attention must be paid to the potential of new security threats born out of the additional complexity produced by virtualization. To realize the cost savings promised through virtualization, organizations need to spend time better understanding risks and threats to ensure they can proactively remediate potential compromises to virtual machines.

Security and virtualization challenges are also outlined in an original podcast from Configuresoft at: <http://www.configuresoft.com/News/podcasts.aspx>, entitled *Virtualization Does Have a Downside: New*

IT Enterprise Security Exposures and Operational Considerations. Configuresoft will be participating in RSA 2007, located in Booth # 2219.

About Chris Farrow

With over 18 years of experience in systems engineering and security, Mr. Farrow Chris serves as the founder and Director of the Center for Policy & Compliance, a Research & Advisory group created by Configuresoft to address the issues of managing security within strict metrics. Prior to Configuresoft, Chris held key positions at NetIQ, Intrusion.com and BindView Corporation. An active industry spokesman on the topics of compliance, security management and remediation strategies, Chris co-founded the PCI Security Vendor Alliance and was the driving force to launch the CIS benchmark on Virtual Machine security. Chris has publicly spoken at numerous conferences including Blackhat, SANS, Gartner IT-Expo, InfoSec, ISSA and ISACA.

About Configuresoft

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