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## NEWS SHORTS

### New Consortia

#### **Smart Active Label Systems Consortium (SAL-C.org)**

**LONDON, England, Nov. 25, 2002** - A group of technology suppliers, standards bodies and associations, and potential users from a wide variety of industries today announced the formation of the Smart Active Label (SAL) Consortium to promote smart active label solutions and create standards to benefit supply chain management, asset tracking and the daily lives of consumers in a wide range of industries. Smart active labels--defined as thin and flexible data carrying devices that contain a power source and utilize radio frequency identification (RFID) technology--can remotely monitor, process, store and may also transmit data over extended communications ranges of up to hundreds of meters. The Consortium was founded on the belief that smart active label systems are a next generation technology, providing customers with complete, real-time inventory visibility and significant improvements in profitability....

*For the full press release, see: [www.sal-c.org](http://www.sal-c.org)*



#### **International Imaging Industry Association, Leading Imaging Companies Form Consortium to Develop and Operate CPXe Directory of Digital Photofinishing Services**

**San Francisco, California, October 17, 2002** — The International Imaging Industry Association (I3A) and leading imaging companies Agfa-Gevaert Group, Eastman Kodak Company, FotoWire Inc. and Hewlett-Packard announced the formation of a consortium that will create and operate an on-line directory of digital photography services as part of the Common Picture eXchange Environment (CPXe) - an initiative designed to make printing digital images as convenient as using film. The Directory Service, in union with CPXe interoperability standards, will allow any adopting company to list and then connect their compliant devices, applications and services with those of other participants. Companies that will benefit from the new Directory Service include photo-enabled device manufacturers; photo-enabled Web sites and portals; independent software vendors; traditional and non-traditional photo retailers; online photofinishers; and photofinishing system integrators. The CPXe Initiative will provide a reliable and secure business-to-business environment that will enable participants to conduct business transactions. In addition, through the CPXe Directory Service, consumers will be able to quickly locate desired services using familiar search criteria such as a zip code or type of service...

*For the full press release, see: [www.i3a.org/pr\\_10\\_17\\_02.html](http://www.i3a.org/pr_10_17_02.html)*

**Note:** *Since the date of this press release, the name of the new organization has been changed to the "Picture Services Network"*



#### **Security and IT Industry Leaders Form Organization for Internet Safety; New Alliance Will Propose Best Practices for Handling Security Vulnerabilities**

**Sept. 26, 2002** — The Organization for Internet Safety (OIS), an alliance of leading technology vendors, security researchers and consultancies, today announced its formation. The OIS was formed to propose and institutionalize industry best practices for handling security vulnerabilities to ensure that security and

technology vendors, and security researchers, can more effectively protect Internet users. Founding members of the OIS include @stake, BindView Corp., Caldera International, Inc. (The SCO Group), Foundstone, Guardent, Internet Security Systems, Inc., Microsoft Corp., Network Associates, Oracle Corporation, SGI and Symantec.

Currently, there are no widely accepted industry best practices for reporting and managing security vulnerabilities. The absence of common processes and best practices can make it extremely difficult for security researchers and vendors to efficiently resolve security issues and keep Internet users and security professionals informed and armed with the most up-to-date security tools. The OIS is founded on the principle that standardized, widely-accepted processes will allow security vulnerabilities to be handled in a way that reduces the dangers they pose and will help security vendors and researchers to more effectively protect Internet users and critical infrastructures. OIS is actively working to develop guidelines for handling vulnerability information that will be useful for security researchers and technology vendors alike. The organization expects to release drafts of the standards in early 2003....

For full press release, see: [www.oisafety.org/pr092602.html](http://www.oisafety.org/pr092602.html)



## New Initiatives

### **OASIS Members Form e-Gov Technical Committee**

**Boston, MA, USA; 4 December 2002** - The OASIS interoperability consortium today announced that it is providing an international forum for governments to voice their needs and requirements with respect to XML-based standards. Bringing together government representatives from around the world, the OASIS e-Gov Technical Committee will support the modernization of government and assist in the electronic delivery of services to citizens and businesses through the coordination and adoption of XML standards....

For the full press release, see: [www.oasis-open.org/news/oasis\\_news\\_12\\_04\\_02.shtml](http://www.oasis-open.org/news/oasis_news_12_04_02.shtml)



## Specification News

### **ISO/IEC and The Open Group announce international approval of the joint revision to POSIX® and the Single UNIX® Specification**

**San Francisco, CA/Geneva – November 14, 2002** – ISO/IEC Joint technical committee has approved the joint revision to POSIX® and the Single UNIX® Specification as an International Standard. Designated as ISO/IEC 9945:2002, the joint revision forms the core of The Open Group's Single UNIX Specification Version 3 (IEEE 1003.1-2001, POSIX.1). The standard reflects a collaborative effort of industry and formal standardization within the Austin Group, currently chaired by The Open Group's Director of Certification, Andrew Josey. The initiative has included a wide spectrum of participants from industry, academia, government, and the open source community....

For the full press release, see: [www.opengroup.org/press/14nov02.htm](http://www.opengroup.org/press/14nov02.htm)



## General

### **Who Uses Standards? IFAN releases study of International Standards use**

IFAN (the International Federation of Standards Users) has conducted a survey on how International Standards are being used and is making the results available online. Through a questionnaire made available on the Web sites of IFAN, ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and IEC

(International Electrotechnical Commission), 288 respondents from 52 countries spoke up on the uses of International Standards and the possible areas for their improvement...

*For the full story, see:*

[www.ifan-online.org/isoportal/livelink/fetch/2000/2035/36282/36500/presscentre/Surv\\_report.htm](http://www.ifan-online.org/isoportal/livelink/fetch/2000/2035/36282/36500/presscentre/Surv_report.htm)